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Tidbits of Truth #51

“Tidbits” is a column dedicated to short comments, thoughts, studies and excerpts.

The Prior Resurrection

[Excerpt:] The Ecclesia over which Christ Jesus is Head has a prior resurrection (Philippians 3:11; Ephesians 1:12) before any other company of God's redeemed. We have a higher and more glorious calling than the “born again” ones. The “One New Man” (Ephesians 2:15) will be the first company of redeemed to be raised.

— Four Great Days
Tom L. Ballinger
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Living in Love and Grace in the Evil Age

[To: D.R.:] As every single area of life is brimming with evil, we find ourselves in them – in whatever our relationships, in whatever our occupations, in whatever our circumstances – living the best that we can, seeking to do the right (righteous) thing, as manifesting some small glimmer of hope, and life, and love, and kindness, and justice, and peace, and grace, and joy for those around us.

— Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Israel – Divinely Decreed by God for All the World

[Excerpt:] The birth and formal introduction of Israel unto the family of nations came about by divine decree. No other nation on Earth can claim that

birthright, because no other nation was so born. Israel is the chosen of God, not because of any natural, inherent, special, superior qualities. The choice of Israel to be His servant was made so that, according to His eternal salvation and redemption, all the world would eventually know the true God. What Israel is or becomes in the future is due entirely to the endowment of God's favor and grace.

— Benjamin G. Mitchell
The Second Coming of Elijah the Prophet (p. xiii).

The Church in Ruins

[To: M.G.:] Thank you for your kind comments on *The Church in Ruins*. Paul's apostleship needed to remain in effect until he wrote his last epistle. It is his active apostleship that allowed the completion of Scripture.

I appreciate your keen insight into Timothy's spiritual gift mentioned in II Timothy 1:6 and I Timothy 4:14. I wrote the material for *The Church in Ruins* 21 years ago. My studies since then have led me to see a few things differently, necessitating the need for a revised edition of the book one day. I no longer see II Timothy as “Paul's Last Letter to the Church.” I have

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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);
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- 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:
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- union in His death, burial and resurrection and ascended seated position among the celestials (Romans 6; Ephesians 2:6);
- adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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come to understand that the Ephesians-Colossians epistles are the last two letters. I now see that when Paul completed Colossians, he in fact completed the Word of God (Colossians 1:25).

— Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

The Coming Ministry of Elijah

Changing the Face of the World

[*Excerpt:*] There were many prophets in Israel, indeed, great prophets, but none of them fits the mold of Elijah. The spirit exhibited by Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah or any of the prophets does not measure up to the spirit of Elijah. It is important to focus on the work of Elijah and the spirit with which he undertook the task before him. The spirit and work of Elijah cannot be confined to the limitations of the ninth century BCE or to a narrow strip of land in the Middle East. ... Elijah will burst upon the scene of religion and politics, a force that will forever change the religious and political face of the world.

— Benjamin G. Mitchell

The Second Coming of Elijah the Prophet (p. 4)

Abraham's Patriarchy

[*Excerpt:*] Abraham was the natural father of no less than eight sons by three different women, Sarah, Hagar and Keturah, not to mention his other concubines. Hagar, an Egyptian concubine (Genesis 21:9a),

gave him his firstborn son, Ishmael; Sarah gave him Isaac; and Keturah, his second wife, gave him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah. In addition to these, Abraham had more concubines and more sons. ... Abraham, it would appear, had a harem, having an unnumbered collection of wives, who bore him unnumbered sons.¹

— Benjamin G. Mitchell

The Second Coming of Elijah the Prophet (p. 12)

The Sequence of Coming Events

[*To: B.E.*] Thanks for reaching out to me on this theme. I believe that this topic is very important, as there have always been prophetic prognosticators

1. In the coming Kingdom of God this patriarchy will be restored.

On that day seven women will seize one man, saying, "We will eat our own bread and provide our own clothing. Just let us be called by your name. Take away our disgrace" (Isaiah 4:1, HCSB).

Even the Twelve Apostles will be restored wives one hundred-fold.

Then, answering, Peter said to Him, "Lo! We leave all and follow Thee. What, consequently, will it be to us?" Yet Jesus said to them, "Verily, I am saying to you, that you who follow Me, in the renascence whenever the Son of Mankind should be seated on the Throne of His Glory, you also shall sit on Twelve Thrones, judging the Twelve Tribes of Israel. And everyone who leaves houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or fields, on account of My name, a hundred-fold shall be getting, and shall be enjoying the allotment of life eonian" (Matthew 19:27-29, CV).*

* Παλιγγενεσία (*paliggenesia*), i.e., the "rebirth" of the Nation Israel, "specifically Messianic restoration" (G3824, SEC). Translated in other versions as: "Regeneration" (KJV, DAR, REB, YLT), "New Birth Day" (ED), "Re-birth" (JMNT), "Regenesis" (EB).



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who have been a distraction to living daily life during this Secret Administration.

After some half-dozen years of close examination of Jewish prophecy, I can boldly state that, while Christ is certainly coming back physically to the Earth one day to reign from Jerusalem, He is NOT coming back in our lifetime. I believe it to be a prophetic impossibility, and that such a teaching as the *imminent* return of Christ does great harm to prophetic Scripture, as well as to the lives of the saints today. Of course, this means also that the Great Tribulation will NOT happen in our lifetime, NOR will the Anti-christ be alive in our lifetime.

The Secret Ecclesia, the “*One Body*” of Ephesians, will assume its destiny in the Super-heaven (“*far above all Heavens*”), when the Christ (Head and Body) is made manifest there on His Throne, at the right hand of the Father, in Glory. This event will bring an end to the Secret Administration here on Earth.

The Christ (Head and Body) will be manifest in the Super-heaven some 500-700+ years BEFORE the Great Tribulation.

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7 Things I Misunderstood about Prophecy

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— Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Some of Paul's Acts Period Associates Were in “The Book of Life”

[To: C.C.:] During the Acts period there were those of the Circumcision who assisted Paul in his priestly ministry to the Gentiles (such as Euodias, Syntyche, and Clement in Philippians 4:2-3) who were in “*the book of life*” (“*the scroll of life*”), which was the census roll of the living citizens of Israel. No such roll is kept during the Secret Administration, while Israel is *LoAmmi* (“*not My people*”).

With the close of the book of Acts came the temporary end of Israel as a divine nation. Their dispensational advantage was lost. Yet it was not until the writing of Ephesians and Colossians that the Secret Administration was revealed. It was during the interim between the fall of Israel and the Joint-Body of Ephesians, that the gateway epistle of Philippians was written, paving the way for the yet unrevealed truth that lay just ahead.

No one has citizenship in “*the Israel of God*” today, since the divine nation is in abeyance. Neither will the One Body have citizenship in Israel at any point in the future. Today's ecclesia has a prior expectation, and will be manifested jointly with its Head – “*up far above all Heavens*,” prior to the resumption of Israel's program.

— Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

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by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

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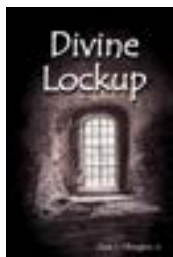
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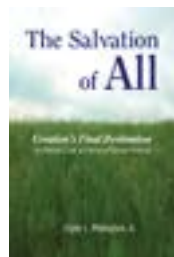
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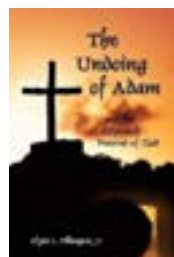
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