

ning cometh out of the east and shineth unto the west, so shall be the coming of the Son of Man" (v. 27). Possibly, by some terrestrial phenomenon, the whole world shall be apprised of His advent. It seems, therefore, that there are to be two phases of His coming. He comes first for His own to take them to Himself; and after that, manifests His presence to the rest of the world for another purpose, but a purpose of mercy. Earlier in my Bible studies, I accepted the general teaching of pre-millennialists, that the righteous were to be taken away before "the time of trouble," and that a considerable time would elapse between His coming for His saints and His public manifestation to the world at large; but, when I commenced to write this book two years ago, and put this chapter in outline, I had to abandon that view. I now feel quite sure that when the first resurrection takes place, and the righteous living are caught away, which will result in the disappearance from earth of all the smaller children, and the best living men and women in every walk of life, and every avocation, that that event alone would be sufficient to hush the roar of cannon, and stop every form of strife on the earth. Those who are left would be astounded, and almost afraid to go outside their own dwelling. No offices would open on that day I am sure, no trains would move, no armies would fight—Armageddon would be over. After this thought came to me, I critically examined the Scripture passages that are quoted in support of the taking away of the saints before the time of trouble began, and I am sure they do not apply. No, the saints will not miss "the time of trouble." *We are all alike guilty*, although not in the same degree, still guilty of helping to bring about the conditions which ripen into the great storm; and we must all expect to share in the disaster. It is, of course, true that the saints shall be *kept*, and delivered *out of* the trouble, but not *from it*. Daniel places "the time of trouble" before the Resurrection, hence before the translation of the living saints; and that order of the events, I think, should be accepted. How soon the public manifestation of His Presence is to follow the secret coming for His children we are not told: