

# THE MIDNIGHT CRY!

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Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

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### THE GREAT DAY OF THE LORD.

That will be a day for which all other days were made—a day in the scenes of which we must all take a part. It will be a day of rejoicing to some, and a day of despair to others; and oh, how different will be the sensations of these two classes! The one will be caught up to meet their Lord in the air, and the other must endure the fierceness of his anger.

How painful must be the feelings of the wicked when Christ has come, and their perdition is sealed, and there is no longer any hope for them. When the master of the house has risen up and shut to the door, millions will be found without, to cry, Lord, open unto us; while the only response they will receive, will be, I never knew you; depart from me, all ye that work iniquity. Oh, then will be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth, when they see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the saints in the kingdom of God, and they themselves shut out! Then will be prayers such as were never before offered. Stout hearts, that never prayed before, will then bend the suppliant knee, and call in vain for mercy. Scoffers will then no longer scoff, and triflers will cease their trifling. The bold blasphemer will cease his profanity until he sees the utter hopelessness of his condition. The infidel will no longer doubt the dread reality, but will believe too late; and all who are not prepared to meet their God, will find their way has been their folly, and will prostrate themselves in vain before that Being whose mercy they have so long slighted, and of whose favors they have been unmindful.

When Christ shall send forth his angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost parts of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven, and they have been all caught up to meet their Lord in the air, then will be witnessed among those who are left upon the earth such a heart-rending scene as language cannot describe, or the imagination conceive. For one to feel that he is left behind, while his Christian friends are with their Saviour, must be awful in the extreme; and if the dread reality could be fully impressed upon the mind, it would seem that no one would hazard a moment's delay in an unconverted state. All the pleasures of this life will be felt to have been less than nothing when the bitter dregs of the cup of the wrath of Almighty God are once tasted. And all the ills which can afflict our mortal state, will be more than overbalanced by one moment of such joy as will be the portion of those who are blessed of the Lord; yet millions will run the risk of being forever cast off from the presence of their God, and of sinking down in the regions of endless despair.

Why will not man be wise, and make his calling and election sure while yet he may, before the door is forever closed against him? Why will he not supplicate the favor of Him whose smiles are so essential to his future well being, that when the day of trouble and distress shall come, he may have a refuge, an ark of safety to which he may flee. It will be a blessed privilege to enter into the chamber of God until his indignation be overpast, but it will be a fearful thing to fall into the hands of an angry God. If repentance comes too late, it can avail nothing, and at that day many will strive to enter in and will not be able. Then, though they seek God early, they will not find him; though they cry mightily unto

him, yet will he not hear; he will laugh at their calamity, and mock when their fear cometh. Who will not avoid such an awful calamity by making their peace with God before it is forever too late, and while the door of mercy is not closed against them?

### Character of the Opposition.

MIDNIGHT CRY.—J. V. Himes, Miller's right hand supporter, has started, in addition to his 'Signs of the Times,' in this city, a daily two penny paper, with the name heading this article, at New York. It is in character with his other works. It displays little intellect, and by distorted quotations and forced interpretations of the Holy Scriptures, endeavors to indoctrinate the public with the idle dreams of Miller, concerning the end of the world in 1843. Elder Himes is a man with a mind in a nut shell, extremely weak in every point of light. We will try to muster charity to believe him sincere. To a sane man he must be an object of pity. He is fat as an Alderman and lives like a Prince. We are informed he boards at the Astor House, where board is from \$2 to \$5 a day, according to how great a shine one makes. We do not blame Himes for making the best of this sublimary scene, which must be so soon consumed by the fires of the last day. This fat living, however, little agrees with the humble, self-denying course of our Divine Master, who, with his first disciples, had not where to lay his head. We, however, leave Himes, Miller and their other leaders, to their consciences, to the judgment of Heaven, and scarcely to occupy a page of the future historian, and that among the records of the deceivers and the deceived of the past. We would not be a Himes or a Miller for the world. We must become morbid, and the light of reason extinct, before we shall be found with such prophets. May God in great mercy give the true light, and save us from the darkness visible of these erring prophets.

### REMARKS.

BRO. SOUTHARD.—The foregoing piece of scandal, which I find in the Olive Branch, published at Boston, Mass., is, to my knowledge, so unjust and untrue, that I have thought that it devolved upon me, as one personally acquainted with Mr. Himes, and his course in New-York to disabuse the public mind in reference to this matter.

So far from Mr. Himes putting up "at the Astor House, at from \$2 to \$5 per day," he has never ate a meal at said house in his life. He has suffered privation and inconvenience, which but few men would do, in carrying forward the great work in which he is engaged. And so far from making money and speculating in this affair, he has already expended some two or three hundred dollars more than his receipts in scattering publications on the subject of the Second Advent, in this city and vicinity.

The bitterness which the above print has evinced against the advocates of the speedy coming of Christ, for the last few months, has rendered it odious to every pious heart, and is in perfect character with what might be expected from the Editor of a religious paper, who, instead of giving to his readers the Bread of Life, fills his sheet with popular novels of the day.

I would just direct the attention of the Editor

of the Olive Branch, to the following language of our Saviour, Matt. xxiv. 48—51. "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, my Lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour when he is not aware of; and shall cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with HYPOCRITES.

A LOVER OF JUSTICE.

New-York, Dec. 3d, 1842.

### Longing for Home.

O land of rest, for thee I sigh!  
When will the moment come  
When I shall lay my armor by,  
And dwell with Christ at home?

No tranquil joys on earth I know,  
No peaceful, sheltering dome;  
This world 's a wilderness of wo,  
This world is not my home.

To Jesus Christ I sought for rest;  
He bade me cease to roam,  
And fly for succor to his breast,  
And he'd conduct me home.

I would at once have quit this place,  
Where foes in fury roam,  
But, ah! my passport was not sealed,  
I could not yet go home.

When by afflictions sharply tried,  
I view the gaping tomb,  
Although I dread death's chilling flood,  
Yet still I sigh for home.

Weary of wandering round and round  
This vale of sin and gloom,  
I long to leave the unhallowed ground,  
And dwell with Christ at home.

### BIBLE DICTIONARY.

#### EXPLANATION OF PROPHETIC FIGURES.

- NAKED. Shame and disgrace. Mic. i. 8, 11. Rev. iii. 18. xvi. 15. xvii. 16.  
NIGHT. Moral darkness or wickedness. Isa. xxi. 8. Rom. xiii. 12. 1 Thes. v. 5. Rev. xxi. 25.  
NUMBER OF NUMBERS. Finished, end. Ps. xc. 12. Dan. v. 26. Ezek. iv. 4—6. Rev. xiii. 17, 18.  
OIL. Faith. Matt. xxv. 8. Cant. i. 3. Heb. iv. 2.  
OX, denotes a people for slaughter. Prov. vii. 22. Jer. xi. 19. Num. xxiii. 1.  
RAIN. Reformation, grace, refreshing. Deut. xxxii. 2. Hosea vi. 3. James v. 7.  
RED. Persecuting, bloody. Rev. vi. 4. xii. 3.  
RIVERS. People living on the rivers, mentioned Isa. viii. 7. Rev. viii. 10. xvi. 4.  
ROD OF IRON. Power of Christ. Ps. ii. 9. Isa. xi. 1. Rev. ii. 27.  
SCARLET. Bloody, cruel. Rev. xvii. 3, 4.  
SEA. A large body of people. Isa. lvii. 20. Dan. vii. 3. Rev. vii. 2, 3.  
SHIELD AND BUCKLER. Ps. xci. 4.  
STARS. Ministers in the church, or rulers in the world. Rev. xii. 1. Dan. viii. 10. xii. 3. Jude 13.  
SUN. As in the natural, so in the moral world, source of all light, Christ or his word. Gen. xxxvii. 9. Ps. lxxxiv. 11. Mal. iv. 2.  
SWORD. Slaughter. Jer. xv. 3. Ezek. xxi. 28.  
SWORD, TWO-EDGED. Word of God. Ps. cxlix. 6. Heb. iv. 12. Rev. i. 16. ii. 12.  
TAIL. Subordinate officers or provinces. Isa. ix. 14, 15. Rev. xii. 4.



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## Lectures.

Brother J. V. Himes will lecture this evening at Rev. Mr. Jacobs' church, Attorney street. On Wednesday evening at Newark. On Thanksgiving day, at the corner of Catharine and Madison streets, at half past ten, A. M.,—half past two, P. M., and seven o'clock in the evening.

## Wrath and Bitterness.

It appears from the "New Haven Herald," that some little "B" is in great trouble, and very busy, somewhere in that region. He was greatly "grieved" to think that the Herald would even make a notice of Mr. Miller's lectures there. And then, he was still more "grieved," to think that the "Trustees of the M. E. Church had kindly and unanimously tendered the use of their church to these moral incendiaries." This "B," who would, no doubt, sting us all to death, were he only possessed of a sting, after buzzing out a large share of bitter invective, such as calling us "fanatics," "false prophets," "moral incendiaries," &c., and comparing us to Jemima Wilkinson, Joe Smith, &c., delivers himself of the following liberal sentiments:

"We hope every respectable and intelligent citizen will keep away from his lectures, and by advice and example induce all within his influence to do the same." He then endeavors to induce the trustees of the M. E. Church to violate their pledge, and "withhold" the church from Mr. Miller for his lectures.

Does that individual forget that the very same spirit which he evinces, drove our Pilgrim Fathers from their homes to these western shores! Does he suppose that such vituperation will satisfy the public mind on a subject of so much magnitude as that against which he evinces so much "hatred," viz.—The coming of the Blessed Saviour? Does he suppose that such declamatory bitterness will pass for argument, and quiet the people of this age? If so, he labors under a great mistake. But more of this "B" anon.

## Things in England.

The gloom that overspreads the manufacturing districts of England is apparently increasing rather than diminishing. The following we gather from an Address published by the Yorkshire Friends. "A feeling of reckless despondency, which looks to any change as better than its present state, is widely spreading, and threatens the most serious consequences to the good order of society at large. This affecting picture of the condition of so many of our fellow countrymen, there is reason to fear, falls very short of conveying a full view of their actual deprivation." Thus, the distress of nations is accumulating on every hand.

The relations between Russia and England are far from being auspicious. There is a deep and bitter jealousy that is constantly increasing. In fact, the nations are becoming angry.

## A WATCHMAN AWAKE.

The following is an extract from a letter we have just received from the editor of the Christian Palladium, a religious paper, published at Union Mills, in this State. The truth is rapidly gaining ground. God speed it. He says,

"BROTHER FLEMING—I am fully convinced as to the time, and mean to proclaim it fearlessly from the pulpit and the press. My course is fixed—let the consequences follow. I fear not the result. God will defend his cause.

Yours in hope,

"J. MARSH.

"Palladium office, Nov. 23, 1842."

LETTERS received up to Saturday, Dec. 3, 1842.—H Patten & Co., C. B. Hotchkiss, P. M., Shiremanstown, Pa., W. Abrahams.

## Signs in the Stars.

During the last two or three centuries, more than thirteen fixed stars have disappeared. One of them, situated in the northern hemisphere, presented a peculiar brilliancy, and was so bright as to be seen by the naked eye at mid-day. It seemed to be on fire, appearing at first of a dazzling white, then of a reddish yellow, and lastly of an ashy pale color. La Place supposes it was burning up, as it has never been seen since. The conflagration was visible about sixteen months. O! how dreadful! A whole world, nay, a whole system on fire. The great central luminary, and its planets, with their plains, mountains, forests, villages, cities, and multitudes of inhabitants, all in flames, consumed, and gone forever!! And is it impossible that such may soon be the fate of this terraqueous globe? Nay, it is not only possible, but we are assured by the word of the Immutable, that it is reserved unto fire, to be burned.

PICTORIAL CHARTS, ILLUSTRATIVE OF PROPHECY, for sale at this office, viz:

1st. A large chart, exhibiting the visions of Daniel and John, illustrated by cuts of the image seen by Nebuchadnezzar, Dan. ii.—the beasts and horns described in the 7th and 8th chapters, with the various figures described in the visions of the Apocalypse—arranged on parallel portions of the charts, so that they synchronize with each other, in the order of fulfilment. These are accompanied with the corresponding texts of Scripture, prophetic periods, &c. which together form a valuable auxiliary in the study of the Scriptures.—Price \$2.50.

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## SCOFFERS.

"There shall be scoffers in the last days."

A solemn prediction, which is peculiarly fulfilled at this day—and scoffers, too, at that very event which shall decide their fate for a long eternity.

"Where is the promise of his coming?"

"Walking after their own lusts."

This is emphatically true, not only of the reviling sinner, but the professed disciples of that Jesus whom they acknowledge to be their Master, and before whom they expect one day to stand. When such are questioned on their belief of the kingdom of Christ being near, they tell you it cannot be, for, some favorite reform has just commenced, which to them is the alpha and omega of all their pursuit, and the world cannot be destroyed till this is consummated. Another, by dint of geological research, has opened his eyes upon wonders, which will take ages to investigate, and the world cannot be burned till all these problems are solved. And, beside, the world was six days in making—and as every day means a thousand years, as some of our scientific men tell us—six thousand years bestowed on it to make it a suitable residence for man, and demolished in less than six thousand afterward, is a mad absurdity to suppose.

Another has attained to such a knowledge of spirit—by the power of Magnetism,—that before the present state of things can be reversed, man will find himself so assimilated to celestial spirits, that he will not only feel that they are his neighbors, but that he walks and talks with them face to face.

Another tells you, that since it has been ascertained that man's propensities—good and bad—lie in his head, a new and capacious field is just opening, which will be explored till wonders on wonders shall be developed—which will require ages for man to bring to that perfection which it is capable of attaining, and which is his duty to accomplish.

Associations are about forming, to bring into subjection all the restless passions of men, and enable him to find in his fellow-man all for which he has been seeking in vain since the fall.

Temperance, too, brings in her inviting claims, and promises not only to reform all her mistakes in eating and drinking, but to place man in his primitive station,—when Eden first opened her sweets to the newly made pair.

Schools of learning, are telling us too, they have just commenced to startle the world by new theories of reform, which cannot fail of the happiest results to generations yet unborn.

With all these mighty engines in motion, in church and state, together with multitudes of minor improvements, to talk of a kingdom which shall demolish the whole, and scatter them to the winds of heaven, is an absurdity which deserves scoffing without measure.

Thus evil is walking after his own lusts, and virtually laughs at the promise of his coming, and will laugh till the trump shall burst upon his sluggish ear, and call him to be an interested spectator in that grand scene at which he has mocked.

Scoffer, "stop and think." Can you contend with the Almighty and prevail? Can you withstand the thunderbolts of his wrath, when they shall burst upon your defenceless head?

FEMINA.

## CHEAP LIBRARY.

The following works are printed in the following cheap periodical form, with paper covers, so that they can be sent to any part of the country, or to Europe by mail.

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  2. Lectures on the Second Coming of Christ.—37 1-2 cts.
  3. Exposition of the 24th of Matt. and Hosea vi. 1—3. 18 3-4 cts.
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  20. " " " Vol II.—37 1-2 cts.
  21. The Kingdom of God. By Wm. Miller.—6 1-4 cts.
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J. V. HIMES.



dead wounded to death, and Papal Rome, the deadly wound healed, both "mixing themselves with the seed of men," that is, uniting church and state, ecclesiastical and civil, in the government. The stone denotes Christ, the God of heaven; and the mountain the kingdom of God. His breaking the image to pieces, shows that all the kingdoms of this world are to be utterly destroyed and carried away, so that no place can be found for them. And the kingdom of God filling the whole earth, teaches us that the beloved city, the New Jerusalem, will fill the world, and God will dwell with his people on the earth. Read Dan. ii. 37—45. This dream was in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, 603 B. C. Forty-eight years afterwards, in the first year of Belshazzar's reign and 555 B. C., Daniel had another dream, yet the same in substance. "Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven strove upon the great sea, and four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings; I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold, another beast, a second, like unto a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it; and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this, I beheld, and lo, another like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads, and dominion was given to it. After this, I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful, and terrible, and strong exceedingly, and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it; and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots; and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool; his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him; thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. I beheld, then, because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake, I beheld, even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." Daniel vii. 1—14.

This ends Daniel's night vision, except the instruction he received from some one standing by. "So he told me, and made me know 'the truth of all this,' or the interpretation of the things. These great beasts, which are four, are four kings which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever." We see in this instruction that this vision and Nebuchadnezzar's dream agree in the most prominent parts; the four beasts representing the four kingdoms, and the saints possessing the kingdom, the same as the stone becoming a great mountain and filling the whole earth; "forever and ever" shows us that it is an immortal state in everlasting life; "the saints" evidently includes all saints, "for they shall live and reign with him on the earth." Revelation v. 10, 20. iv. 6. "Then," Daniel says, vii. 19, 20, "I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass, which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; and of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell, even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows."

In these verses we learn that the fourth beast would be diverse from the others. This was true of Rome; that kingdom first rose from a small colony of adventurers settled in Italy. Rome, also, had seven different

forms of government, while the others had but one. We learn that this kingdom would devour, break in pieces, harass and perplex the people of God, whether Jew or Gentile; that it would be divided into ten kingdoms, and afterwards there would arise another power which would swallow up three of the ten kingdoms. This was all true of the Roman government. In A. D. 476, the Western Empire fell, and was divided into ten kingdoms, by the Goths, Huns, and Vandals,—France, Britain, Spain, Portugal, Naples, Tuscany, Austria, Lombardy, Rome, and Ravenna. The three last were absorbed in the territory of Rome," (*E. Klein*), and became the States of the Church, governed by the Papal chair,—the little horn that had eyes and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. This description cannot apply to any other power but the church of Rome. "Had eyes," showing that they made pretence at least to be the household of faith,—"eyes" meaning faith; and "mouth that spake very great things," showing that the church would claim infallibility; "whose look would be more stout than his fellows," showing that he would claim authority over all other churches, or even the kings, the other horns. See Rev. xvii. 18: "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth." That the little horn is a part of the fourth kingdom, is evident, for it was to come up among the ten horns which were upon the head of the beast; and there cannot be a shadow of a doubt, even in Scripture itself, but that Rome is meant by this fourth beast; for what power but the Roman will answer the description here and elsewhere given in Daniel? "I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them, until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom." Daniel vii. 21, 22.

In these verses we are taught clearly that anti-Christ will prevail over the church of Christ until the first resurrection and the first judgment, when the saints are raised and judged, which utterly destroys the modern idea of a temporal millennium, a thousand years before the dead are raised and judged. This also agrees with the whole tenor of Scripture; as, judgment must first begin at the house of God; and "whom he shall destroy with the brightness of his coming;" when the Ancient of days shall come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, "to give reward to his servants, the prophets, and them that fear his name, small and great, and destroy them who destroy the earth," described next verse, 23. "Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise; and another shall arise after them, and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times, and the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end," vs. 24—26. In these verses we have the history of the fourth beast, or Roman power, during 1260 years of the close of this kingdom, which I shall, in some future lecture, show is the meaning of time, times, and a half. We have also another clear description of the Papal power: "He shall speak great words," &c.—the blasphemies against God, in the pretensions of the Roman clergy to divine power, working of miracles, canonizing departed votaries, changing ordinances and laws of God's house, worshipping saints and images, and performing rites and ceremonies too foolish and ridiculous to be for a moment indulged in, and which any unprejudiced mind cannot for a moment believe to be warranted by divine rule, or example of Christ or his apostles. And we are again brought down to the time when the judgment shall sit: "And the kingdom, and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, (not temporal, as some say, or a thousand years, but immortal and eternal,) and all dominions shall serve and obey him." It is very evident that this verse brings us down to the time when the kingdom of Christ will be complete "in the greatness of the kingdom." Every word in Scripture has a meaning, and its own proper meaning, unless used figuratively, and it is then explained by Scripture itself. "Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations

much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me; but I kept the matter in my heart."

This ends Daniel's night vision. Two years afterwards, in the year 553 before Christ, Daniel vii., he had another vision in the day-time, at the palace of Shushan, like the one which we have just described, and Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

"Then I lifted up mine eyes and saw, and behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward, so that no beast might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great." In the 20th verse, the angel Gabriel explains to Daniel what kingdom was represented by the "ram with two horns," and says, "The ram which thou sawest, having two horns, are the kings of Media and Persia." We see by this that the Chaldean kingdom is left out, for the reason that that kingdom was then crumbling to ruin, and the glory of the Babylonish kingdom had faded; therefore he now begins his vision with the Median and Persian kingdom, and that, too, when at the height of their power and conquests. The higher horn denoted the Persian line of kings, under and following the reign of Cyrus the Persian, son-in-law to Darius the Mede. "And as I was considering, behold, a he-goat came from the west, on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes." In the 21st verse the angel says, "And the rough goat is the king of Grecia; and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king." This king was Alexander, that conquered the Persians. He was not the first king of Macedonia, but the first that had all Grecia under his control and that conquered the world. "And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him, and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. Therefore the he-goat waxed very great; and when he was strong, the great horn was broken, and for it came up four notable ones; towards the four winds of heaven." We have in these verses a plain description of Alexander's life, conquests, death, and division of his kingdom into four parts, towards the four points of heaven—Persia in the east, Syria in the north, Macedonia and Europe in the west, Egypt and Africa in the south. And the angel, when he gives Daniel instruction, says, 22d verse, "Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. Then the vision seems to slide down to the little horn. "And out of one of them (that is, out of Europe) came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And it waxed great even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down, and a host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground, and it practised and prospered." Two or three things in the above description clearly show that, by the little horn, in this passage, we are to understand the Roman power, viz., its conquering to the south, and east, and pleasant lands, stamping on the host, magnifying himself against Christ, and destroying Jerusalem, the place of his sanctuary, and his practising and prospering. All this description agrees with the history of Rome, and cannot apply to Antiochus, as some writers have supposed. But let us see what Gabriel says, vs. 23: "And in the latter time of their kingdom, (that is, the four kingdoms, (when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up, and his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy, also, he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. And the vision of the evening (in the first year of Belshazzar, Daniel vii.) and the morning (in the third year of Belshazzar,



Daniel viii.) which was told, is true; wherefore shut thou up the vision, for it shall be for many days." How many days? Our text answers, "Unto two thousand three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. And it came to pass, when I, even I, Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. So he came near where I stood, and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face; but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man, for at the time of the end shall be the vision. Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation; for at the time appointed the end shall be."

Then comes the instruction of Gabriel, which we have before given.

III. *The time or length of the vision*—the 2,300 days.

What must we understand by *days*? In the prophecy of Daniel it is invariably to be reckoned years; for God hath so ordered the prophets to reckon days. Numb. xiv. 34, "After the number of days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall you bear your iniquities, even forty years." Ezek. iv. 5, 6, "For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days; I have appointed thee each day for a year." In these passages we prove the command of God. We will also show that it was so called in the days of Jacob, when he served for Rachel, Gen. xxix. 27: "Fulfill her week (seven days) and we will give thee this also, for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet other seven years."

Nothing now remains to make it certain that our vision is to be so understood, but to prove that Daniel has followed this rule. This we will do, if your patience will hold out, and God permit.

Now turn your attention to the ninth chapter of Daniel, and you will there learn that fifteen years after Daniel had his last vision, and sixty-five years after Daniel explained Nebuchadnezzar's dream, 538 years B. C., Daniel set his face unto the Lord God by supplication and prayer; and by confession of his own sins, and the sins of the people of Israel, he sought God for mercy, for himself and all Israel. And while he was speaking and praying, as he tells us, Daniel x. 21, "Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, Daniel viii. 16, 17, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed me and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. At the beginning of thy supplication the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved; therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people, and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. Know, therefore, and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem unto the Messiah, the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself; and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week, (or last half, as it might have been rendered,) he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abomination, he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined should be poured upon the desolate."

What do we learn from the above passage? We learn our duty in prayer, and God's goodness in answering. We learn that the angel Gabriel was sent to instruct Daniel, and make him understand the vision. You may inquire what vision? I answer, The one Daniel had in the beginning, for he has had no other. We also learn that seventy weeks, which

is 490 days, (or years, as we shall show,) from the going forth of a certain decree to build the streets and walls of Jerusalem in troublous times, to the crucifixion of the Messiah, should be accomplished. We also learn that this seventy weeks is divided into three parts; seven weeks being employed in building the streets and walls in troublous times, which is forty-nine years; sixty-two weeks, or four hundred and thirty-four years to the preaching of John in the wilderness; which two, put together, make sixty-nine weeks, or four hundred and eighty-three years; and one week the gospel was preached—John three and a half years, and Christ three and a half years,—which makes the seventy weeks, or four hundred and ninety years; which, when accomplished, would seal up the vision, and make the prophecy true. We also learn that, after the crucifixion of Christ, the Romans would come and destroy the city and sanctuary, and that wars will not cease until the consummation or end of the world. "All that may be true," says the objector; "but where have you proved that the seventy weeks were four hundred and ninety years?" I agree I have not yet proved it, but will now do it.

We shall again turn your attention to the Bible. Look at Ezra vii. 11—13: "Now this is the copy of the letter that the king, Artaxerxes, gave unto Ezra, the priest, the scribe, a scribe of the law of God: perfect peace, and at such a time. I make a decree that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites in my realm, which are minded of their own free will to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee." This is the decree given when the walls of Jerusalem were built in troublous times. See, also, Neh. iv. 17—23; Ezra and Nehemiah being contemporary, see Neh. viii. 1. The decree to Ezra was given in the seventh year of Artaxerxes' reign, Ezra vii. 7, and that to Nehemiah in the twentieth year, Neh. ii. 1. Let any one examine the chronology, as given by Rollin or Josephus, from the seventh year of Artaxerxes to the twenty-second year of Tiberius Caesar, which was the year our Lord was crucified, and he will find it was four hundred and ninety years. The Bible chronology says that Ezra started to go up to Jerusalem on the 12th day of the first month, (see Ezra viii. 31.) 457 years before the birth of Christ; he being 33 when he died, added to 457, will make 490 years. Three of the evangelists tell us he was betrayed two days before the feast of the passover, and of course was the same day crucified. The passover was always kept on the 14th day of the first month forever, and Christ being crucified two days before, would make it on the 12th day, 490 years from the time Ezra left the river Ahava to go unto Jerusalem.

If this calculation is correct,—and I think no one can doubt it,—then the seventy weeks was fulfilled to a day when our Savior suffered on the cross. Is not the seventy weeks fairly proved to have been fulfilled by years, and does not this prove that our vision and the 2300 days ought to be so reckoned? Yes, if these seventy weeks are a part of the vision. Does not the angel say plainly, I have come to show thee; therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision! Yes, Well, what can a man ask for more than plain, positive testimony, and a cloud of circumstances agreeing with it!

But one thing still remains to be proved. When did the 2300 years begin? Did it begin with Nebuchadnezzar's dream? No. For if it had, it must have been fulfilled in the year A. D. 1697. Well, then, did it begin when the angel Gabriel came to instruct Daniel into the seventy weeks? No; for if then, it would have been finished in the year A. D. 1762. Let us begin it where the angel told us, from the going forth of the decree to build the walls of Jerusalem in troublous times, 457 years before Christ: take 457 from 2300, and it will leave A. D. 1843; or take seventy weeks of years, being 490 years, from 2300 years, and it will leave 1810 after Christ's death. Add his life, (because we begin to reckon our time at his birth,) which is 33 years, and we come to the same A. D. 1843.

Now let us examine our subject, and see what we have learned by it thus far. And,

I. We learn that there are two abominations spoken of by Daniel. The first is the Pagan mode of worship, which was performed by the sacrificing of beasts upon altars, similar to the Jewish rites, and by which means the nations around Jerusalem drew away many of the Jews into idolatry, and brought down the heavy judgments of God upon idolatrous Israel; and God permitted his people to be led into captivity, and persecuted by the very nations that they, the Jews, had been so fond of copying after in their mode of worship. Therefore were the sanctuary and place of worship at

Jerusalem trodden down by Pagan worshippers, and the altars, erected by the command of God, and according to the pattern and form which God had prescribed, were broken down, and more fashionable altars of the heathen erected in their room. Thus were the commands of God disobeyed, his laws perverted, his people enslaved, the sanctuary trodden down, and the temple polluted, until at last God took away the Jewish rites and ceremonies, instituted new forms, new laws, and set up the gospel kingdom in the world.

This, for a season, was kept pure from the worldly sanctuaries and policy of Satan. But Satan, an arch-enemy, found his Pagan abominations could have but little or no effect to draw the followers of Christ into idolatry, for they believed the bloody rites and sacrifices had their fulfilment in Christ. Therefore, in order to carry the war into the Christian camp, he suffers the daily sacrifice abomination to be taken out of the way, and sets up Papacy, which is more congenial to the Christian mode of worship in its outside forms and ceremonies, but retaining all the hateful qualities of the former. He persuades them to erect images to some or all of the dear apostles; and even to Christ, and Mary, the "Mother of God." He then flatters them that the church is infallible. (Here was a strong cord by which he could punish all disputers.) He likewise gives them the keys of heaven, (or Peter, as they call it.) This will secure all authority. He then clothes them with power to make laws, and to dispense with those which God had made. This capped the climax. In this he would fasten many thousands who might protest against some of his more vile abominations; yet habit and custom might secure them to a willing obedience to his laws, and to a total neglect of the laws of God. This was Satan's masterpiece; and, as Daniel says, "he would think to change times and laws, and they should be given into his hand for a time, times and an half; but they shall take away his dominion to consume and destroy it unto the end." Therefore, when this last abomination of desolation shall be taken away, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

II. We learn that the vision which Daniel saw was revealed at three separate times—1st. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, which carried us down through four great kingdoms, until they should all be swept away like the chaff of the summer threshing-floor before the wind, and no place found for them, and the glorious and everlasting kingdom of Christ fill the whole earth. The next vision Daniel saw was similar to this; he saw four great beasts, representing four great kingdoms, as before; and he saw the fourth beast to be diverse from all the others, dreadful and terrible, and exceedingly strong; he had great iron teeth, and nails of brass, which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the people of God and the whole earth under foot. This beast contained the two abominations which we have before spoken of, the last under the figure of a little horn; he saw until all these thrones were cast down, till the little horn was destroyed, and his body given to the burning flame. Daniel saw until the Ancient of days did sit. The Son of man came in the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days. He saw thousand thousands ministering unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the judgment was set, and the books were opened. He saw the dominion, and glory, and kingdom given to the Son of man, and to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. In the third vision, which Daniel has coupled with the former, by saying that it was after (or like) the one which appeared unto him at the first, he saw the three last kingdoms; gave a particular description of the two first, even naming them—the Medes and Persians and the Grecian. He then gives a short account of the little horn, (having given a more general view of the fourth kingdom in the other vision,) how he would cast down the host of heaven, and the stars, and stamp upon them; also that he would magnify himself against the Prince of the host, Jesus Christ, and cast down the place of his sanctuary, and practise and prosper, but shall be broken without hands; showing that the stone cut out without hand should break him to pieces. Daniel, then, in the 26th verse, couples the two visions, the one in the evening, 7th chapter, and the one in the morning, 8th chapter, and says, "The vision of the evening and morning, which was told, is true."

III. We learn that this vision is two thousand three hundred days long; that days are to be reckoned years—1st, By the command of God; 2d, By the example of Jacob; and 3d, By the fulfilment of the seventy weeks of this vision, at the crucifixion of the