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How the Day of Christ Begins and Ends

by — Tom L. Ballinger

During “the Day of Christ” the Lord Jesus rules the earth from His Heavenly Throne. He will not be personally present on the Earth. The Heavens retain Him until all things are restored (Acts 3:19).

The Lord Jesus told the Pharisees in John 8:56,

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My Day: and he saw it, and was glad.

Abraham saw “the Day of Christ” by faith, and was glad. I, too, see “His Day” by faith, and I am glad. Most cannot rejoice in “His Day,” for they cannot see it.

This aspect of the Kingdom of God is best understood as the *Pre-Millennial* Kingdom of God.

There can be no “Great Tribulation” without “the Day of Christ” having been established and a long duration of Divine Rule in the Earth. Only then can Psalm 2:1-5 make sense:

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the Earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against His anointed, saying, “Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.” He that sitteth in the Heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall He speak unto



them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure.

Enumerated below are forty-eight aspects of how “the Day of Christ” begins and how it ends. In Philippians 1:10 Paul says to try the things that differ.

“The Day of Christ” is synonymous with what we term the *Pre-Millennial Kingdom*.

THE PRE-MILLENNIAL KINGDOM BEGINS WITH:

1. The Kingdom comes silently and mysteriously, without strife – without observation – Isaiah 42:2-3; Luke 17:20-21; Mark 4:26-28.
2. Christ rules and reigns from Heaven – Psalm 2:4; 11:4; 103:19.
3. Christ judges (adjudicates) the living and the dead – II Timothy 4:1.
4. Israel dwells safely in their Land – Isaiah 11:11-16; Jeremiah 23:6-8.
5. Nations submit to Christ’s rule – Psalm 72:10-11; Isaiah 11:10; Romans 15:12; Micah 4:2; Matthew 12:21.
6. The nations are eager to hear the Word – Isaiah 11:10; 42:4.

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- the affirmation that God will save all through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (I Timothy 2:3, 4; 4:10; Titus 2:11);
- 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);

- 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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7. All mankind is enlightened – Isaiah 6:3; 11:9; 40:5; John 16:8-11.
8. The Truth is believed – Isaiah 45:23; Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:10.
9. God's Spirit restrains evil – Joel 2:28; Isaiah 2:4; 30:21; Acts 2:17; John 16:7-11; II Thessalonians 2:6.
10. No Temple in Jerusalem; Gentiles help to rebuild the Temple – Isaiah 60:5-11; Zechariah 6:15.
11. Restoration of all things – Acts 3:19-21.
12. Peace on Earth – Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3; Luke 2:14.
13. Good will toward men from God – Isaiah 35:1-10; 65:21-24; Luke 2:14.
14. The curse lifted – Isaiah 33:24; 35:1-10; 65:21-22; Romans 8:19-23.
15. Glory of God revealed – Numbers 14:21; Isaiah 6:3; 11:9; 35:2; 40:5; Habakkuk 2:14.
16. All men drawn to Christ – John 13:32.
17. The Kingdom is full of light – Isaiah 49:6; 60:3; Luke 2:32; Acts 13:47.
18. Disease is eliminated – Isaiah 33:24; 58:8; Psalm 67:2.
19. Hunger disappears – Zechariah 8:12; Psalm 67:6; 85:12; Proverbs 3:10; Isaiah 30:23; Ezekiel 34:26-27.
20. Natural disasters cease – Matthew 24:7 (the mention of natural disasters here, near the end of the Pre-Millennial Kingdom, is indicative of their absence during the preceding time of the Kingdom).
21. Righteousness fills the Earth – Psalm 9:8; 48:10; Isaiah 26:9; Amos 5:24.
22. Sorrows vanish – Isaiah 25:8; 35:10.
23. Prayers answered immediately – Isaiah 65:24.
24. War learned no more – Psalm 46:9; Isaiah 2:4; Hosea 2:18; Micah 4:3.
25. Christ is exalted and worshipped – Philippians 2:10-11; Isaiah 2:17; 45:23-25.
26. Victory comes without wrath – Isaiah 11:9; 42:1-4.

THE PRE-MILLENNIAL KINGDOM ENDS WITH:

1. Israel in their Land – Matthew 24:15-21.
2. God's restraining Spirit is withdrawn – II Thessalonians 2:6-8.
3. Mankind is deceived – II Thessalonians 2:11; Revelation 12:9.
4. The Lie is believed – II Thessalonians 2:11.
5. Antichrist is revealed; exalted and worshipped – II Thessalonians 2:3-4; Revelation 13:8.
6. The Temple desecrated – Matthew 24:15; II Thessalonians 2:3-4.

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Rightly Dividing Israel's Prophetic Kingdom – With Special Emphasis on The Overlooked Pre-Millennial "Kingdom of the Heavens" (A Comprehensive Compilation)

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There are enormous amounts of prophecy that were given to Israel in the Hebrew Scriptures that are yet to be fulfilled. Most believers simply follow some version of Christendom's eschatology, futilely attempting to force the enormity of Israel's prophetic scene into a few extremely abridged time periods. From this shallow vantage point, it is believed that more time has passed in God's ages than remains. This couldn't be further from the truth. Multiplied millennia remain, more than have yet transpired, for the fulfillment of all of the glorious plans that God has revealed in His Word. Far from being near the "end" of something prophetic, the span of God's eonian plan is immense, and our placement is early in its timeline. Much more of God's prophetic program remains than man's feeble eschatologies allow.

The intention herein is to present an alternative view to the confusing message of the traditional Evangelical concept of prophecy, thus opening the door to a consideration of the idea of a Pre-millennial Kingdom as the fulfillment of many of God's promises to Israel to have their kingdom in the Earth.

All of the material in this book, taken together, is a wonderful resolution to the confusion of the conventional religious theology that has muddled the minds of sincere Bible students for centuries. While we may live in the Secret Administration, that doesn't necessarily mean that God's Word regarding His plans for Israel must be a mystery to us.



Tidbits of Truth #57

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

No Contingencies

Our God never has a headache. He is never worried as we worry when our plans go wrong, for His plans never do. In the working out of the divine plans, there are no contingencies. All history is pregnant with the guiding counsel of the all-wise God. His purposes never fail or cave in. They never collapse. No disasters ever attend the undertakings of God. He is sovereign Lord. An experiment is an experiment because of its possible failure. God never fails, hence He makes no experiments. The doctrine of annihilation discounts our conceptions of the divine wisdom.

— [Alan Burns](#) (1884-1929)
Faith Fellowship Magazine
Volume 58, Number 1

A Trip to Hell and Back

Did you realize Jonah went to “hell” (*King James Version*) and got out? That’s right – he went straight to the womb or “belly of hell” (Jonah 2:2, *KJV*) and then God brought him back again! These words come directly from a version that many people consider to be very authoritative. Jonah 2:2 “... out of the belly of hell cried I ...” and 2:6 “... thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God.”

Jonah chapter two proves that whatever “hell” in the *King James Version* may be, it is a place where God gets people out, as in the case of Jonah (2:6).

Whatever “hell” really is, its door outward is open to ultimate salvation.

— Dr. George F. Howe
The Ultimate Reconciliation of All

Is the Solution to Sin to Quarantine It?

Christendom has this strange view of God’s solution for sin. They believe that He will quarantine it on some dark outskirt of His universe forever. He will incarcerate the overwhelming majority of His creatures in a vast and horrific torture chamber while He and a very small minority of His creatures proceed to enjoy themselves with eternal bliss. This outpost will make Hitler’s concentration camps look like child’s play at Disney World by comparison.

An amazing solution for sin, is it not? Do they really believe that this is the best that God could come up with?

Is the true God of Scripture not greater than this? Is He not wiser than this? More loving than this? More responsible? Really?



The Scripture for the Circumcision

by — A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)

A dispensational look at the Greek Scriptures that were written specifically to the Jews.

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Is Christendom's presentation really God's solution for sin? Not a chance!

The problem is not with God, or His Scriptures, but with the religion that professes to represent Him. Christendom has adapted pagan Greek mythology (e.g. Orpheus, Pythagoras, Plato), Homer's *Odyssey*, Virgil's *Aeneid*, and Dante's *Inferno* as their theology, and translated their Bibles to support their creeds.

The God of Scripture is far bigger than all of man's little imagined gods.

Where sin abounds, grace much more abounds
(Romans 5:20).

— Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

The Naked Truth

I am often reminded that many years ago, when I just started teaching the Scriptures, I had a dear elderly lady tell me that all she wanted was "just the naked truth."

She didn't want the truth "dressed up" in any way; she didn't want to be entertained, she just wanted the truth: straight, simple and plain. That should be the grand goal of every Bible teacher: the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth – clear and simple.

But I, brethren, when I came to you, came not

with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. ... My speech ... was not with enticing words of man's wisdom ... (I Corinthians 2:1, 4)

— Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Broken and Poured Out

If I am poured out as a drink-offering, upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, ye rejoice together with you all (Philippians 2:17).

If ever we are going to be made into wine, we will have to be crushed; you cannot drink grapes. Grapes become wine only when they have been squeezed.

What kind of finger and thumb has God been using to squeeze you? [When He has finished His work] you will find that He is producing the kind of wine that will benefit His other children.

— Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)
My Utmost for His Highest

The Dispersed Jews' Relationship with Gentile Governments

Submit yourself to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the



Without Form and Void: A Study of the Meaning of Genesis 1:2

by — Arthur C. Custance

Considered a classic in Christian apologetics, this scholarly analysis of the biblical phrase "without form and void," from the opening chapter of Genesis, observes the rules of linguistics, grammar and syntax, and also examines how words are used in the rest of Scripture. This book has been described as the best argument that has ever been written for the Gap Theory.

A well respected Canadian scientist, and listed in the 1971 American Men in Science, Dr. Custance contends that we should not allow science to determine what Scripture says. Neither should we allow Scripture to determine what the scientist observes in the laboratory. Yet observed fact in the one cannot, ultimately, conflict with revealed fact in the other. Any conflict, then, is in the interpretation of the facts – not in the facts themselves.

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will of God, that with doing so ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men ... Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king (I Peter 2:13-17).

This passage has a context, and no honest teacher will ignore it or set it aside. First of all, the epistle was written to Jewish believers scattered throughout the provinces under Roman rule.

They had fled from the persecutions of their own countrymen, sought refuge among Gentiles, only to find these to turn persecutors because of Nero's edict. They are the addressed chosen race, a royal priesthood and a separate nation (I Peter 2:9). No believer today can claim to be any of these things if he understands the meaning of these terms.

The Jews dispersed among the Gentiles were to submit themselves to every "ordinance of man" for the Lord's sake, while in Romans 13 the context is the "ordinance of God." They were not to resist or try to overcome the restrictions placed upon them, whether it be from the king or those under him. By doing good, they would put to silence the ignorance of "foolish men." The context of Romans 13, rather than "foolish men," is "the minister of God."

This passage does not set forth one's duty toward civil government today. It set forth the manner of life that was to be followed by the Jews while they were dispersed among the Gentiles.

— Otis Q. Sellers (1901-1992)
The Word of Truth magazine
September, 1941

God Prearranged It All

God prearranged it all, from the fall of man to the glory of the consummation. Not one thing was left to chance. All was founded on His wisdom.

To some, evil is never to cease. God is never able, as they see it, to bring about so much good that all evil will vanish. They try to justify God with the false teaching that man is a free moral agent, whereas the only freedom of man which the Scriptures affirm is the freedom of deliverance we find alone in Christ Jesus.

— Guy Marks (1899-1989)
[*The Purpose of God's Will*](#)

Destruction Is a Passing Process

The terms translated "forever" and "everlasting" are human perversions which could never have deceived us if they had been consistently rendered. They denote definite divisions of time called "ages" or "eons." All together they form a distinct portion of time called "eonian times."

Destruction, like salvation, is "eonian." It is not the end or aim of God. God destroys nothing that He will not restore. He loses nothing that will not return to Him laden with praise and glory for Himself. Destruction is a passing process, not a finished goal. Through God it will work out the welfare of all of His creatures and the glory of our Savior.

— A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)
[*All in All*](#)

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Reader's Question Box #76

Paranetical Statements Found in Scripture Translations

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.



Q: Why is I Corinthians 15:20-28 in parenthesis in the *Concordant New Testament*? Someone asked that question and then offered the opinion that it was added and wasn't original text. I don't believe that. The *Dabhar Version* doesn't have any indication or note that it was added. None of my modern English versions have any indication or footnote either. – J.F.

A: It is important to understand what parentheses are. They are just grammatical punctuation. The grammar standard, *The Chicago Manual of Style*, states that,

Parentheses—stronger than a comma and similar to the dash—are used to set off material from the surrounding text (6.95).

Thus, paranetical statements are,

- given as extra information – *Oxford Dictionary*,
- set off within parentheses; qualifying or explanatory

– *American Heritage Dictionary*.

Verses 20-28 are considered by the CV translation to be a paranetical statement. That is, a note of information by Paul, added to his main topic.

So, the idea is that you can read the entire passage without the paranetical statement and see a harmonious flow, yet within the parentheses one will be able to find expanded information.

In the 1930 addition of the CV, this paragraph (:20-28) was not placed in parenthesis. The parentheses were added to assist the reader in understanding the indispensable contextual connection and flow between verses 19 and 29, which could be missed otherwise. **BSN**

Topics:

Major: Paranetical Statements; Q&A

Minor: Translations

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7. Nations rebel against Christ's Rule – Psalm 2:2; Daniel 9:26-27.
8. Unrighteousness again fills the Earth – II Thessalonians 2:9-10.
9. Sorrows begin – Jeremiah 30:7; Matthew 24:6-12; 15-28.
10. War is learned – Joel 3:9-10; Matthew 24:6-7; Luke 21:9-10.
11. Destruction – Matthew 24:21-22; Luke 21:5-6, 20-24.
12. Condemnation imposed – II Thessalonians 2:10-12.
13. Satan's kingdom filled with darkness – Revelation 16:10.
14. Plagues recur – Matthew 24:7; Revelation 9:20.
15. Hunger re-appears – Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:11.
16. Cataclysms recur – Matthew 24:7.
17. Rebuilt Temple destroyed – Luke 21:5-6.

18. The Coming (*Parousia*) of Christ – Zechariah 14:4; I Thessalonians 4:16; Matthew 24:30; I Corinthians 15:23; II Thessalonians 1:7; Revelation 1:7.
19. Great display of vengeance – II Thessalonians 2:8-9.
20. Victory with great wrath – Revelation 14:18-20.
21. Christ condemns the rebels – II Thessalonians 2:12.
22. Christ rules from Earth – I Thessalonians 4:16.

The diligent student should take note how "*the Day of Christ*" begins, as well as how it ends – which begins "*the Lord's Day*." **BSN**

TOPICS:

Major: Day of Christ; Premillennial Kingdom

Minor: Right Division

True Worship

When people talk of worshiping in some building on earth, and think of a ritualistic service as worship, and talk of worshiping God in music, it simply shows that they do not understand what is involved in the rending of the veil. The worship that is acceptable to God is the music that rises up to Him as His Spirit touches the heart-strings of His redeemed people and we bow before Him, the Holiest of All, singing and making melody in our hearts unto the Lord.

That is the place where we should be abiding in spirit constantly. In every moment of the believer's life, he is sitting in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The place of our abiding is inside the veil, in the immediate presence of God with nothing between. All that once shut God in and shut man out has been removed in the death of Christ.

— H.A. Ironside (1876-1951)
Charge That to My Account

Changing Words and Theological Adjustments

The word "nice" used to mean *silly*. The word "awful" conveyed *full of awe*. In Old English, the word "wench" meant a *child*.

Centuries ago "clue" was a *ball of yarn*, and "naughty" meant *poor or possessing nothing*. "Sly" expressed *knowing and wise* in the 13th century. A "hussy" was

a *housewife*, while a "cheater" looked after the *Kings land holdings after his death*. In our lifetime we've seen the word "gay" change its meaning while "bad" can mean *really good*.

When studying the Bible, it's important to understand that words change. The word "hell" meant *to cover* as recently as the 1600's. In Proto-Indo-European "hel" was the root for *helmet, hill* and *hall*. A "hellure" placed potatoes under cover, into the ground to grow. In the 7th century *sheol* and *hades* were replaced with "hell," which had a hopeful or positive sense at the time. *Sheol* and *hades* simply meant *a place of rest or waiting for resurrection*.

Other words have tremendously differing meanings than when they first entered English bible translations, such as justice, judgment, eternal and wrath. A careful re-evaluation of the true meanings of these words will drastically change our understanding of modern theology.

— Mike Owens
Author of [The Fallacy of Post-Mortem Punishment in Light of a Successful Savior](#)

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by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

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