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Israel's Anticipated Kingdom and Peter's Outline of Israel's Prophetic Events

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One thing that all of Israel's unfulfilled prophecy has in common is this central theme: the coming phases of the Kingdom.

HCSB).¹

After God's present purpose of absolute grace has been accomplished, the next thing on His agenda is the prophetic phases of His Divine Kingdom. That this divine government is coming is prophetically undeniable.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon Earth (Psalm 67:4).

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder ... (Isaiah 9:6, KJV).

THE KINGDOM EXPECTATION OF HEBREW SCRIPTURE

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Throughout the so-called "Old Testament" it is made abundantly clear that there is an expectation of a literal, physical, earthly Kingdom promised to Israel. Let us note three key examples of such passages.

1. "which, to the ages, shall not be destroyed" (REB); "the eons shall not come to harm" (CV).

... The God of Heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed ... (Daniel 2:44,

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- the universality of death and resurrection (I Corinthians 15:21);
- the unique gospel of Paul – which he calls "my gospel" (Romans 2:16; 16:25; II Timothy 2:8; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 13-28; Acts 20:24);
- the "preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret in ages past" (Romans 16:25);
- the epistles of the present Secret Administration being Ephesians & Colossians (Ephesians 3:2, 9; Colossians 1:25);
- true freedom and liberty apart from law (Galatians 5:1);
- the organic nature of the One Body (Ephesians 4:16);
- the Secret Administration, being the operational revelation for today (Ephesians 3:9);
- the unprophesied, Celestial hope and calling of the One Body (Colossians 3:4);
- the distinct message and ministry of Paul, the apostle to the nations (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the importance of receiving all whom Christ has received (Romans 14-15);
- the recovery of rich Biblical truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice, misunderstanding and fear (Mark 7:7, 13);
- the completeness of the believer in Christ (Colossians 2:10), with:
 - total freedom from sins (Colossians 1:14);

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- adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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THE KINGDOM EXPECTATION OF "THE GOSPELS"

Likewise, when we come to the so-called "Gospels" of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John we see the overwhelming emphasis on this coming Kingdom. In fact, the word "kingdom" is found 127 times in these four books.² Again, we will take note of a few key examples.

Jesus' birth was foretold, declaring in part, that,

The Lord God shall give unto Him the Throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the House of Jacob for the ages; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end (Luke 1:32-33).

When the "wise men" (magi) came they inquired,

Where is He that is born King³ of the Jews? (Matthew 2:1-2).

Nathanael confessed,

You are the King of Israel (John 1:49).

On the Mount of Olives, when the disciples began to sing praises, they sang,

The King Who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One (Luke 19:38).

During Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the crowd shouted,

2. Matthew (56x), Mark (21x), Luke (45x), John (5x).
3. "King" necessarily implies a kingdom.

Hosanna! He Who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One – the King of Israel! (John 12:13).

Jesus, standing before Pilate, was asked,

Are You the King of the Jews? (Matthew 27:11; Mark 15:2; John 18:33).

Pilate then said to the Jews,

Here is your King! (John 19:14).

The governor's soldiers, mocking Him, said,

Hail, King of the Jews! (Matthew 27:29; John 19:3).

On Calvary, the plaque over His head read,

This is Jesus the King of the Jews (Matthew 27:29; Mark 15:26; John 19:19).

The "gospel" (or "evangel") that was preached during this time was termed,

the gospel of the Kingdom (Matthew 4:23; 9:35; 24:14; Mark 1:14).

Thus, accordingly, the central message preached throughout "the Gospels" was that of the Kingdom being "at hand" (Matthew 3:2; 4:17; 10:7; Mark 1:15; 14:42).

Christ repeatedly gave "parables" concerning the Kingdom, as well as revealed to His disciples "secrets" related to the Kingdom.



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The Four Days of Scripture (A Compilation)

The Bible speaks of four different days in the sense of long periods of time. Each one of these days marks a separate and distinct period of time. These are not meaningless expressions. They are: (1) "Man's Day," (2) "The Day of Christ," (3) "The Day of the Lord," and (4) "The Day of God." The good workmen will identify the four days, and then "rightly divide" them (II Timothy 2:15).

This is a composite work from seven authors: Tom L. Ballinger, Dr. Robert A. Hadden (1868-1939), David R. Hetteema, Dr. C.E. McLain (1909-1990), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., W.B. Screws (1884-1961) and Otis Q. Sellers (1901-1992).

Jesus taught His disciples to pray,

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven (Matthew 6:10).

After His death, burial and resurrection – and before His ascension – for forty days Christ focused on interpreting Israel’s prophecy concerning their coming Kingdom,

And, beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, He interprets to them, in all the Scriptures, that which concerns Himself (Luke 24:27, CV) ... telling them that which concerns the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3, CV).


Little wonder then, that His disciples’ final question to Him was,

Lord, are You at this time restoring the Kingdom to Israel? (Acts 1:6).

Thus, we can see that Israel’s unfulfilled prophecy concerning their Kingdom was central to both the Hebrew and Greek Scripture (i.e., the so-called “Old and New Testaments”).

THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

All of this leads us to say that, to Peter, the chief Apostle of the Circumcision (Galatians 2:7-8), belonged the “Keys” to Israel’s prophetic Kingdom.



The Restoration of All Things
by — Jeremiah White (1629-1707)
226 pages, PB
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I will be giving you the Keys of the Kingdom of the Heavens ... (Matthew 16:19, CV).

After having spent three years being personally instructed by Christ, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom himself, he understood that there are enormous amounts of prophecy that were given to Israel in the Hebrew Scriptures that are yet to be fulfilled.

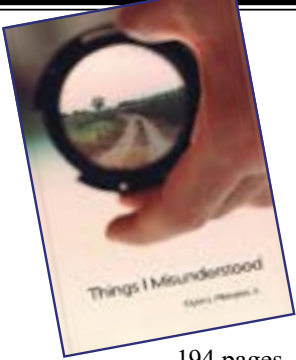
With the enlightenment from Scripture, from Christ’s last forty days of interpretation, who better than Peter to give us an outline of Israel’s prophetic events? And he does just that in Acts 3:19-21.

Repent, then, and turn about for the erasure of your sins,⁴ so that seasons of refreshing should be coming from the face of the Lord, and He should dispatch the One fixed upon before for you, Christ Jesus, Whom Heaven must indeed receive until the times of restoration of all which God speaks through the mouth of His holy prophets who are from the eon.

In these three verses we have the entire frame-

4. "The rubbing out of our failances" (DT).

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Things I Misunderstood — ... about God ... about Salvation ... about Christ’s Sacrificial Work ... about the Rich Man & Lazarus ... about Prophecy
by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.
194 pages, PB, SB, HC
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Early on in his life and ministry, what the author knew and taught about the themes found in this book were simply what he had learned since childhood: traditional Evangelical Christian doctrine. However, in time he would come to see things quite differently. In this work he shares with the reader things that he had misunderstood, and after fifty years of personal Scripture study, what he now understands – realizations that have brought him great peace.

work of Israel's future and the outline of her prophetic events.

Let us consider the rich clarity of Peter's message.

Repent and Turn

Peter calls upon the unbelieving nation to repent of their rejection of their Messiah, and for them to turn back to the God of their fathers.

Peter boldly and plainly declared that such national repentance and turning back to God on the part of the apostate nation would set in motion the sequence of four specific components:

- 1) the erasure of their national sins,
- 2) the seasons of refreshing,
- 3) the dispatching of Christ from Heaven, and
- 4) the restoration of all.

If anyone would know and understand Israel's prophetic events, it would be Peter, Chief Apostle of the Twelve, and Keyholder of the Kingdom. So, let's look at these four.

The Erasure of Sins

Israel was promised the national erasure of their sins. This would be conditioned on their prior repentance

and turning back to God.

... **in order for your sins to be blotted out** (ALV).

... **in order that the to be wiped out of you the sins** (ED).

... **so that your sins may be wiped out** (HCSB).

Seasons of Refreshing

Israel was promised national "seasons of refreshing." This refreshing would be conditioned on the prior "erasure" of their sins.

... **so that seasons of refreshing should be coming** (CV).

... **in order that times of refreshing shall come** (ALV).

... **so that times of refreshing may come** (DAR, GLT).

... **so that a breathing-space may be vouchsafed you** (MNT).

... **to the end that in that case, there may come seasons of refreshing** (REB).



206 pages

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The Restitution of All Things refutes the commonly held doctrine of eternal punishment and advocates the universal salvation of mankind. For this he was widely denounced as a heretic, even by many in his own congregation. Even to this day this book is considered one of the signature works on the subject. After leaving Hull he moved to Highgate and then Woolwich, where he continued his writing ministry.

Restitution of All Things

by — Andrew Jukes (1815-1901)

Jukes, who wrote *Four Views of Christ* and *The Law of the Offerings*, also penned this work in 1867. It brings the reader into an aspect of the author's later ministry which may surprise some. In it he examines the Scriptures regarding the destiny of the human race.

Jukes was a minister and author who left the Church of England, publishing his reasons for doing so in a tract called *The Way Which Some Call Heresy*. For the next 25 years he was the spiritual leader of an independent congregation in Hull. His writings display a deep love for and understanding of the Scriptures, especially the typology

Note also that this anticipated “refreshing” that national Israel will experience will come as a progression – i.e., in “seasons.” This Pre-Millennial phase of Israel’s Kingdom⁵ does not come all at once. Its gradual ascendancy was described by Christ as coming in four distinct stages, illustrated agriculturally: (1) Blade, (2) Ear, (3) Full Kernel, (4) Harvest (Mark 4:26-29). This Kingdom will be in development long **before** the “Harvest” stage, which clearly takes place when Christ returns (Revelation 14:14-15, note “sickle”).

Thus, we can see that much time is required in Israel’s prophetic program *prior* to Christ being “dispatched” from Heaven to Earth.

The Dispatching of Christ from Heaven to Earth

Next comes the “dispatching” of Christ from Heaven to Earth. This would be conditioned upon the prior “seasons of refreshing” coming.

... **and** He should dispatch the One fixed upon before for you, Christ Jesus (CV).

... **and** [that] He shall send the One having been

- 5. The Pre-Millennial Kingdom, known as the “Day of Christ” and the “Kingdom of the Heavens,” is the first of three phases of Israel’s prophetic Kingdom. For a closer look at this theme, see: – *The Three Phases of the Coming Prophetic Kingdom*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student’s Notebook 951](#).

appointed for you – Jesus Christ (ALV).

Also, notice what Peter plainly states of Christ,

Whom Heaven must indeed receive **until** ... (CV).

It is essential that we note that Christ has ascended up to Heaven “until” a specific point in time, and that He will not be “dispatched” back to Earth “until” that time has begun. This key event is “the times of restoration of all.”

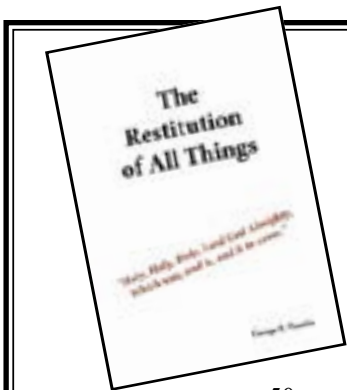
The Times of Restoration of All

Christ must remain seated at His Father’s right hand,

... **UNTIL**⁶ the times of restoration of all which God speaks through the mouth of His holy prophets who are from the eon (CV).

There awaits for all of God’s creation a glorious period known as “the times of restoration of ALL.”⁷ It (see **ANTICIPATED**, last page)

- 6. The Nathaniel Scarlett New Testament has a footnote here reading “The beginning of.”
- 7. It is interesting to note the words that some other translations have for “restoration of all”:
 - “all things are put right” (BBE);
 - “everything will be restored” (GWT);
 - “the universal reformation” (GNT);
 - “universal restitution” (ISV);



The Restitution of All Things

by — George R. Hawtin (1909-1994)

Hawtin was once widely known in Pentecostal, Latter Rain and British Israelite movements. He was a pastor, teacher, expositor and editor of the monthly publication, *The Page*, and the book series, *Treasures of Truth*.

He writes regarding his subject: “I do not wish to over-emphasize the importance of this ... truth, but I am constrained to say that these truths are of immense importance because they are foundational. Upon their firm footing rests the whole superstructure of God’s plan of the ages. If we cannot see how in the very beginning

God created man for the specific purpose of ruling the universe, and to have dominion over all of the vast sidereal with its infinite space and multi-billion galaxies, then we have missed the heart of God’s intention completely and we become doomed to spend our lives in the idle pettifogging of the Romish and Protestant systems, which give neither reason for man’s existence nor cause for his humiliation and fiery testings. ... Even redemption, full and complete as it is and in spite of its infinite cost, will fail to reconcile and save more than one percent of all creation, if the fruitless interpretations of the Babylonish system are to be believed.” – *Introduction*

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Reader's Question Box #73

Ecclesia vs. Ecclesias

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Q: Reading Colossians 4:14-18, Paul references the ecclesia at Nympha's house and the ecclesia at Laodicea. How do you square this with the belief that there are no local churches today? – M.V.

A: There are many different "ecclesias" in the Scriptures. Paul tells us that the current ecclesia is, "**THE Ecclesia which is His Body**" (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:24). This "Ecclesia" is in the singular, and the one for which Christ alone is "**THE Head**."

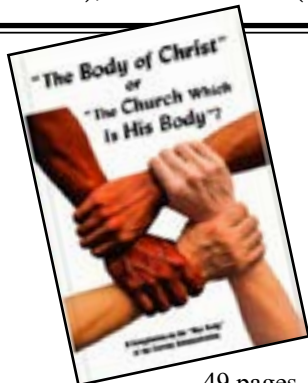
He is **THE Head of THE Body, THE Ecclesia** (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:23).

The "Ecclesia" of the present Secret Administration is the "One Body" (Ephesians 4:4), into which we were "called" (Colossians 3:15), and for which the razing of "the Central Wall of the Barrier" reconciled believing Jew and Gentile "both in One Body" (Ephesians 2:14-16). This "One Body" is in "One Spirit" (Ephesians 4:4), thus universal ("Head over all, to the Eccle-

sia," 1:22), and not uniquely tied to any geographical location. Therefore, the "One Body" can rightly be said to be wherever its members are, such as "the ecclesia **AT** her [Nympha] house" (Colossians 4:15), or the ecclesia "**AT Laodicea**" (:16, TCNT, WNT, GSNT). Because of its union, the ecclesia is enthroned **AT** the right hand of God among the Celestials, and yet at the same time it is **AT** many other earthly locations, *wherever* its members are. Yet, there are NOT many "bodies," but "**ONE Body**" manifested by its members in many locations.

By way of illustration, there is a place in the United States known as "Four Corners Monument." This unique location is where four state borders meet: Utah, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. One can stand there and be in four states at the same time. If someone stands at "the four corners," it does NOT, however, mean that there are now four of them, but simply that their "one body" is now in four locations at once.

Of course, the "One Body" of Ephesians stands in



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"The Body of Christ" or "The Church Which Is His Body"?

A Compilation on the "One Body" of the Current Administration

In the *Pentecost Administration*, during the Acts period, there were many *ecclesias*, in the plural – "all the ecclesias" (Romans 16:4, 16; I Corinthians 7:17; 14:33; II Corinthians 8:18; 11:28, CV). Each of these ecclesias were, in and of themselves "the body of Christ" – an integrated "one body," while today in the *Secret Administration* there is but one single ecclesia, in the singular – "the Ecclesia which is His Body" (Ephesians 2:22-23, CV). This ecclesia is universal and not local. This ecclesia of the *Secret Administration* has no bearing whatsoever on locality, and is of necessity, the only "One Body" universal (Ephesians 4:4).

This "One Body" of Ephesians and Colossians (Ephesians 2:16; 4:4; Colossians 3:15) is the *Post-Acts* "church," of which Christ *alone* is Head (Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:15; 5:23; Colossians 1:24; 2:19). This is the *only* Ecclesia of the *Secret Administration*.

This short compilation has works from three authors: Tom L. Ballinger, G.J. Pauptit (1889-1962), and Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

marked contrast to the many “ecclesias” of the Pentecost Administration. These are repeatedly said to be in the plural, in which each location was declared to be its own individual, local “ecclesia.”

Make note of these plural usages of “ecclesias,” during the Acts period, none of which are the “One Body,” of the current Secret Administration.

establishing the ecclesias (Acts 15:41).
The ecclesias ... were stable in the faith (Acts 16:5)
all the ecclesias of the nations (Romans 16:4)
all the ecclesias of Christ (Romans 16:16).
all the ecclesias (I Corinthians 7:17).
the ecclesias of God (I Corinthians 11:16).
all the ecclesias of the saints (I Corinthians 14:33).
let the women in the ecclesias hush (I Corinthians 14:34).
the ecclesias of Galatia (I Corinthians 16:1).
the ecclesias of the province of Asia (I Corinthians 16:19).
the ecclesias of Macedonia (II Corinthians 8:1).

all the ecclesias (II Corinthians 8:18).
the ecclesias (II Corinthians 8:19).
apostles of the ecclesias (II Corinthians 8:23).
the ecclesias (II Corinthians 8:24).
other ecclesias (II Corinthians 11:8).
All the ecclesias (II Corinthians 11:28).
above the rest of the ecclesias (II Corinthians 12:13).
the ecclesias of Galatia (Galatians 1:2).
the ecclesias of Judea which are in Christ (Galatians 1:22).
the ecclesias of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus (I Thessalonians 2:14).
the ecclesias of God (II Thessalonians 1:4).

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Note: For more background information, see the compilation book,

– [“The Body of Christ” or “The Church Which Is His Body”? A Compilation on the “One Body” of the Current Administration.](#) (See on the [order form](#) under “Compilations”).

TOPICS:

Major: Ecclesia; Body of Christ; One Body
Minor: Colossians; Ephesians

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will be a time when God, through Christ Jesus, begins to set right all things. This will be conditioned on the prior “dispatching” of Christ from His Throne in Heaven, back to the Earth.

It is important to notice that this period, like the prior “seasons of refreshing,” is in the plural – *i.e.*, “times.” This “restoration” does not occur all at once, but comes in “the **times** of restoration of all.” These “times” begin with the “dispatching” of Christ to Earth. This will begin the final two phases of the Kingdom (*i.e.*, the Millennial and Post-Millennial

“Universal Restoration” (TCNT, WNT).

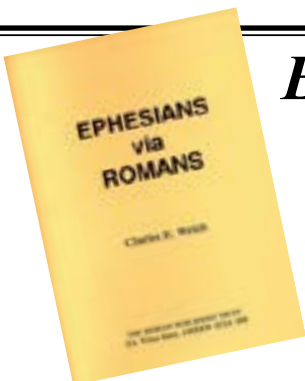
Kingdoms). These also encompass the final two ages (“the ages of the ages”), as well as the last two days of God’s eonian plan (*i.e.*, the “Day of the Lord” and the “Day of God.”) These closing two ages and days are the glorious “times of restoration of all,” resulting in God being,

All in all (I Corinthians 15:28).

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TOPICS:

Major: Acts 3:19-21; Kingdom; Millennial Kingdom; Order; Peter; Pre-Millennial Kingdom; Post-Millennial Kingdom; Prophecy
Minor: Ages; Restoration



Ephesians via Romans

by — Charles H. Welch (1880-1967)

In the style of a two-way conversation, this work illustrates that the unique blessings of Ephesians are based on the blessings that all believers have received, as detailed in the book of Romans.

38 pages

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