

ium will commence about 2,000 years after Christ, the ancient Jewish notion, which is said to be founded on a traditional prophecy of the house of Elias, will also be found to hold true. The ancient Jewish notion is, that as there are six days in the week, and the seventh is the Sabbath, so there will be six Millenaries of the world, or six periods of a thousand years in the lapse of time, and the seventh will be the Sabbatical Millenary of rest. Considering the frequency with which mention is made of the number Seven in the history of God's dealings with His ancient Church, as well as in the prophecies of Scripture, the notion is one, to say the least of it, which cannot easily be got rid of, and which is therefore deemed worthy of special notice.

The intervening period of nearly a century and a half between the present time and the commencement of the Millenium, may appear to some long, too long for the Church of Christ to wait ere she can enter upon the enjoyment of her Sabbath of a thousand years. It may be so; but it is no longer than the prophecies of John in the Revelation which are yet to be fulfilled would seem to require. The fifth vial, saith the angel to John, is to be poured out on the seal of the Beast. The sixth vial is to be poured out on the seat of the False Prophet; and the seventh vial is to be poured out to complete the destruction and final overthrow of both. But before the seventh vial is poured out, the way of the Kings of the East—not of the Jews, as some very absurdly suppose, for they are neither Kings nor Princes, nor have they had any among them for more than eighteen hundred years—but of the “kings of the earth,” in the eastern hemisphere must be prepared; and they of the nations, and peoples, and tongues must gather themselves together to the great battle of Armageddon. And the Jewish heart must return, and they be “grafted into their own olive tree,” restored to their own land, and converted to the Christian Church. All this will require a considerable portion of time for its accomplishment; and supposing the whole of the fifth and part of the sixth vials to be exhausted before the year 1900, it is not too much to allow 50 or 60 years more for the complete exhausting of the sixth, and an additional 30 or 40 years for the pouring out of the seventh vial. This will bring down the history of the world to that predicted era when “the wine-press of the wrath of Almighty God will be trodden without the city”—the Seven-Hilled City; and when “the Beast and the False Prophet shall be taken and both cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.” Then, we repeat, both the Papal and Mohammedan powers shall be completely and forever overthrown, and the Millennial era of the Church's jubilee begin.

“The testimony of Christ is the spirit of prophecy;” that is, the fulfilment of prophecy is a standing evidence of the truth of Christ. Miracles were the standing evidence in the Apostolic age; but the fulfilment of prophecy is, in every age, a standing proof that the Bible is of God, and, therefore, that Christianity is true. It is a proof that stands out before the eyes of living men, and appears as legibly engraved on the map of Asia as in the history of Europe. It is open to all; and as none but he that is willfully blind can look over the lands of Idumea, Philistia, Palestine, and Babylonia without perceiving that all that the Lord hath spoken concerning them by the mouth of His servants the prophets hath been, and even now is being accomplished, so none but he that is willfully blinded can read over the histories of Italy, France, Spain, and Germany without perceiving that much, very much that the Lord hath spoken by his angel to His servant John concerning those nations that gave their power to the Beast, hath been fulfilled, and without being established in the faith that all he hath spoken concerning the future shall assuredly come to pass.

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