

twice as bad; for many are twice dead and plucked up by the roots. Now there is another prophecy which was fulfilled at the same time when they sung the new song. Rev. 10: 5-10. This whole chapter has been fulfilled by the Second Advent. V 1.—“And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire; and he had in his hand a little book open; and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth.” Now these angels are messengers which were to be fulfilled by the churches from the first advent to his second coming. It was sent to John by visions—the revelations of Christ. This first verse was a mighty message, because there was a mighty work to perform—the second advent of our Lord. He was clothed with the same kind of a cloud as Paul was,—a cloud of witnesses. He said time would fail him to count them; and now see the witnesses there are from Genesis to Revelations. That is a garment that will cover a man all over like the robe of righteousness, or the wedding garment; so a man will not be found naked. Now to see so many that are found naked in this great day, shall wonder whose names were not written in the book of life. To prove that these messages are a right understanding, see Rev. 22: 16.—“I, Jesus, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.” Now it reads here that there are some things to be testified to the churches, and that they do not like to hear what the spirit and the bride have to say, because it comes with thunder to their ears; that the hour of his judgment has come, and who shall be able to stand, when they are naked. His face was as the sun;—it means that this brought the whole strength of the gospel, for the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, and a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine. And his feet as pillars of fire;—the feet are the same as the last end of the gospel; that it would be revealed by fire, and the fire would try every man's work what sort it is. There are a good many sorts now to contend with; Paul gives good advice, to take the whole armor so we can stand the wiles of the devil. And he had in his hand a little book open, but in Daniel it was sealed. Now we see the Revelations are like a key to unlock. So it is the Philadelphia church that has the key of David, so that they are the only church left in heaven, to unlock the mysteries of the kingdom in the days of these kings. So this little book was opened by the Lord, through William, when he set one foot on the governments, and the other on the churches, which was the earth; for they became dead like the earth. The seven thunders are the same as the seven spirits; the thunder means power, or to rule, as with a rod of iron; the seven spirits mean perfection, or the whole armour of God. Why were they not to write the things that the seven thunders had uttered? The reason is, the angel had put one foot on the sea, the other on the earth; had lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore that time should be no longer. Now they have the boldness to say that there is no time. V 10.—“And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up, and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.” See how this proves the Advent doctrine; when they preached in 1843, it was sweet as honey, but as soon as it passed by, in their minds it was bitter; that is, it did not come as they expected, if it had, the scripture could never have been fulfilled. V 11.—“And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.” This was the preaching at '44, that vision spoke and did not lie, as some thought it did. Now the day of the Lord has come, and they are all caught in a snare. The churches all said when '44 had passed that the Millerites were false prophets; but that was not so; then was that fulfilled spoken by Paul. They preached peace and safety, and sudden destruction shall come upon them, and they cannot escape. Matt. 7: 22, is fulfilling ever since '44 by all Protestant churches. “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I confess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity.” How is this to be professed unto them? Only by his saints, which the judgment was given to. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Rev. 14: 15-16.—“And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth, and the