

perish with the using, after the commandments and doctrines of men, which things have indeed a *show of wisdom* (only a show) in self-devised (or will) worship—not in any honour (but only) to the satisfying of the flesh”. Thus the devil misleads by imitation-worship, not the true worship of God in spirit and in truth, but setting up a self-devised worship to suit the fleshy lusts of carnal man; signs for the eye to rest upon; symbols, ceremonies, ritualistic worship of the Jews revived in these last times, after having been put aside by the work of Christ 1800 years since, ceremonious genuflections, turning and twisting about of the body of the ministering priest, etc., “a worshipping with men’s hands” (*Acts xvii. 24, 25*), pictures, images, etc., not the faith of the Son of God; and so the symbol becomes the object of worship, and reverence, and the person symbolised is practically thrust aside. Thus all those who search not the scriptures for themselves, and so prove themselves in earnest to know God’s mind and truth, will surely more or less be contented with the show of wisdom, of will-worship, to the satisfying of the fleshy nature, all of which must necessarily be rejected by God, as that belonging to Cain, and is not the worship of God in *Spirit* and in *truth*.

PART SECOND.

Zion—God’s city (*Hebrews xii. 22*). The city of truth (*Zechariah viii. 3*). Built partly on the hill Moriah, where Isaac was offered (*Genesis xxii. 2*), that type of Christ, and about where, 2000 years afterwards, Christ was crucified. Here also was the Temple built (*2 Chronicles iii. 1*). God’s earthly dwelling-place in the midst of His people, where His glory was also to be seen in the Holiest of holies, until it was removed on account of the evil of Israel some 500 years before Christ came on earth, but where it will yet again be made manifest in a splendour never yet witnessed. Close to this spot will Christ descend in judgment to redeem His people Israel from the hand of the Antichrist (*Zechariah xiv. 14*). The Jews, in the time of Christ, were resting their hearts on their buildings, not on Christ Himself (*Matthew xxiv. 1*). Little did they think of the coming destruction of all of them, when forty years afterwards, the city was taken by Titus, A.D. 70, and 100,000 Jews were slain during the siege, and the buildings of the Temple razed to the ground. But the time is coming for Jerusalem to be restored, never to be destroyed again (*Jeremiah xxxi. 40*), and it is to be the throne of the Lord (*Jeremiah iii. 17*). It has to pass through another time of judgment (*Isaiah i. 27*), but the judgment through which Jerusalem is to be redeemed and restored for ever is that which destroys BABYLON for ever (*Psalms cxxxvii. Revelation xviii. 21*). Zion was promised to Abraham, with Canaan, in *Genesis xvii.*