

Two Aspects Of Christ's Reign (Explanation – Open First) - File 1

This discourse was given in two parts using slides which showed all the scriptures and many charts. A five page handout was given out after the discourses that is a synopsis of the discourses and includes all the charts. It is suggested to print out the handout so you will be able to refer to the charts while reading the manuscript, for the charts are not incorporated in the manuscript.

File 2 is the 5 page handout with Charts

File 3 is the entire manuscript of the two part discourse.

File 4 is entitled P.S. #2, which answered questions that arose after the original discourses were given.

File 5 is a list of 185 page numbers of every reference in the Volumes and Watchtower where Bro. Russell referenced Rev. 20: 4,5 or 6

Following is a list of related discourses on the subject of Christ's reign.

Rev. 20, Reign Of Jesus And The Church

Three Anointing's Of David

Typical Pictures Of Entering The Promised Land

2 ASPECTS TO REIGN - COVERS 3 TIME PERIODS

LORD REIGNS AS KING OVER ALL 3 PHASES OF GOD'S KINGDOM

SETTING UP
GOSPEL AGE HARVEST

MEDIATORIAL
RESTITUTION BLESSINGS

HARVEST
LITTLE SEASON

LORD'S REIGN BEGINS with setting up the Kingdom - Raising Sleeping Saints and Destroying Satan's Systems. LASTS UNTIL all enemies are destroyed and Kingdom is turned over to God - thoroughly cleansed - 1 Cor. 15:24-28. KINGSHIP is in 2 DISTINCT PARTS as shown below.

Setting up Kingdom	1000 Year Reign of The Christ Head and Body. Rev. 20:4-6	
Spiritual Phase of Kingdom Set Up JUDGMENT OF SYSTEMS	JUDGMENT OF INDIVIDUALS *As Sheep and Goats Matt. 25:31-46 *Great White Throne Rev. 20:11-15 *New Jerusalem Rev. 21:1-27 *Dominion of Earth Given. Psm. 2:8; Dan. 7:11-14	
1878		
Gospel Age Harvest	Mediatorial Reign of Blessing	Mill. Age Harvest (Little Season)
Till Church Complete and Blood Applied		Same Length as Gospel Age Harvest. 2nd Death Destruction of all opposers of God -- Angelo and Human. Eph. 1:10 & Col. 1:20.
1874		2874
<p>1000 YEAR 7TH MILLENNIUM</p> <p>1000 YR Binding of Satan = Gradual Restraint of Influence-Then Complete.</p> <p>1000 YR Judgment Day (Systems - followed by Individuals) 2 Pet.3:8-13.</p> <p>Time of Antitypical Jubilee = Preparation and Blessing.</p> <p>Times of Restitution = Preparation and Blessing.</p>		

2 ASPECTS TO REIGN - COVERS 3 TIME PERIODS - PART 1

INTRODUCTION

ARTICLES WHICH REFER TO REIGN BEING FUTURE

- R-5023 C2-P1-3: Glorified Church have not reigned in any sense
- R-4586 C2-P4,5: 1000 year Reign after Atonement Day Ends
- R-5115 C2-P1: 1000 year Reign not till Church complete
- R-5604 C1-P3: 1000 year reign after Armageddon
- R-5692 C1-P3: 1000 years not until Kingdom fully Inaugurated
- R-5919 C2-P4: 1000 year Restitution blessings when Church complete

ARTICLES WHICH REFER TO REIGN HAVING BEGUN

- Vol.2-ii 1916 For: 1000 years of Christ's reign began in 1873
- Vol.3.-301: Kingdom here (in days of present Kings of earth)
- R-5916 C2-P(last): King & Kingdom are here
- R-5753 C1 P-1: Kingdom began in 1878
- R-5632 C1-P4: Messiah's reign began with sounding of 7th trumpet
- R-5990 C1-P2: 1878 God set His King upon His holy hill of Zion
- R-6013 C2-P7,8: 7000th year began - 42 years in New Age

ARTICLE THAT PROMPTED EVALUATION

R-2739 C1-P5-2740
QUESTION: I understand from Rev.20:4-6, that Christ will reign 1000 years, and from verses 2-7 that Satan will be bound during that period. If Christ began to reign in 1878, and Satan will not be bound until 1915, the two periods do not seem to synchronize; and furthermore, both extend beyond the 7th 1000 year period which according to our Bible chronology, began in the Autumn of 1872. How is this? Can you assist me?

ANSWER: Apparently this matter of when the 1000 year period should be reckoned as fully beginning and fully ending will be an open question until the close of the Millennial age.

The scripture declaration respecting the saints, the overcomers is, "They lived and reigned a 1000 years." The reign of the saints cannot be properly be said to begin before all the "jewels" have been gathered, nor before "the times of the Gentiles" end in 1914. Nor is it said that their reign will be no longer than a 1000 years. After the 1000 years' Satan shall be loosed and the above trial shall ensue; but the reign of Christ and the church will evidently continue long enough after the 1000 years to destroy all found unworthy in that final test, and to thus complete the work for which this reign is instituted;-- for, as expressed by the apostle, "He must reign TILL he hath put ALL ENEMIES under his feet... And when all things shall be subdued unto him (some by conversion and some by destruction), THEN shall the Son also himself be subject unto Him (the Father)."

WHAT WE HOPE TO PROVE.

CHART 1: - LORD REIGNS AS KING OVER ALL 3 PHASES OF GODS KINGDOM
Gospel Age Harvest, Mediatorial Reign, Little Season
(See chart above at top of sheet)

Seeming conflict: Rev.20:9 However we see N.A.S., Rotherham and Marshall's Diaglott, show "God" is spurious.

WHEN IS THE LITTLE SEASON?

Rev.20:7 After what 1000 years? Verse 6 or verse 3
CHART 2: Rev.20 refers to Two Separate and Distinct 1000 Year periods

REVELATION 20 REFERS TO 2 SEPARATE AND DISTINCT 1000 YEAR PERIODS

1000 YEAR BINDING OF SATAN

Rev. 20:1-3, -- (7-10 Follow verse 3)

1000 YEAR REIGN OF "THE CHRIST"

Rev. 20:4-6,--(11-15 Follows Verse 6)

CHART 3: showing Rev.19:19 thru 21:15 not Sequential. Verses 7-10 refer to same 1000 years as verses 1-3, NOT after 1000 year reign of "The Christ."

Revelation 19:19 - 20:15
Not Sequential. Scene Keeps Changing
Between Judgments of Different Groups

GROUP JUDGED OR REWARDED

*Rev. 19:19-21	Systems	(Beast & False Prophet)
*Rev. 20:1-3	Satan	(1000 Year Binding)
*Rev. 20:4-6	Church	(Reign 1000 Years)
*Rev. 20:7-10	2nd Death Class	(Little Season)
*Rev. 20:11-15	Mankind	(Great White Throne)

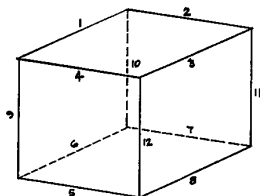
Thus showing the 1000 Years of Verse 7 are not necessarily referring to the 1000 Year Reign of Verse 8 - but could be referring back to the 1000 Year Binding of Satan previously mentioned in Verses 20:1-3.

Rev.20:1-3 with 7-10: Follow in sequence
 Rev.20:4-6 with 11-15: Follow in sequence

NEW JERUSALEM - REV.21:1-27

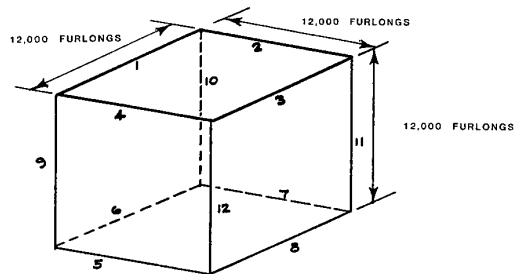
5182-C2-P6 Rev. 20:9 "beloved City" is New Jerusalem Church in Glory. Note it is still present during "little season."

12 Foundations = 12 Apostles
 Chart 4: 12 Foundations = 12 Apostles



12 FOUNDATIONS = 12 APOSTLES

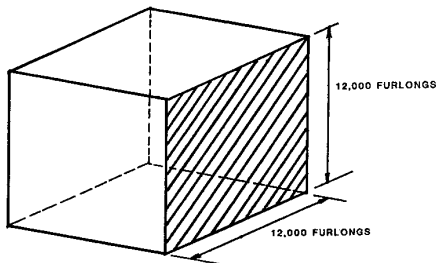
Chart 5: 12 Foundations x 12,000 Furlongs each = 144,000



12 FOUNDATIONS X 12000 FURLONGS EACH = 144,000

SHOWS HOW CHURCH OF 144,000 WILL CIRCUMSCRIBE THE CITY

Chart 6: N.J. Wall Area = 144,000 x 1000 years = 144 Million sq. furlongs. Church to be a wall of protection for the 1000 years of the kingdom.



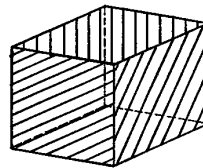
AREA OF ONE SIDE

12,000 X 12,000 = 144 MILLION FURLONGS

144 MILLION = 144,000 PROTECTING X 1000 YEARS

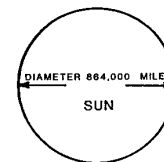
SHOWING HOW THE CHURCH 144,000 WILL BE A WALL OF PROTECTION FOR 1000 YEARS

Chart 7: N.J. entire wall area = 144 million x 6 sides = 864 million = 864,000 x 1000 years - Church will shine as the sun for the 1000 years of their Reign.



AREA OF EACH SIDE
 12,000 X 12,000 = 144 MILLION

144 MILLION X 6 SIDES = 864 MILLION



DIAMETER OF THE SUN
 864,000 MILES

864 MILLION = 864,000 X 1000 YEARS
 CHURCH WILL SHINE AS THE SUN FOR 1000 YEARS OF MILLENIUM

START OF THE PICTURE:

Rev.21:1,2 AFTER 1st heaven & earth WERE PASSED AWAY.

COMPLETION OF THE PICTURE:

Rev. 21:27 Shows it's a picture of the Kingdom from a completed standpoint.

Rev.21:8 Shows it lasts until 2nd death class is destroyed

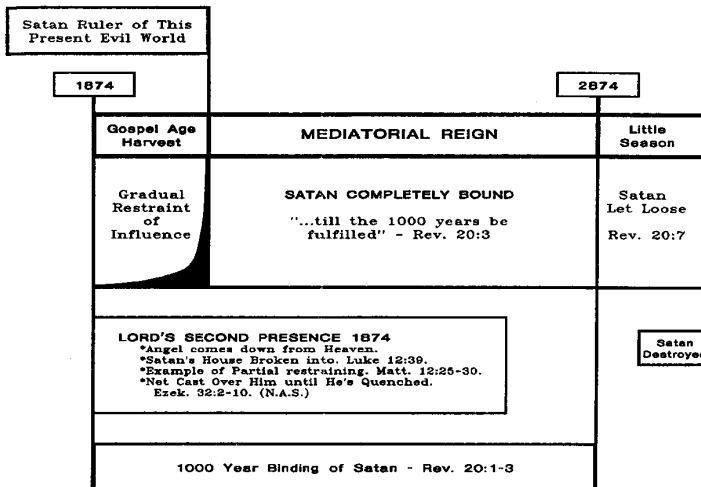
Articles: Q.B. 827 Satan will be destroyed during Christ's Reign

R-3470 C2-P1: After all 2nd death class destroyed Kingdom turned over to God

BINDING OF SATAN!

Chart 8: Chart of Satans Position - 2 parts to Binding

CHART OF SATAN'S POSITION



GRADUAL RESTRAINING THEN COMPLETE.

Rev. 20:1-3 Angel came down. When? Lord in 1874
 Luke 12:37-39 Roth. Satan's House Broken into by Our Lord
 Matt. 12:28,29 N.E. Jesus partially bound Satan to cast out demon.
 Vol.1-307 Day of Jehovah is when Satan's influence is being BOUND.
 Ezek. 32:2-10 Roth. Pharaoh in net, is quenched- gradual restraining.
 Article on Binding started: R-5574 C1-P0 Jehovah will wrest by force Satan's Dominion, and give to Son.

HOW LONG IS THE LITTLE SEASON? REV.20:3

We suggest, - Same length as Gospel Age Harvest
 "Season" is "Chronos" a "Time" of 360 years
 This wouldn't be too far out of line when we consider the present Harvest is now 113 years long.
 A "Little Season," would thus be about a 1/3 of a "Time"

CHRIST'S THRONE OF GLORY

PICTURES 1000 YR REIGN AFTER CHURCH IS COMPLETE-THRU THE LITTLE SEASON

Matt.25:31-34,41: Vs.31, "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory and ALL the Holy Angels with Him, THEN shall he sit upon the throne of HIS GLORY."

Throne of Glory BEGINS when all Saints are with Him.

Continues until the destruction of all the Goats (the 2nd death class)

R-4694 C1-P4 Matt.25:31-46 Shows work of kingdom after it is set up, when Church is complete.

R-5830 C1-P3 Now Jesus is on God's throne, - When Church is complete he will be on His own Throne.

Note the distinction of Thrones.
Chart 7 Throne on which Jesus sits.

THRONE ON WHICH JESUS SITS

ON RIGHT HAND OF GOD'S THRONE		ON HIS OWN THRONE OF GLORY	
GOSPEL AGE	Gospel Age Harvest	MEDIATORIAL REIGN	Little Season
Psm. 110:1: "Sit thou on my Right Hand until I make thy enemies Thy Footstool." Acts 2:32-35.		Matt. 25:31: "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory and ALL the Holy Angels with him, THEN shall he sit upon the throne of HIS GLORY."	
Rev. 3:21..."To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my Throne, even as I am set down with my Father in HIS Throne."		Matt. 19:28: "Ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son shall sit in the throne of HIS glory, ye also shall sit upon 12 THRONES judging the 12 Tribes of Israel."	
		Rev. 20:4: "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them...And they lived and reigned with Christ a 1000 Years."	
Psm. 2:8 "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance. (Blood applied)"		Kingdom turned over to God with all enemies and evil destroyed.	

Jesus now sits on Gods throne. Rev. 3:21, Psm.110:1

After Church is complete, Psm.2:8 will be fulfilled, and Jesus will sit on HIS OWN THRONE OF GLORY. Matt.25:31

Matt.19:28, Refers to Church sitting on 12 Thrones WHEN Jesus sits on throne of HIS GLORY.

Rev.20:4 (on chart) Shows when 1000 year reign begins they are sitting on thrones Plural. (Must be after Church is complete. - Sequence is Matt.25:31 then Matt.19:28 then Rev.20:4.

Matt.25:31-34,41 Notice the Judgment of "The Christ" while on "His Throne" is the same as "The Great White Throne Judgment" of Rev.20:11-15. Both include blessing the faithful, and destruction of all wicked.

R-2304 C1-P0, C2-P1,2 Matt.25:31-46 pictures 1000 year reign which includes the little season. Kingdom will end and be turned over to the father, after the destruction of all the 2nd death class and Satan.

Rev.11:17,18 Reign includes destruction of 2nd death class.

Vol.4-644 & 5 ALL Goats & ALL opposers are destroyed as part of Lords reign, - THEN Kingdom turned over to God.

OTHER ARTICLES SHOWING MATT. 25 REFERS TO 1000 YEAR REIGN AND INCLUDES THE LITTLE SEASON.

- R-3433 C1-P5,6: Matt.25 is a picture of Millennial Age
- R-4986 C1-P4: Messiah will destroy the goat class
- R-5406 C1-P (last): Matt 25 parable to last a 1000 years
- R-2736 C2-P(last): "Enemies" of righteousness are enemies of God and of Christ & will be destroyed.
- R-2606 C1-P5: Three Harvests 1. Jewish age = wheat from chaff
- 2. Gospel age = wheat from tares 3. Millennial = sheep from goats
- R-5530 C1-P6: Matt.25 parable follows our Lord's Parousia and Epiphania.

SUMMARY SHOWING LORD'S REIGN LASTS TO END OF LITTLE SEASON.

- Matt.25:31-46: (Sheep & Goats), Till all goats destroyed.
- Rev. 20:11-15: (Great White Throne), Till all unworthy destroyed.
- Rev.11:15-18: (Jehovah & His Christ), Till all destroyed who destroy the earth.
- Rev.21:1-27: (New Jerusalem), Till abominable destroyed, & no more death.

KING DAVIDS REIGN WAS A TYPE OR PICTURE OF OUR LORD'S REIGN DIVIDED IN 2 SEGMENTS OF HEBRON AND JERUSALEM REIGNS 2 SAM.5:4,5

HEBRON REIGN: 7 1/2 years, Was King only over His OWN PEOPLE of Judah.

JERUSALEM REIGN: 33 years, Was King over ALL ISRAEL.

CHART OF DAVID'S TWO REIGNS

HOW DAVID'S REIGN PICTURES THE TWO PARTS OF OUR LORD'S REIGN (2 Samuel 5:4,5)

HEBRON REIGN Over His People Judah Only (7 1/2 Years)	JERUSALEM REIGN Over All Israel (33 Years)	
GOSPEL AGE HARVEST	MEDIATORIAL REIGN	Little Season
<p>Pictures our Lord Establishing The Spiritual Phase of the Kingdom over which He Reigns, being recognized as King By His People Only (Zion) - Psa. 2:6.</p> <p>Hebron means=Seat of Association.</p> <p>Pictures the work of our Lord while still seated on - or sharing God's Throne (Before sitting on HIS OWN THRONE.)</p> <p>During this day of Jehovah's Vengeance Jesus will as God's Appointed King remove ALL of Satan's evil institutions.</p>	<p>Pictures time when Psalm 2:8 will be fulfilled - "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen (nations) for thine inheritance."</p> <p>Jesus will sit on the Throne of his Glory, united with his Bride, and will be recognized as King by All Mankind.</p> <p>Will receive Earth's Dominion. Dan. 7:13,14; Volume 1, page 280.</p> <p>New Jerusalem Picture. Rev. 21:1-27.</p>	
1874	Church Complete Blood Applied	Kingdom Turned Over To God when Satan and all enemies destroyed.

Vol.2-78 Reign recognized only by Church now, mankind later.

GOD'S REIGN AND CHRIST'S REIGN

As we go on to consider other scriptures that show these TWO PARTS to the Lord's reign, we will note some of them refer to the Kingdom reign as "God's Reign."

We believe we can harmonize these as in Vol. 1-303 "Jehovah shall be King over all the earth in that day." (Zech.14:9) The kingdom which Jehovah will establish in the hands of Christ during the Millennium will be Jehovah's kingdom, but it will be under the direct control of Christ as his VICEGERENT."

HEBRON REIGN SCRIPTURES - When Christ is only recognized as King by His OWN PEOPLE

The task of "Setting up" the Kingdom at this present time is often referred to as being done BY GOD for HIS SON. However, the work is actually carried out by Christ in His new Kingly Office, as the Fathers representative.

- Psm. 110:1,2, 5,6 N.A.S. Jehovah tells Lord to RULE.
- Rev.19:15,16 Lord carries out God's wrath as KING of Kings.
- Vol.2-P100 Applies Rev.19:15 to Christ's present reign.
- Psm.2:1-6 N.A.S. Lord is installed as KING.
- R-5990 C1-P2 Lord was set as King on Zion in 1878.
- R-5181 C1-P10 & C2-P7 Difference between King & Kingdom.

SCRIPTURES AND ARTICLES REFERRING TO THE DOMINION OF EARTH BEING GIVEN TO OUR LORD AS AN INHERITANCE - AFTER CHURCH IS COMPLETE AND BLOOD IS APPLIED.

Psm.2:8: Nations given as an Inheritance.

Vol.3-1916 Forward iii: Kingdom has various stages of Inauguration

Other articles referring to the Dominion of Earth being given to our Lord as an Inheritance - AFTER CHURCH IS COMPLETE AND BLOOD IS APPLIED.

R-5054 C2-P4-6: When enemies are footstool, bride will be complete, then Psm.2:8 fulfilled

R-4512 C2-P1,3: Sits at right hand, until Dominion is given under New Covenant.

Vol.4-12: Dominion of present institutions will be given as an inheritance to Lord.

Psm.2:8: Heathen (Nations) given as Inheritance, is when church is complete and blood applied. S.B. 435 & 666, R-5683, 5873, Q.B.29

DAN.7:11-14 (N.A.S.) DOMINION OF EARTH GIVEN AFTER PAPAL BEAST DESTROYED

Vol.1-260-263 When all present governments fall, Dominion will be given to Lord.

Other similar Articles - Dominion of Dan. 7 given after all present kingdoms Fall

5574-C1-P0, 5239-C2-P3, 3359-C2-P1 & last

2 ASPECTS TO REIGN - COVERS 3 TIME PERIODS - PART 2

KING DAVID'S REIGN WAS A TYPE OR PICTURE OF OUR LORD'S REIGN

- Luke 1:31,32: Jesus to sit on throne of David
- Acts 15:16: Build again the Tabernacle of David.
- Ezek. 37:24: Antitypical David King over them (Regathered Israel)

Isa.9:6,7: Lord would Govern the throne of David

SUMMARY OF SCRIPTURES SHOWING THE SPIRITUAL PHASE OF THE KINGDOM IS NOW BEING SET UP - CHRIST IS RECOGNIZED AS KING BY ONLY HIS PEOPLE (HEBRON REIGN)

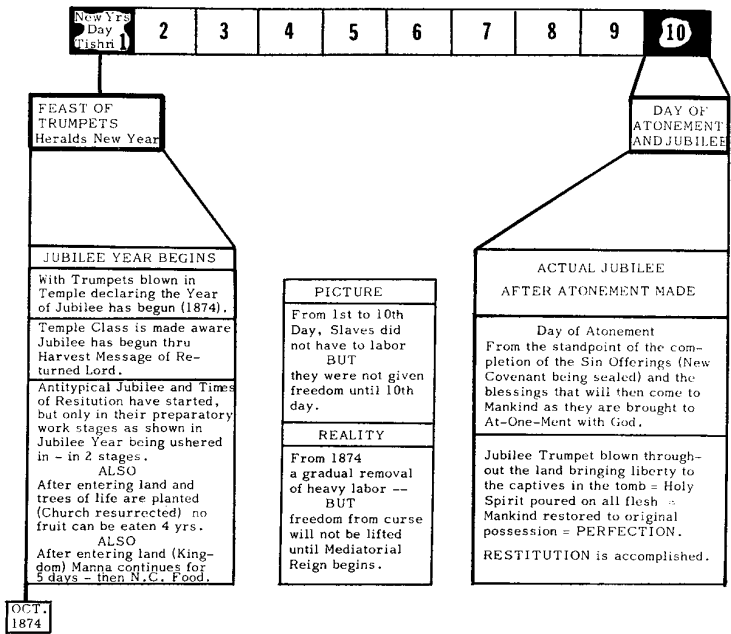
Chart of Jubilee

Psm. 2:6: I set my King on Zion
 Luke 19:12,13,15 Parable of Pounds-When Lord returned, He had already received the Kingdom.
 Dan. 2:42,44 In days of these Kings, shall God set up a kingdom
 Ezek. 20:33,34 N.A.S. King over Israel when they are regathered
 Rev. 14:13-20 During Harvest Time Lord has CROWN - (Is King)
 Rev. 11:15-17 N.E. & 18 N.A.S. Sovereignty of World has passed to JEHOWAH AND HIS CHRIST
 Psm. 97:1-5 Jehovah Reigns - Fire & trouble follows
 Psm. 99:1 Jehovah reigns -People Tremble
 R-2272 C2-P1 Began in 1878-not fully set up till Church complete
 Other Articles R-5715 C2-P1, Vol.4-622-623

MILLENNIAL KINGDOM USHERED IN - IN TWO STAGES

DAY OF JEHOVAH

Judging Satan's Evil Institutions-Civil, Social, & Ecclesiastical)
 Vol.1-307 During (Day of Jehovah) Christ is more as the "General of Jehovah" than as the "Prince of Peace"
 "DAY OF JEHOVAH" SCRIPTURES
 Note how they all refer to the present Harvest "Time of Trouble," as the Wrath or Vengeance of Jehovah God. God's wrath is carried out in turn by Our Lord Jesus, who with Royal Title, Power, and Authority acts as Jehovah's representative.
 Zeph.3:8,9: Fire of God's Jealousy
 Zeph.1:14,15: Day of God's Wrath
 Isa.61:2: Declare the Day of Vengeance of our God
 Rev.16:14: Battle of great day of God Almighty
 Joel 2:11: LORD'S (Jehovah) Great Army
 Joel 2:9-16: Day of Jehovah great & terrible
 Rom. 12:19: Vengeance is mine, saith Jehovah
 Psm.50:3: A fire shall devour before Him (God)
 Psm.46:6-8: (God) Uttered His voice-Earth Melted
 Isa.13:4-12: Howl-Day of Jehovah as destruction
 Psm.97:1-5: Jehovah Reigns, a fire goes before him
 Psm.99:1: Jehovah Reigns, Let the people tremble
 Rev.19:11-21: Winepress feature is WRATH of ALMIGHTY GOD, vs.17: "Supper of God," - Carried out by our Lord, who at that time is - "King of Kings & Lord of Lords"
 2Pet.3:7,8,10,13 N.A.S.: 1000 year Judgment day
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David's Reign CHART (see above)

In other words Times of Restitution and Jubilee have begun in the "HEBRON" portion of our Lord's reign, - the Preparation phase of setting up the Kingdom. The blessing phase will follow in the Mediatorial Reign.

JERUSALEM REIGN:

KINGSHIP is Recognized by ALL MANKIND in Mediatorial Reign.
CHURCH COMPLETE, MARRIAGE TAKES PLACE, BLOOD IS APPLIED, DOMINION OF EARTH is GIVEN.
HIGH PRIESTS ANTITYPICAL CHANGE OF GARMENTS TAKES PLACE
 Lev.16:22-24 N.INT.V. Linen Garments changed to Glory.
THE MELCHISEDEC PRIESTHOOD IS INSTALLED INTO OFFICE R4759 C1-P7
 Other articles on change of Garments - 4602 C1, 4512 C2, 3387 C2, 2935 entire
MEDIATORIAL REIGN OF JUDGING MANKIND AS INDIVIDUALS.
 Isa.2:3 Law out of Zion, word of law from Jerusalem
 Joel 2:28,32 Lord King over Mt.Zion & Jerusalem

SUMMARY OF DAVID'S JERUSALEM REIGN ANTITYPE - CHRIST REIGNS OVER ALL MANKIND

Psm.2:8: Heathen given for Inheritance
 Dan. 7:14: Dominion of Earth given
 Matt. 25:31-46: Glory Throne - Sheep & Goats
 Rev.20:11-15: Great White Throne Judgment
 Rev.11:18: Time of Judging the Dead
 Rev.21:1-27: New Jerusalem
 Isa.24:19-23: Reign in Mt. Zion & Jerusalem
 Joel 2:28,32: King over Zion & Jerusalem
 Isa.2:3: Law out of Zion & Jerusalem
 Lev.16:22-24: Change Garments-Linen to Glory
 Heb.7:21: Melchizedek Priesthood

RESTITUTION

Acts 3:20-21 Diaglott: This scripture ties in the beginning of the times of RESTITUTION, with the Time of our Lord's return, which we realize was in 1874. We notice the word "TIMES" of Restitution is PLURAL. In other words there are various phases to Restitution. The phase we are in now is the PREPARATORY phase. The beginning of the setting up of the spiritual phase of the kingdom. The removal of the present evil institutions. God styles all this work as part of the Restitution process. One of the PHASES of the "TIMES of Restitution"
 Vol.2-197 Physicians 1st work- must wound to HEAL
 R-5973 C2-P6 Blessings must await completion of Church
 In other words the Restitution BLESSING PHASE, cannot begin till the Church is complete.
 Only the preparatory phase is in operation now.

JUBILEE

We believe the Chronology associated with the JUBILEE chapter of Volume 2, is correct when it suggests the antitypical Jubilee begun in 1874, from a similar standpoint, as when we say the "Times of Restitution" have begun. That is, in its PREPARATORY PHASE! Even this we believe was shown in the type.

CHRIST TO REIGN UNTIL ALL HIS ENEMIES ARE DESTROYED
 1 COR. 15:24-28 N.A.S. "THEN COMES THE END,"
 (The end of Christ's Reign) These are the most definitive scriptures we have that describe what is included in Christ's reign, showing it will last to the end of the little season.
JESUS GIVEN AUTHORITY AND POWER TO JUDGE ALL BEINGS IN HEAVEN AND EARTH
 John 5:22 N.A.S. All Judgment given to Son
 Matt.28:18 N.A.S. All Authority in HEAVEN and EARTH given to Son
 1 Cor. 6:3 N.A.S. Church to Judge Angels
JESUS TO REIGN UNTIL ALL FALLEN ANGELS ARE DESTROYED.
 Note how RULE, AUTHORITY, AND POWERS in 1 COR. 15:24 REFERS TO ANGELIC BEINGS.
 1 Cor.15:24: Kingdom will be delivered to the Father AFTER Jesus Abolishes - (Note Strong's Numbers)
ALL RULE (746), ALL AUTHORITY (1849), ALL POWERS (1411)
 Eph.1:21: "Jesus raised to Gods own right hand far above all principality (746), power (1849), might (1411), & dominion"
 Eph.6:12: "We wrestle not with flesh and blood but with principalities (746), against powers (1849)"
 Rom.8:38: "I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels, nor principalities (746), nor powers (1411), ... shall separate us from the love of God."
 Col.1:16: "By Him are all things created in heaven & earth ...whether they be thrones, dominions, principalities (746), or powers (1849)."

All RULE (746), All AUTHORITY (1849), All POWERS (1411)

Eph.3:10: "...principalities (746), and powers (1849), in heavenly places."

1 Pet.3:22: "(Jesus) Who is gone into heaven and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities (1849), and powers (1411), being made subject unto Him."

Eph.2:2 N.E.: "Time was when you were dead in your sins ... when you obeyed the commander of the spiritual powers (1849) of the air."

Col.2:10: "Ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality (746), and power (1849)."

So we can see when it refers to the fact that Jesus will reign until he has abolished, All Rule, All Authorities, and all Powers, it's really saying that Christ's reign will continue until all FALLEN ANGELS ARE DESTROYED INCLUDING SATAN.

ISA.24:19-22: Refers to FALLEN ANGELS being cast into prison after Armageddon, then to be visited or judged later in the Little Season.

Host of heaven must be referring to fallen angels NOT symbolic spiritual heavens, because the Nominal heavens will be destroyed forever during Armageddon, not cast into a prison to be visited later. Rev.19:19-21

MATT.25:41 N.A.S. At time of destruction of Goats, it says (future tense) they will be cast into fire prepared for the devil AND His angels. The inference is that the destruction of the devil and his angels is an event that is yet future, after the 2nd death class is destroyed.

1 COR.15:25 N.A.S. REIGN UNTIL ALL "HIS ENEMIES" ARE ABOLISHED

Let's assume for the moment, that our Lord's 1000 year reign DOES NOT include the little season; that the kingdom would be turned over to the Father, just BEFORE the Little Season begins. Then it would mean that the greatest ARCH ENEMY of man and our Lord, would be EXCLUDED. It would mean the 2ND DEATH CLASS, who will encompass the camp of the saints and the "beloved city" WERE ALSO EXCLUDED. But our scripture in verses 27 & 28 says, that our Lord will reign until ALL HIS ENEMIES, WHETHER IN HEAVEN OR EARTH, are put in subjection under His feet.

Yes, He will reign until every wickedness, until every opposer of righteousness, yea, until every enemy in this entire universe is removed. He will reign until every single being in this universe, will BOW in subjection to Him, - with just ONE EXCEPTION.

Notice that when His reign is finished, of all the countless billions of beings in the universe, there will be only one who will not be subject. ONLY ONE WHO IS EXCEPTED! Our GREAT HEAVENLY FATHER, who originally decreed, to put all things in subjection to our Lord.

GEN.3:15 N.A.S. SEED TO BRUISE SATANS HEAD
Q.B. 827 Satan destroyed during reign (VERY POSITIVE)

1 COR.15:26 N.A.S. LAST ENEMY DEATH
Why does it say the last enemy to be abolished or destroyed is death?

Heb.2:8-11,14,15 There is NOTHING, that will not be in subjection to Him, - 14 He will Destroy Him who had power of death, - 15 thereby delivering those who all their life feared the bondage of death.

There will be no exceptions as to who will be subject to Jesus. NONE! Notice how verses 14 & 15 tie to verse 8 as the answer of how putting all things under Christ's subjection MUST INCLUDE SATAN. He will be destroyed. WHEN? (Vs 8), During our Lord's reign, when he will put all things in subjection under his feet.

Then notice verse 15. The death of Satan is going to deliver someone. Who? THOSE WHO FEAR DEATH! ALL MANKIND!
All will be apprehensive as to whether they will pass the final test. Even as Jesus was in:
Psm.102:24

"Take me not away in the midst of my days (of Eternity)"

For they will know that Mediatorial leniency will no longer apply. But rather one slip from absolute perfection, will now mean eternal extinction. And what will finally free them from all fear of death?

Heb.2:14,15 Yes, when Satan is finally destroyed, it will mean the TEST IS OVER. It will be the destruction of Satan, that will finally deliver all mankind from the bondage or fear of death.

The last enemy that will finally be destroyed is death, and with it, the fear of eternal extinction.

THE GREAT COVERING OF DEATH OVER ALL MANKIND WILL FINALLY BE REMOVED.

Isa.25:6-9 "He will Destroy the COVERING OF DEATH which is stretched over all nations. He will SWALLOW UP DEATH IN VICTORY"

Rom.8:19,21 "Creature waiting to be delivered from bondage of death." And now having PASSED THEIR TEST, mankind will be ushered into the "GLORIOUS LIBERTY OF THE SONS OF GOD."

Rev. 21:4 "There will be NO MORE DEATH"

Luke 20:36 "Neither CAN THEY DIE ANYMORE"

1 Cor.15:26 "The last enemy that shall be DESTROYED IS DEATH"

"THEN COMES THE END" OF HIS REIGN, AND THE KINGDOM IS TURNED OVER TO THE FATHER, CLANSSED, PERFECTED, AND ALL PRAISING GOD AND HIS CHRIST.

Col.1:20 N.E. All things in HEAVEN and Earth are reconciled to Him

Eph. 1:9,10 N.E. All things in HEAVEN and Earth will be gathered together as one, in Him.

Rev. 5:13 N.A.S. Every creature in HEAVEN and Earth will praise the Lamb.

Vol.4-644-645 Having destroyed all the opponents of God (in the Little Season,) he shall turn the Kingdom over to the Father, His reign having accomplished its purpose. 1 Cor.15:24-28

CONCLUSION - OVERALL CHART 1 (SEE PAGE 1)

SHOWING 2 ASPECTS TO REIGN - COVERING 3 TIME PERIODS

We suggest for your consideration that the Scriptures as well as Bro. Russell show:

1. That our Lord Reigns as King over all 3 Phases of God's Kingdom.
2. That now (as King) during the Harvest, he's setting up the Spiritual Phase of the Kingdom, and is removing Satan's evil Civil & Religious Systems.
3. That there will be a 1000 year reign of glory when the church is complete, covering the Mediatorial Reign and the Little Season.
4. That the chronology of the 6 Volumes is correct.
5. The 1000 year 7th Millennium began in 1874.
6. The 1000 year binding of SATAN began with our Lord's return.
7. The anti-typical Jubilee & Times of Restitution have begun in their preparation stages.

Brethren that concludes our study! Is it correct? Time will only tell. For myself, I believe I only saw part of the picture, and other brethren saw a part that I didn't see. And indeed there was this third

part that Bro. Russell referred to many times as a possibility, that seems to be the BEST HARMONIZATION OF ALL.

If nothing more we trust that hearing this possibility may help us all in our further studies of this subject. My heartfelt prayer is that these thoughts that we have presented, will help us all, to be more understanding and more loving with those with whom we may have differed, realizing we may have all been only partially correct.

That we may all realize we need one another, that we can learn from one another, yea, that we may be blessed by what every joint of the body supplies to the others. AMEN

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TWO ASPECTS OF CHRIST'S REIGN - COVERS 3 TIME PERIODS

PART 1

There is probably no other subject in the Bible Student Movement where there is greater difference of opinion on than THE REIGN OF CHRIST. Some brethren feel that the 1000 year Reign of Christ began in 1878, others feel it will not begin until the Church is complete.

Why is there this difference of opinion? Let's take a few minutes to read a few of the articles Bro. Russell wrote on the subject.

ARTICLES WHICH REFER TO 1000 YEAR REIGN BEING FUTURE

R-5023 C2-P1-5: GLORIFIED CHURCH HAVE NOT REIGNED IN ANY SENSE

QUESTION: "Is it scriptural to say that the glorified members of the church have reigned at any time up to the present?"

ANSWER: No! They have not reigned at any time. At least, if they have reigned, we have not found it out, and they have made a poor reign of it so far. . . . The reign of Christ did not in any sense begin in the past. . . . When the reign of Christ begins, you will find it such a thorough reign that all the members of his body will have some part in it. So we assume that when our Lord's kingdom shall begin its reign, conditions for the whole world will be very much changed. If the reign of Christ should begin today, the saints would be with him; for he is to be the great Judge, the saints the under-judges; he is to be the great King, the saints the under-kings; he is to be the great Priest, the saints the under-priests -- "A royal priesthood," "kings and priests unto God," who "shall reign with Christ a thousand years."

R-4586 C2-P4,5: 1000 YEAR REIGN AFTER ATONEMENT DAY ENDS

"Soon the antitypical Atonement Day will end and satisfaction for the sins of the world will be made. Forthwith the world will be turned over to him, and his Mediatorial reign will begin.

His mediation will not be for each person individually, but for the world collectively. He will reign or mediate for a thousand years."

R-5115 C2-P1: 1000 YEAR REIGN NOT TILL CHURCH COMPLETE.

"When will the promised time come in which 'Thy will shall be done on earth as in heaven?' The Scriptures reply that the glorious time for the blessing of the world will not come until the church shall have passed into glory; that Messiah will then reign for a thousand years."

R-5604 C1-P3: 1000 YEAR REIGN AFTER ARMAGEDDON

"We have heretofore pointed out that the great Battle of Armageddon - the anti-typical one - is near....which will precede and prepare the way for Messiah's glorious rule of a thousand years. 1 Cor. 15:24-26; Rev. 20:6"

R-5692 C1-P3: 1000 YEARS NOT UNTIL KINGDOM FULLY INAUGURATED

"Their reigning, their power and their control in the world's affairs will not come until they shall have experienced the resurrection change, and Messiah's kingdom shall be fully inaugurated. Then these shall live and reign with Christ a thousand years". - Rev.20:4

R-5919 C2-P4: 1000 YEAR RESTITUTION PRIVILEGES AFTER CHURCH COMPLETE

"The kingdom cannot come until the royal family is ready to take the throne. Jesus, indeed, had long been ready; but in harmony with the Father's plan he has waited and has been doing a work in the preparation of the church, his brethren, who are to be his joint-heirs in the kingdom -- otherwise styled "the bride, the Lamb's wife." (Romans 8:17; Rev. 21:9,10) Then for a thousand years the restitution privileges will be open to the whole world of mankind."

**ARTICLES WHICH REFER TO REIGN
HAVING BEGUN**

**VOL.2-II 1916 FOR: 7TH DAY-1000
YEARS OF CHRIST'S REIGN BEGAN IN
1873**

"The Bible chronology herein presented shows that the six great thousand-year Days beginning with Adam are ended, and that the great Seventh Day, the thousand years of Christ's Reign, began in 1873. The events of these 43 years, which this Volume claims as the beginning of the Millennium, we still find fully corroborating Bible prophecies, as herein set forth."

**VOL.3.-301: KINGDOM HERE (IN DAYS
OF PRESENT KINGS OF EARTH)**

THY GOD REIGNETH!

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God Reigneth!" Isa. 52:7

"Thy God Reigneth!" The oft-repeated prayer of the Church has been answered; the Kingdom of God has indeed come. In the days of the present kings of earth, before their lease of dominion expires, it is being set up."

**R-5916 C2-P(LAST): KING & KINGDOM
ARE HERE**

"Nevertheless, both the King and the kingdom are not only coming, but are here; and the present troubles and shakings in church and state, and the general awakening of the people are the results of influences emanating from that King and kingdom."

**R-5753 C1 P-1: KINGDOM BEGAN IN
1878**

"Many Bible students understand that chronologically Messiah's kingdom began its operation in the world in the year 1878, while the last members of the Elijah class are still in the flesh."

**R-5632 C1-P4: MESSIAH'S REIGN
BEGAN WITH SOUNDING OF 7TH
TRUMPET**

"At the sounding of the seventh trumpet Messiah was to take unto himself his great power and reign. That trumpet is now sounding! "And the nations were angry and thy wrath is come." (Rev. 11:18)

**R-5990 C1-P2: 1878 GOD SET HIS KING
UPON HIS HOLY HILL OF ZION PSM.2:6**

"And now -- since the Spring of 1878, God has "set his king upon his holy hill of Zion." (Psm.2:6)

**R-6013 C2-P7,8: 7TH 1000 YEAR DAY
BEGAN - 42 YEARS IN NEW AGE**

"Let us awake, and take note of the fact that the dawning of the new age is already here. For the past 42 years we have been in it and enjoying many of its blessings. But those blessings came so stealthily -- "Like a thief in the night" -- that few recognize their import. Some few have been calling attention to the fact that we have been in the Millennial dawn since 1874.

Bible Chronology quite clearly teaches that the six thousand years since Adam's creation have ended-- six great days of a thousand years each, mentioned by St. Peter--"a day with the Lord is as a thousand years." (2 Pet. 3:8) Now the great seventh day, also a thousand years long, has commenced."

Well I think we can easily see why there are differences of opinion among the brethren today.

There are many articles which refer to the Lord's reign beginning in 1878, - and many which say the 1000 year reign of Christ will not begin until the Church is complete.

One point I think we all would agree on, is the subject is not as clear cut as we would like it to be.

That all of us, regardless of what position we took, had to make some type of adjustment to various scriptures and reprint articles. They just didn't easily fit together at face value.

So each of us in our own way, came up with some type of rationale that made sense to us.

So brethren here we stand at the cross roads. Two sets of scriptures. Two sets of articles from the Harvest Messenger. Seemingly two separate view points.

Will it always remain so? Until this study I would probably have said yes! For I felt so sure that the 1000 year reign began in 1878, - and I know that other brethren felt just as strongly that it was yet future.

But after this study I realized I was only partially right. And those who held the other view were also partially right.

Brethren it is my earnest prayer that the thoughts we are about to suggest will not in any way sound presumptuous, or dogmatic. If at times we sound excited or enthusiastic, its only because we are.

For brethren we would like to suggest that many of the basic underlining reasons of both viewpoints are correct.

And there is a third viewpoint Bro. Russell suggests as a possibility that seems to be the best harmonization of all. It is this third viewpoint that we desire to explore, for we truly believe it harmonizes far more of the scriptures and the harvest message than either of the other views do by themselves.

Because the view we are about to suggest is going to be different in several areas than what you may presently believe, I would ask you to do something that I know will be rather difficult.

That is to please try to withhold a final judgment until you have heard all the scriptural and reprint support from both parts of this study.

I know that for myself, when the thought first crossed my mind as a possibility, my immediate reaction was it can't be. Several scriptures immediately came to mind to disprove it, as I know it will to you.

But we decided to pursue it regardless, and lo and behold slowly as the weeks and months went by, all the reprint articles and scriptures that I initially thought might disprove it, vanished away, as they ended up harmonizing a concept we had never thought of.

What started our re-evaluation, was a brother brought to our attention Reprint 2739 which we discussed quite at length as to its implications. I really hadn't given much thought to this article before our discussion. But as the days went by, it weighed heavily on my mind. Could it be that somehow the 1000 year reign included the little season? This is the article:

R-2739 C1-P5-2740

QUESTION:"I understand from Rev.20:4-6, that Christ will reign 1000 years, and from verses 2-7 that Satan will be bound during that period. If Christ began to reign in 1878, and Satan will not be bound until 1915, the two periods do not seem to synchronize; and furthermore, both extend beyond the 7th 1000 year period which according to our Bible chronology, began in the Autumn of 1872. How is this? Can you assist me?"

ANSWER: Apparently this matter of when the 1000 year period should be reckoned as fully beginning and fully ending will be an open question until the close of the Millennial age.

The scripture declaration respecting the saints, the overcomers is, 'They lived and reigned a 1000 years.' The reign of the saints cannot be properly be said to begin before all the 'jewels' have been gathered, nor before 'the times of the Gentiles' end in 1914. *Nor is it said that their reign will be no longer than a 1000 years.* After the 1000 years Satan shall be loosed and the above trial shall ensue; ***but the reign of Christ and the church will evidently continue long enough after the 1000 years to destroy all found unworthy in that final test, and to thus complete the work for which this reign is instituted;***-- for, as expressed by the apostle, 'He must reign TILL he hath put ALL ENEMIES under his feet... And when all things shall be

subdued unto him' (*some by conversion and some by destruction*), 'THEN shall the Son also himself be subject unto Him' (the Father)."

It was this suggestion that the reign of Christ and the Church could possibly include the little season, that resulted in a 6 month study that has been one of the most enlightening studies we have ever experienced.

It was in addition, a humbling experience, for I was so sure my previous view was correct.

But as the weeks went by, my positive ness began to slowly crumble. Though my view was correct in measure, it became apparent it was only partially so.

To show you where we are heading we have a chart to give an overview of what we hope to prove.

Please see and **READ** at this point, the entire chart printed on page 1 of handout entitled;

"LORD REIGNS AS KING OVER ALL 3 PHASES OF GOD'S KINGDOM."

Two points we would like to call attention to at this time are:

1. Our view is based on the understanding that the little season will be of the same length as the Gospel Age Harvest.

2. Though our Lord's 1000 year reign (with his bride the complete Church), continues to the end of the little season, we are NOT to think that His position in the little season is still one of Mediator. The office of Mediator, and exercising Mediatorial leniency comes to an end when the Little Season starts. Our Lord's position then changes from Mediator to administrating mankind's final test, when absolute perfection will be required. As final judge He will destroy the second death class and reward the faithful with everlasting life.

This final work however is still considered part of our Lord's reign, for the very purpose of His reign is to restore "whosoever will" to perfection, and bring into subjection all beings in the universe. Thus, all wickedness and evil doers will be destroyed and the Kingdom will be turned over to God with the entire Universe

cleansed and bowing in subjection to our Lord and His Father.

As I began this study two scriptures immediately came to mind that said to me it can't be. Perhaps the same ones that you may be thinking of right now. Lets cover the easy one first.

It refers to the 2nd Death Class at the end of the Little Season.

REV.20:9: "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from GOD out of heaven, and devoured them."

This tends to imply that it's God's judgment that destroys the 2nd death class in the little season.

However we soon found in the Diaglott, that the word "God," is questionable, for it is not in the Alexandrian Manuscript.

Notice **REV.20:9 (NAS) (NEW AM. STANDARD TRANSLATION) it just says:**

"and fire came down from heaven and devoured them."

These translations also leave out the word "God," Rotherham, Marshall's Diaglott, New English, New International, Jerusalem Bible, Revised Standard, Moffatt, Weymouth, Phillips, Ferrar Fenton, Good News Bible, New World Translation, Amplified.

But even if the word "God" wasn't spurious, it would still harmonize from the standpoint that our Lord is the Father's Vicegerent in all things, as Vol. 1-page 303 explains.

But this brings us to the scripture I'm sure we have all thought of by now, which is Rev.20:6,7, having to do with the Little Season.

REV.20:6,7: "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second

death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a 1000 years.

(7) And when the 1000 years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison."

It seems to say the Little season Must be after the 1000 year of Christ's Reign not within it.

Later as our lesson progresses, we will consider 5 sets of scriptures that indicate that the 1000 year reign of "The Christ" will include the little season - for they all indicate the Reign continues until all the faithful are rewarded and the 2nd Death Class is destroyed.

For this to be true, there would have to be some other way to understand this scripture than what we have all *conventionally understood*.

Is there another possible explanation? We believe there is!

(Please now see Chart on page 1 of handout entitled:)

REV.20 REFERS TO TWO SEPARATE AND DISTINCT 1000 YEAR PERIODS

We believe Rev. 20 can be understood from the standpoint that it refers to TWO separate and distinct 1000 year periods.

The first 1000 year period of Rev. 20:1-3 refers to the process of Satan's binding which began with our Lord's return.

The second 1000 year period of Rev. 20:4-6 refers to the reign of Christ, head and body, which will begin when the Church is complete.

In order to see the possibility of 2-1000 year periods and to understand the 20th chapter overall more easily, we would like to consider verses 1 to 3 being followed by verses 7 to 10 - and verses 4 to 6 followed by 11 to 15. Let us go on to see why.

(Please now see chart on page 2 of handout entitled:)

REV.19:19- 20:15 NOT SEQUENTIAL. SCENE KEEPS CHANGING BETWEEN JUDGMENTS OF DIFFERENT GROUPS."

First let's notice how Rev.19:19 thru 20:15 is not sequential. But rather the scene keeps changing between different groups.

Rev. 19:19-21 is referring to the judgment of systems. The beast Papacy, and the False Prophet, Protestantism. You recall how they are destroyed forever as systems, being thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev. 20:1-3 has a change of scene, it's now referring to the 1000 year period in which Satan is bound. Verse 3 ends with, Satan in the pit, "till the 1000 years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season."

Rev.20:4-6 is now another complete change of scene. It now calls our attention to the reward of the church class, of how they will reign with Christ a 1000 years.

Rev. 20:7-10 changes the scene again by jumping to the end of the 1000 year binding of Satan, when he will be released out of his prison during the little season. It tells us of the destruction of the 2nd death class and Satan by being thrown into the Lake of fire.

Rev.20:11-15 the scene changes again by jumping backward to the beginning of the 1000 year reign, to describe what will take place during the entire Mediatorial reign and the little season. Which will be the "The Great White Throne" judgment of all mankind as individuals.

Now brethren seeing how Rev. 20 is not sequential, lets note again how it could thus be indicating to us that there are two separate and distinct 1000 year periods mentioned in Rev. chapter 20.

As we view on our screen Rev.20:1-3, with verses 7-10 along side, notice how verses 7 to 10 perfectly follow verse 3.

Verse 3 ends by telling us Satan will be in a pit, "till the 1000 years should be fulfilled, and after that he must be loosed a little season." Then verse 7 follows, "And when the 1000 years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations." (Thus verse 7 to 10 goes on to

describe what happens in the little season after the 1000 year binding of Satan is over.)

In other words, I'm sure EVERYONE WOULD CONCUR that when verse 7 says "And when the 1000 years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison," that it's referring to the same 1000 years of Satan's binding mentioned in verse 3, where it says Satan will be in a pit till the 1000 years should be fulfilled - and after that he must be loosed a Little Season.

The question then before us is does verse 7 ALSO refer to the 1000 year reign mentioned in verse 6?

We would like to suggest for the moment the possibility that it DOES NOT. That verse 7 refers ONLY to the 1000 years of Satan's binding mentioned in verse 3 and not to the 1000 years of verse 6.

That verses 7 to 10 should be considered the natural sequence to verse 3, with verses 4 to 6 referring to a different 1000 years as being the reign of Christ - and that verses 11 to 15 should naturally follow verses 4 to 6.

For as we view Rev.20:4-6 on our screen with verses 11-15 along side, notice how they too now naturally follow one another, -- and could be referring to a completely different 1000 year period than the binding of Satan.

Verses 4-6 refer to the reward of the Church, of reigning with Christ a 1000 years. Then verses 11-15 should follow verse 6 for they describe what will take place during that reign. Which will be the "The Great White Throne" judgment of all mankind as individuals. Later we will see how the work of the "Great White Throne" judgment will encompass the entire Mediatorial reign and the little season.

We realize this interpretation of Revelation 20 is not a positive proof in itself that there are two 1000 year periods mentioned in this chapter, or that verse 7 refers only back to the 1000 years of verse 3 and not to the 1000 years of verse 6. But we do think it does show that it's a possibility.

More conclusive proof is needed. This will come in the form of five sets of scriptures we will consider. As we do, please note how all of them will indicate that the Lord does indeed reign to the end of the little season and would

harmonize with the understanding of Rev. 20 we have just considered.

In addition, as we continue in building our scriptural logic we'll from time to time also include reprint articles. The prime reason being to show that Br. Russell expressed the thought on a good number of occasions, that Christ's reign will last to the end of the little season.

This thought was something that just never registered to me before. We'll include one now.

Q.B. 827 SATAN WILL BE DESTROYED DURING CHRIST'S REIGN.

"QUESTION -- Since Jesus is to reign until all enemies are put under His feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death (1 Cor.15:25,26,) would it not prove that Satan and his hosts would be destroyed before death is destroyed, and that both would be destroyed during the reign of Jesus?

ANSWER -- The Apostle's argument is so clear and convincing in this 15th chapter of First Corinthians relative to the reign of our Lord Jesus and the object or purpose to be accomplished by that reign, that there is but one answer to the question and that one is in the **AFFIRMATIVE**... The last of the evil things that have so long afflicted the race, death, "and him that had the power of death" shall be destroyed (Heb. 2:14; Rev.21:4)."

Before considering the scriptures that refer to the reign continuing to the end of the little season, we would like to go into a little more detail on the binding of Satan.

(Please see at this time on page 2 of the handout, the chart entitled:)

CHART OF SATAN'S POSITION

The premise of today's study is based on the understanding that the 1000 year binding of Satan began with our Lord's 2nd Presence.

We may at first wonder how this could be, for even as our chart shows he's still the ruler of this present evil world. He's still active. He's still tempting the church as a roaring lion.

We believe the binding scripturally is a 2 step process.

1. The first step refers to a gradual restraining of Satans influence that takes place in the Gospel Age Harvest. Slowly at first and then highly accelerated as the shaded portion shows.

2. Then at the end of Armageddon, the second step takes place which is a complete binding of Satan, during the Mediatorial Reign.

Let's note how the scriptures refer to when the binding process begins.

REV. 20:1-3 ANGEL CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN. WHEN? - LORD IN 1874

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years."

Binding begins with an angel coming down from heaven. Referring we believe to our Lord coming down from heaven in His 2nd presence in 1874.

The chain, is initially a chain of truth, which begins curtailing his influence of error and deception. It will be truth along all lines, that will eventually result in tearing down all the evil institutions of Satan in this Day of Jehovah. And then he will be completely restrained during the Mediatorial reign. These two phases of Satan's restraint are together what constitutes the binding process.

Let's go on to consider 3 scriptures that all show that Satan's binding is a progressive process.

LUKE 12:37-39 (ROTHERHAM) SATAN'S HOUSE BROKEN INTO BY OUR LORD

"Happy those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching! Verily I say unto you He will gird himself and make them recline, and coming near will minister unto them... But of this be taking note, Had the householder known in what hour the thief was coming, He should have watched, and not suffered his house to be digged through."

The time element is immediately at our Lord's Return. The householder is Satan. His house suffered, from the stand point that it started to get "digged thru." "Digged thru" by the way is the correct thought of the Greek word, and it implies a gradual undermining of all his institutions until they finally collapse into the lake of fire, picturing complete everlasting destruction.

We notice this process began immediately at our Lord's 2nd Presence, when he came "as a thief in the night" (quietly, unobserved). Then the Harvest Message began undermining Satan's systems.

Let's consider another scripture that's a good example of how Satan could be partially bound. Background of Matt.12:29 is when Jesus was accused of casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub.

MATT. 12:28,29 N.E. JESUS BOUND SATAN TO CAST OUT DEMON.

"But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out the devils, then be sure the kingdom of God has already come upon you.

Or again, how can anyone break into a strong man's house and make off with his goods, unless he has first tied the strong man up before ransacking the house?"

To drive out the demon Jesus had to partially restrain or bind Satan's influence on this individual: Showing that binding or restraining can refer to a gradual process, of restraining his influence progressively bit by bit, in a matter of degrees, followed by a complete personal restraint.

VOL.1-307 DAY OF JEHOVAH IS WHEN SATAN'S INFLUENCE IS BEING BOUND.

"The Day of Jehovah is the name of that period of time in which God's kingdom, under Christ, is to be gradually 'set up' in the earth, while the kingdoms of this world are passing away and Satan's power and influence over men *ARE BEING BOUND.*"

Another scripture that beautifully describes Satan's GRADUAL BINDING is:

**EZEK. 32:2-10 (ROTHERHAM)
PHARAOH IN NET, IS GRADUALLY
QUENCHED**

"Son of man, take up a dirge over Pharaoh king of Egypt, (symbolic of Satan, the God of this present evil world of Christendom) and thou shalt say unto him, The young lion of the nations thou didst deem thyself, Whereas thou wast like the crocodile in the seas, and didst cause thy streams to burst forth, and didst trouble the waters with thy feet, and foul their rivers."

(Water is symbolic of truth, so it's talking about how Satan "Fouled their rivers," the true sources of truth of our Lord and our God, and brought forth instead his counterfeit sources of truth,.. "and didst cause THY STREAMS TO BURST FORTH".)

Vs.3,4 "Thus saith My Lord Yahweh, Therefore will I spread over thee my net, With a gathered host of many peoples, And they shall bring thee up in my net; And I will stretch thee out on the land, Over the face of the field will I fling thee, -- And I will cause to settle upon thee all the birds of the heavens, and will satiate with thee the wild beasts of all the earth."

Notice it says "I will spread over thee my net." A net is made up of many cords. It's these cords of the net that are already in the process of binding him up. It's the net of our Lord in His 2nd presence that He uses to restrain Satan's influence. And notice that it is not something that is done instantly, for this net is spread over Satan by a **HOST OF MANY PEOPLE**, and they, we're told will bring Satan up in the net.

In other words this net is referring to truth along all lines and from many people or sources that will gradually entangle and restrain Satan's influence of his counterfeit source of truth.

Vs.5,6 "And I will lay thy flesh on the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy blood; and will soak the earth with thy blood amongst the mountains, And the channels shall be filled with thee."

Yes Satan's kingdom is tottering to its fall, and it's BLOOD, it's life strength of IGNORANCE **AND SUPERSTITION**, is ebbing away, slowly bit by bit. Notice now in the next verses how the gradualness of his binding is being described.

Vs. 7,8 "And when I **QUENCH** thee," (The quenching referred to is the extinguishing of the counterfeit source of truth of Satan's systems)

I will cover the heavens, and obscure their stars, The sun, - with a cloud will I cover, and the moon shall not shed her light; As for all the light-bearers in the heavens, I will obscure them over thee, and will stretch out darkness over thy land."

Yes, Satans Sun and Moon his counterfeit sources of light of the gospel and law, will all be extinguished, together with his light bearers in the heavens. That is, his so called "Pulpit light bearers" his false teachers.

And complete darkness will finally cover Satan's counterfeit kingdom for it will be no more.

VS.9, "And I will aggrieve the heart of many peoples, when I bring them who are broken off from thee among the nations, unto lands which thou hast not known."

Yes though the systems of Satan will fall, the people as individuals, (those who are broken off from thee,) will be raised from the dead and brought into the land of the kingdom, (the land which thou (Satan) "hast not known."

Vs.10 "Yea I will cause amazement over thee unto many peoples, and the hair of their kings shall stand on end over thee, when I brandish my sword over their faces, And they shall tremble every moment every man for his own life, In the day of thy fall."

Yes the "Hair of the Kings (or civil rulers of earth) will stand on end" in the final throes of Armageddon.

"In the day of thy fall," Satan's final complete restraining when he's thrown into the pit, for the remainder of the 1000 years of his binding.

I think this chapter well illustrates the present work of our Lord. Our Lord's net of truth is in the process of undermining, restraining, quenching, Satan's institutions and their counterfeit sources of truth.

Article on Binding started:

R-5574 C1-P0 JEHOVAH WILL WREST BY FORCE SATAN'S DOMINION, AND GIVE TO SON.

"This *dominion Jehovah will wrest by force* from the 'prince of this world,' Satan, and will give it to his Son, whose bride will share her Bridegroom's kingdom. This transfer will be accomplished in a great time of trouble, which is to end this present world, the present social order."

HOW LONG IS THE LITTLE SEASON?

REV.20:3: "AND AFTER THAT HE MUST BE LOOSED A LITTLE SEASON."

The answer is we don't know for sure. Our study today is based on the thought that it would be equal in length, to the Gospel Age Harvest. Is this a reasonable assumption? We think it is.

Word here for season is chronos which we identify with a "Time" or Period of 360 years in Rev.6:11. So when it refers to a "little season," we can think of it as referring to a "Little Time," or about 1/3 of a time or season of 360 years.

This wouldn't be too far out of line when we consider the present Harvest is now 113 years long.

TWO ASPECTS TO CHRIST'S REIGN

The title of this study, "Two Aspects to Christ's Reign," is based on the typical reign of King David. We are all familiar with the many scriptures that show David's reign was a type of our Lord's reign.

- Luke 1:31,32: Jesus to sit on throne of David.

- Acts 15:16: Build again the Tabernacle of David.

- Ezek. 37:24: Antitypical David shall be King over them (Regathered Israel).

- Isa.9:6,7: Lord would Govern the throne of David.

Lets go on to see how David's Reign was in **TWO separate and distinct parts**, beautifully picturing the **TWO PARTS** to our **Lord's reign**.

**2 SAM.5:4,5 DAVID'S
HEBRON/JERUSALEM REIGN OF 7 1/2
& 33 YEARS**

"David was 30 years old when he began to reign, and he reigned 40 years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah 7 years and 6 months; and in Jerusalem he reigned 33 years over all Israel and Judah."

Please see now the chart on page 3 of the handout entitled,

**"HOW DAVID'S REIGN PICTURES THE
TWO PARTS OF OUR LORD'S REIGN" 2
SAM.5:4,5**

During the 7 1/2 year Hebron Reign, David was only recognized as King by **HIS OWN PEOPLE OF JUDAH**. All the other tribes opposed David's reign and appointed their own King Ishboseth.

Later for 33 years David reigned from Jerusalem, and then **ALL ISRAEL** recognized him as King. This is a beautiful picture of our Lord's reign.

Shortly, we will consider many scriptures which refer to our Lord Reigning **NOW** as King. However just like in the case of David, we realize the only ones who recognize our

Lord's kingship at the present time, are his own people, (the Church Class.)

But before we consider the texts showing our Lord is now reigning, we would like to reflect on the scriptures which indicate there is a difference between how the Lord is reigning now as king, compared to the future when the Church is complete. The time when our Lord will be recognized as King by ALL MANKIND.

We will find that there are 5 sets of scriptures which show the reign that begins when the Church Class is complete, is the 1000 year reign of Rev. 20, and that it will last till the end of the little season.

PARABLE OF THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

MATT.25:31-34,41 THRONE OF GLORY- WHEN ALL SAINTS ARE WITH HIM

(31) "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

(32) And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

(33) And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left."

When vs.31 says, When the Lord comes with "All the Holy angels with Him," it is referring to the fact that the Church is complete. The marriage has taken place, and Jesus together with His bride are "THEN" placed upon "THE THRONE OF OUR LORD'S GLORY."

Then will begin the blessings of the Mediatorial reign, when mankind will be raised and their judgment as sheep or goats will begin.

Then notice how in the following verses of 34, & 41, this reign of Glory with all the saints, continues to the end of the little season.

(34) "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

(41) Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

Verse 34 could not be said, until the righteous have passed their final test, of the little season.

Also, we see how verse 41, must include the little season, for it refers to the final destruction of all the goats (the 2nd death class.)

So we see how this parable of the sheep and the goats, teaches us 3 important truths:

1. When the Church is complete, the Lord will "THEN sit on the **THRONE ON HIS GLORY.**"

2. *Judgment of mankind as individuals* will then begin.

3. The time element of how long our Lord will "Sit on the throne of His Glory," includes the "LITTLE SEASON."

This is the first set of scriptures that we are suggesting, indicates that the 1000 year reign of Glory of "The Christ Class," mentioned in Rev. 20:4-6, begins with the Church being complete, and will last until the end of the "Little Season" when all wickedness and evil doers will be destroyed together with Satan.

R-4694 C1-P4 SHOWS MATT.25:31-46 DESCRIBES WORK OF KINGDOM AFTER IT IS SET UP, WHEN CHURCH IS COMPLETE.

THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

"Today's study tells of the kingdom, but from another standpoint. It explains the work of the kingdom AFTER it shall have been set up, - after Messiah at his second advent shall have gathered his 'jewels' to constitute his bride class, - AFTER these shall be with him in *the throne of his glory*, - after he shall have taken unto himself his great power and shall have begun his Messianic reign of righteousness under the whole heavens."

Lets consider more "*The throne of His Glory.*"

**R-5830 C1-P3 NOW JESUS SITS ON
GOD'S THRONE, - WHEN CHURCH IS
COMPLETE HE WILL BE ON HIS OWN
THRONE.**

"The exalted Jesus is a spirit being of the very highest order, - of the divine nature, - who sat down at the Father's right hand, **ON THE FATHERS THRONE**, waiting for the time when he would make his own throne, establish the Millennial Kingdom and **ASSOCIATE THE CHURCH WITH HIM IN HIS THRONE AS HIS BRIDE**. 'To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in **MY THRONE**, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my father in **HIS** throne.' Rev. 3:21."

Note how Br. Russell is here showing us a distinction between 2 thrones. Our Lord now sits on the Father's Throne. When the church is complete he will then sit on His own throne of Glory.

Please now see and read chart on page 3 of handout entitled: "Throne on which Jesus sits." This chart helps illustrate the point Bro. Russell is making. OF how throughout the Gospel Age, including the harvest, our Lord sits on the Fathers Throne, but during the Mediatorial Reign, and little Season, the Lord will Sit on His OWN THRONE OF GLORY.

An important point we would now like to make has to do with the three scriptures we have on the chart referring to when the Lord sits "on his own throne of glory." Matt.25:31, Matt.19:28, and Rev.20:4.

In order to understand these scriptures, we would like to consider them together in a sequential order. In so doing we will see that the 1000 year reign of "The Christ," of Rev.20:4-6 can only begin after the church is complete.

The first scripture in our sequence is Matt.25:31. It says that the Lord will NOT sit on the throne of his glory until the church is complete.

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all *the holy angels with him*,

THEN, -- (Notice) **THEN**, shall he sit upon the *throne of his glory*."

The next scripture in the sequence is Matt.19:28.

"Ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son shall sit in the *throne of HIS glory*, ye also shall sit upon 12 thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel."

Thus far we see how the Lord will NOT sit on the throne of HIS GLORY until the church is complete. Then in Matt.19:28 we see that **When** he does sit on the *throne of his glory*, the church is promised they will sit on 12 associate or subordinate thrones with our Lord, on which they will do a judging work, judging the 12 tribes of Israel, (all mankind).

Now notice Rev.20:4-6. Verse 4 sets the opening scene of the 1000 years when the church lives and reigns with Christ, and it begins by saying:

"And I saw thrones (plural), and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them."

The fact that the 1000 year reign scene begins with the church sitting on thrones (plural) and doing a judging work, shows us that the 1000 year reign cannot begin until the church is complete.

For our 3 scripture sequence again indicates that:

1. The Lord will not sit on the throne of his glory until the church is complete.

2. **WHEN** he sits on the throne of his glory, **THEN** the church are promised they will sit on *12 associate thrones* doing a *judging work* of judging the 12 tribes of Israel, (all Mankind)

3. And now we see the 1000 year reign scene of Rev.20 begins with the church sitting on thrones (plural) doing a judging work. It therefore of necessity must be after the church is complete, after both Matt.25:31 and 19:28 are fulfilled, for not until then would the church sit upon thrones (plural).

GREAT WHITE THRONE

Now lets notice the Judgment of our Lord when He sits on **HIS THRONE OF GLORY** in Matt.25:31-41, is the same as the Judgment of the **GREAT WHITE THRONE** in Rev.20:11-15.

1. Both refer to the judgment of all mankind as individuals.

2. Both include the rewarding of the faithful after they pass their test in the little season. In Matt.25:34 they "inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world." In Rev.20:15 they are "written in the book of life."

3. Both include the final judgment, of 2nd death to the unfaithful, at the end of the little season. Matt.25:41 says, "depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Rev.20:15 says, "and whosoever is not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Both of these throne judgment pictures include the blessing of everlasting life to the rightly exercised, and destruction to all the wicked.

Thus we have our 2nd set of scriptures, which show that the 1000 year reign of Rev. 20 refers to the Judgment time of individuals, when the Lord sits on His Own "Throne of Glory," which is the same as the "Great White Throne" of righteous judgment. Secondly we see how in both these pictures, the 1000 year reign continues to the end of the little season.

In R-2304 Bro. Russell compares these two sets of scriptures.

R-2304 C1-P0, C2-P1,2 MATT.25:31-46, AND REV.20:11-15 PICTURES 1000 YEAR REIGN WHICH INCLUDES THE LITTLE SEASON

"...it is the nations of earth then gathered to judgment before the throne of glory,-- the great white throne of justice and impartiality, -- that are here pictured to us. But the day of the world's judgment is not such a day as it has been generally represented. It will not be a 24 hour day, but a larger day, a 1000 years, for a day with the Lord is as a 1000 years. (2 Peter 3:8): it is the long promised *Millennial day, in*

which the overcomers of this age shall live and reign with Christ a 1000 years, and as kings and priests unto God shall bless the world by a righteous judgment. -- Rev.5:9,10; 20:4."

"...The culminating scenes, marking the close of the Millennial age, are set forth in verses 34-36, tho in the reverse order to that given by the same Teacher in Rev. 20:7-10, and 11-15. The account in Revelation seems to indicate that the goat class will be dealt with first: a certain test, a deception by Satan, will manifest those who have the goat like disposition of willfulness still remaining in their hearts after they have enjoyed all the blessings of the "times of restitution." Those whose hearts are not completely won by the instruction and favorable opportunity for coming to a knowledge of God's goodness and wisdom and grace, will be destroyed with Satan, in the second death."

"...The reward to the righteous will then be in order, and they will be introduced to the Father by the Son, blameless and irreprouvable in love. These will have been perfected through the processes of the restitution. They will be perfect men, in the image of God as was Adam, but with their knowledge of God infinitely enlarged by the experiences through which they will have passed. *This is the delivering up of the kingdom to God, even the Father, -- the cessation of the Millennial kingdom, mentioned by the Apostle Paul. (1 Cor. 15:24-28)"*

Notice when the kingdom will end and be turned over to the father. After the destruction of all the 2nd death class including Satan, and rewarding the faithful.

OTHER ARTICLES SHOWING MATT. 25 REFERS TO 1000 YEAR REIGN AND INCLUDES THE LITTLE SEASON

R-3433 C1-P5,6: Matt.25 is a picture of Millennial Age.

R-4986 C1-P4: Messiah will destroy the goat class.

R-5406 C1-P (last): Matt 25 parable to last a 1000 years.

R-2736 C2-P(last): "Enemies" of righteousness are enemies of God and of Christ & will be destroyed.

- R-2606 C1-P5: Three Harvests
1. Jewish age = wheat from chaff
 2. Gospel age = wheat from tares
 3. Millennial = sheep from goats

R-5530 C1-P6: Matt.25 parable follows our Lord's Parousia and Epiphania.

REIGN OF REV.11:17,18 INCLUDES DESTRUCTION OF THE 2ND DEATH CLASS

As we consider this third set of scriptures which describe the reign, lets again notice what's included in the reign.

(17) "We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, because thou hast taken to thee thy great power and hast reigned."

The next verse (18), describes what will take place during our Lord's reign. Notice how the last phrase includes the destruction of the 2nd death class in the little season, as part of the reign.

(18) "And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy (Corrupt) the earth."

Thus we have our 3rd set of scriptures which indicate that our Lord's reign includes the little season when the 2nd Death Class will be destroyed.

NEW JERUSALEM

Our 4th set of scriptures which indicate that our Lord's reign continues to the end of the

little season, is Rev. 21:1-27, the "New Jerusalem" picture.

WE will find that its time setting, and work depicted, corresponds perfectly with the parable of the sheep and goats, and "The Great White Throne Judgment" we considered earlier. It begins after Armageddon is over and the Church is complete, and it will last to the end of the little season. Lets briefly recall its lessons.

Please see and read on page 2 of the handout the 4 charts relating to the New Jerusalem.

12 FOUNDATIONS = 12 APOSTLES

WE recall the New Jerusalem was a perfect cube, and we're told it had 12 foundations, which were the 12 edges of the cube, picturing the 12 Apostles who represent the Church.

12 FOUNDATIONS X 12,000 FURLONGS EACH = 144,000

The dimensions of the city were given as 12,000 furlongs high, wide, and tall. So if you multiply the 12 edges or foundations, by 12,000, you have a total of 144,000 furlongs. Thus showing how the church of 144,000 will completely surround or circumscribe the city, and be a wall of protection to those inside.

WALL AREA = 12,000 X 12,000 = 144 MILLION SQ. FURLONGS.

The Area of each Wall of the New Jerusalem was, $12,000 \times 12,000 = 144$ Million sq. furlongs. Which is equivalent to the church of 144,000 being a wall of protection, of watching over all within the city, during the 1000 year reign.

ENTIRE WALL AREA = 144 MILLION X 6 SIDES = 864 MILLION

The entire wall area was 144 million x 6 sides = 864 million furlongs. We recall that the

diameter of our sun is 864,000 miles. Thus the total wall area depicts how the church will shine as the sun for the 1000 years of Christ's reign.

Lets notice when this picture begins and when it ends.

Rev.21:1,2 Diaglott

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the former heaven and the former earth were gone, and the sea is no more.

And the holy city, a new Jerusalem, I saw coming down out of Heaven, from God, prepared as a Bride adorned for her Husband."

We notice the start of the picture is after the former heavens and earth are passed away. Armageddon is over! Like in our other scriptures the picture starts when the church class is complete. The bride is glorious in her apparel for the marriage has just taken place. The Lord is on the throne of his glory, and the church are on 12 associate thrones to begin the judgment of mankind as individuals.

The New Jerusalem picture portrays the work of the complete church during their 1000 year reign. And now notice how it includes the final testing of the little season.

Rev.21:27 Referring to the New Jerusalem says:

"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

This is the final scene of the New Jerusalem chapter, which portrays the completed picture. The only ones in the New Jerusalem City are those who have passed their test of the little season, and are now written in the Lamb's book of life and will live forever. Now notice who are outside the walls.

Rev.21:8: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in

the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Outside are all those who failed to pass the test of the little season, and are destroyed in 2nd death.

Thus we have our 4th picture of the 1000 year reign. The glorified church are the walls of this beloved city, faithfully watching over all who are within. Until the faithful are rewarded and all enemies in the universe, angelic and human are destroyed. Then the kingdom will be turned over to the Father, with all in the entire universe in perfect subjection to Him.

**R3470-C2-P1 THE KINGDOM WILL BE
TURNED OVER TO THE FATHER,
AFTER ALL THE 2ND DEATH CLASS
ARE DESTROYED**

"The Apostle points out (1 Cor. 15:28 that, at the close of his thousand-year reign, our Lord (his church associated with him) will abdicate the throne of earth. Having accomplished the work which the Father has set apart to be accomplished by the Anointed in this Millennial reign, at its close the entire authority, with the world in complete subjection to the divine law and fully restored to the divine likeness and all willful transgressors cut off, will be surrendered."

**R5293-C1-P2 KINGDOM TURNED OVER
TO GOD AFTER ALL THE WICKED ARE
DESTROYED**

"If mankind would get everlasting life, they must accept Christ and join themselves to this earthly kingdom class. **CHRIST'S KINGDOM MUST RULE THE EARTH UNTIL ALL THE WICKED ARE DESTROYED. 1 COR. 15:24-26.**"

**R5210-C1-P2 MILLENNIAL AGE
CLOSES WITH DESTRUCTION OF
SATAN THEN KINGDOM IS TURNED
OVER TO GOD.
1 COR. 15:28**

"The Scriptural proposition is that at the close of the Millennial age, when Christ shall have conquered sin and Satan, when Satan shall have been destroyed, and when the empire of the universe shall be in absolute harmony, then God will be all in all. (1 Cor. 15:28)"

Thus far we have considered articles of Bro. Russell, and four sets of scriptures that indicate the 1000 year reign of Rev. 20:4-6 of "The Christ," - begins with the completion of the Church and lasts to the end of the Little Season.

1. Matt. 25:31-46 (Sheep & Goats), reigns until all goats are destroyed.

2. Rev.20:11-15 (Great White Throne), reigns until all unworthy are destroyed.

3. Rev.11:15-18 (Jehovah and His Christ), reigns until all who corrupt the earth are destroyed.

4. Rev.21:1-27 (New Jerusalem), reigns until all abominable are destroyed, and **THEN, THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH.**

In the 2nd part of this study we will consider the scriptures that indicate how our Lord is reigning **NOW AS KING**, however it is in a different aspect than the 1000 year reign when He sits on the throne of His Glory.

Our Lord with Kingly power and authority is now setting up the Kingdom and removing the present evil institutions of Satan.

ALSO WE BELIEVE THAT THE SLEEPING SAINTS WHO WERE RAISED IN 1878 ARE TOGETHER WITH OUR LORD ENGAGED IN THE SAME WORK.

Not until the church is complete however will the 1000 year reign of glory begin. It will be then that the marriage will take place and our Lord together with his bride will **"SIT ON THE THRONE OF HIS GLORY,"** and begin the Mediatorial time of blessing and judgment of individuals.

(End of first discourse)

2 ASPECTS OF CHRIST'S REIGN - COVERS THREE TIME PERIODS

PART 2

(Please see now the chart entitled, "How David's reign pictures the Two Parts to our Lord's Reign," on page 3 of the hand out.)

In our previous study we considered how King David's reign was typical of the two parts of our Lord's reign. We dwelt primarily on four sets of scriptures which showed how the 1000 year reign of Rev. 20:4-6, would begin after the Church was complete, and it would last to the end of the little season.

LORD AND RAISED SLEEPING SAINTS NOW REMOVING SATANS EVIL INSTITUTIONS

Now we would like to consider the scriptures which point out how our Lord is reigning **NOW** as King, during this harvest period, however it is in a different aspect than the 1000 year reign when He sits on the throne of His Glory.

Our Lord **NOW**, with Kingly power and authority is setting up the Kingdom, and removing the present evil institutions of Satan. **AND WITH HIM ARE THE SLEEPING SAINTS WHO WERE RAISED IN 1878, AND TOGETHER THEY ARE ENGAGED IN THIS SAME KINGDOM WORK.** Rev.14:13 "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Not until the church is complete however, and the marriage takes place, will the 1000 year reign of **GLORY** OF Rev. 20:4-6 begin. It will be then, that our Lord together with his bride, will **SIT ON THE THRONE OF HIS GLORY,"** and begin the Mediatorial time of blessing and judgment of individuals.

An article which shows the Sleeping Saints are now engaged in the work of setting up the Kingdom is Vol. 4:620-624.

VOLUME 4 620-624. RAISED SAINTS NOW ENGAGED IN SETTING UP KINGDOM AND HARVEST WORK

..."But now we are in the end of this Gospel age, and the Kingdom is being established or set up. Our Lord, the appointed King, is now present, since October 1874, A.D., according to the testimony of the prophets, to those who have ears to hear it: and the formal inauguration of his kingly office dates from April 1878, A.D.: and the first work of the Kingdom, as shown by our Lord, in his parables and prophecy (the gathering of "his elect,") is now in progress. "The dead in Christ shall rise **FIRST**," explained the Lord through the Apostle: and the resurrection of the Church shall be in a moment. **Consequently the Kingdom, as represented in our Lord, and the sleeping saints already fitted and prepared and found worthy to be members of "his body," the "bride," was set up in 1878;** and all that remains to be done for its completion is the "gathering together unto the Lord" of those of the "elect" who are alive and remain- whose trial is not yet complete.

"However instead of the Kingdom waiting for the living members to finish their course, the Kingdom work began at once; and the living ones on this side the veil, are privileged to know "the mysteries of the Kingdom" and to engage in Kingdom work before their "change"; and as they die (will not fall "asleep," but) will be "changed" in the moment of death, resurrected a part of the blessed and holy first resurrection; as it is written- "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord *from henceforth*; yea, saith the Spirit, they shall rest *from their labors*, while their *works will continue*" Rev.14:13

"All this is in harmony with the Scriptural declaration that the **Kingdom of God must first be set up before its influence and work will result in the complete destruction of "the powers that be" of "this present evil world" - political, financial, ecclesiastical...**

(624) Our Lord assured his faithful, that at the time of the establishment of his Kingdom

and the overthrow of Gentile power, the **overcoming Church would be with him, and have a share in that work. His own words are:**

"He that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father." (Rev. 2:26,27 Compare Psm. 149:8,9.

We may not be able to judge accurately as to what features of the great work are now being carried on by the Lord and his glorified saints beyond the veil; but ***we may be sure that they are active participants in the work assigned the members of the same Kingdom class, whose course and service are not yet ended on this side the veil*** - the harvest work (1) of gathering the living "elect"; (2) of saying unto Zion "Thy God *Reigneth*" - the Kingdom is being set up; and (3) declaring the Day of Vengeance of our God."

Let's go on now to consider the scriptures which refer to the first aspect of our Lord's reign, (The antitypical HEBRON reign) when as with David, he is only recognized as King by his own people.

As we do we will note that some of the scriptures refer to the present reign of our Lord as "**God's Reign.**" We believe we can harmonize these as in Vol. 1-303.

VOL.-PAGE 303 EXPLANATION OF SCRIPTURES WHICH REFER TO GOD REIGNING, WHEN CHRIST'S REIGN IS MEANT

"Jehovah shall be King over all the earth in that day." (Zech.14:9) The kingdom which Jehovah will establish in the hands of Christ during the Millennium will be Jehovah's kingdom, but it will be **under the direct control of Christ as his vicegerent.** "

"SETTING UP" THE KINGDOM AT THIS PRESENT TIME IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS BEING DONE BY GOD.

The task of "**Setting up**" the Kingdom at this present time is often referred to as being done **BY GOD**.

DAN.2:44

"In the days of these kings shall the **GOD OF HEAVEN SET UP A KINGDOM**, which shall never be destroyed ... it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

However, the actual work is carried out by our Lord, with **Kingly Power and Authority**, as we see in:

Psm. 110:1,2, 5,6 N.A.S.

"The LORD (Jehovah) says to my Lord, (Christ,) Sit at My right hand, until **I MAKE** Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet. The LORD will stretch forth **Thy strong scepter** from Zion, saying, **RULE** in the midst of Thine enemies.

(5) The Lord is at Thy right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath. He will judge among the nations, He will fill them with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country."

We notice first of all, that it's referring to the present time when our Lord is sitting **on God's Throne, not yet His own throne of Glory**. Then notice how it seems to refer to the work of shattering kings and judging nations as being done by God. Our Lord is told to sit at God's right hand, until God makes His Son's enemies a footstool for His feet.

The reason being is that this present time of trouble is designated as being "The Day of God's Vengeance," the "Day of God's wrath." His law was broken, His vengeance will repay. (Rom. 12:19):

"Vengeance is mine; I will repay saith the LORD" (Jehovah.)

But who will our Father use to accomplish the judgment of the nations? None other than His newly appointed King, our Lord:

"The LORD (Jehovah) will stretch forth **THY (our Lord's) STRONG SCEPTER FROM ZION**, saying, **RULE** in the midst of thine enemies... He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath. He will judge among the nations."

Yes, "THY STRONG SCEPTER" is referring to the "right to rule" that our Lord now possesses. He's told to exercise that right with the statement "**RULE**" in the midst of thine enemies.

Then notice where the rule comes from. **ZION!** We would like to bring out a distinction here, and in several scriptures to follow that we would like to bear in mind. That **Zion** refers to the **spiritual phase** of the kingdom.

Just like in Isa.2:3 where speaking of the kingdom it says, the law went forth from **ZION** (the spiritual phase of the kingdom) and the word of the law from **JERUSALEM**, (the earthly phase.)

Often times when **only Zion** is referred to in a passage, as in this scripture, it refers to the *present time of the setting up of the spiritual phase of the kingdom*, when our Lord is only recognized as King by his own people.

When **Zion AND Jerusalem**, are referred to in the same context together, then it is referring to the future reign of Christ, when both the heavenly and earthly phases of the kingdom are in operation. The time our Lord will be **recognized by all Mankind as King**.

**CONVENTION REPORT SERMONS,
PAGE 361 C1-P1, 1913 SERMON OF BRO.
RUSSELL**

"The Priests in this new Temple of the future will be, first, Jesus the great High Priest, - a King and Priest together, a priest upon his throne, after the order of Melchisedec. **HE IS NOT ON THE THRONE YET;** he is waiting.

Where is he waiting? Why, the Bible says he is waiting at the Father's right hand. What does it mean by right hand? That is the place of chief favor, right next to the Father. The Father said, Sit at my right hand until the right time comes for your foes to be subjected to you. It is not time yet; just wait awhile. And the time of waiting is the time for preparing those living stones for the Temple. The time in which we wait also represents the preparation of the Royal Priesthood...It is only those who will be declared worthy to sit with him **IN HIS THRONE** that will be the Royal Priesthood.,, They will be divine. They shall be priests unto God and unto Messiah, and shall reign with Him a 1000 years, - 'A 1000 years, earth's coming glory.' Yes a 1000 years for the blessing of the world through this great Temple that God is preparing."

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"The scriptures inform us that since our Lord's ascension to the right hand of the Majesty on High, He has been waiting until the time shall come for the Heavenly Father to make His enemies His footstool. (Heb.10:12,13; Psm. 110:1.) In other words, He is waiting until His glorious Kingdom shall be inaugurated for the blessing of all the families of the earth. Meantime, those who hope to reign with Him have an important work to do in themselves, co-operating with their Lord in the preparation of themselves for their great future exaltation."

Another scripture which shows our Lord as King carrying out the wrath of God is:

REV.19:15,16

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**"

A sword of truth will smite the nations. Our Lord will carry out the **WRATH** of God, as **KING**, just like in psm.110. Having been installed as King, he **has power and authority** to begin the eviction of the present Kingdoms of Satan after their lease of power expired.

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"So in this "Day of Jehovah," the "Day of Trouble," our Lord takes his great power (hitherto dormant) and reigns,...He who now takes his great power to reign is shown in symbol (Rev. 19:15) as the one whose sword went forth out of his mouth, "that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron." That sword is the **TRUTH** (Eph. 6:17)."

Shortly we will consider many other scriptures that similarly refer to the time of trouble as being the **WRATH AND VENGEANCE OF JEHOVAH.**

but throughout this vengeance period may we bear in mind, our lord is sitting on the right hand of favor **ON GOD'S THRONE**, as he has been throughout the Gospel Age.

When the Kingdom is fully set up our Lord will sit on his **OWN throne of Glory**, and be given **DOMINION** of all the nations of earth. We can see the two portions of the reign in Psm. 2.

PSM. 2:1-6 N.A.S.

"Why are the nations in an uproar, And the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of earth take their stand, And the rulers take counsel together Against the LORD and against His **ANOINTED**:

Let us tear their fetters apart, And cast away their cords from us! He who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them.

Then He will speak to them in His anger, And terrify them in His fury: But as for Me, **I HAVE INSTALLED MY KING UPON ZION, MY HOLY MOUNTAIN.**"

We see the setting for these verses, is the present time of trouble. "the nations are in an uproar. the kings or rulers, (religious, political, financial,) of earth take council together against the lord (Jehovah,) and against his **ANOINTED.**" Then God says, (vs.6):

"I have installed my KING, upon Zion, My holy mountain!"

We see the Lord is Anointed as **KING** at the time of the removal of the earthly Kingdoms. **The kingdom has begun, - the King has come, -** but only from the **spiritual phase** standpoint. For again as we mentioned earlier, only **ZION** is referred to in this context, the **JERUSALEM** (earthly phase) has not yet begun.

R-5990 C1-P2 LORD WAS SET AS KING ON ZION IN 1878

"The Mountain (kingdom) of the Lord's House is now being established in the top of the mountains, superseding the great kingdoms of this world, and is being exalted above the hills--the smaller governments. (Isaiah 2:2) Clouds and darkness, trouble and perplexity and distress of nations are round about; and the thunderings and lightnings are making all the earth to tremble as did Israel at Mt. Sinai. (Exodus 19:1-25) *And now--since the Spring of 1878--God has "set his king upon his holy hill of Zion." (Psalm 2:6)"*

R-5181 C1-P10 & C2-P7

"Already the Father has appointed our Lord as king (Psa. 2:6), and will soon deliver to him the power and glory of his office.

The difference between the *king* and the *kingdom* is, that the king is the person who has authority; but the kingdom includes both his dominion and his associates. In this case the latter are the church, who will sit with him in his throne."

Notice how Bro. Russell here makes a distinction between the **King and the**

Kingdom. Our lord is now King, he now has the authority to set up the kingdom. The spiritual phase is already in operation, and he is in the process of tearing down the systems of this present evil world.

However not until our Lord receives the dominion of earth, and has all his associates (the complete church) with him on his throne, will the kingdom be in **FULL** operation with all power and glory, in both the heavenly and earthly phases.

Recalling again the two aspects of our Lord's reign; as in Hebron with David, our Lord **NOW, IS King**, however the only ones who recognize him as King **are His own people**, the spiritual phase of the kingdom. **ZION!**

WHEN ALL HIS ASSOCIATES, (THE CHURCH) ARE WITH HIM IN GLORY, THEN THE DOMINION OF EARTH WILL BE GIVEN TO OUR LORD AND ALL MANKIND WILL RECOGNIZE HIM AS KING.

Now let's notice what makes the transition to **receiving dominion and being King over all mankind. We previously considered Psm.2:1-6, of how our Lord is king now while he is dethroning kings. Now lets note two verses later.**

PSM.2:8 K.J.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

The asking for the heathen or nations as an *inheritance*, is what will take place when our Lord finally *applies his blood to justice, redeeming Adam* and all his posterity from the death sentence.

Our lord will have in essence, **BOUGHT THE RACE** with his blood, and God will then give him the **DOMINION OF EARTH** as a purchased possession.

The New Covenant will be **sealed**, and like David of old, Jesus with His bride, will finally be **recognized as king, BY ALL MANKIND.**

**VOL.3-1916 FORWARD (PAGE III)
KINGDOM HAS VARIOUS STAGES OF
INAUGURATION**

"Messiah's Kingdom has various stages of inauguration. First, in His Parousia the glorified Jesus quickens, or resurrects, the sleeping members of the Body of Christ. This is the first executive act of the Great One whom God has so highly exalted--the Heir of the great Abrahamic promise. *His members must be completed before He will officially take His position as the King of the world...*

Next in order the Master deals with the living members of His Body, the Church. As shown in the parables of the pounds and the talents, *the master's judgment concerning worthiness or unworthiness in the kingdom must pass upon ALL of his consecrated ones and the full number of the elect must be found and be glorified by the resurrection "change"...*

THEN the dominion of the world will be assumed. The glorified One will ask of the Father, and He will give Him the heathen for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession...(Psa. 2; Rev. 2:27.)

OTHER ARTICLES REFERRING TO THE DOMINION OF EARTH BEING GIVEN TO OUR LORD AS AN INHERITANCE - AFTER CHURCH IS COMPLETE AND BLOOD IS APPLIED

R- 5054 C2-P4-6: WHEN ENEMIES ARE FOOTSTOOL-BRIDE WILL BE COMPLETE, THEN PSM.2:8 FULFILLED.

"What is he waiting for? The Scriptures say he has sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, waiting for the time to come when his enemies shall be made his footstool. Heb.10:13

Meantime his bride shall have been perfected and joined with him in glory. When that time shall have come, his enemies shall be made his footstool...And the promise of the Father to him is, "Ask of me , and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Psm. 2:8

The Apostle says, that he is sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high waiting until God would make his enemies his footstool. God is not prepared to give him these things until **THE CHURCH IS COMPLETED.**

R-4512 C2-P1,3: SITS AT RIGHT HAND, UNTIL DOMINION IS GIVEN UNDER NEW COVENANT.

"The lord meantime sits at the right hand of divine favor, awaiting the consummation of the burning of his sacrifice, - expecting or waiting until then to make the final sprinkling of his blood 'for all the people' before *justice shall turn over to him the control or dominion of the world* for reconstruction during the Millennium under the terms of the New Covenant."

VOL.4-12: DOMINION OF PRESENT INSTITUTIONS WILL BE GIVEN AS AN INHERITANCE TO LORD.

"The decree is that the dominion shall be taken from them, (the civil institutions) and that he whose right it is shall take the Kingdom, and the nations shall be given to him for an *inheritance.*"

PSM.2:8: HEATHEN GIVEN AS INHERITANCE, IS WHEN CHURCH IS COMPLETE AND BLOOD APPLIED. S.B. 435 & 666 - 5683 - 5873 - Q.B.29

Another Scripture that shows the dominion of earth will transfer to our lord after the completion of the church is Daniel 7:11-14.

The setting of this 7th chapter is the 4 wild beasts that depicted, **Babylon, Medo-persia, Greece, and Rome.** the 4th terrible beast Rome had a small horn that grew - Papacy.

DANIEL 7:11-14 (N.A.S.)

(11) "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was

slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire.

(12) As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

(13) I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven, One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days, And was presented before Him.

(14) And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations, and men of every language Might serve Him."

We see the time element of verse 11 is after the destruction of the Roman beast, together with it's horn papacy. thus it includes the destruction of all the present governments of the Western Nations, (the 10 toes of the image.)

Vs. 12 is a parenthesis showing that even though the other 3 Universal dominions were taken away, their governments continued for a time.

Now notice how verses 13-14 go on to show us the sequence of WHEN Christ is given the dominion of earth. it is after the Armageddon destruction! speaking of Daniel 7 Bro. Russell says:

VOL.1-260-263 WHEN ALL PRESENT GOVERNMENTS FALL, DOMINION WILL BE GIVEN TO LORD.

(Referring to Dan. 7:11) "I beheld even till the beast was slain and his body destroyed and given to the burning flame." "The slaying and burning are symbols, as well as the beast itself, and signify the utter and hopeless destruction of present organized government..."

"No matter what may be the means or instrumentality used, the cause of this fall will be the establishment of the Fifth Universal Empire of earth, the Kingdom of God, under Christ, whose right it is to take the dominion. The transfer of the kingdom from the fourth beast, which for its appointed time was "ordained of God." to the fifth kingdom, under

the Messiah, when its appointed season has come, is described by the Prophet in these words: "And behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given unto him (*the Christ-head and body complete*) dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages should serve him..."

"Thus seen, the dominion of earth is to be placed in the hands of Christ by Jehovah ("the Ancient of days"), who shall "put all things under his feet." (1 Cor. 15:27) **Thus enthroned over God's Kingdom, he must reign until he shall have put down all authority and power in conflict with the will and law of Jehovah...**

"Each of these governments represented in the image and by the beasts existed before it came into power as the universal empire. So, too, with the true Kingdom of God: it has long existed separate from the world, not attempting rulership, but awaiting its time--the time appointed by the Ancient of days. And, like the others, it must receive its appointment and must come into authority or be "set up" before it can exercise its power in the smiting and slaying of the beast or kingdom preceding it. Hence the appropriateness of the statement, "In the days of these kings (while they still have power) shall the God of heaven set up (establish in power and authority) a kingdom." And after it is set up, "it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." (Dan. 2:44) Hence, however we may look for it, we must expect God's Kingdom to be inaugurated before the fall of the kingdoms of this world, and that its power and smiting will bring their overthrow."

**OTHER SIMILAR ARTICLES -
DOMINION OF DAN. 7 GIVEN AFTER
ALL PRESENT KINGDOMS FALL
R-5574-C1-P0**

"The scriptures point out that to God's faithful saints who suffer now will be granted this glorious new kingdom in joint heirship with Messiah. They shall be given the

dominion "under the whole heavens," as declared by the angel to Daniel the Prophet. (Dan.7:27) This dominion Jehovah will wrest by force from the "prince of this world," Satan, and will give it to his Son, whose bride will share her Bridegroom's kingdom. This transfer will occur in a great time of trouble, which is to end this present world, the present social order."

R-5239 C2-P3

"Finally this storm on Galilee seems to picture very graphically the great time of trouble with which this age will end. Then the reign of Satan will cease, and the reign of Messiah will begin..."

With the completion of the church, with the glorification of the church, Christ's kingdom will be set up. This day of trouble will be more particularly the day of Jehovah. In this, divine justice will have a hand....

Then in the midst of a great storm, which will be sufficient to wreck the whole human fabric, Messiah's kingdom will be set up. It will cause wars to cease."

ANOTHER TEXT WHICH SHOWS JESUS IS NOW KING AND IS SETTING UP THE SPIRITUAL PHASE OF KINGDOM IS LUKE 19:12,13,15 PARABLE OF POUNDS

"He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

And it came to pass, that when he was returned, *having received the kingdom*, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading."

Here we see that at the time of our Lord's return that he had received the kingdom. That is he received the authority as king to begin setting up the Spiritual Phase, of the kingdom.

The first work of which was dealing with His servants. Raising the sleeping saints, providing meat in due season for the living members, and beginning the judgment of the false unfaithful church.

DANIEL 2:42,44

"And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

And in the days of these kings shall the God heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed...but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

In the days of these kings, (that is, while the LITERAL Kings of the Church/State systems of the 10 toes still existed) "The God of heaven" would begin setting up His Kingdom.

It is the ushering in of the Spiritual Phase of the Kingdom that is breaking up in pieces the present kingdoms.

Another scripture which shows us our Lord is King during the harvest is Ezek.20:33,34. It refers to our Lord as King over Israel at the time of their regathering out of the nations, which they were previously driven into.

EZEK. 20:33,34 (N.A.S.)

"As I live declares the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you.

And I shall bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out."

Another scripture which shows our Lord is now King – during the Harvest is Rev. 14:14.

REVELATION 14:14 DURING HARVEST TIME LORD HAS CROWN - He IS a KING

"And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and upon the cloud One sat like unto the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle."

Here we see that at the time our Lord is engaged in the harvest, he has a crown on his head. He has kingly authority when he is harvesting the true wheat, and when He destroys the false church, (the vine of the earth.)

Another scripture which shows our Lord is now King is:

**REV. 11:15-17 (N.E.) & 18 (N.A.S.)
SOVEREIGNTY OF WORLD HAS
PASSED TO JEHOVAH AND HIS CHRIST**

"Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet; and voices were heard in heaven shouting: The sovereignty of the world has passed to our Lord and his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever!

And the twenty-four elders, seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshipped God, saying:

We give thee thanks, O Lord God, sovereign over all, who art and who wast, because thou hast taken thy great power into thy hands and entered upon thy reign."

(vs. 18 N.A.S.) "And the nations were enraged, and Thy wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to give their reward to Thy bond-servants the prophets and to the saints and to those who fear Thy name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

The setting for this prophecy in verse 15, is when **THE 7TH ANGEL SOUNDED**. Which we believe began in 1874 at our Lord's return when the Lord gave meat in due season to that wise and faithful servant, Bro. Russell.

Then we're told "**THERE WERE GREAT VOICES IN HEAVEN,**" that is the *harvest message* began to be proclaimed to god's people in *the symbolic heavens*.

"**SAYING**" (what the message was,) "*The sovereignty of this world has passed to our LORD JEHOVAH AND HIS CHRIST.*"

Refers to 1878, when the Sovereignty, or *Legal Authority to begin to set up the Kingdom's Spiritual Rulership began*.

For notice vs.18, one of the aspects of the reign was to give reward to **HIS SAINTS**. Which began in 1878 with the *raising of the sleeping saints*.

VS. 18 "NATIONS ENRAGED FOR THY WRATH IS COME," referring to the work of *the present time of trouble since 1914*, which other scriptures refer to *as a day of vengeance, and a Day of Wrath*.

Then we want to note again what we mentioned earlier, *the reign of Christ continues to the end of the little season, when he destroys those who destroy (corrupt) the earth*.

**VOL.4 PAGE 622-623, REIGN OF
REV.11:17,18 HAS BEGUN AND WILL
CONTINUE UNTIL ALL ARE
DESTROYED WHOSE INFLUENCE IS
CORRUPTING**

"In describing the events under the Seventh Trumpet, this order is observed: (1) the power is taken by the Lord as King of Earth, and his reign begun; (2) as a consequence the great judgment-trouble comes upon the world. We are told, prophetically that the reign begins before the time of trouble, and before the resurrection of the saints and prophets; but that it will **CONTINUE...** until it shall have judged all mankind, **REWARDING THOSE WHO REVERENCE THE LORD, AND DESTROYING THOSE WHOSE INFLUENCE IS CORRUPTING**. Note these points in the following quotation:

"We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art and wast and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. (Represented in Christ-"All things are of the father," and "all things are by the Son," his honored representative) And (as a consequence of the reign begun) the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that reverence thy name, small and great; and

shouldst destroy them which corrupt the earth.
Rev. 11:17,18."

Another scripture referring to the reign having begun during the time of trouble is:

PSM. 97:1-5 JEHOVAH REIGNS - FIRE & TROUBLE FOLLOWS

"The LORD Reigneth; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about Him: Righteousness and judgment Are the habitation of His throne.

A fire goeth before Him, and burneth up His enemies round about.

His lightnings enlightened the world: The earth saw, and trembled.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, At the presence of THE Lord of the whole earth."

PSM.99:1 JEHOVAH REIGNS -PEOPLE TREMBLE

"The LORD Reigneth; let the people **TREMBLE**: He sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved."

SUMMARY OF SCRIPTURES SHOWING THE SPIRITUAL PHASE OF THE KINGDOM IS NOW BEING SET UP, when CHRIST IS RECOGNIZED AS KING BY ONLY HIS PEOPLE - (HEBRON REIGN)

Psm. 2:6: I set my King on Zion

Luke 19:12-15: Pounds Parable - Received Kingdom

Dan. 2:44: God - Set Up a Kingdom

Ezek. 20:33: King over Israel when regathered

Rev. 14:13-20: Crown during Harvest

Rev. 11:15-17: Jehovah and His Christ Reign

Rev. 19:15-16: Winepress - King of Kings

Psm. 97:1-5: Jehovah Reigns - Fire Follows

Psm. 99:1: Jehovah Reigns - People Tremble

R-2272 C2-P1 KINGDOM BEGAN IN 1878, BUT IS NOT FULLY SET UP TILL CHURCH COMPLETE

"Even though the kingdom may be considered as begun from the time the King began the exercise of his great power (Rev. 11:17) in 1878, it will not be "set up," in the full sense of the word, until the last member of the kingdom has been changed or glorified, - until the breaking of the "loaf," the church, Head and body, is completed. While one member suffers the body suffers; while one member is unglorified the kingdom is not fully come into power and dominion."

R-5715 C2-P1, LORD IS NOW KING, BUT HAS NOT TAKEN HIS OFFICE IN THE FULL SENSE OF THE WORD

"They (the world) are ready for the information that although Christ was 1800 years ago declared worthy to become the King he has not yet taken office in the full sense of the word, but is waiting for the completion of the church, which has been in process of calling and disciplining and polishing for more that 1800 years. They are ready for the message that Christ is now taking to himself his great power and beginning his reign, and that the present disturbance of Europe is what is described in Revelation as the nations being angry, and God's wrath having come, etc. - Rev.11:18"

DAY OF JEHOVAH - JUDGING SATAN'S EVIL INSTITUTIONS-CIVIL, SOCIAL AND ECCLESIASTICAL)

A principal we want to note regarding the Judgment and Removal of Satan's present institutions is found in:

VOL.1-307 DURING (DAY OF JEHOVAH) CHRIST IS MORE AS THE "GENERAL OF JEHOVAH" THAN AS THE "PRINCE OF PEACE"

"The "Day of Jehovah" is the name of that period of time in which God's kingdom, under Christ, is to be gradually "set up" in the earth, while the kingdoms of this world are passing away and Satan's power and influence over men are being bound.

It is called the "Day of Jehovah" because, though Christ, with royal title and power, will be present as Jehovah's representative, taking charge of all the affairs during this day of trouble, it is more as the General of Jehovah, subduing all things, than as the Prince of Peace, blessing all. Meantime, as false and imperfect views and systems fall, the standard of the new King will rise, and eventually he shall be recognized and owned by all as King of kings. ***Thus it is presented by the prophets as Jehovah's work to set up Christ's dominion:*** "I will give thee the Gentiles for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." (Psa. 2:8) "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom." (Dan. 2:44) The Ancient of days did sit, and there was brought before him one like unto a son of man, and there was given him dominion, that all kingdoms should serve and obey him. (Dan. 7:9,13,14,22,27)"

Note a key phrase, **"it is presented by the prophets as JEHOVAH'S WORK to SET UP Christ's dominion."**

Then he quotes the 3 scriptures we have already considered:

Psm. 2:8: "I (God) will give thee the Gentiles for inheritance."

Dan.2:44: "the God of Heaven will set up the Kingdom."

Dan.7:14: "Ancient of Days" gave son of man the DOMINION of earth.

Lets go on to consider DAY OF JEHOVAH scriptures.

"DAY OF JEHOVAH" SCRIPTURES

Note how they all refer to the **"Time of Trouble,"** as the **Wrath or Vengeance of Jehovah God.**

However as we saw in the **psalm 2 and 110,** we realize God's wrath is carried out in turn by Our Lord Jesus, who with Royal title, Power, and Authority acts as Jehovah's representative.

- Zeph.3:8,9: Fire of God's Jealousy.
- Zeph.1:14,15: Day of God's Wrath.
- Isa.61:2: Declare the Day of Vengeance of our God.
- Rev.16:14: Battle of Great Day of God Almighty.
- Joel 2:11: Lord's (Jehovah) Great Army.
- Joel 2:9-16: Day of Jehovah great & terrible.
- Rom. 12:19: Vengeance is mine, saith Jehovah.
- Psm.50:3: A fire shall devour before Him (God).
- Psm.46:6-8: (God) uttered His voice- Earth Melted.
- Isa.13:4-12: Howl-Day of Jehovah as destruction.
- Psm.97:1-5: Jehovah Reigns, a fire goes before Him.
- Psm.99:1: Jehovah Reigns, Let the people tremble.
- Rev.19:11-21: Winepress feature is WRATH OF ALMIGHTY GOD, vs.17: "Supper of God," - Carried out by our Lord, who at that time is - "King of Kings & Lord of Lords".
- 2 Pet.3:7,8,10,13 N.A.S.: 1000 year Judgment Day.

ARTICLES:

R-5989 C1-P1,2 TROUBLE IS CAUSED BY THE LORD'S KINGLY REIGN AS EXECUTOR OF JEHOVAH'S PURPOSES.

"THE EARTH TREMBLED AND FELL"

"The Lord Reigneth; let the earth rejoice" (Psalm 97:1) As we have shown in Vol.3,

study 9, this began to be true when our Lord Jesus, having returned to earth to set up his kingdom, took unto himself his great power. Yet not until his kingdom has been fully established in the earth will his glorious reign be clearly recognized.

That the Prophet David is referring especially to the present time, from 1878 down to the full inauguration of the kingdom, is clear from his succeeding statement: "A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about." How true it is that the storm clouds are all about us in this day of the Kingly presence of Jehovah's great Representative, the Executor of his great purposes!"

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"The day OF **INDIVIDUAL judgment** for the world will be THE **MILLENNIAL AGE**, as already shown. *The judgment of NATIONS, now instituted, is a judgment of men in their collective (religious and civil) capacities.*"

Let's go on to consider the Time of the individual judgment of the world as depicted in David's Jerusalem Reign, as shown on David's Reign chart on page 3 of the handout.

INDIVIDUAL JUDGMENT OF THE WORLD. DEPICTED BY DAVID'S JERUSALEM REIGN, WHEN HIS KINGSHIP IS RECOGNIZED BY ALL MANKIND IN MEDIATORIAL REIGN

The Day of Jehovah Scriptures apply to the first aspect of our Lord's Reign. As with David's reign over *Hebron* the time our Lord is recognized as King, but only by His own people. The time of setting up the spiritual phase of the Kingdom, and the Day of Jehovah which judges and removes all of Satan's institutions.

This brings us to the 2nd part of David's Typical reign - over *JERUSALEM*. The time

David was recognized as King by all Israel. The time our Lord will ask for the Dominion of earth, as his Inheritance, and will sit on the Throne of his Glory.

Let's now note what brings the transition from the Hebron Reign to the Jerusalem Reign. It will be the changing of the High Priests garments from sacrificial robes to glory robes.

LEV.16:22-24 N.INT.V. LINEN GARMENTS CHANGED TO GLORY.

"The goat (scapegoat) will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place; and the man shall release it in the desert.

Then Aaron is to go into the Tent of Meeting and take off the linen garments he put on before he entered the Most Holy Place, and he is to leave them there.

He shall bathe himself with water in a holy place and put on his regular garments (glory robes.) Then he shall come out and sacrifice the burnt offering for himself and the burnt offering for the people, to make atonement for himself and for the people."

We notice that it is after the scape goat is sent into wilderness - (depicting that the G.C. is Complete,) that the High Priests sacrificial linen garments, are changed to Glory Robes. THEN, it says ATONEMENT was made for the people.

Thus picturing the change of position of our Lord. After the Church and the Great Company finish their course, the sacrificial time period will be over, the High Priests garments will be changed to Glory Robes, the greatest Marriage The Universe has ever seen will take place, - the blood will be applied, - and atonement will be made for all the people.

Matt.25:31 will be fulfilled, - Christ will receive *HIS OWN THRONE OF GLORY* and be given *DOMINION* of all the earth.

The *MELCHISEDEC PRIESTHOOD* will be installed into office with full dominion and glory, as we read in R. 4759.

THE MELCHISEDEC PRIESTHOOD IS INSTALLED INTO OFFICE

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"The Aaronic pictures the sufferings of Christ, but shows nothing of the glory and reign, except as these were symbolized in the garments of glory and beauty. *The MELCHISEDEC PRIEST represents merely the future of The Christ, after the sacrificing shall have been finished and all the members of the body completed...*

The Priest must first offer sacrifice, in order to become worthy of his own exaltation to the priestly office and glory; and, secondly, he must have the merit of that sacrifice wherewith to satisfy justice on behalf of the sins of the world, in order that, as the glorified Priest, he may have the full right to stand as Mediator between God and mankind--*to bless the latter and uplift them during the thousand years of his reign as the Melchisedec Priest--a priest upon his throne...*

"Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec. (Heb. 7:21) The Priest here referred to is the glorified Messiah, Head and body, at the conclusion of this Gospel age, *when the consecrating and sacrificing will be at an END the glorious priestly office, serving the world of mankind, will begin.*"

DOMINION OF WORLD GIVEN AFTER CHANGE OF GARMENTS R4512 C2, P-1,3

"The two sacrifices of the Day of Atonement were really one, because the second was based upon the first. The offering as a whole was evidently for the sins of the whole world. Evidently, as the Apostle says, the next thing to be expected, to be waited for, is his finishing his sacrificial work, finishing the sprinkling of the blood the second time, and then coming out, as typed in the high priest clothed in garments of glory and beauty, representative of his elements in glory and power. He will stand forth as the Mediator of the New Covenant, the great Messiah, Prophet, Priest, King and Judge...

The Lord meantime sits at the right hand of divine favor, awaiting the consummation of the burning of his sacrifice, expecting or waiting until then to make the final sprinkling of his blood for 'all the people,' *before justice shall turn over to him the control or dominion of the world for reconstruction during the Millennium under the terms of the New Covenant.*"

Then will come the time for the **MEDIATORIAL REIGN** to begin judging mankind **AS INDIVIDUALS**. It will be the time when:

ISA.2:3 WILL BE FULFILLED - THE LAW WILL GO FORTH OUT OF ZION, AND THE WORD OF THE LAW FROM JERUSALEM

"And many people shall go and say, "Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths:" for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

Here we notice the reign will not be only over **Zion**, (the spiritual phase,) but over **Zion** and **Jerusalem**. **LORD WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS KING BY ALL MANKIND.**

JOEL 2:28,32 LORD KING OVER MT.ZION & JERUSALEM

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered for **IN MOUNT ZION AND IN JERUSALEM** shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call."

Again both phases of the Kingdom will then be in operation, Zion (spiritual) and Jerusalem (earthly.)

It will be the time when *the dead will begin to be awakened*, and *Restitution blessings* will flow in all their fullness.

Let's consider Restitution for a few moments to see how it also is in 2 parts.

RESTITUTION

ACTS 3:20-21 DIAGLOTT

"And he may send him having been before destined for you, Jesus Christ;

"whom, indeed, Heaven must retain till the Times of Restoration of all things which GOD spoke by the Mouth of HIS HOLY Prophets, from of Old."

This scripture ties in the beginning of the times of Restitution, with the Time of our Lord's return, which we realize was in 1874.

Can "TIMES" of Restitution begin before the church is complete??

We think so! We notice the word "TIMES" of restitution is **PLURAL**. In other words there are *various phases to restitution*. The phase we are in now is the **PREPARATORY** phase. The beginning of the setting up of the *spiritual phase of the kingdom*, together with the *removal of the present evil institutions*. God styles all this work as *part of the restitution process*. One of the phases of the "TIMES OF RESTITUTION":

VOL.2-197 PHYSICIANS 1ST WORK- MUST WOUND TO HEAL

"...the first work of **RESTITUTION** is properly a breaking down of the old and decaying structure which stands in the place which the new is to occupy. Remember that the first work of the tenderest physician is often to open the wounds, and to cleanse and amputate according to the necessities of the

patient, in order to make thorough work of the healing."

But this does not mean that the 2nd (blessing) phase of Restitution has begun, as we read in R. 5973.

MEDIATORIAL RESTITUTION BLESSINGS HOWEVER MUST AWAIT COMPLETION OF CHURCH R-5973 C2- P6

Question.--"Would it be proper for us to suppose that the world might begin to receive its share of restitution blessings while some of the members of the church are still in the flesh? Answer.--No! This would be an impossible thought. The whole merit of Christ is mortgaged by the imputation which Jesus has made of his merit to the company consecrating during this age. This mortgage must be released fully, completely, before the New Covenant can be sealed and put into operation for giving restitution blessings to Adam and his race."

In other words the Restitution BLESSING PHASE, cannot begin till the Church is complete. Only the *preparatory phase* is in operation now.

JUBILEE

What about the Chronology associated with the Jubilee chapter of Volume 2? Is it correct when it suggests the antitypical Jubilee began in 1874? Yes we think it is, from a similar standpoint, as when we say the "Times of Restitution" have begun. That is in its **PREPARATORY PHASE!** Jubilee, like the Reign and Restitution, also has 2 parts. Even this we believe was shown in the type. (Please see now the chart of Jubilee on page 4 of the handout.)

CHART OF JUBILEE

We would like to note that the Jubilee trumpet that proclaimed liberty throughout the

land every 50th year was blown on the 10th day of the month Tishri.

However we would like to note, that 10 days earlier, (the 1st of Tishri) was celebrated each year as NEW YEARS DAY for it was the beginning of the civil New Year. This first day was called the Feast of Trumpets, because trumpets were blown in the temple by the priests heralding the fact that a New Year had begun.

The ushering in of the New Year by the priests blowing trumpets was done every year, including the Jubilee year.

We want to note a distinction between the blowing of trumpets on the 1st of Tishri, as compared with the 10th day. On the 1st of Tishri the trumpets were blown by the Priests but **ONLY IN THE TEMPLE**. On the 10th day the trumpets were blown by the priests **THRUOUT ALL THE LAND**.

All this we believe is part of the beautiful type of the Jubilee. Every 50 years, the 1st of Tishri was the beginning of the Jubilee year. The declaration of the fact that the Jubilee year had begun was carried out by the priests blowing the trumpets (but only in the temple). Picturing to us how the antitypical jubilee began when our Lord returned in 1874 to begin the **PREPARATION WORK** of Jubilee. The only ones however that are aware of the fact that the Jubilee year has begun, are the Temple Class the Church, (pictured by the fact that the Trumpets were blown **ONLY IN THE TEMPLE = TO THE TEMPLE CLASS**.)

Ten days later when the day of Atonement sacrifices were over, the Jubilee trumpets were blown **THRUOUT THE LAND** declaring the Jubilee year had begun to **ALL THE PEOPLE**. Thus depicting to us that mankind in general will not be aware of the fact that the Antitypical Jubilee has begun until after the Day of Atonement sacrifices are complete, and Christ sits on the Throne of His Glory with the completed Church. Then indeed the Jubilee trumpet will be blown throughout the land, as all mankind begin experiencing kingdom restitution blessings in all their fullness. (Please see now David's Reign Chart on page 4 of chart handout.)

In other words *Times of Restitution* and *Jubilee* have begun in the "**HEBRON**" portion of our Lord's reign, - the **preparation phase of setting up the Kingdom**. The **blessing** phase will follow in the **Mediatorial Reign**.

SUMMARY OF DAVID'S JERUSALEM REIGN ANTITYPE - CHRIST REIGNS OVER ALL MANKIND

- Psm.2:8: Heathen given for inheritance.
- Dan. 7:14: Dominion of Earth given.
- Matt. 25:31-46: Glory Throne - Sheep & Goats judged.
- Rev.20:11-15: Great White Throne Judgment.
- Rev.11:18: Time of Judging the Dead.
- Rev.21:1-27: New Jerusalem.
- Isa.24:19-23: Reign in Mt. Zion & Jerusalem.
- Joel 2:28,32: King over Zion & Jerusalem.
- Isa.2:3: Law out of Zion & Jerusalem.
- Lev.16:22-24: Change Garments-Linen to Glory.
- Heb.7:21: Melchizedek Priesthood.

Now we come to the scripture which says:

CHRIST TO REIGN UNTIL ALL HIS ENEMIES ARE DESTROYED.

1 Cor. 15:24-28 N.A.S.

24 "Then comes the end, when He delivers up the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

26 The Last enemy that will be abolished is death.

27 For he has put all things in subjection under his feet. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all."

24 - "THEN COMES THE END" The end of Christ's reign. These verses are the most definitive we have, to indicate HOW LONG Christ will reign.

Notice in vs.25 Christ is to reign until he has placed all **HIS** enemies under His feet. (Rotherham, Marshall's Diaglott concur with the translation **HIS** enemies.) Let's go on to see how the Enemies referred to, are **ALL ENEMIES** of Christ in **HEAVEN** and in Earth.

First lets note how:

JESUS GIVEN AUTHORITY AND POWER TO JUDGE ALL BEINGS IN HEAVEN AND EARTH

JOHN 5:22 N.A.S. ALL JUDGMENT GIVEN TO SON

"For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son."

MATT.28:18 N.A.S. ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND EARTH GIVEN TO SON

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

1 COR. 6:3 N.A.S. CHURCH TO JUDGE ANGELS

"Do you not know that we shall judge angels?"

So we see in these Scriptures that our Lord received authority and power to judge all beings in HEAVEN and earth with the Church told they will be judging angels. Now let's go on to see when these angels are to be judged.

1 COR.15:24 "ABOLISH ALL RULE, ALL AUTHORITY, ALL POWERS"

"Then comes the end, when He delivers up the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power."

The Greek words for "Rule, Authority and Power" are sometimes used in reference to **earthly** rulers, authorities, and powers. But to

use them in this way, in this application, would have **little meaning**. For all earthly rulers, authorities, and powers, will have been **removed long before**. In fact all of Satan's **rulers and institutions** will have been **removed** from the scene, even before the **Mediatorial reign begins**.

Actually what is being referred to by these words are **FALLEN ANGELS**.

Notice the Strong's numbers for these words:

1 COR. 15:24 REFERS TO JESUS REIGNING UNTIL ALL FALLEN ANGELS ARE DESTROYED

1 Cor.15:24: Kingdom will be delivered to the Father **AFTER** Jesus Abolishes - (Note Strong's Numbers):

ALL RULE (746), All AUTHORITY (1849), All POWERS (1411)

Notice in the following scriptures how these Greek words for Rule, Authority, and Powers are used in reference to spirit beings:

Eph.1:21: "Jesus raised to Gods own right hand far above all principality (746), power (1849), might (1411), & dominion."

Eph.6:12: "We wrestle not with flesh and blood but with principalities (746), against powers (1849)."

Rom.8:38: "I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels, nor principalities (746), nor powers (1411), ... shall separate us from the love of God."

Col.1:16: "By Him are all things created in heaven & earth ...whether they be thrones, dominions, principalities (746), or powers 1849."

Eph.3:10: "...principalities (746), and powers (1849), in heavenly places."

1 Pet.3:22: "(Jesus) Who is gone into heaven and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities (1849), and powers (1411), being made subject unto Him."

Eph.2:2 N.E.: "Time was when you were dead in your sins ... when you obeyed the commander of the spiritual powers (1849) of the air."

Col.2:10: "Ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality (746), and power (1849)."

So we can see when it refers to the fact that Jesus will reign until he has **abolished, All Rule, All Authorities, and All Powers, (and since all EARTHLY rulers would have been removed in Armageddon)** it's really saying that Christ's reign will **CONTINUE** until all **FALLEN ANGELS ARE DESTROYED INCLUDING SATAN**, which means he will reign to the end of the little season.

Another Scripture that indicates that fallen angels will be destroyed in the little season is Isa. 24:19-23

ISA.24:19-22 N.A.S. ANGELS ARE PLACED IN DUNGEON PRISON AFTER GOSPEL AGE HARVEST, TO BE VISITED LATER.

Before reading these verses we want to notice that the entire 24th chapter is referring to **Armageddon**.

Vs.6 says, "Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned and few men are left."

We come to verses 19-22:

"The earth is broken asunder, The earth is split through, The earth is shaken violently.

The earth reels to and fro like a drunkard, And it totters like a shack, For its transgression is heavy upon it, And it will fall, never to rise again.

So it will happen in that day, That the LORD will punish the host of heaven, on high, And the kings of the earth, on earth.

And they will be gathered together Like prisoners in the dungeon, And will be confined in prison; And after many days they will be punished."

The last line of verse 22 says, "After many days they shall be PUNISHED." This really should be "**VISITED**." Strong's word 6485 means: **to visit (with friendly or hostile intent.)** Please see the Amplified Version below. This is a paraphrased translation which takes liberties in adding words, but in this case we believe it most accurately expresses the thought of the Hebrew meaning.

ISA.24:21-23 AMPLIFIED

"And in that day, the Lord will visit and punish the host of the high ones on high--the host of heaven, in heaven, celestial beings--and the kings of the earth.

And they will be gathered together as prisoners are gathered in a pit or dungeon; they will be shut up in the prison, and after many days they will be visited, inspected and punished or pardoned.

Then the moon will be confounded and the sun ashamed, when (they compare their ineffectual fires to the light of) the Lord of hosts Who will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before His elders show forth His glory."

What is meant by "the LORD will punish the host of heaven in heaven?" It could be either the symbolic spiritual heavens, (the nominal church,) - OR - literal heavenly beings, the fallen angels.

We believe it is referring to literal heavenly beings, the fallen angels. For notice what happens to these hosts of heaven. Verse 22 says they will be confined as prisoners in a dungeon, after Armageddon, to be visited some time later.

Whereas we see in Rev. 19:19-21 that the nominal heavens will be forever destroyed in 2nd death, in **ARMAGEDDON**.

REV.19:19-21

"And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who sat upon the horse, and against His army."

And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

And the rest were killed with the sword."

Here we see that at the end of Armageddon the SYMBOLIC spiritual heavens will be destroyed eternally in the lake of fire. No way are they **PRESERVED** to be **VISITED LATER**.

So we see Isa 24:21 must truly be referring to the **FALLEN ANGELS**, who **JUST LIKE SATAN**, will be cast into a **PRISON OR DUNGEON** of total restraint. And after many days will be **VISITED** or **RELEASED** in the Little Season, for their final judgment.

When Rev.19:21 says "the rest were **killed with the sword**," its talking of the literal **CIVIL LEADERS** of Armageddon. They will not go into **2nd death**, but rather, they will be **die** as individuals, and will be **reawakened from the tomb**.

These are the kings or civil leaders referred to in Isa.24:21, who after Armageddon are placed in a **dungeon or prison house of death**. In both these references to earthly kings or civil leaders, they will be **visited** or raised from the tomb later in the time of **JUDGMENT**.

Thus we will have earthly kings visited or raised from the **dungeon of death** during the Mediatorial reign, and the heavenly hosts visited or loosed from their **dungeon restraints** in the little season.

Hebrew scholars bring out that "**THE HOST OF HEAVEN**" is not referring to SYMBOLIC earthly rulers civil or religious. For it is what is referred to as a **anti-thetical parallelism**, which is **A CONTRAST**, or **opposition of thought in two phrases** - in this case rulers in 2 different places, **HEAVEN AND EARTH**.

Then notice the last part of Isa.24:23. **AFTER** the Angels and Kings are put in prison, "then the lord will reign on Mt. Zion **AND** in Jerusalem." Yes it will be the time the **Reign will be over all mankind**.

One final scripture that indicates the fallen angels will be **destroyed in the little season** is Matt.25:41. Try to envision the **time element** when our lord is speaking. It is at the time he's **about to destroy** the 2nd death class in the little season when he says:

MATT.25:41 N.A.S. AT TIME OF DESTRUCTION OF GOATS, IT SAYS (FUTURE TENSE) INTO FIRE PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS

"Then He will also say to those on His left, Depart from me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire **WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED** for the devil and his angels;"

The inference is that the destruction of the devil **AND HIS ANGELS** is an event that is **YET FUTURE**, after the 2nd death class is destroyed.

Let's go on to consider 1 Cor.15:25 - "His enemies."

1 COR. 15:25 N.A.S. JESUS REIGNS UNTIL ALL HIS ENEMIES ARE ABOLISHED

"For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet."

When will this be accomplished - before or after the Little Season? For this will answer the question as to how long our Lord will reign.

To answer this question, we will ask another - is Satan an **ENEMY**? Matthew 13 says "after men slept an enemy came and sowed tare seeds."

As a roaring Lion he seeks whom he may devour. Is he an enemy? Yes, indeed! The greatest enemy since our Lord's creation. And

our scripture says our Lord must **REIGN** until he has put all enemies under his feet.

Is the 2nd Death Class who will die in the Little Season an enemy? Matthew 25 - "depart ye accursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." are they an enemy? Yes, indeed.

Again "He must **REIGN** until he has put all enemies under his feet."

Assume for the moment, that our Lord's 1000 year reign **DOES NOT** include the little season; that the kingdom would be turned over to the father, **JUST BEFORE THE LITTLE SEASON BEGINS.**

Then it would mean that the greatest **ARCH ENEMY** of man and our Lord, would be **EXCLUDED - SATAN TOGETHER WITH HIS FALLEN ANGELS!**

It would mean the **2ND DEATH CLASS**, who will encompass the camp of the saints and the "beloved city" **WERE ALSO EXCLUDED.**

But our scripture says that our lord will reign until **ALL HIS ENEMIES**, are abolished. **ALL ENEMIES, - WHETHER IN HEAVEN OR EARTH.** All who would refuse to obey, **will be destroyed. This could only be if our lord reigns to the END** of the Little Season.

Let's notice another corroborative Scripture: Gen.3:15 (God talking to Satan).

GEN.3:15 N.A.S. SEED OF THE WOMAN (JESUS) TO BRUISE SATAN'S HEAD

"And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

Yes it will be our Lord who will crush Satan's head. When? During his reign, for "He will reign until **ALL HIS ENEMIES ARE DESTROYED**" as Bro. Russell wrote in Question Book 827.

Q.B. 827 SATAN DESTROYED DURING REIGN (VERY POSITIVE)

QUESTION: "Since Jesus is to reign until all enemies are put under His feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death (1 Cor. 15:25,26) would it not prove that Satan and his hosts would be destroyed **BEFORE** death is destroyed, and that both would be destroyed **DURING THE REIGN OF JESUS?**

ANSWER: The Apostle's argument is so clear and convincing in this fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians relative to the reign of our Lord Jesus and the object or purpose to be accomplished by that reign, that there is but one answer to the question and that one in the **AFFIRMATIVE....**The last of the evil things that have so long afflicted the race, death, and him that had the power of death, shall be destroyed. (Hebrews 2:14; Revelation 21:4.)"

Let's look at our Scriptures again and especially note verse 27.

1 COR. 15:25-27 (N.A.S.) CHRIST WILL REIGN UNTILL ALL BEINGS IN THE UNIVERSE WILL BOW IN SUBJECTION TO HIM EXCEPT GOD

(25) "For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

(26) The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

(27) For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says 'All things are put in subjection,' it is evident that **HE IS EXCEPTED** who put all things in subjection to Him."

Notice (verse 27) that our lords reign will continue not only till all enemies are destroyed, but until every intelligent being in this entire universe will bow in humble adoration at his feet. **EXCEPT ONE!** - of all the countless billions of beings in the universe, there will be only one who will not be subject. **ONLY ONE WHO IS EXCEPTED!** our **GREAT HEAVENLY FATHER**, who originally decreed, to put all things in subjection to our Lord.

NOTICE!

Satan is not excepted!

The fallen angels are not excepted!

The 2nd death class are not excepted!

Why aren't they? For if Jesus' Reign ended and the kingdom was turned over to god **BEFORE** the little season they would all need to be excluded, because they would not be in subjection.

Thus we can see Christ's Reign must continue to the end of the little season, for that will be the only time that all beings in the Universe will be subject, except God. Then, and not until then will he turn the **kingdom over to God**. As we read in verse 28:

1 COR.15:28 "AND WHEN ALL THINGS SHALL BE SUBDUED UNTO HIM, THEN SHALL THE SON ALSO HIMSELF BE SUBJECT UNTO HIM THAT PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIM, THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL."

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"1 Cor.15:28 Here he declares that Divine Power will put all things under Messiah, that He will reign gloriously and victoriously, and that at the close of His successful work He will deliver up the Kingdom of earth to the Father, restored to the original glory of manhood, **WITH NOT A REBEL TO BE FOUND - BECAUSE ALL THE WILFULLY WICKED WILL BE DESTROYED.**"

This brings us to 1 cor.15:26.

1 COR.15:26 N.A.S. LAST ENEMY DEATH

"The last enemy that will be abolished is death."

Why does it say the last enemy to be abolished or destroyed is death? First we would like to notice that the word for enemy is Strong's word 2190, Greek "echthros" which comes from a prime root word "echtho," that means hateful and odious. And we can truly see that death, in any form, is not a friend but is an odious thing. Even as God says in :

EZEK.18:32 DEATH BRINGS GOD NO PLEASURE

"For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the LORD GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye."

Also we read in:

EZEK.33:11 GOD HAS NO PLEASURE IN DEATH OF THE WICKED

"As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked."

So we can see that death in any form is not a friend but is an odious legal necessity that brings no pleasure with it, not even to God. Let's go on to see how Heb. 2:8-15 shows **WHY** death is considered the last enemy.

HEB. 2:8-11,14,15 SATAN'S DEATH WILL DELIVER MANKIND FROM FEAR OF DEATH

(8) "Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him."

(Notice the reasoning begins just like in 1 Cor. 15, - that there will be no exceptions as to who will be subject to Jesus. Absolutely NONE! But he says we haven't seen this happen yet. What has happened so far is then shown in verses 9 thru 11.)

(9) "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

(10) For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

(11) For both he that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren."

Now notice how verses 14 & 15 tie to verse 8 as the answer of how putting all things under Christ's subjection **MUST INCLUDE SATAN**. For as vs.8 said there would be **NO EXCEPTIONS**, "he left nothing that would not be put under him."

vs.14 shows that Satan would NOT be an exception, He will be destroyed:

(14) "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;"

Yes, the one who was the cause of all death, will himself now be **DESTROYED**.

WHEN?? During our Lord's reign! just as 1 Cor.15:25-27 said, Our Lord would reign until all enemies would be destroyed and all things would be in subjection under his feet. Or as Heb.2:8 says, "when he will put all things in subjection under his feet," and notice again there will be no exceptions, "he left NOTHING that will not be put under him."

Then notice verse 15:

(15) "And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

We have all made an application of one of the principles of this scripture to the **Great Company**, from the standpoint of how they **fear sacrificial death**. And we can see the application would be proper for the principle fits that the great company do fear sacrificial death. But let's note the **primary** lesson of these verses.

They are saying that it's the **death of Satan** that is going to deliver someone. Who? **THOSE WHO FEAR DEATH!**

We can see that in no way will the destruction of Satan deliver the Great Company class. They will have been delivered long before. Who will be delivered from the fear of death because of the destruction of Satan? **ALL MANKIND!**

We all realize that the greatest fear of all mankind is **DEATH**. This scripture is telling us that the **COMPLETE, EVERLASTING** removal of even the slightest hint of fear of not passing their test, and thereby dying, will not take place until the end of the little season when Satan is finally destroyed.

During the Millennium, mankind will see from time to time various ones die the 2nd death. They will be told that the time of their **Great Final Test** will be in the little season. each one will **WONDER** if they will **pass the test**. For they will know that **Mediatorial leniency** will no longer apply. But rather **one slip** from absolute perfection, would then mean **eternal extinction**.

The test will last for **more than 100 years**. They will see more and more dying, now that Satan and his angels will have been **released to deceive mankind**. Will they have any apprehension? I think so!

Even our lord in his perfection, feared the **extinction of his life**, while in the garden of Gethsemane. We recall his prayer in Psm. 102:24, when He thought he may have slipped in some small iota from perfection.

PSM.102:24

"I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days" (of Eternity).

The same thought, of our Lord fearing he may have slipped in fulfilling the law perfectly, is brought out in Heb.5:7

HEB.5:7 OUR LORD FEARED DEATH

Where our lord prayed:

"with strong crying and tears unto Him who was able to save Him out of death, and was heard in that he *feared*."

So it will be with mankind during the little season - they could not help but have a measure of Godly fear regarding the passing of their test. And what will finally remove this apprehension regarding their test for eternal life?

Heb.2:14,15 N.E.

"...so that through death he might break the power of him who had death at his command, that is, the devil; and might liberate those who, through fear of death, had all their lifetime been in servitude."

Yes, when Satan is finally destroyed, it will mean the test is over. It will be the destruction of Satan, that will be the indicator to all mankind that they have been victorious, that they have passed their test. Hallelujah! mankind then in perfect covenant relationship, will go on to live forever and ever in perfect accord with their Heavenly Father.

The last vestige of every enemy or odious thing in this universe will finally be destroyed with death, and with it, any and all lingering fear of possible **eternal extinction**.

Notice how Isaiah refers to this *fear of death, as a Great Covering over all mankind, that will finally be removed*.

ISA.25:6-9 N.A.S. DESTROY COVERING OF DEATH FOR ALL TIME

"And the LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, And refined, aged wine.

And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all nations.

He will *swallow up death* **FOR ALL TIME**, And the Lord GOD will wipe tears from all faces,

And it will be said in that day, Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

Yes, "He will swallow up death FOR ALL TIME." Oh what rejoicing that will bring, when this last odious enemy will be required no more. Then it will be that Rom.8:19-21 will be fulfilled.

ROM.8:19,21 CREATURE WAITING TO BE DELIVERED FROM BONDAGE OF DEATH

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him Who hath subjected the same in hope.

Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the BONDAGE OF CORRUPTION into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

Yes the **ultimate object of the manifestation of the sons of God**, is the deliverance of mankind from the **bondage of death, and its fear**. After Satan's destruction will come this **final deliverance**. Having **PASSED THEIR TEST**, mankind will be ushered into the **"GLORIOUS LIBERTY OF THE SONS OF GOD"**. They will be forever more, in direct covenant relationship with their God. At that time Revelation 21:4 will finally be true.

REVELATION 21:4

"There will be no more death."

This scriptures is absolute, positive. there will never again be ANY DEATH OF ANY KIND!

Does this mean man will be immortal? NO! Only God, Jesus and the Church will be

immortal. Which means they will have life within themselves -- not dependent on any external sustenance such as food, oxygen, etc.

Mankind will NOT BE IMMORTAL, they will always require food and oxygen, thus they are not death proof or immortal.

However, once having passed their test, because God has promised that they will have everlasting life, Luke 20:36 will be true - "neither can they die anymore," - in the sense that God has promised, and His promise cannot be broken - He cannot lie.

AS VOLUME 1, PAGE 151 SAYS:

"That trial will decide forever who would be righteous and holy under a thousand trials; and it will determine also who would be unjust, and unholy and filthy still, under a thousand trials." Also on page 187 we read, "Thus considered, we see that when incorrigible sinners are blotted out, both immortal and mortal beings will live forever in joy and happiness and love -- the first class possessing a nature incapable of death...and the latter having a nature susceptible to death, yet, because of perfection of being and knowledge of the evil and sinfulness of sin, giving no cause for death. They, being approved of God's law, shall be everlastingly supplied with those elements necessary to sustain them in perfection, and shall never die."

YES, "THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH" OF ANY KIND!

1 COR.15:25,26

"For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

The last enemy (odious necessity) that shall be destroyed is death."

Yes when that great enemy Satan will finally be destroyed, it will mean that there will be no more death of any kind. **DEATH WILL BE SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY FOR ALL TIME! THE FEAR OF THE EXTINCTION OF LIFE WILL BE GONE FOREVER! THERE WILL BE SHOUTS OF ACCLAMATION THE WORLD HAS NEVER KNOWN!**

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"Thus shall God's Kingdom come, and his will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Thus shall the Christ reign as the Father's vicegerent until he shall have put down all antagonistic authority and power, and caused every knee to bow and every tongue to confess the Wisdom, Justice, Love and power of God the Father. And finally, having manifested, by the last crucial test at the close of the Millennium, all who have even a sympathy for sin, though outwardly obedient; and having destroyed these from among the people (Rev. 20:9), he shall surrender to the Father the vice-royal dominion...Then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him (the Father) which did subject all things under him (for the thousand years)." 1 Cor. 15:24-28."

In other words, our Lord's Reign must continue until the following three Scriptures are fulfilled:

COL.1:20 N.E. RECONCILE ALL THINGS TO HIMSELF IN HEAVEN & EARTH

"Through him God chose to reconcile the whole universe to himself, making peace through the shedding of his blood upon the cross--**TO RECONCILE ALL THINGS**, whether on **EARTH** or in **HEAVEN**, through him alone."

EPH.1:9,10 N.E. ALL IN HEAVEN & EARTH WILL BE IN HIM

"He has made known to us his hidden purpose--such was his will and pleasure determined beforehand in Christ--to be put into effect when the time was ripe: namely, that the **UNIVERSE**, all in **HEAVEN** and on **EARTH**, might be brought into a **UNITY IN CHRIST**."

REV.5:13 N.A.S. EVERY CREATURE IN HEAVEN & EARTH PRAISE LAMB

"And **EVERY CREATED THING** which is in **HEAVEN** and on the **EARTH** and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

1 COR. 15:24,28 N.A.S.

(24) "Then comes the end, when He delivers up the Kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

(28) And when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all."

YES - Then comes the end. Our Lord delivers up the kingdom to God. **THE 1000 Year Glory Reign is now over!**

Our Lord with his bride **turns the Kingdom over to God - CLEANSED, PERFECTED,** with all inhabitants of the **UNIVERSE IN HEAVEN AND EARTH** filled with **love, praise, and adoration, FOR OUR GREAT GOD AND HIS CHRIST.**

PLEASE NOW SEE OVERALL CHART 1 OF HANDOUT - SHOWING THE LORD REIGNS OVER ALL THREE PHASES OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In conclusion brethren, we trust we have shown that the scriptures as well as Bro. Russell show:

1. That our Lord Reigns as King over all 3 Phases of God's Kingdom.
2. That now during the Harvest, he's setting up the Spiritual Phase of the Kingdom, and is removing Satan's evil Civil & Religious Systems.
3. That there will be a 1000 year reign of glory when the church is complete, covering the Mediatorial reign and the Little Season.
4. That the chronology of the 6 Volumes is correct.

5. The 1000 year **7th** Millennium began in 1874.
6. The 1000 year binding of Satan began with our Lord's Return.
7. The anti-typical Jubilee & Times of Restitution have begun in their preparation stages.

Brethren that concludes our study!

Is it correct? Who can say for sure? Time will only tell! For myself, I believe I only saw **part of the picture**, and other brethren saw a part **that I didn't see.**

And in deed there was **THIS THIRD PART** that Bro. Russell referred to many times as a **POSSIBILITY**, that seems to be the **BEST HARMONIZATION OF ALL.**

If nothing more we trust that hearing this possibility may help us all in our further studies of this subject.

My heartfelt prayer is that these thoughts that we have presented today, will help us all, to be **MORE UNDERSTANDING, AND MORE LOVING** with those with whom we may have differed, realizing we may have all been only partially correct. That we may all realize we need one another, that we can learn from one another, yea, that we may be blessed by what every joint of the body supplies to the others.

P.S.

Dear Brethren,

We do not want to give the impression that the thoughts of these two discourses are Bro. Russell's final views that you could find on reprint page so and so. The thoughts presented will not be found all together in any one single article. If they all were in one article, there would not be the great difference of opinion that exists today amongst the brethren.

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Bro. Russell himself mentioned, that the subject of the Lord's reign was not crystal clear and might remain an open question to the end of the Millennium, as to when the 1000 year Reign would fully begin and fully end. He expressed this in Reprint 2739 and Question Book pages 426,427 in answer to a question asked in the year 1915.

R2739 C1-P5

"Apparently this matter of when the 1000 year period should be reckoned as fully beginning and fully ending *will be an open question until the close of the Millennial age.*"

Q.B. - 426, 427

KINGDOM -- A Point Yet In Doubt

Question: (1915) How are we to know when the Kingdom is set up?

Answer: "..... Look back at the First Advent. The prophecies relating to that time were not understood until after they had been fulfilled.It was not then due time for them to understand these things. So it may be with us, that we will not understand until we are in the midst of the fulfillment. *We had better leave it for the present with an interrogation point.*"

Hence at various times when Bro. Russell saw a facet of truth perhaps a bit different than he saw before, but a distinct possibility, he expressed it. As a result as we read all that Bro. Russell wrote on the various scriptures which tie into the reign, we will find different facets brought to our attention thruout his ministry.

For myself, as I strove to reread them all with an unbiased open mind, it soon became apparent that Bro. Russell truly saw a distinction between the Reign that began in 1878, from that which would begin when the Church was complete. Some articles referred to the reign beginning in 1878, while many others gave detailed scriptural reasons as to why, the 1000 year reign of Rev. 20:4-6 could not begin until the Church class was complete. WHY?

My previous view of the Reign had been:

1. That the 1000 year reign began in 1878.
2. The first portion of His Reign was for the purpose of completing His Church, and removing all of Satan's evil systems.
3. To be followed then by the Mediatorial reign of blessing, during what ever time was left of the remainder of the 1000 years that began in 1878.

Then in reasoning on it we realized that if this really was Bro. Russell's view, then surely he could have stated it in just so many words, plain and simple, and we would have all understood.

And yet we realized that never once, not in a single article, did he ever tie these two aspects of the reign together in this way.

Why didn't the Lord overrule to make the issue crystal clear thru the Harvest Message, so that there wouldn't be the differences in interpretation we have today? We don't know for sure, but we believe that partly it was for the same reason the Lord permitted Bro. Russell's thoughts on the Church being complete by 1914, -- that is, -- to be a TEST to the brethren.

The test now being, not so much as to whether one appreciates the Harvest Message or not, (for those with both differing view points do,) but a test of what attitudes will we develop within ourselves, and towards others who may have a slight difference of opinion than what we hold.

We continued to wonder if there was someway to bring harmony to these two seemingly conflicting views? Was it possible that in some way both could be correct in measure?

It was Bro. Russell's suggestion in R2739 (and many other references that dealt with 1 Cor.15:24-28, that possibly the Lord's reign would continue until the end of the little season,) -- that opened the door to the reasonings presented in these two discourses.

What we have striven to accomplish is:

1. Our best endeavor to harmonize all the scriptures that pertained to the subject as the primary proof.

2. Our quoting many articles of Bro. Russell was not from the standpoint of using them as a final proof, for as we have seen the truth movement is divided with both view points claiming Bro. Russell as their proof. However we wanted to show, that the concept we presented, also harmonizes MORE of Bro. Russell's articles overall, that either of the present existing views do by themselves.

3. This view harmonizes with all the chronology of the Harvest Message including Times of Restitution, and the Jubilees. It harmonizes Bro. Russell's views on the binding of Satan, starting with our Lord's return. It harmonizes all the articles that refer to our Lord assuming power and beginning his Kingly Reign in 1878. It harmonizes all the articles that refer to the 1000 year Glory Reign of Rev.20:4-6 beginning when the Church is complete.

4. In addition we quoted from Bro. Russell to show that though our view overall may be different in a few areas than what we saw in the past, we wanted to show that it was "not far out," but that Bro. Russell did express the same view at one time or another during his ministry.

5. That when we step back and take an overall view of all the scriptures and all the facets of truth that Bro. Russell pointed out to us thruout his ministry, we can see a beautiful harmonization unfold, (based on the suggestion he made on numerous occasions,) that the Lord's 1000 year reign continues until the end of the Little Season, when all the wicked will be destroyed, and all others in the entire universe will bow in subjection to Him, with the one exception of our Heavenly Father.

Time will only tell if these views are correct. In the mean time we present them only with the desire to share what has been a blessing to us, that perhaps in turn it may be to others. In no way do we want to convey a dogmatic spirit, that this is "The View," but rather, only that it seems to be a reasonable possibility. Our prayer is, that it may have an effect of drawing all of us of the truth movement closer together, in the bonds of love.

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Dear Brethren,

This paper which we are calling P.S. #2, is intended to be read as a postscript to the manuscript of the discourse "Two Aspects Of Christ's Reign." It is written with a desire to share with you additional information that may be helpful in endeavoring to understand Bro. Russell's overall concept of the Lord's reign more fully. The additional research was prompted by points that have recently been brought to our attention, that we felt were very valid questions that needed to be clarified in our own mind.

POINT 1:

The first point that was raised was, that our concept didn't seem to harmonize with the "VENERABLE TRADITION" of Volume 2, which states that Christ will reign 1000 years after 6000 years of sin and death.

Also it was mentioned, that the concept of Volume 2, - that the 1000 year reign of Christ began in 1874, was based **ENTIRELY ON REV. 20**. If we now apply Rev. 20:4-6 to a 1000 year reign that is yet future, it would seem to remove the scriptural support that Bro. Russell used to prove that the 1000 year reign started in 1874.

Response:

On page 39 of the 2nd Volume, it mentions the VENERABLE TRADITION of a 1000 year Sabbath that will follow 6000 years of sin and death. Shortly we will show, that we whole heartily agree with that VENERABLE TRADITION, and that our view does not take away from it at all.

But first we would like to address the point raised, "that Bro. Russell based his view in the second volume, on the Lord's 1000 year-reign entirely on Rev.20."

It was this statement, that prompted the research we just completed a short time ago.

Prior to this point being raised, we were aware of many articles where Bro. Russell mentioned how the 1000 year reign of the church referred to in Rev. 20:4-6 could not begin until the church was complete, sometime in the future. But we weren't sure as to how consistent Bro. Russell was in this view point, so we decided to look up in the indexes to the Volumes and Reprints, every reference Bro. Russell ever wrote regarding Rev.20:4-6. (Please see the enclosed copy of all the articles in the Volumes and reprints [taken from the indexes], where Bro. Russell refers to Rev. 20:4-6.)

The result was one that was overwhelming to us. For what we found was this. There were 14 references in the Volumes and 171 in the reprints, a total of 185. We proceeded to look up every one of them. What we found is that there wasn't a **single one** of the 185 references were Bro. Russell said, that the reign (of Rev. 20:4-6) **had begun**. Also there were 38 references that the reign (of Rev.20:4-6) **was future**. The other references had neither a past or future connotation to them, but merely referred to the blessing that awaits the faithful church.

In view of the above, I could see more clearly why both fellowships of the truth

movement have come to the conclusions that we have. We both tended to read into Bro. Russell's writings a measure of our own concept of what we believed he taught. We each tended to emphasize the portion of the harvest message that seemed most logical to us, and then proceeded to make mental adjustments, (that we all felt were justifiable) to the other portions of Bro. Russell's writings that didn't quite fit. One fellowship primarily emphasized the features that referred to the reign as having begun, other brethren primarily emphasized the articles that referred to the 1000 year reign of Rev.20 as being future. I think we were both right, but only in measure. That Bro. Russell truly saw both of these two aspects to the reign.

As we are all aware, Bro. Russell has countless articles referring to how our returned Lord is now reigning as King. How the 7th 1000 year day has begun. How the 1000 year binding of Satan has begun. How the anti-typical Jubilee has begun. How the Judgment day has begun. How Isa. 52:7 "Thy God Reigneth has begun. How the Times of Restitution have begun. Etc. Etc.

For those of us who hold these basic views, it was only natural to assume all of his writings really had this view in back of them and we (including myself) proceeded to make mental adjustments as we read other articles that really were conveying a 2nd aspect of the reign, but because of our preconceived view point we just read into them something Bro. Russell never really said, in order to have them harmonize with what we thought was his basic view point.

The point raised above is a good example, which was that Bro. Russell based his view in the second volume, on the fact that the Lord's reign would be 1000 years long and therefore began in 1874, -- **ENTIRELY ON REV.20.**

And yet in actuality we find that of 185 references in the harvest message on (Rev.20:4-6) regarding the church reigning with our Lord for a 1000 years, **NOT ONE reference says that that reign has begun**, but rather, 38 say that it has not begun, and that it could not begin until the church is complete.

The brethren on the other hand, who primarily appreciated the reasoning of Bro. Russell regarding how the 1000 year reign of glory of Rev.20:4-6 was yet future and could not begin until the Church Class was complete, made other mental adjustments. We now can understand why. For the other articles that referred to the fact that our Lord's reign began in 1874, didn't seem to harmonize with the articles on the 1000 year reign of Rev.20:4-6 being future. Thus we each emphasized the view point that appealed to us most, and somewhat rationalized the others. (Myself included!)

Coming back to our research on Rev. 20:4-6, we found in addition to the above, that in the 2nd volume where Bro. Russell establishes for us the chronological foundation for our Lord's 2nd presence, the Lord's reign beginning, the Kingdom beginning to be set up etc., that he never even quoted **once** Rev. 20:4-6. Why? Because as in the other articles, he saw Rev. 20:4-6 as referring to the future 1000 year period of the **REIGN OF GLORY OF JESUS TOGETHER WITH HIS CHURCH.**

Let's go on now to note the scriptures that Bro. Russell uses to base his teachings on the "**VENERABLE TRADITION**" of a 1000 year Sabbath, following 6000 years of sin and death. As we do, we will see how it is fully in harmony with all the thoughts presented thus far.

Vol.2-33 Chapter 2 - Bible Chronology

"In this chapter we present the Bible evidence which indicates that six thousand years from the creation of Adam were complete with AD 1872; and hence that, since 1872 AD

we are chronologically entered upon the **seventh Millennium** - the forepart of which, the "Day of the Lord," the "Day of trouble," is to witness the breaking into pieces of the kingdoms of this world and the establishment of the Kingdom of God under the whole heavens."

Vol.2-39 "Here we furnish the evidence that from the creation of Adam to AD 1873 was six thousand years. And though the Bible contains no direct statement that the **seventh thousand will be the epoch of Christ's reign, the great Sabbath Day of restitution to the world, yet the venerable tradition is not without a reasonable foundation.** The law given to Israel, the typical people, appointing that six days of labor and weariness should be followed by one of refreshment and rest from their own works, seems fitly to (page 40) illustrate the six thousand years in which the whole creation labors and groans under the bondage of sin and death (Rom. 8:22) in a vain endeavor to extricate itself, and the **grand Millennial Day** in which the weary and heavy laden may come to Christ Jesus, the shepherd and bishop of their souls, and through him find rest,....

So during the **antitypical Sabbath, the Millennium**, it will be declared to all the world that "whosoever will" may have life and health eternal if he will take the steps of faith and obedience...

The Apostle Peter intimated that the **seventh thousand-year period of the world's history** would be the **seventh day** in God's reckoning, saying, "Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day...The day of the lord will come," etc. **2 Pet. 3:8,10**

If, then, the **seventh thousand-year period of earth's history** be an epoch specially noted **as the period of Christ's reign**, we shall, by showing that it began in AD 1873, be proving that we are already in it. This calls to mind what we have already noted in the preceding volume, that the Scriptures indicate that the **dawn of the millennium, or Day of the Lord**, will be dark and stormy, and full of trouble upon the world and upon the nominal church.

Page-41 "Nor is this pointing out of the **seventh epoch, or Millennium**, the only value of chronology; for while we shall present several lines of prophecy entirely independent of chronology, it is the measure by which several lines of prophecy are established." Unquote.

Thus we see that here, where Bro. Russell speaks of the "venerable tradition" of 6000 years of sin being followed by a 1000 year anti-typical Sabbath of rest of Restitution, he bases it on **2 Peter 3:8,10**.

We are entirely in harmony with these paragraphs. 2 Peter 3:3-13 is referring, to the 1000 year day of the Lord's **Parousia, his 2nd Presence**, the 1000 year **Sabbath** that will bring Restitution blessings to mankind during the Glorious Mediatorial phase of Christ's Reign. Thus 2 Peter 3, is describing the events that take place from 1874 to 2874, which in addition to the above includes the day of Judgment, and the binding of Satan. It is **NOT** describing the 1000 year **reign of Jesus and the Church of Rev. 20:4-6**, which lasts to the end of the little season.

We note how verses 3 & 4 establishes the subject matter. "There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His **PAROUSIA?** (An implied period of blessing) for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

Verses 5-8 go on to explain how they are ignorant of the fact that **before the blessings will come**, the present heavens and earth must be removed and they are being kept in store for their final destruction that will take place in the Day of Judgment, which we are told will be 1000 years. (This same 1000 year period will be the Day of the Lord's parousia that the following verses go on to explain.)

Verse 9 & 10 then goes on to assure the disciples that the **Day of the Lord's parousia of blessing will come**. vs. 9 NE, "It is not that the Lord **is slow** in fulfilling his promise, as some suppose, but that he is very patient with you, because it is not his will for any to be lost, but for all to come to repentance. But **the Day of the Lord will come as a thief**, in the which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat."

Verses 8,10-12 refer repeatedly (three times) to the destruction of this present evil order that will take part in the very beginning of our Lord's Parousia.

Then verse 13 goes on to describe the time when there will be a New Heavens and a New Earth. The time when the Church will be complete and the Mediatorial reign will begin.

Thus we see from these scriptures that the 'Venerable Tradition' is correct. The 6000 years of sin will be followed by the 1000 years of our Lord's parousia. The 1000 year "Day of Judgment." The 1000 year day in which Restitution blessings, will take place, in this 1000 year "Day of the Lord." They all begin at the same time (1874) and will end at the same time (2874.)

The 1000 year day of the **Lord's parousia**, is describing the time of his **second presence** that began in 1874, and will last until the end of the Mediatorial reign in 2874.

We want to note that the **little season is NOT a part of this 1000 year day of the Lord's parousia**. It is something separate and distinct!

Our Lord's office of Mediator will end in 2874, and our Lord will figuratively return to the courts of heaven to carry out the final aspect of **his reign as king over earth**, which will be as the Divine Administrator and Judge of the final test in the little season.

Thus we really have two different 1000 year time periods referred to in the scriptures, and in the Harvest Message.

First, is the 1000 year Day of the Lord that 2 Pet. 3:3-13 refers to, that has many names.

The Day of the Lord's Parousia.
The 7th Millennium.
The 1000 years of Satan's binding.
The anti-typical day of Jubilee.
The Day of Restitution Blessings.
The Day in which our Lord will Mediate the New Covenant.
The Day of Judgment.

The second 1000 year period is what Rev. 20:4-6 refers to, it begins when the Gospel

age fully comes to a close with the completion of the Church, and it will last until the end of the little season, when the Lord will turn the kingdom over to the Father with the entire universe in At-One-Ment.

The difference between the starting times of the two separate 1000 year periods, is what we refer to as the Harvest time. The time of the **overlapping of two ages**. The Gospel Age is still in effect, for the Church is not yet completed, ----- and -----yet at the same time, the 7th Millennial age has started with the return of our lord.

We realize as we speak of events that transpire during this time period of the harvest, that sometimes we have a Gospel Age connotation applied to them and sometimes a Millennial Age connotation applied to them.

The same thing is true when we speak of differences in the ending of the two 1000 year time periods. One ends in 2874, at the end of the 7th Millennium. The 2nd 1000 year period ends at the end of the Millennial Age Harvest of the little season. In this **Millennial Age Harvest** period we realize that from one standpoint it is the period of the "Ages To Come," but from another standpoint it would still be proper to refer to it with a Millennial Age connotation because it is the period of the Millennial Age Harvest.

This is the reason that we believe Bro. Russell often refers to events that take place in either of these two harvest times as being a part of the Millennial Age, as well as a time of the Lord's reign.

This is the conclusion we came to after carefully re-reading everything Bro. Russell wrote on the subject with an open mind. We had to admit that indeed Bro. Russell referred to the reign from these *two different standpoints*, but we had just failed to see it before.

The first aspect of our Lord's reign began with the 7th Millennium the 1000 year Sabbath, the Day of the Lord's Parousia, that began in 1874.

The second aspect of our Lord's reign that Bro. Russell also refers to countless numbers of times, is our Lord's **1000 YEAR REIGN OF GLORY** that takes place after "The Christ" head and body, is complete. This is what is referred to in Rev. 20:4-6 and in Matt. 25:31-46. ..."When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He shall sit on the throne of His glory." Then the parable goes on to show the reign of Glory continues, until the end of the little season, when the faithful sheep inherit the kingdom, and the 2nd death class (goats) are destroyed.

This throne of "His Glory," is what Brother Russell refers to in R-5830 c1-p3, "The exalted Jesus is a spirit being of the very highest order, - of the divine nature, - who sat down at the Father's right hand, on the Fathers Throne, waiting for the time when he would make his **own throne, establish the Millennial Kingdom** and **associate the church with him in his throne as his bride.**"

POINT 2:

In with the above point was the question "If Christ reigns MORE than a thousand years, why does the Revelator say he reigns 1000 years? How can we trust the Revelator if his 1000 years is not accurate?"

Response:

Something that we had never noticed before is that no where does it say in the

scriptures that our Lord's reign is a 1000 years, or limited to only a 1000 years. What we thought had said that was of course the two scriptures we have just considered. 2 Peter 3 which refers to the 7th Millennium Day of the Lord's Parousia. And the other Rev. 20:4-6 which refers to our Lord's 1000 year reign of Glory with the completed Church. But as we have suggested, we believe these are two different 1000 year periods separated by the time of Harvest.

Previously we had thought that Rev. 20:4-6, referred to our Lord's overall reign, but now we realize that the subject matter of those verses is primarily the Church, (those who were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, those who had not worshipped the beast and his image, those who would be seated on thrones judging mankind, etc.)

They will receive the first resurrection. They will be blessed with the privilege of reigning **TOGETHER** with Christ (*head and body complete*) for a 1000 years. The Revelator in other words, is not describing *Christ's reign overall*, but the **reign of "Glory" of The Christ, head and body complete**. Therefore the 1000 years in Rev. 20:4-6 is correct, it means what it says.

The fact that of the 185 times that Bro. Russell referred to (Rev.20:4-6) regarding the church reigning with our Lord for a 1000 years, and **NOT ONE reference says that reign has begun**, but rather, 38 say that it has not begun, and that it could not begin until the church is complete, seems to be fairly conclusive evidence that he saw that that 1000 year reign was a future event.

How to harmonize that understanding fully, with all the other chronological lessons, types etc. that pointed to 1874/1878 as the beginning of our Lord's reign, the Jubilees, Restitution, the Millennium, etc. is what prompted reprint article R-2739.

QUESTION:"I understand from Rev.20:4-6, that Christ will reign 1000 years, and from verses 2-7 that Satan will be bound during that period. If Christ began to reign in 1878, and Satan will not be bound until 1915, the two periods do not seem to synchronize; and furthermore, both extend beyond the 7th 1000 year period which according to our Bible chronology, began in the Autumn of 1872. How is this? Can you assist me?

ANSWER: "Apparently this matter of when the 1000 year period should be reckoned as fully beginning and fully ending will be an open question until the close of the Millennial age.

The scripture declaration respecting the saints, the overcomers is, 'They lived and reigned a 1000 years.' The reign of the saints cannot be properly be said to begin before all the 'jewels' have been gathered, nor before 'the times of the Gentiles' end in 1914. *Nor is it said that their reign will be no longer than a 1000 years.* After the 1000 years Satan shall be loosed and the above trial shall ensue; but the reign of Christ and the church will evidently *continue long enough* after the 1000 years to *destroy all found unworthy in that final test*, and to thus complete the work for which this reign is instituted;-- for, as expressed by the apostle, 'He must reign TILL he hath put **ALL ENEMIES** under his feet... And when all things shall be subdued unto him' (*some by conversion and some by destruction*), 'THEN shall the Son also himself be subject unto Him' (the Father)."

It was after reading this article, and others where Bro. Russell expressed the thought, -- that the end of the reign of Christ and the turning over of the kingdom to God, -- would be at the end of the little season, that our mind was opened up to a line of reasoning we had never before thought of. Could it be?

In our research that followed it gradually became apparent to us that this is what the scriptures taught. That all 5 sets of scriptures that dealt with the reign of Christ, referred to the rewarding of the faithful, and the destruction of the 2nd death class, all as part of the reign. The five were:

Matt. 25:31-46, the parable of the sheep and the goats, --rewarding of faithful and destruction of 2nd death class.

Rev. 11:17,18 Refers to what is accomplished in the reign, and ends with destroying those who destroy the earth.

Rev. 20:11-15 Judgment of the Great White throne, -- faithful are rewarded and ends with 2nd death class destroyed.

Rev.21:1-27 New Jerusalem picture, -- ends with rewarding the faithful and again the destruction of the 2nd death class.

1 Cor. 15:24-28 which includes the destruction of all Christ's enemies, heavenly and earthly.

If I might, may I suggest in view of the all of the above that we might want to review these 5 sets of scriptures again.

In addition here are 19 late reprint pages where Bro. Russell is pointing out to us a distinction between the reign that began in 1874/1878, ---- and the 1000 year reign of the completed Christ (Rev.20:4-6) which in these articles he shows is an event still future. Please read them if you would.

Reprints: 5919 c2-p4, - 5761 c2- last 3, - 5715 c2-p1, - 5692 c1-p3, - 5622 c1-p5, - 5604 c1-p3, - 5564 c2-p5, - 5530 c1-last 2, - 5531 c1-p5 thru c2-p1, - 5472 c1-p8, - 5473 c2-p2, - 5406 c1-last, thru c2-p3, - 5259 c2-p0, - 5115 c2-p1, - 5023 c2-p1 & 5, - 4990 c1-p5 & 6, - 4631 c1-p2 & c2-p0 & 2. - 4586 c2-p4 & 5, - 4322 c2-p0, - 3470 c2-p1.

Thus the view we are expressing we believe harmonizes far more of Brother Russell's teaching than either of the other views do by themselves. It harmonizes with all the chronology of the Harvest Message, (1874, 1878, 1881, 1914, and 2874 as being the end of the Mediatorial portion of the reign.) It harmonizes with the 7th Millennium beginning in 1874. It harmonizes with the 1000 year day of the Lord's Parousia beginning in 1874. It harmonizes the Times of Restitution and the Jubilees as having already begun (in their preparatory phases.) It harmonizes Bro. Russell's views on the binding of Satan starting with our Lord's return. It harmonizes all the articles that refer to our lord assuming power and beginning his Kingly Reign in 1878. It harmonizes all the 185 references in the Volumes and Reprints where Bro. Russell expressed a 100% consistent thought on the 1000 year reign of Rev. 20:4-6. That this is an event that is yet future and will begin when the Church is complete.

POINT 3:

It was suggested that Bro. Russell consistently applied 1 Cor. 15:24-28 to the Mediatorial reign, except in the earliest articles where he includes the little season, and therefore are not his latest thought.

RESPONSE:

Lets spend a few moments in analyzing Bro. Russell's overall writings on these verses. As was mentioned Brother Russell does express two different thoughts on the subject. In the earlier articles he expresses that the reign continues to the end of the little season. He expresses this view up until R-3470. (Dec.15, 1904)

R-3470 - "The Apostle points out (1 Cor. 15:28 that, at the close of his thousand-year reign, our Lord (his church associated with him) will abdicate the throne of earth. Having accomplished the work which the Father has set apart to be accomplished by the Anointed in this Millennial reign, at its close the entire authority, with the world in complete subjection to the divine law and fully restored to the divine likeness and all willful transgressors cut off, will be surrendered to the Father's hands.

After this we find the articles written between R-4263 (Oct. 1908) to R-4903 (Oct. 1911) he refers to the little season as being after the Kingdom is turned over to the Father.

But notice how he again goes back to the first original view again on R-4974. (Feb.15, 1912)

"Thus the kingdom will be spreading for the 1000 years, ... It will conquer everything before it. Nothing shall stop it. **Every evil thing having been destroyed**, every creature in **heaven and on earth** and under the earth will be heard praising God. Every knee will bow and every tongue confess; and his kingdom will be without an opponent, from the river unto the ends of the earth; --having accomplished its purpose. The kingdom will then cease, in the sense that Christ will deliver the authority over to the Father. 1 Cor. 15:24-28."

And again on R-5210 (Apr. 1, 1913) "The scriptural proposition is that at the close of the Millennial age, when Christ shall have conquered sin and Satan, **when Satan shall have been destroyed**, and when the empire of the universe shall be in absolute harmony, then God will be all in all. (1 Cor.15:28) To all eternity there will be no opposition to His will."

Then we realize in 5253 (June 1, 1913) and 5294 (Aug. 15, 1913) he went again to the 2nd view that the little season was after the Kingdom was turned over to the Father. Then there are no further comments on it for three years to the end of his ministry.

After noting the above, we thought it would be well to check all references in the volumes to 1 Cor. 15:24-28. (See the articles printed below.) There are 26 total references. Of these **ZERO** are applied to the kingdom being turned over to the father *before the little season*, and 14 are applied to the kingdom being turned over to the father at the **END OF THE LITTLE SEASON**. Twelve don't identify any time element.

Although written earlier we realize Bro. Russell wrote 1916 forwards to the Volumes to correct those things he felt were not as precise as they could be. Also we realize that the 1917 edition of the Volumes was edited by Bro. Russell to correct mistakes. In both cases we see that he did not choose to change these thoughts.

Bro. Russell realized that the volumes were the fundamental basic source of truth that the brethren studied every week in their weekly study groups. (With the monthly

Watchtowers being used more for home study as we do today. The reprints were not available until after his death.) It is for this reason he made corrections in the forwards and even changed the 1917 edition material in the volumes themselves on points that were incorrect, or perhaps better to say, that he saw more clearly from his earlier writings.

Since Bro. Russell did not change or correct any of the following volume references to 1 Cor. 15:24-28, in either the 1917 edition or the 1916 forwards, it would appear he chose to leave them as they were because it was again his latest thought.

References in the Volumes where Bro. Russell refers to 1 Cor.15:24-28

26 total references:

14 are applied to Kingdom turned over AFTER Little Season.

0 are applied to Kingdom turned over Before Little Season.

12 don't identify any time element.

14 applied to Kingdom turned over AFTER Little Season:

1. Vol.1-121 "The scriptures inform us that when the activity of the evil principle has been permitted long enough to accomplish God's purpose, it will forever cease to be active, and that all who continue to submit to its control shall forever cease to exist. (1 Cor. 15:25,26; Heb. 2:14) Right-doing and right-doers, only shall continue forever.
2. Vol.1-144 "The conclusion of the world's coming judgment is clearly shown in the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matt.25:31-46, in Rev. 20:15; 21:8 and in 1 Cor. 15:25. ...They enter into everlasting life, and the others are remanded to death, extinction (second death.)
3. Vol.1-261 ("1 Cor.15:27) Thus enthroned over God's kingdom, he must reign until he shall have put down all authority and power in *conflict with the will and law of Jehovah.*"
4. Vol.1-304 "And this honor of completing mans recovery, the right to which he died to secure, is conferred upon Christ; and "he must reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet" - ***until none exist who do not recognize, honor and obey him.*** Then, having accomplished his mission as regards the reconstruction or restitution of mankind, he will deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father, and mankind will deal directly, as at first with Jehovah, - the mediation of the man Christ Jesus having accomplished fully and completely the grand work of reconciliation. 1 Cor. 15:25-28"
5. Vol.1-305 "When Christ delivers up the kingdom to the Father, he will present them ***faultless*** before him, fit and able to enjoy everlasting blessedness under Jehovah's perfect law. *All fearfulness will then be gone*, and Jehovah and his restored creatures will be in perfect harmony, as at first.
6. Vol. 4-644,645 "Thus shall God's Kingdom come, and his will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Thus shall the Christ reign as the Father's vicegerent until he shall have put down all ***antagonistic authority and power***, and caused every knee to bow and every tongue to confess the Wisdom, Justice, Love and power of God the Father. And finally, having manifested, by the last crucial test at the close of the Millennium, all who have even a sympathy for sin, though outwardly obedient; and having destroyed these from among the people (Rev. 20:9), he shall surrender to the Father the vice-royal dominion...Then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him (the Father) which did subject all things under him (for the thousand years)." 1 Cor. 15:24-28."

7. Vol. 4-649 "This beautifying and glorifying of the Lord's footstool will not be completed until our Lord Jesus, as the Father's honored agent, shall have put down all **(CONFLICTING)** rule, and all authority and power. For he must reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet, before he delivers up the Kingdom at the close of the Millennium. 1 Cor.15:24-28

8. Vol.5-30 "When the great Mediator-King shall resign his completed work to the Father, delivering up his office and kingdom as the Apostle explains (1 Cor.15:24-28) It will have accomplished: Items 1...2...3. The reconciliation, the full restitution, of an earth full of perfect, happy human beings--all of mankind found desirous of divine favor upon the divine terms...4. The *destruction of all others* of the race, as unworthy of further favor... Thus at the close of the Millennial age, the world will be fully back in divine favor, fully *at-one with God*.

9. Vol.5-47 "The mighty arm of Jehovah shall rule for him, until he shall have put down all authority and power *opposed to Jehovah and his righteous law* - until he shall have made the place of Jehovah's feet (the earth his footstool) glorious - and shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God even the Father. 1 Cor 15:24-28; Matt.12:20"

10. Vol.5-78,79 "He will cause all who accept his way to recognize Jehovah God also, but this will not be at his appearing but at the close of his reign, when he shall deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father. 1 Cor.15:24-28...For when the Son shall have subdued sin in the world, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him (the Father) that did put all things under him (the Son). 1 Cor.15:27"

11. Vol.5-142 "The restored world will, after the restitution process is finished, recognize Jehovah as the great original fountain of life and blessing, the author of the great plan of salvation executed by our Lord Jesus - the Grand Father and Over-Lord of All. 1 Cor.15:24-28

12. Vol.6-50 "Then the Mediatorial throne and reign having served their purpose, and ***all corrupters of the earth having been destroyed***, the Son shall deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father, - by delivering it to mankind for whom it was originally designed, as it is written. (1 Cor.15:24-28) Then shall the King say unto them,...Come ye blessed (approved) of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world - (mundane creation.) Matt.25:31-34"

13. Vol.6-108 (Speaking of world) "...at which time he will present them ***faultless*** before the Father, when about to deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father. ! Cor.15:24"

14. Vol.6-398 "His (our Lord's) "all judgment" will include the execution of his findings, for he will not only reward the obedient, but shall ***"destroy those who corrupt the earth"*** -- will ***destroy the willful sinners***, destroy from amongst the people all who will not hear his voice, his command, his instructions, putting down ***all sin and all insubordination, including even the last enemy - death***. 1 Cor.15:25-28; Rev.11:18; 2 Thess.2:8; Heb.2:14

The other 12 articles where Bro. Russell refers to 1 Cor.15:24-28 in the volumes where there is no time element connected with them are as follows:

A222, A308, B106, B108, D617, E40, E44, E79, E392, E394, E444, E458,

Thus bearing in mind the volumes were the most fundamental study source of the Harvest message to which he corrected and added forwards to in 1916, it would appear with so many references not changed that it again seemed to him to be the best overall

thought.

But in any case, whether it was or wasn't his latest thought, I believe what we are all striving to accomplish is the best harmonization of the scriptures and Harvest Message overall to the greatest extent possible.

Part of this harmonization must include the answer as to why there are 185 references to the 1000 year reign of Rev. 20:4-6, and not one of which said it began, and 38 that it was future.

Thus our study on the two aspects of the reign seems in our mind to harmonize Bro. Russell's references to the Lord already reigning, and the 1000 year reign of Glory of Jesus AND the church, being yet future, without disrupting any of the chronology or other harvest truths.

POINT 4:

In the original manuscript we had noted R- 5293 Col.1 - P2, where it says, "Christ's kingdom must rule the earth until all the wicked are destroyed." It was pointed out that evidently Bro. Russell was speaking only of the wicked of mankind, not Satan, for later in the same article he mentions how Satan will be loosed after the 1000 years are over.

RESPONSE:

We concur that that was evidently the view expressed in that article, and appreciate getting the correction.

POINT 5:

Another point was raised, that in view of Gen. 3:15 and Rom. 16:20 that the Christ will be the instrumentality to destroy Satan, however that will not be part of their work as Mediator of the New Covenant.

RESPONSE:

We agree with this thought. When we suggest that the reign will continue to the end of the little season, we are not saying that the mediatorial reign continues to the end of the little season. Or that "The Christ" continues as a mediator to the end of the little season. The role of Mediator, and the Mediatorial reign portion of the 1000 years will end in 2874 just like we have always believed. The role of "The Christ" in the little season will be conducting mankind's final trial. Satan (and the fallen angels) will be released and mankind will be judged by "The Christ" according to absolute justice with no leniency being shown whatsoever.

This final judgment is in complete harmony with the scriptures of John 5:22 NAS "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son." Also Matt 28:18 Jesus speaking, "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth." These scriptures seem to be all inclusive. There are no exceptions to the little season. The scripture is pointing out that all future judgment would be rendered, NOT by the Father but by His Son. Thus Jesus will exercise this authority and judgment upon all rebels in the universe including the 2nd death class, fallen angels and Satan.

POINT 6:

Another point raised was that 1 Cor.15:24-28 is the strongest scripture to show the little

season is after the reign of Christ, because the scripture does not say he will reign until he destroys all his enemies but merely, "till he hath put all enemies under his feet," which it was felt would be true of Satan **early** in the reign when he is completely bound.

RESPONSE:

We would like to suggest another possibility that would lead to a different conclusion.

We concur that the Greek words in verse 25, "For he must reign until he hath *put all enemies under his feet*," does not mean destroyed, however from the context we believe this is what is implied. Let me explain!

The meaning of the Greek words "PUT DOWN" in verse 24 is **DESTROYED**, when it says, "he shall reign until he has put down all rule, all authority and all power." It is the same word that is used for destroyed in verse 26 when it says the last enemy to be destroyed is death. The meaning is obviously destroyed when we see its use in other scriptures as well.

Such as Rom.6:6 ..."our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed."

2 Thess.2:8 "...whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth and shall DESTROY with the brightness of his parousia."

Heb. 2:14 "that thru death he might DESTROY him that hath the power of death that is the Devil."

From the above it is obvious that the meaning of "put down" in verse 24 is destroyed. That he will reign until he has **destroyed** all rule, all authority, and all power." The next step in our logic is decipher what is meant by destroy all RULE, AUTHORITY AND POWER.

In the original manuscript we considered why we believe this must include Satan and his fallen angels. But in any case, it is in essence saying our Lord will reign until he has **destroyed** all **OPPOSING** rule, power and authority. In other words, he must reign until he has **destroyed all opposition, all his enemies**. This is what the following verses really go on to explain.

We believe it includes everything and everyone that will ultimately refuse to obey divine principals. Satan must be included because he is the chief **opponent ruler** of all time. The **RULER** of this present evil world. He is the epitome of usurpation of **AUTHORITY AND POWER**. All the fallen angels as co-rulers must be included. All who will come up against the camp of the saints would be included. For like Korah's rebellion of old, they will demand **authority to rule** as being equal to the ancient worthies. Thus our Lord will reign until every opposition in the universe is removed. As Bro. Russell states in many articles, a few of which we will quote below.

Harvest Gleanings 1 page 671. "Divine power will put all things under Messiah, that He will reign gloriously and victoriously, and that at the close of His successful work He will deliver up the original glory of manhood, with **NOT A REBEL TO BE FOUND**, -- because all the willfully wicked will be destroyed.

Sermon Book Page 54 "Then cometh the end, when He shall deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father, when He shall have put down all (**ANTAGONISTIC**) rule and all authority and all power. And when all things shall be subject to Him that put all things under Him that God may be all in all." (1 Cor.15:24-28

Vol.1 260 ("1 Cor.15:27) Then enthroned over God's kingdom, he must reign until he shall have put down all authority and power **IN CONFLICT** with the will and law of Jehovah.

Vol.4-644 Thus shall the Christ reign as the Fathers vicegerent until he shall have put down all **ANTAGONISTIC AUTHORITY AND POWER**, and caused **every knee to bow and every tongue to confess** the Wisdom, Justice, Love and Power of God the Father. And finally, having manifested, by the last crucial test at the close of the millennium all who have **even a sympathy for sin**, though outwardly obedient; and having *destroyed* these from among the people (Rev.20:9), he shall surrender to the Father the vice-royal dominion. 1 Cor.15:24-28

Vol.4- 622 "The reign begins before the time of trouble, and before the resurrection of the saints and prophets; but that it will continue long after these (for a 1000 years), until it shall have judged all mankind, rewarding those who reverence the Lord, and destroying those whose **influence is corrupting**. Rev.11:17,18

Notice how Rotherham's translation corroborates the above. He uses indentations of phrases to indicate how one is subservient to another, or is really helping to explain the previous phrase.

(24) Whensoever he shall bring to nought all
rule and all authority and power;

(25) For he must needs reign until He shall
put all his enemies under his feet:

(26) As a last enemy death is to be destroyed.

Note verse 25 is indented to the phrase, "Whensoever he shall bring to nought all rule and all authority and power."

Which means that the phrase "For he must needs reign until he shall put all his enemies under his feet," is subservient, that is it is helping to describe what is meant by, "bring to nought all rule, all authority and all power."

Then verse 26 is indented to 25 showing that the phrase, "As a last enemy death is to be destroyed," is helping to describe what's meant by "putting all enemies under his feet," in the previous phrase.

Based on the above, the **destruction** of all enemies is implied, for the phrases "for he must needs reign until he shall put all his enemies under his feet; as a last enemy death is to be destroyed," is really helping to bring out what was meant by the previous thought of "his bringing to nought (or destruction) all rule authority and power."

The thought is not jumping back and forth that all rule, and all authority and power are **DESTROYED**, but all enemies are only put in **SUBJECTION**, but --the last enemy IS **DESTROYED**. They all together are explaining that our Lord's reign will continue until all **opposing elements in this universe are destroyed**.

This then brings us to Why does the scripture then use the phrase, "he will reign until all enemies ARE PUT UNDER HIS FEET," rather than **destroyed**? We think it means far more than that they will merely be in subjection to him. For two scriptures tell us that all were in subjection to our Lord at his resurrection.

EPH 1:21,22 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: **And hath put all things under his feet**, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

Also 1 PET. 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being **made subject unto him**. The words for "authorities and powers" incidentally are the same words used in 1 Cor. 15:24 which we believe includes the fallen angels.

Thus, from one standpoint all beings in the universe were subject to our Lord at the time of his resurrection. Thus 1 Cor. 15:25 must mean far more when it says that he must reign until all enemies are "put under his feet," than just meaning that Jesus must reign until all enemies are subject to him. But rather we would suggest that what is meant, is that Jesus must reign until all his enemies will be **conquered and destroyed**. This would be similar to what happened in:

JOS. 10:24-26. "And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, **put your feet upon the necks** of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

JOS 10:25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to **all your enemies** against whom ye fight.

JOS 10:26 And afterward Joshua **smote them, and slew them**, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.

We have a similar thought in 2 Sam. 22:38-41, that Bro. Russell in reprint 2032 says applies to the future victories of Christ.

2SA 22:38 "I have pursued **mine enemies, and destroyed them**; and turned not again until I had consumed them.

2SA 22:39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen **under my feet**.

2SA 22:40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou **subdued under me**.

2SA 22:41 Thou hast also given me the **necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.**"

It's a similar thought as in ROM 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan **under your feet** shortly.

The thought of putting the foot on the "necks of enemies" seems to be symbolic of *ultimate humiliation*, for *all to know, to see, to understand why these are about to be slain* as the enemies of our Lord. And then, all others in the universe we're told will bow in reverence, as Bro. Russell expresses it in the sermon book on page 720. "The one who must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet, and caused *every knee to bow and every tongue to confess to the glory of the Father*. (1 Cor. 15:25; Phil. 2:9-11.)

This brings us to what is meant by 1 COR. 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

According to Strong's concordance the meaning of the word "subdued," as well as "subject," when used in a reflexive standpoint should be translated "**OBEY.**" This is how the word is used in this context.

We would suggest that the thought here of subdued is not conquered and held in check like Satan will be when he is bound. But rather that it is referring to the fact that when the kingdom will be turned over to the Father, all beings in the universe will be **bowing in humble reverence and OBEDIENCE.**

For notice it includes our Lord himself. We realize our Lord's being subjected to the Father will not in any way be a forced subjection, but will always be in fullness of obedience and reverence for all eternity, as it will be with all who pass the test of the little season and inherit the kingdom.

This is in harmony with COL. 1:20 NE "Through Him God chose to reconcile the whole universe to Himself, ... to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven through Him alone."

Through Him! Through Him, God will reconcile the whole universe to Himself! WHEN? It seems only natural that it would be during the time appointed, the time of His reign when all rebellion will be removed and when all others will bow in reverence and obedience.

Notice Bro. Russell's comment on this scripture on R-4665. "Col.1:19,20 We do not understand this passage to intimate, in any sense of the word, that the blood of the cross had anything to do with the salvation of the angels. It was the Father's good pleasure that in Christ all fullness should dwell, in the sense that he should have complete authority--not merely authority over man, but over all things--**both heavenly and earthly.** It was the Father's pleasure, originally, that through him he would reconcile all things unto himself. Man was out of harmony with God. It was God's will that Christ should harmonize man with God. And these fallen angels were out of harmony with God and it was God's will that they also should be brought into harmony. Everything out of order was to be placed in order. Jehovah has entrusted it all to Christ to set right, just as a King might say to his Minister of State or his General, 'Now you attend to this whole matter, *putting down all insurrection wherever it is; see that no rebellion is left; bring everything into subjection, so that there will be peace and order throughout my entire domain.*' So likewise the Father tells the Lord Jesus to put everything in order as his representative, in respect to things earthly and things heavenly... And it is his own exaltation through this (blood of the cross) that gives him rightful authority in God's plan to be the one to execute God's purposes during the Millennial age. This is the One who is to be the blesser of **angels and men;** he is to have full control of things both **heavenly and earthly."**

Eph.1:10 NE brings out the same thought. "He has made known to us his hidden purpose,...namely that the universe, *all in heaven and on earth,* might be brought into a unity in Christ."

Yes, all in the universe will be subject, from the standpoint of bowing in loving humble reverence and Obedience, when the Kingdom is finally turned over to God that He might be "All in All."

That is when the work of At-One-Ment will be over as Bro. Russell expresses it in Vol. 5- page 20.

"The Atonement, in both of its phases,- the satisfaction of Justice, and the bringing back into harmony or at-one-ment with God of so many of his creatures as under full light and knowledge, shall avail themselves of the privileges and opportunities of the New Covenant-will be completed with the close of the Millennial Age, when all who shall willfully and intelligently reject divine favor, offered through Christ, shall be **destroyed** from among the people, with an everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power --with a destruction from which there will be no hope of recovery by future resurrection. Acts 3:23; 2 Thess. 1:9

(m) Then the great work of the Atonement will be completed, and all things **in heaven and in earth** will be found in **harmony with God**, praising him for all his munificence and grace through Christ; and there shall be no more dying and no more sighing, no more pain there, because the former things shall have passed away--as the result of the work of the Atonement, commenced by the propitiation of Justice by our Redeemer's sacrifice, concluded by full reconciliation of all found worthy of eternal life."

The above quote seems to be telling us, that the **At-One-Ment of the universe** is the whole purpose of our Lord's reign. And that it will not be finished until all beings in the universe are in **AT-ONE-MENT** with God, with all others having been destroyed.

This brings us to the question as to why 1 Cor.15:26 says, "the last enemy that shall be destroyed is **DEATH**."

We realize Bro. Russell has expressed two different views on the subject. The one we prefer is the one that harmonizes with all the thoughts we have mentioned. It is found in the question book page 827.

Q.B 827 SATAN WILL BE DESTROYED DURING CHRIST'S REIGN

"Question -- Since Jesus is to reign until all enemies are put under His feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death (1 Cor.15:25,26,) would it not prove that Satan and his hosts would be destroyed before death is destroyed, and that both would be destroyed during the reign of Jesus?

Answer -- The Apostle's argument is so clear and convincing in this 15th chapter of First Corinthians relative to the reign of our Lord Jesus and the object or purpose to be accomplished by that reign, that there is but one answer to the question and that one is in the **AFFIRMATIVE**...The last of the **evil things** that have so long afflicted the race, **death, "and him that had the power of death" shall be destroyed** (Heb. 2:14; Rev.21:4)."

The above logic seems to us to be clearest and most concise explanation we could think of. When death is destroyed it will mean no more and no less than, **THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH - OR - the FEAR OF DEATH**, of any kind, either Adamic or second death. That's what God promised in Rev. 21:4 "There shall be no more **DEATH**." **PERIOD!** It doesn't say there will be no more Adamic death only. It says there will be no more death period, no more extinction of life period. Or as Luke 20:36 puts it **"NEITHER CAN THEY DIE ANY MORE."**

That's what God promised in Isa.25:7,8 NAS. "He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, even the veil which is stretched over all nations. He will **swallow up**

death FOR ALL TIME."

This "**covering**" that "**is over all people,**" both at the present time and will continue until mankind has passed their final test, is the fear of dying now, and the apprehension of possibly dying because not passing the final test of absolute perfection in the little season.

This "**covering**" this **fear**, this **apprehension** will be gone for all time after the little season. It will be "**SWALLOWED UP,**" "**FOR ALL TIME.**"

Notice how Bro. Russell refers to this fear in Vol. 1-305. "When Christ delivers up the kingdom to the Father, he will present them faultless before him, fit and able to enjoy everlasting blessedness under Jehovah's perfect law. **ALL FEARFULNESS WILL THEN BE GONE,** and Jehovah and his restored creatures will be in perfect harmony as at first." Unquote.

Yes he will swallow up death for all time. "There will be no more death," or the fear of extinction of life any more.

Notice how in the Question Book quote of page 827, Bro. Russell tied in the destruction of **death** with the destruction of Satan.

"The last of the evil things that have so long afflicted the race, **death**, "and him that had the power of death" shall be destroyed (Heb. 2:14; Rev. 21:4)."

Yes when our Lord destroys all His enemies, (Satan being the last intelligent being enemy,) then Bro. Russell says death will be destroyed. For "there will be no more death." Because all death whether Adamic or second death, was directly or indirectly instigated by Satan. It was Satan that was responsible for bringing sin and death into the universe, and when he is finally destroyed then it will be true that all sin and death that was instigated by him will also be destroyed.

Then no one of mankind will ever again have even the slightest fear of dying again. For when Satan is finally destroyed, it will be the **indicator** to all the rest of the intelligent creation that they have *passed their test*. Their joy will overflow in the assurance of the promise of God, "there will be no more death" and they will go on to serve and praise God throughout all eternity.

We would like to note how Phillip's translation captures the essence of what we have been trying to say relative to 1 Cor. 15:24-28.

"Then comes the end when Christ, having abolished all other rule, authority and power, hands over the kingdom to God the Father. Christ's reign will and must continue until every enemy has been *conquered*. The last enemy of all to be destroyed is death itself. The scripture says:

He hath put all things in subjection under his feet. But in the term all things it is quite obvious that God, who brings them all under subjection to Christ, is himself excepted. Nevertheless, when everything created had been made **obedient** to God, then shall the Son acknowledge himself subject to God the Father, who gave the Son power over all things. Thus, in the end, shall God be **wholly and absolutely God."**

Notice the last line. "Thus, in the end, shall God be **wholly and absolutely God."** At

the end of Christ's reign when the Kingdom is turned over to God, he will be **obeyed recognized and revered by all beings in the universe**. He will "be *wholly and absolutely God*," to all beings.

The last sentence in the Revised standard translation is even more to the point. "When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him that God may be **EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE.**"

This could only be true after all the unfaithful rebels in the universe are destroyed, and all who remain will praise God for all eternity. He will be **"EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE."**

This really is the meaning of the words in King James translation of, "that God may be *all in all*." Not until God is **"everything to everyone"** will the purpose of our Lord's reign be accomplished. That is when the work of atonement or **At-One-Ment** of every being in the universe will finally be accomplished. When God will be **"EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE."**

A footnote in the Companion Bible on "all in all" corroborates this thought. Note on "all in all. In vss.27,28, panta occurs six times, in five of them translated "all things". It must be the same here. There is an ellipsis, and it should read "over all things in all (places)", i.e. everywhere supreme." Unquote.

POINT 7:

Another point that was raised was that the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matt.25:31-46) could apply only to the Mediatorial reign and not to the little season. And that those rewarded as sheep in verse 34, could later fail a final test and become goats instead of sheep.

"Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

RESPONSE:

We find it difficult to envision this parable teaching that this is only a tentative judgment that could later be reversed. The words, "Come ye **blessed** of my Father **inherit** the kingdom prepared for you," and by contrast verse 41, "Depart from me ye **cursed**, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels," seems to be portraying the final judgment of the righteous and the wicked at the end of the little season final test.

Also it was mentioned that reprint 5531 (Sept.1914) could seem to support the thought that it applies before the final test of the little season. I'll first quote the paragraph quoted but I would like to go on to the next two paragraphs as well.

"Not until the conclusion of the millennium will the decision of the Judge be manifested. Then great surprise will be shown at his decision--by both parties. To the sheep at his right hand he will say, Come ye blessed of my Father (the kind that my Father is pleased to bless and to grant everlasting life! Come,) inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. When God laid the foundation of the earth and planned its human habitation, it was his design to give it to you. Now the time has come for you to enter into this kingdom and to possess it."

The point that was raised was that the granting of everlasting life could be applied before the final test from the standpoint that Bro. Russell refers in reprint 3387, to Adam having had everlasting life before he sinned (from the standpoint that his life would have lasted

forever had he remained obedient to God.) But notice the next two Paragraphs.

"This is not the same kingdom as the Messianic kingdom. On the contrary, it is the kingdom which God gave to Adam, which Adam lost through his disobedience and which Christ redeemed by the sacrifice of himself. **It will be given only to those who will have developed the God-like character--**those who will become the Lord's **"sheep"** during the Millennium."

Notice how Bro. Russell refers to how the kingdom will **ONLY** be given to those who will have developed **the God-like character, those who will become sheep**. It's not a tentative judgment that could be reversed. The kingdom will only be given to those who **positively developed a God-like, sheep like character**. Then notice how he contrasts this class with the goats in the next paragraph.

"Then the other class, the goats of the parable, will be sentenced; "Depart ye accursed ones (doomed ones) into everlasting punishment." Granted all the privileges, blessings and experiences of a 1000 years of contact with righteousness, truth and the spirit of God, you indeed render an outward obedience, but at heart you have not come into harmony with God. I cannot recognize you as my sheep. I cannot present you to the Father **blameless and irreprovable**. You must be destroyed; the punishment is 2nd death everlasting destruction."

Note how the inference is that the **sheep were blameless and irreprovable**. He wasn't saying that the inheriting of the kingdom by the sheep was only a tentative judgement and that later they could become goats. They were **blameless and irreprovable**.

POINT 8:

Another point was raised in regards to the parable of the sheep and the goats. It was suggested that it's application is only to the Mediatorial reign judgment and not the little season, because those who are put into 2nd death in the parable, are those who **failed to do something**, while those who die in the little season (Gog and Magog) are put to death because of **what they did**.

RESPONSE:

This seems contrary to Bro. Russell's reasoning that the only ones who will die in the Mediatorial reign will be the truly outward incorrigible, who absolutely refuse to obey the laws of the kingdom. And because they are outwardly disobedient they will be put to death after a 100 years.

Whereas those who live thru the Mediatorial reign will be those who have made outward progress and are obeying the laws of the kingdom. The little season is for the very purpose of providing an opportunity, (by the releasing of Satan,) to bring about an outward manifestation of what up to that time, had been only a hidden sin of the heart.

It would appear that the seemingly relatively minimal reasons shown in the parable of why some go into 2nd death, (during the Mediatorial reign as well as the little season,) is to show the exceedingly high standard that will be required of all who will finally pass their test and go on to live forever. **ABSOLUTE PERFECTION OF LOVE** will be required for everyone who will ever attain everlasting life, on any plane of being. The Goat class demonstrated their lack of perfect love by showing their lack of concern for their fellow man.

This brings us to the point of asking, why is it that in every reference in the scriptures that goes into detail on explaining the work of our lord's reign does it include the destruction of the second death class in the little season.

Matt. 25:31-46, the parable of the sheep and the goats, rewarding of faithful and destruction of 2nd death class, --

Rev. 11:17,18 Refers to what is accomplished in the reign, and ends with destroying those who destroy the earth. --

Rev. 20:11-15 Judgment of the Great White throne, faithful are rewarded and ends with 2nd death class destroyed. --

Rev.21:1-27 New Jerusalem picture, ends with rewarding the faithful and again the destruction of the 2nd death class.

1 Cor. 15:24-28 Destroying all opposing rule, authority and power, conquering all enemies, all others subject in complete obedience.

If the Lord's reign will end *before* the little season why didn't all these scriptures refer only to the work of the Mediatorial reign? Why does each include the final rewarding of the faithful, and the destruction of the second death class, if that is a judgment that would be done later by God? Why don't any of them make a clear cut differentiation between the work of Christ during the Mediatorial reign and the work of God in the little season?

The reason, we believe is that the Lord ***WILL REIGN*** until the end of the little season final test. ***He will reign until the final work of bringing every being in the universe into At-One-Ment with God is accomplished.***

Just another incidental note in passing. It's a chart that Florence came across in the reprints (3579- June 1905) just a short time ago. In essence it presents the same basic concepts that we have presented in this study. Namely that the 1000 year reign of glory would begin when the church was complete (at the time thinking it would be 1914) and it would end with the kingdom turned over to God 1000 years after 1914, or 2914.

Bro. Russell's comments above the chart are: "Below we give an outline chart built upon the Bible chronology presented in Millennial Dawn and embodying our original "Chart of the Ages." It presents additionally several new features, "parallels," which no doubt will be both interesting and instructive."

If Bro. Russell felt that this was not a possibility, I don't think any of us would feel that he would have printed it. For notice he says, "it will prove interesting AND **INSTRUCTIVE.**"

We think it was the same reason he changed the 1st Volume chart in 1914. Up until 1914 all the "Chart of the Ages" in the 1st Volumes had the age that we often refer to as the Millennial age, titled "MILLENNIAL AGE." But all the charts in the 1st volumes printed after the 4,214,000 edition, (which was at the end of 1913,) had the name changed from Millennial Age to "**Messianic Age.**"

Bro. Russell did not tell us why he made the change, so it is open to our reasoning. We would like to suggest that the reason we believe it was changed, is that the age that was previously called the Millennial Age, has always had printed immediately below the title a subtitle, "PERIOD OF THE REIGN OF CHRIST." In view of all of the above articles that we have quoted from Bro. Russell we believe he realized there were Two Aspects to our Lord's reign. One that began with the 7th Millennium, and a second 1000 year reign of Glory that would begin with the completion of the Church.

Hence our Lord in reality would reign more than a 1000 years.

It is for this reason we believe that he changed the title from "**MILLENNIAL AGE - PERIOD OF THE REIGN OF CHRIST,**" (which would imply the reign of Christ would be only 1000 years long,) -- to -- "**MESSIANIC AGE - PERIOD OF THE REIGN OF CHRIST.**" (which does not limit the reign of Christ to only 1000 years, which more accurately reflected his overall view of the reign of Christ.)

In addition, notice the caption printed under the chart, to see that it covers the plan of the ages that will result in uniting all beings in the universe, in heaven and earth under Christ, (The Anointed One.)

"CHART OF THE AGES"

ILLUSTRATING THE PLAN OF GOD FOR BRINGING MANY SONS TO GLORY, AND HIS PURPOSE-

"...In regard to an Administration of the Fullness of the Appointed Times, to Re-unite All Things Under One Head, Even Under the Anointed One; the Things in Heaven and the Things on Earth - Under Him." EPH. 1:10 (Diaglott)

We notice that Bro. Russell chose to use the Diaglott translation which uses the word "Anointed one." The Plan of the Ages that will unite all in heaven and earth under the "ANOINTED ONE." The title "Anointed One," is referring to the OFFICE that our Lord was anointed to. A King and Priest after the order of Melchizedek. (Only Kings and Priests were Anointed.) Please note the following article:

The Melchizedek Priesthood is Installed into Office

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"The Aaronic pictures the sufferings of Christ, but shows nothing of the glory and reign, except as these were symbolized in the garments of glory and beauty. The MELCHIZEDEK PRIEST represents merely the future of the Christ, after the sacrificing shall have been finished and all the members of the body completed... The Priest must first offer sacrifice, in order to become worthy of his own exaltation to the priestly office and glory; and, secondly, he must have the merit of that sacrifice wherewith to satisfy justice on behalf of the sins of the world, in order that, as the glorified Priest, he may have the full right to stand as Mediator between God and mankind--to bless the latter and uplift them during the thousand years of his reign as the Melchizedek Priest--a priest upon his throne... (Heb. 7:21) The Priest here referred to is the glorified Messiah, Head and body, at the conclusion of this Gospel age, when the consecrating and sacrificing will be at an end and the glorious priestly office, serving the world of mankind, will begin."

Thus the uniting of all in heaven and earth will take place **while he is still in His Anointed office as King and Priest** after the order of Melchizedek. This office of King and Priest will end when the Kingdom is turned over to God for it will have accomplished it's purpose. The thought of the King James translation that He will be a King and Priest **forever** after the order of Melchizedek is incorrect. The Diaglott for Heb.7:21 states, "Thou art a Priest for the Age." Rotherham confirms this in both Heb.7:21 and Psm. 110:4

So this is what we believe is the final purpose of our Lord's reign as King and Priest that he was **"Anointed" to**. As the Anointed King and High Priest he would bring all beings in the universe into **At-One-Ment** with God. (All others being destroyed.) The Atonement work will thus be finished. Then He will turn over the Kingdom to God, that God might be **"EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE."**

POINT 9:

Another point that was raised was that there was a concurrence that Revelation is built in sections, but there was a difference of opinion on where the divisions should be. It was mentioned, Quote, "that the Revelator does his dividing by obvious means such as, "And I saw" and "And I heard" etc. Using this method you would divide the 20th chapter at verse 1, 4, 11, and 12, and not at verse 7."

RESPONSE:

We would concur that the above criteria is true in many cases, but by no means in all. Therefore it would not be an absolute method of determining divisions.

According to the above criteria, every time you have an "And I saw" or an "And I heard" we should recognize it as a division, and when there isn't something obvious like an "And I saw," you do not have a division.

Let's note some exceptions. In the criteria mentioned above, it's stated we should have a division at verse 12, and none at verse 7. Lets consider verse 12. It begins with an "And I saw," therefore if we were to apply the above rule it should be a new division. However we think most brethren would concur that there should not be a paragraph division between verses 11 and 12.

Verse 11 would be a new paragraph, for it introduces a new scene of the Great White

Throne. But verse 12 is not describing another new scene or subject that it should be a new paragraph division. For the subject of verse 11 continues in 12 by describing who he sees standing before this throne. In all the various bible translations we have that give paragraph divisions, there's not a one that shows a division at verse 12. So the rule doesn't hold that every time you have an "And I saw," you should consider it a new paragraph division.

Let consider the 2nd criteria that unless you do have an obvious phrase such as "And I saw" or "And I heard," you SHOULD NOT consider it as a new paragraph division.

Following this criteria we should not have a paragraph division at verse 7 for it "does not begin with an obvious "And I saw." Again of all the translations I have that show paragraph divisions there is not a one that does not show a new paragraph at verse 7. For verses 4-6 are describing the blessings of the first resurrection that the church will receive, while 7-10 go on to describe events of the little season.

But as we know, punctuation was not used in the original Greek so this is open to interpretation. Also we realize that even if there is a new paragraph at verse 7 that the 1000 years in verse 7 could still be referring to the same 1000 years mentioned in verse 6. So if this was all we had to go on it would not in itself be absolute.

What makes it absolute in our mind is the 5 other sets of scriptures which go into detail on the reign. As we have considered above they indicate our Lord is still reigning in the little season when he rewards the faithful and destroys all the unfaithful with 2nd death. Also please note the following point 10.

But we would like to go on to show that the criteria, of there **must be** an obvious "And I saw" or an "And I Heard," in order to validate a new division, is not absolute, by showing exceptions to it.

The following are exceptions to the above criteria, where there is a division, a change of scene, but it is not preceded by any obvious "And I saw," or "And I heard," type of phrase.

- Rev. 22: 13 to 14
- Rev. 22: 15 to 16
- Rev. 22: 16 to 17
- Rev. 16: 14 to 15
- Rev. 16: 15 to 16

POINT 10:

A final point raised was, Quote. "It is interesting to note that in Rev. 20, the best Manuscript evidence has "a" thousand years in verse 2 while all other verses have "the" thousand years. In Greek grammar, "the" is reflexive when used in a sequence. This also happens in English. We say "I saw A boy or girl. THE boy said hello." We begin with the general article "a" and then REFER BACK TO IT with the specific article "the." The construction of Rev.20 EXTREMELY STRONGLY suggests by Greek grammar that ALL the thousand year references in the chapter are to the same period -- the one mentioned in verse 2." Unquote.

Response:

We don't know what the source for the above "Best Manuscript evidence" is, but it does not concur with what we have available. The best manuscript evidence we have access to is Tischendorf's "Novum Testamentum Graece Editio 8," - United Bible Societies

analytical Greek New Testament, - Marshall's Diaglott, - and Rotherham's Translation. (The Diaglott is not good on Revelation for it uses an 11th century manuscript.)

What we find from all of the above highly recognized Greek authorities is that the first reference to a thousand years in verse two is "a" thousand years, the second reference in vs.3 is "the" 1000 years. So far, it concurs with the above rule of grammar, for it's referring to the same 1000 years.

However if we continue to follow the rules of grammar raised in this point, we would have to arrive at the conclusion that **2 different** 1000 year periods are referred to in Rev. 20.

For the point raised was that **"ALL"** other references are to **"the"** 1000 years, and if that were so it would tend to support the thought that they are all referring back to the same 1000 years that was mentioned in verse 2 during which Satan would be bound.

But **all** the above authorities agree that in verse 4 it reverts back to **"a"** 1000 years, **NOT** "the" 1000 years. (This is based on 3 of the oldest manuscripts in existence, the Sinaitic, the Alexandrian, and the Aecumenius A 2053.) This thus supports our thought that the 1000 year reign of "THE CHRIST" in verses 4-6, is NOT referring back to the same 1000 year period mentioned in verse 2, but rather is a different 1000 year period. If it were referring back to the same 1000 years mentioned in verse 2, then by the rules of grammar verse 4 should have been written "the" 1000 years, -- But it's NOT, it's "a" 1000 years.

Not only is there a concurrence by all the above Greek authorities, but all the following translations also concur that verse 4 should be translated "a" 1000 years. New American Standard, Revised Standard, Weymouth, New International, Fenton, Jerusalem Bible, Young's, New English, Phillip's, Good News.

Thus this point rather than taking away from, would help to support the view that there are two separate and distinct 1000 year periods referred to in Rev. 20.

We hope in measure that this second P.S., will help convey why we believe that viewing the Lord's reign in these two separate and distinct aspects conveys a greater harmony with more of Bro. Russell's writings overall, than either of the other general views held in the Bible Students movement do by themselves.

Again, in no way do we want to be dogmatic that this is "The View" and others are therefore wrong. We appreciated very much the brethren who had taken the time and study in submitting the points brought up in this article. We are all striving to understand the scriptures and Bro. Russell the best we can. We realize we understand "only in part," therefore we present the above only with a desire to be helpful, to show why we believe it is a very plausible explanation.

By grace,

Bro. George Tabac

ALL REFERENCES TO REV. 20:4-6

**Compiled from the Indexes of the 6 Volumes of "Studies in the Scriptures," -- and the
"Watchtower Reprints"**

**185 TOTAL REFERENCES TO REV. 20:4-6
NONE STATE THAT THAT REIGN HAS STARTED
38 REFER TO THE REV. 20:4-6 REIGN AS FUTURE**

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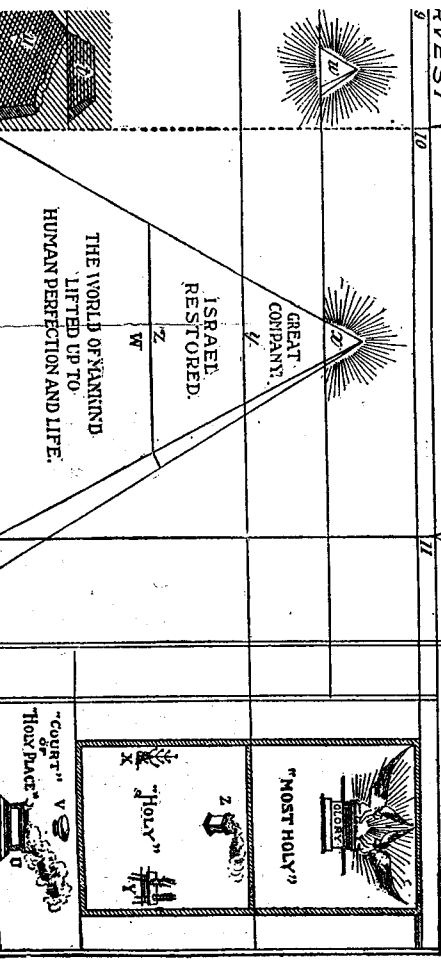
HAT EVERY ONE MAY READ IT FLUENTLY.

DISPENSATION THIRD
THE FULLNESS OF TIMES
[EPH. 1:10]

MILLENNIAL AGE.
PERIOD OF
THE REIGN OF CHRIST.
"THE MOST BLESSED UNTIL HE COME FOR ALL EARTH IN HIS GLORY."
[REV. 19:11]

"AGES
TO COME"

THE
TABERNACLE
OF THE WILDERNESS.
THE HARMONY OF ITS TEACHINGS.



ISRAEL RESTORED.
THE WORLD OF MANKIND LIFTED UP TO HUMAN PERFECTION AND LIFE.

INCORRIBIBLE DESTROYED
SECOND DEATH

THE TABERNACLE.
Its teachings are in harmony with the *CHIEF* of the age, showing the same *STAIRS* as seen every in coming from sin to glory.
The entire ground of the Tabernacle enclosure was called "Holy". Outside the court all was unholy, and in the dispensation of the *NEW* this plane in Christ of *AGE*. The *NEW* *AGE* *PERIOD* *OF* *THE* *WILDERNESS* represents the condition of unconverted *UNBELIEVERS* *BEFORE* *THE* *REIGN* *OF* *THE* *GLORIOUS* *AND* *PERFECT* *AGES*. The *NEW* *AGE* *PERIOD* *OF* *THE* *WILDERNESS* represents the *PERFECT* *AGES* *OF* *THE* *WILDERNESS* when "we shall be like *HIM*". This glory plane is still further along the grand climax of ages—"Glory, Honor, and Immortality."

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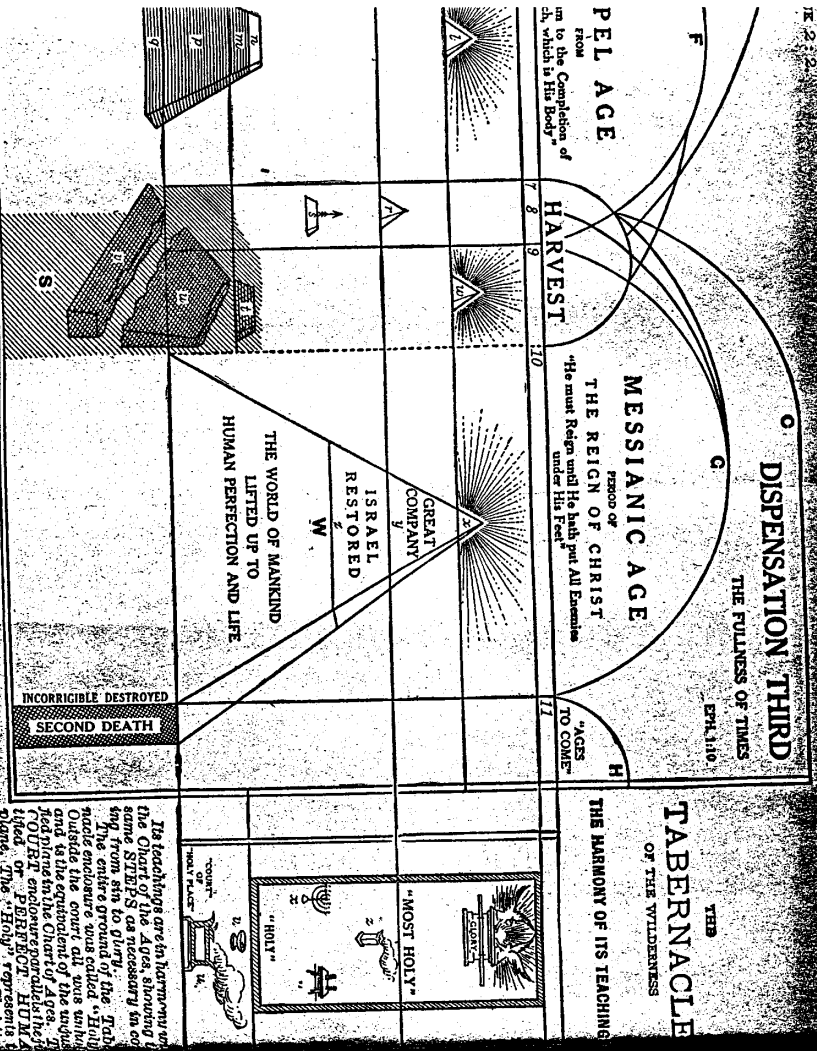
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