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Representative Prophetic Passages #1

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.



In this issue we will start a series that begins the process of locating representative prophetic passages, with the intention of identifying both (1) the kingdom stage to which they belonged, and (2) the individual characteristics presented in each passage. We

think that this will prove useful to our readers.

These passages will be presented a few at a time, and not in any specific order, although they will be organized as we go along in the *Bible Student's Notebook Master Index* for greater usefulness over time.

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and **the government shall be upon His shoulder:** and ... of the increase of His government and peace **there shall be no end, upon the Throne of David, and upon His Kingdom,** to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice **from henceforth, and in the future age** (BSV).

Kingdom Phase: Millennial

Characteristics:

- Christ will shoulder (assume responsibility of) the government of Earth
the government shall be upon His shoulder (:6)
- Christ will govern from David's Kingdom (Israel) and Throne (Jerusalem)
upon the Throne of David, and upon his Kingdom (:7)
- Christ will order and establish judgment and justice (setting things right)
to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice (:7)
- Christ's government will be without end, extending on into the consummation age
there shall be no end ... from henceforth and in the future age (:7)

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a **New Heaven** and a **New Earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea no longer existed. I also saw the Holy City, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared like a bride

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- the completeness of the believer in Christ (Colossians 2:10), with:
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adorned for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look! God's dwelling is with humanity, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. **Death will no longer exist; grief, crying, and pain will exist no longer, because the previous things have passed away** (HCSB).

Kingdom Phase: Post-Millennial

Characteristics:

- There will be a New Heaven, a New Earth and a New Jerusalem
I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth (:1)
I also saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem (:2)
- God dwells (tabernacles) with mankind
God's dwelling is with humanity, and He will live with them (:3)
- Death ceases to exist
Death will no longer exist (:4)
- Grief, crying and pain do not exist
grief, crying, and pain will exist no longer (:4)

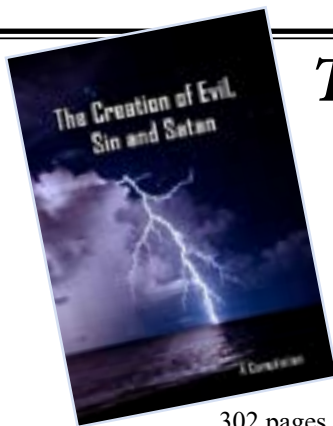
Matthew 17:10-11

And His disciples inquire of Him, saying, "Why, then, are the scribes saying that Elijah must be coming first?" Now He, answering, said to them that "**Elijah is indeed coming, and will be restoring all**" (CV).

Kingdom Phase: Pre-Millennial

Characteristics:

- Elijah will come and restore all that belongs to Israel¹
1. Elijah is one of the great prophetic figures. He has been completely overlooked. Christ declared that he "*is indeed coming and will be restoring all.*" E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913) tells us that the "restore" of Matthew 17:11 is "*restored will restore*" Not the same, but better." – CB
Some dismiss Elijah's coming, pointing to the following verse:
"Yet I am saying to you that Elijah came already, and they did not recognize him, but they do to him whatever they will. Thus, the Son of Mankind also is about to be suffering by them" (:12).
So, which is it? "*Is he indeed coming*"? or, did he come "*already*"?
These statements are not contradictory, for we know that the Scriptures state that John the Baptist came "*in the spirit and power of Elijah*" (Luke 1:17). Yet John, when asked, "*Are you Elijah?*" plainly confessed, "*I am not*" (John 1:21). Nor did John the Baptist come "*restoring all.*" Therefore, John the Baptist was merely a *type* of Elijah, which is why Christ said, "*If you are willing to receive him, he is Elijah*" (Matthew 11:14). Thus, John the Baptist was plainly a testing of Israel's readiness and reception – one that did not end well, as he was imprisoned and beheaded.
Therefore, A.E. Knoch (1874-1965) wrote,
"Though John the baptist was not Elijah ... he came in the spirit and power of Elijah (Luke 1:17), and could have performed his mission if the people had been ready to receive him." – CC (footnote continued on next page)



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The Creation of Evil, Sin and Satan (A Compilation)

The truth laid forth in this work should help us greatly in our dealings with others, especially those who have failed in some way which may bring dishonor on His Name, or cannot accept His truth, or even oppose it and us, especially mature teachings such as is put forth in the pages of this book. It contains 19 authors, 49 works, spanning 150 years. Authors include: Arthur P. Adams, E.W. Bullinger, Alan Burns, Edward Clayton, John Essex, H.W. Fry, Vladimir Gelesnoff, Norman P. Grubb, Donald G. Hayter, A.E. Knoch, William Mealand, André Piet, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., Ray Van Dyke, William H. Walker, and James Webb.

Elijah is indeed coming, and will be restoring all (:11)

first resurrection ... they shall be priests² of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him a thousand years (:6)

- Thus, the resurrected Elijah will restore all, including the:
 - Land (reallotted)
 - Tribes (reunited)
 - Priesthood (reestablished)
 - Temple (rebuilt)

- While the Adversary is bound there is no deception
no longer deceive the nations (:3)
- These conditions remain until the testing of the "little time"³
After that, he must be released for a little time (:3)

Revelation 20:1-3, 6

Then I saw a messenger coming down from Heaven with the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is called the Adversary and Satan and bound him **for a thousand years**. He threw him into the abyss, closed it, and put a seal on it so that he would no longer deceive the nations until **the thousand years** were completed. After that, he must be released for a little time (BSV).

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I will create **a New Heaven and a New Earth**; the former will not be remembered or come to mind. Then be glad and rejoice perpetually⁴ in what I am creating; for **I will create Jerusalem** to be a joy and its people to be a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people. **The sound of weeping and crying will no longer be heard** in her. In her, **a nursing infant will no longer live only a few days, nor an old man not live out his days. Indeed, no longer the youth will die at a hundred years, and nor the one who misses a hundred years will be cursed.** People will build houses and live in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They will not build and others live in them; they will not plant and others eat. For My people's lives will be like the lifetime of a

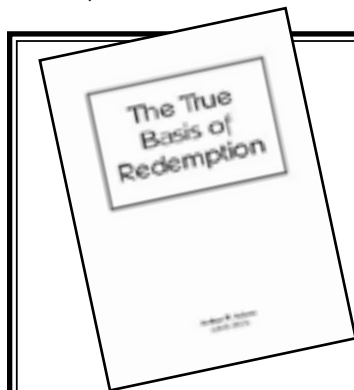
Kingdom Stage: Millennial

Characteristics

- Adversary is bound for 1,000 years
and bound him for a thousand years (:2)
- During this 1,000 years Christ and those of the "first resurrection" will reign
Blessed and holy is he who has part in the

2. These are the faithful Jews of Israel who were promised to be a "Kingdom of priests" (Exodus 19:6); indeed, the focus of the whole book of Revelation relates to the nation Israel and those faithful and unfaithful Jewish saints of the Pre-Millennial Kingdom.
3. In the Parable of the Weeds [Tares] (Matthew 13:36-43), we see the climax of the sowing of weeds, with its final effort (the "little season") with its end of purging fire.
4. REB.

Of course, this conditional "if you are willing to receive him" could never have been a reality, since John the Baptist was "not" actually Elijah, and since his rejection by Israel was a sealed part of "the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23).



The True Basis of Redemption

by — Arthur P. Adams (1847-1920)

This widely circulated work shows that Redemption is a part of Creation, and hence its success depends, not on the creature, but on the Creator. It is based on Job 14:15, where it is declared about God, "You will long for the creature Your hands have made."

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tree. My chosen ones will fully enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor without success or **bear children** destined for disaster, for they will be a people blessed by the LORD along with **their descendants**. Even before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but the serpent's food will be dust! They will not do what is evil or destroy on My entire holy mountain, says the LORD (HCSB, modified).

- There will be fulfilling, unopposed life (:21-25), even the continuation of childbearing
bear children ... their descendants (:23).

[Note:] Of course, this is the same theme of Revelation 21, and thus Isaiah 65:20 is summed by one simple phrase found in Revelation 21:4, "death will be no more" (CV). However, the way in which Isaiah 65:20 is translated in most all English versions indicates that death (the mortal aging process) and dying remain present in the "Day of God." Of course, this simply cannot be the case, because, again, with the coming of the New Heavens, New Earth and New Jerusalem it is plainly revealed that "death will no longer exist" (Revelation 21:4, HCSB).

Kingdom Stage: Post-Millennial

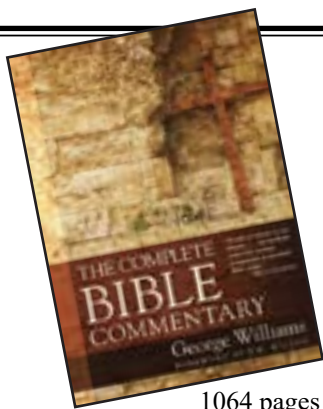
Characteristics:

- A New Heavens, New Earth, and New Jerusalem are created
I will create a New Heaven and a New Earth (:17)
I will create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight (:18)
- There will be no more weeping and crying
The sound of weeping and crying will no longer be heard (:19)
- There will be no more death
a nursing infant will no longer live only a few days, or an old man not live out his days. Indeed, no longer the youth will die at a hundred years, and the one who misses a hundred years will be cursed (:20)

The answer to our faulty English translations lies in the fact that there are two parts (or sentences⁵) in :20. The second part is but a continuation of the first, and thus must carry the "no longer" theme found in the first part. In this verse a contrast is being made between the "age of the ages" and the two prior ages. The first sentence of the verse contrasts the "age of the ages" ("God's Day") with our own "present evil age" ("Man's Day"), while the second sentence contrasts it with "the coming age" ("Christ's Day," and "the Lord's Day").

During "Man's Day" some nursing infants may "live only a few days," and "an old man" may "not live out his days" (i.e., the natural allotment of 70-80 years – (see **PROPHECY**, last page)

5. The following translations have this verse as two sentences: GLT, GWT, HCSB, MLV.



The Complete Bible Commentary

by — George Williams (1850-1928)

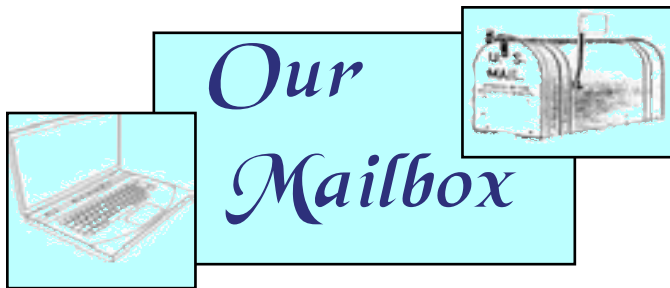
Originally published as The Student's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures in 1926, this volume is one of the most informative, insightful, single-volume, whole-Bible, dispensational commentaries available. It includes an introduction to each book of the Bible as well as helpful comments on the book's history and themes. Individual words and phrases throughout the text are explained with the aid of the author's extensive knowledge of Hebrew and Greek.

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Williams was born in Dublin, Ireland, and ministered throughout Ireland and Europe, where his proficiency in French, German, Italian, and Spanish allowed him to preach directly to many.

"[The Book of Acts] records the offer of the Kingdom to Israel, and not, as is popularly believed, the formation of the church revealed in the epistle to the Ephesians." (Page 820)



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I have been blessed in grasping and believing Paul's

installments relating to the Mystery, the Secret Administration. ... It just amazes me how corrupt things are spiritually and, like Paul, at times I feel alone – but I, by faith, believe that I have been called out. ...

Something is terribly askew in Christendom. ... I have asked many a pastor and teacher why they don't actually teach the truth of the Secret Administration, The Mystery, and I was shocked that not one had an answer, as if they even knew of Paul's anointed writings.

The ministry that God has developed in you for His purpose is something that encourages me in my journey of constant hunger, and has allowed my spirit to feel His peace, and that is helping me eagerly accept His love and grace! – **ID**

I'm a Moody grad ('69), Pastoral Major w/Greek emphasis, '74 grad with MDiv from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary (Portland, OR), Interim Pastor, Portland, OR and Senior Pastor, Seattle, WA until around '80 or '81, then managed a Christian Bookstore till late 90's.

During my Seattle Pastorate I somehow got interested in researching Universal Reconciliation, possibly through coming across books by Loudy, Jukes, Knoch, etc.

These were both hard and exciting times! I was venturing into heresy (from my then current point of



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view) and yet, thanks to the Concordant Version and believing in verbal, plenary inspiration, I couldn't deny that the "heretics" were handling the Scriptures more faithfully than my attempts (and training) to try to explain away what the text of the Word of God was saying ... to the letter!

It shook me up, but helped me see the Sovereignty of God and the full(er) blessedness, significance and power of the completed work of the Lord Jesus Christ as the sacrifice for sin.

I'm still working through the "renewing of my mind" with regard to these matters.

I thank God for my journey and for the immense help you are providing through your videos. – **HI**

I know God is sovereign and am grateful for His understanding of His work of saving all men and restoring all of His creation. ... My life has so drastically changed with the excellency of the knowledge of God through Christ. My love for God has greatly increased and my mind is more at rest.

My goal is for my wife and I to read for our increasing in the knowledge of God and when we die, our kids will take the books in to their homes for themselves and through God's grace, our grandkids will pick up a book and be drawn to Christ and believe the gospel in this life and begin to enjoy our Father now. – **WI**

The Bible has never made more sense to me. How have so many people missed it? Mainstream Christianity is blind to these truths. I have many unanswered questions due to a stubborn streak and years

of brainwashing by various denominations. I need some guidance and comfort and I believe you are the only man who can give it without a bunch of nonsense and bible-eze. – **WA**

I just finished re-reading Otis Sellers' two articles on the Parousia (BSN 699 & 785) and am "flabbergasted" at how I could read the articles with the "same eyes" yet "SEE" so much MORE than the first time I read them back in 2018!

These articles are FANTASTIC! (as I'm coming to see ALL of Otis' writings ARE!) It's like I'm reading them for the FIRST time! Father is opening "the eyes of my heart" and it's the difference between "darkness and light"!

What foolish children we have been, following the doctrines of men (because we did NOT "rightly divide" the "Kingdom of the Heavens" Scripture verses, i.e., dividing the Millennial verses from the Pre-Millennial verses). We, who exalt "right division," have been guilty of "biased right-division" (which is ERROR). I am humbled by Father's light, and deeply grateful for His grace and mercy, and forever shall be. – **SD**

André Sneidar's article, *Concerning God's Sovereignty* [[BSN 939](#)], is spot-on in my mind and understanding. God's sovereignty is indeed the basis of absolutes. The "blinded" always challenge absolutes that they CANNOT understand, a human trait endowed by, and in the wisdom of, our sovereign Father for the benefit of the fulfillment of His Will. Thank you for your sincere desire for truth. – **IN**

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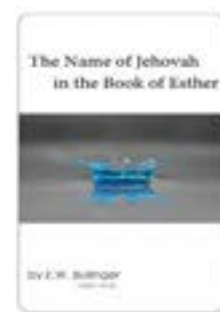


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PROPHECY (continued from page 8125)

Psalms 90:10, “our lives last seventy years or, if we are strong, eighty years.”). While during “the coming age” one dying at 100 would still be considered a “youth,” and missing that centennial milestone would be the result of a specific, individual “curse,” yet in the consummate “age of the ages,” “death will be no more” Revelation 21:4 (CV).

Daniel 9:24

Seventy sevens [weeks]⁶ are separated⁷ for your people and for your **Holy City**: to restrain the rebellion,⁸ to contain⁹ sins,¹⁰ to wrap up¹¹ perversity,¹² to bring in justice for the ages [eonian justness¹³], to seal¹⁴ the vision and the prophet, to **anoint the Holy of Holies** (BSV).

Kingdom Stage: Pre-Millennial

Characteristics:

– The City of Jerusalem is restored

- 6. 490 + 10 years of Jubilees (Leviticus 26) = a 500-year period.
- 7. Segregated (CV); divided (REB).
- 8. EB.
- 9. “To close up,” (SEC); “to lock up” (BDB).
- 10. “Seal up sins,” YLT.
- 11. “Cover,” YLT.
- 12. EB.
- 13. Cf. EB.
- 14. Make it a done deal.

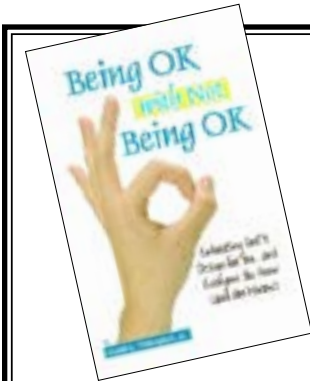
and for your Holy City (:24)

- The Temple is rebuilt
to anoint the Holy of Holies (:24)
- Rebellion is restrained
to restrain the rebellion (:24)
- Sins are contained
to contain sins (:24)
- Perversity is wrapped up
to wrap up perversity (:24)
- Justice is established
to bring in justice for the ages (:24)
- Daniel’s vision is fulfilled
to seal the vision and the prophet (:24)

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Major: Daniel 9:24; Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 65:17-25; Matthew 17:10-11; Prophecy/Representative Prophetic Passages [Millennial Kingdom (Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 20:1-3, 6); Post-Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 21:1-4); Pre-Millennial Kingdom (Daniel 9:24; Matthew 17:10-11)]; Revelation 20:1-3, 6; Revelation 21:1-4



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I have read it completely three times. I always refer back to certain chapters. – **FL**

When I read it, it was like I could breathe again. Your calming words lead me to a greater realization. – **OH**

Being OK with Not Being OK – Embracing God’s Design for You ... and Everyone You Know (and Don’t Know)

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

For now, you’re broken, and you aren’t going to be “fixed.” Granted, you may have some days that are better than others, some circumstances that seem to indicate that you are “OK,” but the wearisome cycle simply will recur.

Thus it is by design – by divine design. Father is bringing you to a place where you are OK with not being OK, where you simply rest in His current purpose and plan in your training and development for that grand and magnificent culmination that He has so wonderfully and skillfully designed especially for you – in your next life.

Thank you for this! It brought such peace and rest to me, and brought a greater understanding of God’s great love for **all** His creation. That He alone is in control of everything is mind boggling to say the least! – **NM**

So fantastic! Such peace!! – **Australia**