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## *CHRIST'S SECOND COMING*

A brief Manifesto

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**G**OD has two calendars. The first is for His Church. The Church is composed of all those who have from their hearts repented of their sins and received Christ into their hearts and lives as Lord and Saviour. The first Calendar has four entries as it were:—

1. Christ is coming for His Church into the air and will raise the dead and change the living members of His Church into His likeness and rapture both to heaven.
2. Each member must then appear before His Judgment Seat to give account of himself and his life, to receive a reward or suffer loss according to the good or evil done.
3. Christ comes with His Church to execute judgment in the world of living men and set up the Kingdom of God on earth under His personal rule in which His Church will be associated with Him as the City of God the New Jerusalem, and His Reign will last 1,000 years, a reign of peace and justice.
4. After this reign the world is burned up and God creates a new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness dwells, God dwelling with men, the higher heavenly part of this eternal state being the Father's House and Kingdom in which the Church lives for ever in the company of Christ.

It must be made clear that only those who have received Christ as their personal Saviour are destined for this blessing.

The time of the Second Coming for the Church is not revealed and it is not for us to fix dates or prophesy about developments in the earth. The Church should be ready for Christ to come at any moment, and for a century past a growing number of the members of the Church have been looking for the Second Coming. We are to expect that some will not be ready, and alas we are warned that there are some who think they are ready but will be found out not to be true believers when Jesus comes. Such will fall under the judgments in the second calendar. To all the preacher of the Gospel can only say: Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. Even tomorrow may be too late, and the day of salvation may be over and the day of judgment begin. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved!

The second calendar contains many entries which are a prophetic warning to the world, but here are the main events:—

1. The dreadful shock of finding that Christians have been removed and the preachers of the true Gospel are not to be found, and there is only a fearful waiting for death and judgment ahead, the terrors of a godless world and the Wrath of God.
2. The rise of Anti-Christ, and the re-union under him as Pope of professing Christendom which will join hands with the false religious of the East.
3. The revival of the Roman Empire in a ten-Kingdom form (if not already revived before the rapture of the Church to heaven) and of the ancient empires of Babylon, Persia and Greece in association with the revived Roman Empire. The Roman Empire already shows ominous signs of being revived now in movements such as Western Union and the surrender of national sovereignty in a measure to a European Parliament. The Bagdad Pact and NATO were most significant developments in this connection; not that one can say that they are the fulfilment of prophecy but they could be the setting of the stage.



4. The re-establishment (if not already established when the Church is on earth) of Jewish Temple worship under the protection of a seven-year covenant made by Anti-Christ on behalf of the Roman Empire.
5. The nation of Israel will be divided into two, the mass of the people who will associate with the Anti-Christian idolatry promoted from Rome and a remnant who will be persecuted for the adherence to the true faith of Jehovah. This remnant will go out to the whole wide world to warn men of the Coming Kingdom and preaching the baptism of repentance like John the Baptist. This will not mean a second chance for those who have wilfully refused the Gospel now preached by the Church of God.
6. The removal of the true Church will result in the release of evil forces generally and in particular the first  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years after the Rapture of the Church will be a time of wars and rumours of wars, political upheavals and revolutions, conquest and tyranny, civil wars, famine, pestilence and death and anarchy with crimes too frequent and blatant to be punished.
7. After the first  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years of the seven-year covenant period have elapsed Satan will be cast out of heaven and will descend to earth in great fury to bring about the destruction of Israel and God's Name from the earth. By Satan's inspiration a new Emperor will arise at Rome who will be welcomed by the Anti-Christ although he will be a Satan-Worshipper, an oppressive tyrant, a man whom the world will welcome as a super-man but whom God's word describes as a beast. This Beast-Emperor and the Anti-Christ as His False Prophet will cause Jewish Temple worship at Jerusalem to cease and in substitution will combine to compel men to worship Satan and themselves. They will discard the idolatrous religion and system at Rome, and will intensify their persecution of the elect of Israel, setting up an image of the Beast-Emperor in the Temple at Jerusalem and requiring all in their domain to worship Satan the image and themselves.
8. The nations of the earth, Russia heading Northern Kingdoms, the Southern Kingdoms headed by Egypt, and the Kings of the East will be inflamed by Satan and in common with the Beast-Emperor and the armies of the revived Roman Empire all will assemble outside Jerusalem for the battle of Armageddon, a battle far worse than any yet fought on earth; and their object when so assembled will be the utter destruction of God's Name and His Ancient people from the face of the earth. At this juncture Christ will appear to His people Israel, and they will recognise Him as their murdered Messiah and repent and mourn their sin in rejecting Him; and He will appear in glory to all the world accompanied by His Church and descend to Mount Olivet and establish the throne of His earthly Kingdom at Jerusalem and go forth to fight the nations gathered against Jerusalem and will utterly defeat them inflicting a terrible death on them.
9. Christ will set up His Throne of Glory and in association with His Church will judge the living nations on earth according to the manner in which they have received the Jewish Messengers of the Kingdom consigning His opponents to Hell and awarding a part in the life of the Kingdom to those who befriended His Messengers.
10. Christ will then establish His Millennial Kingdom over all the earth and bind Satan for 1,000 years banishing war and all evil, injustice and poverty and ruling in righteousness and equity.

11. After the 1,000 years Satan will again be released and will go forth to gather the nations of the earth to battle but the enemies of Christ will again be slain, the world will be burned up and God will create a new heaven and new earth in which God will dwell with men.

12. The final judgment of the Great White Throne will take place and the dead will be raised to be judged according to their works. There are, therefore, three judgments not one general judgment as taught in Christendom generally and the end of the present age will *not* be the end of the world. The world is destined for a more wonderful time than it has ever yet seen, but before that a darker period of trouble and judgment than ever before.

The message must therefore be: Flee from the Wrath to come! God is waiting to bless those who come to Him through the Lord Jesus Christ in repentance and faith, and is not willing that any should perish. Whosoever will may come. Those who are not willing must face the consequences of this folly and rebellion and their doom will justify God for ever in His judgment of evil and creation of an eternal state in which neither heaven nor earth will witness opposition to His good and perfect will.

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## APPENDIX

At the suggestion of Christian friends to whom the above paper has been submitted in draft I append a list of Scripture references, though I would emphasise that the reader would be best advised to search the Scriptures from cover to cover for light from God. A more detailed statement or manifesto is in draft, but pressure of work makes it difficult to complete the revisions for the press.

### THE FIRST CALENDAR

1. I Thessalonians iv. 13-18.  
John xiv. 1-3.  
I Corinthians xv. 51-57.  
Philippians iii. 20-21.
2. II Corinthians v. 10-11.  
I Corinthians iii. 11-15.  
Revelation xii. 10-11.
3. I Thessalonians iii. 13; v. 2-3.  
II Thessalonians i. 6-10.  
Revelation xix. 11-15; xx. 4.
4. II Peter iii. 12-13.  
Revelation xxi. 1-5.

### THE SECOND CALENDAR

1. Matthew xxv. 11-12.  
Amos viii. 11-12.
2. II Thessalonians ii. 8-10.  
Revelation xvii. 1-6.  
I John ii. 18-22.
3. Revelation xiii. 1-2, xvii. 8.  
Daniel vii. 7, 8, 19, 20, ii. 35.
4. Daniel ix. 26-27.
5. Matthew xxiv. 3-14-22; xi. 10, 14.  
Revelation xi. 3.  
Luke i. 17.  
Malachi iv. 5-6.
6. II Thessalonians ii. 6-12.  
Revelation vi. 1-8.
7. Revelation xii. 7-12; xiii. 3-7;  
14-15.  
Daniel ix. 26-27.  
Matthew xxiv. 15.  
II Thessalonians ii. 4.
8. Zechariah xiv. 2; xii. 1-14; xiii. 1.  
Daniel xi. 40-45.  
Ezekiel xxxvii. 1-14; xxxviii,  
xxxix. 1-10.  
Revelation xix. 11-21.  
Zechariah xiv. 3-7; 12-13.  
Psalms ii. cx.
9. Matthew xxv. 31.
10. } Revelation xx. 1-10.
11. } Isaiah lxi. 17-25.
12. Revelation xx. 11-15.