

## THE MILLENNIAL REIGN

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Rep. 5368-4; Dec. 15, 1913: “If our chronology is not reliable we have no idea where we are nor when the morning will come.”

Rep. 5253, col. 2, par. 6; June 1, 1913: “I note your second question, relative to our statement in the Watch Tower of Mar. 1, 1910, page 88, second column—where we set forth that Satan’s ‘little season’ will be after Messiah shall have delivered up the kingdom to the Father. It is true that some years ago we were not so clear on this point as now—less positive...The sentence upon the disloyal is: ‘There will come fire from God out of heaven and destroy them.’ This indicates a testing and punishing by divine justice. This would not be possible so long as the mediatorial kingdom held sway.”

Rep. 3438, col. 2, par. 2; Oct. 1, 1904: “We all remember how we were thrilled when first studying we found that the parallels of dispensation showed that our Lord was due to be present in Oct., 1874, as the exact parallel of the beginning of his ministry and ‘harvest’ of the Jewish age; and how this thrill was intensified when we found the same date exactly marked by the Jubilee type; and how we almost shouted for joy when we found that Daniel’s ‘1335 days’ ended at precisely the same date; and, finally, how we repeated over and over the Prophet’s words, ‘Oh, the blessedness of him that waiteth and cometh unto the 1335 days’.”

Rep. 3437, par. 8; Oct. 1, 1904: “(2 Pet. 3:4) Note the confusion that would result all along the line from the one change suggested. It would extend the Jubilee antitype nineteen years, making the Lord’s presence and ‘times of restitution’ not due in any sense until A.D. 1874 plus 19—1893 A.D. On the contrary, it would shorten the Jewish age 19 years, and thus, according to the parallels...would shorten the Gospel age also.”

Rep. 5573, col. 2, 2nd par. from bottom; Nov. 15, 1914: “The Revelator...says: ‘And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever...And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come’.”

Rep. 5916, col. 2, last 2 par.; July 1, 1916: “The coming of the King to possess his kingdom will mean a personal as well as a national and a church examination, judgment and treatment...Nevertheless, both the King and the kingdom are not only coming, but are here; and the present troubles and shakings in church and state, and the general awakening of the people are the results of influences emanating from that King and kingdom. Though men know it not, it is the smiting of the kingdom of God that is even now preparing for the wreck of all the kingdoms of the earth, that the way may be opened

for the establishment of righteousness in the world, that men's hearts may be humbled and prepared for the righteous government which is to take control of earth..."

Rep. 5989, par. 1, 2; 5990, par. 2; Nov. 15, 1916: "... The Psalmist David taking prophetically a standpoint of observation future from his day declared, 'The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof!' (Psalm 97:1) As we have shown in Scripture Studies, Vol. III, Study 9, this began to be true when our Lord Jesus, having returned to earth to set up his kingdom, took unto himself his great power. Yet not until his kingdom has been fully established in the earth will his glorious reign be clearly recognized... That the Prophet David is referring especially to the present time, from 1878 down to the full inauguration of the kingdom, is clear from his succeeding statement: 'Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about'..." "The Mountain [kingdom] of the Lord's House is now being established in the top of the mountains, superseding the great kingdoms of this world, and is being exalted above the hills—the smaller governments. (Isa. 2:2) Clouds and darkness, trouble and perplexity and distress of nations are round about; and the thunderings and lightnings are making all the earth tremble as did Israel at Mt. Sinai. (Exo. 19:1-25) And now—since the Spring of 1878—God has 'set his king upon his holy hill of Zion.' (Psalm. 2:6)..."

Rep. 6013, col. 2, par. 7 & 8; Dec. 1, 1916: "Let us not stop now to discuss the darkness of the night and its weeping. Let us awake, and take note of the fact that the dawning of the new age is already here. For the past 42 years we have been in it and enjoying many of its blessings. But those blessings came so stealthily—'like a thief in the night'—that few recognize their import. Some few have been calling attention to the fact that we have been in the Millennial dawn since 1874." "Bible chronology quite clearly teaches that the 6,000 years since Adam's creation have ended—six great days of a thousand years each, mentioned by St. Peter—'a day with the Lord is as a thousand years.' (2 Pet. 3:8) Now the great 7th day, also a thousand years long, has commenced. We have been enjoying its dawning. It is to be a grand day! What wonder if the dawning be remarkable!" (Dan. 2:44) "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

Rep. 2977, par. 1 & 2; col. 2, par. 1 and 3; 2978, par. 2 & 3; Mar. 15, 1902: "But the scrutinizing watcher will readily perceive that it is one thing to know the time when earthly dominion shall cease, and give place to the *completed* kingdom of God, while it would be a totally different matter to know when the 'stone' kingdom would begin to smite the image upon its feet, preparatory to its destruction. This period of smiting of the image, which precedes its destruction. This period of smiting of the image, which

precedes its destruction, must also precede the full establishment of God's kingdom to fill the whole earth. This smiting period is the period of the *parousia*; the period in which Christ is present, gathering his 'jewels,' his 'elect,' and in which he will smite the nations with the rod of iron and with the two-edged sword of his mouth, dashing them in pieces as a potter's vessel, and preparing mankind for the royal majesty of the heavens. Let the watchers note critically the Prophet Daniel's explanation that it will be '*in the days of these kings*' (the kingdom represented in the feet and toes of the image—the divisions of Papal Rome) that the God of heaven will *set up* his kingdom. God began the selection of his kingdom class in the days of Civil Rome—represented by the legs of iron; he has continued the selection ever since, and the *setting up* or bringing of his church (kingdom) into power comes toward the close of Gentile power, but before it ends; for it is to be '*in the days of these kings*' and not after their days. Now note the similarity of the expressions 'in the days of the Son of Man' (Luke 17:26) and 'in the days of these kings,' and give both the same significance and remember that, as we have proven, they will be the *same days*—days before the lease of Gentile power expires in which the Son of Man will be present to '*set up*' his kingdom, which shall a little later destroy all these Gentile kingdoms."

"Take another line of prophecy, concealed, and yet very simple and easy of appreciation when once the mind grasps it. The Scriptures show us that the fleshly house of Israel and all of its institutions and affairs were typical foreshadowings of the spiritual house of Israel and its higher institutions, better sacrifices, etc. It need not, therefore, surprise us to find that the length of the Jewish age—the length of the divine favor to fleshly Israel—was typical also..."

"Now the time correspondences. The Jewish age, from the death of Jacob to the death of Christ was 1,845 years long—to the beginning of our Lord's ministry 1,841½ years long, and to the time of the utter destruction of their nation, in A.D. 70, 1881½ years long. Notice how the Gospel age corresponds to this. The Gospel age did not begin with our Lord's birth: it began after our Lord's death and resurrection, when he commissioned his disciples to '*preach the Gospel*.' ... Applying the foregoing measurements of the Jewish age to the Gospel age, beginning at the time of our Lord's death and resurrection and the Pentecostal blessing, in the Spring of A.D. 33, we find that the period of 1,841½ years from the death of Jacob to the beginning of our Lord's ministry (A.D. 29) would measure from the Spring of A.D. 33 to the Autumn of 1874; and the 1,845 years of the Jewish age, from the death of Jacob to the rejection of fleshly Israel, applied here, measuring from the Spring of A.D. 33, would reach to the Spring of 1878; and the 1881½ years from the death of Jacob to... A.D. 70, finds its correspondency in this Gospel age, by measuring 1881½ years from the Spring of A.D. 33, which would bring us exactly to ... 1914 A.D.—the very year...shown...to be the full end and limit of the 'Gentile Times.' Can this be accidental? Nay; it is design. What stronger testimony could be asked by the eye and ear of faith? Surely, anything plainer or clearer would be sight, and leave no room for faith."

“We find that Israel’s Jubilee year, in which every person and family had ever lost possession and all personal liberties restored to them, was intended to be a type of the coming time of restitution, when a full opportunity for attaining freedom from sin and Satan, and from the hereditary weakness of the flesh, shall be presented to all, and when the earth shall again revert to the human family in general, for whom it was created, and for whom, after being lost through Adam’s transgression, it was redeemed by Christ. We find that the Scriptures indicate, in connection with these jubilees, a system of counting by multiples; and that a Jubilee of Jubilees, or fifty times fifty years (2,500 years) constitute a Great Jubilee cycle and that such a cycle began to count after fleshly Israel had observed her last typical Jubilee. We find from the Scriptures, that Israel’s 19th Jubilee year—in the year B.C. 626—was her last. Knowing that the Jubilee was a part of the law, and that no feature of that law, not one jot or tittle, can pass away without reaching a fulfillment or antitype, we measure the cycle of the Great Jubilee 2,500 years from the date when the last typical Jubilee was kept (626 B.C.), and find accordingly that the *antitypical* Jubilee or Great Jubilee of Jubilees should have begun in October, 1874...”

“Take another line of prophecy: we find that the 1,260 days, and the 1,290 days, and the 1,335 days, so particularly set forth in Daniel’s prophecy, and corroborated in Revelation, have had fulfillments—...the 1,335 days ending in 1874...”

“It was concerning this last period that the angel declared to the Prophet, ‘Oh, the blessedness of him that waiteth, and cometh to the 1335 days’...What blessedness? We answer, a joy of heart and rejoicing to the watchers is what is here intimated. It is since that date, Oct., 1874, where Daniel’s 1,335 days intimated that a *great blessing would begin*; where the Jubilee types indicated that the restitution of all things would begin (Acts 3:21; cf. Rom. 4:17) (which implies the second presence of the Great Redeemer), and where the parallelism of the two houses of Israel shows that the second presence of our Lord *as the Great Reaper is due*—from this date a great blessing has come to the watchers...”

“St Peter gives us a vivid picture of the new order of things in Messiah’s Kingdom. He says, ‘The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise...Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.’— 2 Peter 3:10, 12, 13.” (Rep. 6014, Col. 2, par. 4, December, 1915.

Volume II, 1916 Foreword, pp VIII, par. 10. “The Bible chronology herein presented shows that the six great thousand-year Days beginning with Adam are ended, and that the Seventh Day, the thousand years of Christ’s Reign, began in 1873. The events of these 43 years, which this Volume claims as the beginning of the Millennium, we still find fully

corroborating Bible prophecies, as herein set forth. During these 43 years, nearly all the inventions, of our day have been accomplished... These are shortening the hours of labor, and doing away with the 'sweat of face,' which the Bible declares to be identified with the curse."

"... We have entered the great Seventh Day, and... what we are already experiencing... are only the foregleams of the much greater blessings still to come—when the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His beams, and scatter all the darkness, ignorance, and superstition of the world."

"This Volume sets forth, what its author has been preaching for over 40 years, that the 'Times of the Gentiles' chronologically ended in the Fall of A.D. 1914..."

"We could not, of course, know in 1889, whether the date 1914, so clearly marked in the Bible as the end of the Gentile lease of power or permission to rule the world, would mean that they would be fully out of power at that time or whether, their lease expiring, their eviction would begin. The latter we perceive to be the Lord's program; and promptly in Aug., 1914, the Gentile Kingdoms referred to in the prophecy began the present great struggle, which, according to the Bible, will culminate in the complete overthrow of all human government, opening the way for the full establishment of the Kingdom of God's dear Son."

"We are not able to see behind the veil; we are not able to know the things progressing under the direction of our glorious Lord and the members of His Church already glorified. Our thought is that somehow the Lord is taking a hand in the affairs of the world now as He did not do in times past. We do know that the great Time of Trouble, which has begun, very closely corresponds to the Divine declaration respecting the time and condition of the establishment of Messiah's Kingdom. The Lord Himself informs us that at the time He shall take to Himself His great power and reign, the nations will be mad and the Divine wrath will come..."

Volume IV, page 621, par. 2 to page 622, par. 3: "But now we are in the end of this Gospel age, and the Kingdom is being established or set up. Our Lord, the appointed King, is now present, since Oct., 1874, according to the testimony of the prophets, to those who have ears to hear it; and the formal inauguration of his kingly office dates from April 1878, A.D.; and the first work of the Kingdom, as shown by our Lord, in his parables and prophecy (the gathering of 'his elect'), is now in progress. 'The dead in Christ shall rise first,' explained the Lord through the Apostle; and the resurrection of the Church shall be in a moment. Consequently the Kingdom, as represented in our Lord, and the sleeping saints already fitted and prepared and found worthy to be members of 'his body,' the 'bride,' was set up in 1878; and all that remains to be done for its

completion is the ‘gathering together unto the Lord’ of those of the ‘elect’ who are alive and remain—whose trial is not yet complete.”

“However, instead of the Kingdom waiting for the living members to finish their course, the Kingdom work began at once; and the living ones on this side the veil, are privileged to know ‘the mysteries of the Kingdom’ and to engage in Kingdom work before their ‘change;’ and as they die (will not fall ‘asleep,’ but) will be ‘changed’ in the moment of death, resurrected as part of the blessed and holy first resurrection; as it is written—‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors, while their works will continue.’—Rev. 14:13.”

“All this is in harmony with the Scriptural declaration that the Kingdom of God must first be set up before its influence and work will result in the complete destruction of ‘the powers that be’ of ‘this present evil world’—political, financial, ecclesiastical—about the close of the ‘Times of the Gentiles,’ Oct., A.D. 1914...”

“In describing the events under the Seventh Trumpet, this order is observed—(1) the power is taken by the Lord as King of Earth, and his reign begun; (2) as a consequence the great judgment-trouble comes upon the world...”

Vol. II, page 173, par. 1; page 174, par. 1; page 175, par. 1. “‘Verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all be fulfilled.’—Matt. 5:18.”

“When our Lord said that not one jot or tittle of the Law should pass away until fulfilled, he referred not only to the fulfilling of its covenant obligations for all under that Law Covenant, finishing its hold upon them, by meeting its demands against them in full with his own life, but he meant more than this: He meant, further, that all the blessings expressed in it typically would also be sure of fulfillment upon an antitypical scale. In all the Jewish ceremonies, God caused no type to be made which will prove meaningless, or pass unfulfilled; and the observance of all types was kept up until their fulfillment at least began. All types (of the Law Covenant—not those pictures such as Abraham’s offering Isaac, which were not part of the Law to be repeated) must be continually repeated until their antitypes appear; for the keeping of a type is not the fulfilling of it. The fulfilling is reached where the type ceases, being displaced by the reality, the antitype.”

“...The Jubilee...was intended to foreshadow the great Restitution...and...in the manner of its reckoning it furnishes time regulations which, when understood and applied, indicate clearly the time for the beginning of the antitype, the ‘Restitution of all things.’—Acts 3:19-21.”

Vol. II, page 182, par. 1 and 2: “But we must look for the beginnings only of this stupendous work of restoring all things...The first work in the typical Jubilee Year would naturally be a searching out of former rights and possessions and the ascertaining of present lacks. Tracing the parallel of this, we...see investigation on the part of the people of their original, God-given inheritance, and their present lacks, rights, etc., many in ignorance and selfishness claiming what others have; and the attempt to hold on to as much as possible on the part of those who have possession—causing disputes, controversies, strikes and lock-outs, with more or less justice and injustice on both sides, which must finally be left to Christ’s adjudication, as disputes under the Law were settled by Moses...”

“...We fix upon the date for the Jubilee immediately preceding the Babylonian captivity and 70 years desolation of their land, as the last one, for two reasons...because there, surely, the type ceased, ‘passed away’; for the land being desolate 70 years and the people in captivity in a foreign land, a Jubilee must have been due somewhere in the midst of those 70 years and...the commands and provisions relative to the Jubilee Year could not be complied with...Hence...the cycle of the great antitype must have begun to count.”

Volume II, page 180, par. 2. “...An antitype never follows its type but takes its place upon the same date...Christ, our Passover sacrifice, died in the same night (day) in which the typical lamb was appointed to be killed.”

Vol. II, page 191, par. 2; page 193, par. 2. “...And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon...until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths; for as long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill threescore and ten [70] years.” “...The first 19 cycles had Jubilee Years, but the 51 since have had none; hence we must reckon...”

Vol. VI. page 50, par. 1 and 2.

“6,000 years past and 1,000 years future, 7,000 years of Jehovah’s ‘rest’ will carry us to the time when the Son’s Millennial reign shall cease because of having accomplished its design—the restitution of the willing and obedient of mankind to the divine image...Then the Mediatorial throne and reign having served their purpose, and all corrupters of the earth having been destroyed, ‘the Son shall deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father’—by delivering it to mankind for whom it was originally designed, as it is written. (Matt. 25:31, 34) ‘Then shall the King say unto them...Come, ye blessed approved of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world’—mundane creation.—1 Cor. 15:25-28.”

“It is the *length* of this 7th Epoch-day, so distinctly marked by history and prophecy, that furnishes us the clue to the length of all the other epoch-days of the creative Week. And the whole period of 7 x 7,000 years, or 49,000 years, when complete, will lead up to and

introduce the great 50th, which we have already noted as prominent in the Scriptures, as marking grand climaxes in the divine plan; Israel's day Sabbaths culminating in  $7 \times 7$  equals 49, leading to and introducing the 50th, or Pentecost, with its rest of faith; their year Sabbaths  $7 \times 7$  equals 49, introducing the 50th, or Jubilee year; the still larger cycle of  $50 \times 50$ , marking the Millennium as Earth's great Jubilee. And now, finally, we find the Sabbath or 7-day system, on a still larger scale measuring earth's creation, from its inception to its perfection, to be  $7 \times 7,000$  years equals 49,000 years, ushering in the grand epoch when there shall be no more sighing, no more crying, no more pain and no more dying, because God's work of creation shall then have been completed so far as this earth is concerned. No wonder that that date should be marked as a Jubilee date!"

Vol. VI, page 391, par. 2. "The 7th day, the 7th month, and the 7th year were all prominent under the Law. The 7th day as a period of cessation from toil, a period of physical rest; the 7th month as the one in which the atonement for sin was effected, that they might have rest from sin; and the 7th year, the one in which came release from bondage, servitude. In addition, as we have already seen, the 7th year multiplied by itself ( $7 \times 7$  equals 49) led up to the 50th or Jubilee Year, in which all mortgages, liens and judgments against persons and lands were cancelled, and every family was permitted to return to its own estate—relieved from all the burdens of the previous errors, wrongdoings, etc. We have already seen that the antitype of Israel's Jubilee year will be the Millennial kingdom, and its general 'times of restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets,' the antitype being immensely larger than the type, and applicable to mankind in general."

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