

THE TRANSITION

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VIII Past Ages Closing

One of God's time ways in earth's passing history in dealing with mankind is the division into a succession of periods of varying duration. These marked off portions are called ages or dispensations. Refer to Eph. 1:10; 3:5; Col. 1:26; Lu. 16:16; Matt. 28:20. "World," in this last, means ages. These ages are distinguished from each other by the new ways adopted by God in His activities in each succeeding age; as, for instance, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached."

There are several dispensational ways of Divine procedure that end, change or merge in this time of Transition. First to be considered may be the Gentile system, by men called civilization, but by God called Babylon. It includes the great world system or "city" (Rev. 16:19) made up of three parts: government, finance and business, and religion, so-called, Christian and pagan.

Recently there was given a vision in which was seen a tent-like form about six feet long, oval, about four feet high and three feet through at the bottom. A great plain representing the face of the earth, was dotted with these appearances, which it was given to understand, represented Satan's fortifications against the power of God. Everywhere in church, state, business, society, organizations, institutions, these tents of opposition are erected. If a man be sent by God with messages in His power, at once doors to senate, court, conclave, or office would tightly close. But all fortifications and doors are to be blasted open and destroyed, till all is open and free to heavenly ministers and messages of Divine power.

The Gentile Times are now closing. The period of their rule, domination, and wickedness, foreshadowed by Nebuchadnezzar's insanity (Dan. 4:34-36) is coming to an end. It is the day of Jehovah, "I will gather all nations and tongues." "He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it." "The day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen." It is the hour of judgment of the nations. Financial systems are crumbling. Religious systems are fallen and perishing. Governments approach destruction. Christ enters and rules.

"Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of Jehovah's wrath, and the whole land shall be devoured

by the fire of His jealousy, for He shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land." Zeph. 1:14-18.

Another dispensation is that of the humiliation and the dispersion of Israel. They were to be chastised seven times, which is 2520 years. This period, which is about simultaneous with the Gentile times of rule, is now closing in this Transition time. Israel and the Jews have been scattered among all nations, yet they never lose their identity. Other people come to America and soon lose nationality. But not the Jew. He is always a Jew, scorned, downtrodden, persecuted, but never destroyed. Now he is returning to his own land. His punishment is ending. His curse is lifting. National standing is being restored, prosperity appearing. Jerusalem is no longer trodden down of the Gentiles. Gentile dominion soon will cease. Their destruction is at hand. Israel's restoration is begun.

The gathering, return and placing of Israel in her own country is at the door. Her restoration to political domination is as plainly taught in Scripture, as is their scattering. Read Isa. 54:8-10; Jer. 31:35-40; 33:25; Ezek. 11:17,18; 34:11-16; 36:24,28,38; 37:25-28; 38:8; Joel 2:32; 3:1.

A third dispensational affair that merges in the Transition is thus announced by John: "The kingdom of Heaven is at hand." So, too, Jesus went about "preaching the gospel of the kingdom." Paul also was "preaching the kingdom of God." Matt. 3:2; 4:23-25; Acts 28:31.

This heavenly kingdom of God is that realm, plane or state in which the supernatural, miraculous, Divine, dynamic, creative and recreative force operates to the deliverance of the race from sin, depravity, sickness, disease, infirmity, and death. It breaks into Satan's kingdom, and will destroy it utterly, translating its repentant subjects into the kingdom of Heaven. Most laws pertaining to our present state are transcended by the working of this Heaven's dynamite.

Jesus Christ, the Apostles and associate ministers, operated freely in the kingdom of Heaven with its dynamic, explosive, expulsive, healing and creative powers. But with the decline of pure Christianity, the way into this realm became obscure or entirely lost. But now in this Transition period its restoration is at hand. Acts 3:19-22.

The Ecclesia, a grand and glorious institution (Continued on Page 12.)

people are so hungry, spiritually. It would be so wonderful to see people come to God in great numbers. But these people in Ethiopia are so hard to reach; for they are nominal Christians and have their church. They have a form of godliness denying the power thereof. But the fact remains that they need God as greatly as any other people. In the natural, sometimes one feels like running away from such a hard field. But God has given us no liberty to leave as yet even though we have prayed about it.

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was established by the Lord through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It was a supernatural, Spirit-baptized body of men and women. Its plane of operation was the miracle realm of the Kingdom of Heaven. Its apostles, prophets and other ministers were supernaturally endowed and gifted. The gifts of the Spirit rested upon them and this Church in profusion.

But this Divine Ecclesia went down with the general spiritual decline, till only natural human substitutes, called churches, could be found. But now in this time of restoration, the true supernatural Church of Christ, in miraculous power, heavenly dynamite, and with gifts of the Spirit, is again coming forth, operating on the plane of the Kingdom of Heaven.

This dispensation began at the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For that reason, and because it is by the Spirit's working and power in the conduct of this age, it is called the dispensation of the Spirit. Its works are through human vessels, anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit.

More to Follow

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His bride and witnessing to her that she is indeed called to this holy estate. "The marriage of the Lamb" (Rev. 19) is yet to be celebrated, but the Holy Spirit is calling NOW. Will you respond? If He is offering you that first jewel of intimation in His word, accept it and He will gently but assuredly lead you to Isaac.

Beloved, I might say much more, but oh, take the first opportunity of getting alone with Him and He will speak until the fire of His heart shall kindle yours and, "They twain shall be one." Yes, this is the burning secret. The love that poured itself out at Calvary is the

love that seeks you now. You can pour in oil and wine to the once broken heart of "the Man that died for me."

(Selected)

The Name Above Every Name

Luke i 31.

Name of Jesus! highest name!
Name that earth and heaven adore!
From the heart of God it came,
Leads me to God's heart once more.

Name of Jesus! living tide!
Days of drought for me are past;
How much more than satisfied,
Are the thirsty lips at last!

Name of Jesus! dearest Name!
Bread of heaven and balm of love,
Oil of gladness, surest claim
To the treasures stored above.

Jesus gives forgiveness free,
Jesus cleanses all my stains,
Jesus gives His life to me,
Jesus always He remains.

Only Jesus! fairest Name!
Life and rest, and peace and bliss;
Jesus, evermore the same,
He is mine, and I am His.

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The Interior Life

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virtues, because it is the beginning of them, and therefore, the one interest of all men is to begin such prayer. But it will be exercised with no little difficulty unless the steady acquisition of the virtues accompanies it. In prayer it is far best to be alone, as, for our example and instruction, our Lord always was when He prayed. For we cannot talk both to God and man at the same moment. And if we feel too much alone, and must have company, no company is comparable to Christ's company.

Meditate much on the Sacred Humanity of our Lord: what He was on earth: what He did, and what He suffered. Because this life of ours is long and up hill, which to pass well through needs the constant presence with us of our great Example, Jesus Christ.

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