

earth shall remain in that state for a thousand years, and that then Christ will personally appear as the Judge of all the earth.

3. Another class advocate the restoration of the Jews to Canaan—Jerusalem rebuilt—sacrifices and oblations renewed, and the whole nation, the ten tribes included, settled in the Holy Land, amidst unparalleled splendor. This state of things is expected to arouse the cupidity of the nations, who shall combine their forces to destroy Jerusalem. After the capture of a third part of the city, and the destruction of many, the Lord Jesus shall descend in person on the top of Mount Olivet, and fight for Israel, and deliver them; then shall the Jews be brought in with the fulness of the Gentiles, and Christ shall reign on earth a thousand years.

4. But another theory is now afloat, which proposes making shorter work than this. At its head is a Mr. Wm. Miller, and judging, from reports, a pious, zealous man. He contends for the personal appearance of the Lord in 1843, at which time the Judgment will commence, and conclude in one thousand years.

There are many other sentiments growing out of these, and forming other classes, but may properly be arranged under these four. The "Signs of the Times," noticed in our last, is devoted particularly to the advocacy of the fourth view of the subject. Relative to the question proposed by Brother Himes, (noticed in our last,) we have time and room at present just to say—

I have nearly completed reading Mr. Miller's Lectures, Mr. Begg on the Prophecies, and also Mr. David Campbell's pictorial work on the same subjects. As soon as time will permit, I shall endeavor to weigh them all in the balances of the sanctuary, together with the signs of the times, and then, and not till then, shall I dare to give my conclusions.

As to the question, "What think you of the second coming of the Lord Messiah?" I have at no time, since I became obedient to the Gospel, had a doubt in my mind on this subject. There is no subject plainer in the oracles of God. When the Lord was ascending, two angels informed the disciples, that, "that same Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven." He said himself that he should come in the clouds, and the closing portion of the revelation of God says, "Behold he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him." One article of my faith is the personal coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in the same manner in which he was seen to go into heaven. Therefore, in the performance of my duties as a watchman, I have proclaimed the coming of the Lord Messiah. But as to fixing upon the year; of this I have always been doubtful. "The day and hour," the Saviour declared, "knoweth no one, not the angels in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only." I have never doubted but this referred to his coming again. Far be it then from me to assure a sinner that the coming of the Lord will be delayed till the year 1843, or even another day! That this coming will be sudden, and unexpected by the great mass of the human family, is to my mind also clear. It shall, therefore, be my constant endeavor to receive and elicit all the information possible on this momentous and interesting theme, and induce as many as possible