

them that it was to prepare a place for them, and then to come and fetch them there; and afterwards the circumstances of this coming were enlarged upon by inspired penmen, until the instructed Christian was able to review, as of a thing past, and completed, the various events in their connection and order, going to make up an exhibition of power and glory of such a marvellous character that not only this earth, with its many glittering and pompous pageants, has never seen anything comparable to it, but heaven itself will never have witnessed a more brilliant or entrancing scene.

The circumstances of this great manifestation having been plainly described, the period for its accomplishment was for wise purposes concealed, except that a moral condition of things was indicated as immediately preceding it: but not only so, as the last grains of sand are trickling through the vast hour glass of the age, it becomes apparent that certain references, and addresses, given by inspiration, have a mysterious application, clearly seen, when the events thus in view have been fulfilled, so that both the state of the world, and the state of the church, set forth in connection with the return of the Divine Person previously here; we are able with the utmost confidence to say, that we are those upon whom the end of the ages has come, inasmuch as the accompaniments of the end are everywhere to be seen.

The approaching crisis is of the deepest possible moment, both for those whom grace has given to be