

duce "the Kingdom of God" upon earth, simply by contriving to enlighten "the wicked" so effectually that they shall thenceforth cease to live as "the wicked," consequently, they are described as "slain by the breath of the lips," of the man whose words induced them to become righteous—When the great majority of "the wicked" are thus induced to become righteous; of course, the dominion of "mercy and truth . . . righteousness and peace" then prevails to such an extent that in the figurative language of scripture, "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb," etc., that is, those who are naturally the most violent, or tyrannical and oppressive among men, will become practically about as peaceful and harmless as are the most amiable and inoffensive; consequently, "they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; [that is, wherever "the kingdom of God" prevails]; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea," that is, men will then have the opportunity to know all that they may desire to know, in reference to our Creator and the eternal life; precisely as they may now know all that they desire to know, in reference to arithmetic, astronomy, geology and chemistry, etc. The natural result being that wickedness, folly and misery, will become synonymous terms; as will also righteousness, wisdom, and happiness. All this great change in the condition of the world being brought about simply by one man fairly overcoming now; ("even as Jesus Christ also overcame," more than eighteen centuries ago); thus becoming to Jesus Christ relatively what the "branch" is to the "root."

It may naturally be asked here, How could anyone possibly overcome now? "even as Jesus Christ also overcame" more than eighteen centuries ago.

This is easily explained, for it will readily be understood that the grand work and purpose of Jesus Christ was to accomplish for the human family what no other human being could possibly do for us, namely; to put us sooner or later into such perfect communication and sympathy with our Creator, that we should practically become "one with Him," in the same sense that the branches of a tree are one with the tree. To do this, it is obvious that the mind of Jesus Christ must first bridge over, as it were, the enormous chasm naturally existing between the human mind and the mind of our Creator, or that of the least advanced among his angels, who have been rapidly progressing in understanding and comprehension, for doubtless many thousands of years—Jesus Christ "increased in wisdom" and understanding with such wonderful rapidity, that he actually "overcame" this enormous difficulty while yet a young man; but still another great difficulty remained to be overcome; for there existed no human being upon earth in his day, whose mind was capable of bridging over, as it were, the enormous chasm which then existed between the mind of Jesus Christ and that of the most advanced among men. However, this great difficulty was also overcome by Jesus Christ, precisely as he very plainly declared that it would be overcome, when he said "The hour is coming, and now is, when they that are in their graves, shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and as many as hear shall live." Jesus Christ relinquished this natural life, and thus becoming more thoroughly and entirely associated with our Creator; (if that was possible); he contrived to establish intelligent communication with the most advanced minds of "the spirits of just men" who had also left this life; and rapidly developing them, they very soon became competent to combine with him; so as to act as his angels; who, coming in force on the famous "day of Pentecost," about fifty days after his resurrection; influenced the minds of the apostles, causing them to "declare the wonderful works of God," in the various languages of the surrounding nations; for, being newly resurrected, the various languages with which they were familiar, while existing as human beings upon earth, were still quite fresh in their memories, precisely as though they had just awoke from sleep. Thus the requisite communication was at last effected between the mind of Jesus Christ and that of the most advanced among human beings upon earth; as well as between Jesus Christ and our Creator; and the grand special work of Jesus Christ individually, was then finished; for the Apostles, and the thousands of others, among the faithful and zealous Christians of the first century of the Christian Era, thence-

forth enjoyed "the fellowship (or companionship) of the Holy Spirit;" that is, of "the spirits of just men made perfect;" as well as "the grace [or favor] of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God;" and thus the Apostles, and others, were most effectually enlightened, encouraged and strengthened, in their rapid progress towards spiritual perfection—John xvi, 7, 13, 14. The result being that the whole number of those who are described as "the firstfruits unto God and to Christ," and are said to number "144 thousand," was doubtless completed about the end of the 1st Century, or when the Apostle John left this life. The Apostle John (who also wrote "the Revelation") being probably the last, "as John the Baptist" was doubtless the first of "the spirits of just men made perfect"; that this very limited number of "144 thousand," might at once become "the firstfruits unto God and to Christ," and so combine with Jesus Christ as his angels, that their united efforts might thenceforth continually supply the most advanced minds upon earth, with the requisite understanding, courage and faith; from generation to generation; until the great, powerful and progressive Christendom of the present day, should ultimately be evolved; so as to "prepare the way" for "the Kingdom of God" upon earth, by making a universal righteous government possible upon earth.

However, since this company of "the elect," described as "the firstfruits unto God and to Christ," was completed about the end of the 1st Century; the chasm between these "spirits of just men made perfect," and the most advanced minds upon earth, has been continually widening from century to century; for, "the spirits of just men made perfect," being always in direct communication with Jesus Christ, have been progressing continually with wonderful rapidity; whereas, for more than a thousand years, human beings appear to have retrograded continually towards the utmost ignorance and barbarism, from century to century. The first rudimentary indications of modern progress dating back very few centuries from our own time. During all this period of about eighteen centuries, "with but one single exception," no human mind has yet been able to bridge over, as it were, the very great chasm existing between the enormously advanced minds of "the spirits of just men made perfect" about eighteen centuries ago; (who have also been progressing with such wonderful rapidity ever since); and the human mind upon earth, which appears to have actually retrograded for more than a thousand years, and to have only quite recently begun to advance with tolerable rapidity.

The one man, who has actually been enabled to bridge over, as it were, this great chasm, (between the mind of "the firstfruits unto God and to Christ," or "the spirits of just men made perfect" about eighteen centuries ago; and the mind of the most advanced human beings at present upon earth); must certainly be the one man who was destined to "overcome, even as Jesus Christ also overcame." This one man is said to be "like" Jesus Christ, because he was enabled to accomplish a work precisely similar to that of Jesus Christ; the accomplishment of which work necessitated the possession of an understanding, character, and disposition, similar to that of Jesus Christ. Though, of course, the work of Jesus Christ was very much greater in degree; even as the bridging over, as it were, of a chasm of eighteen thousand years, or more, is a much greater work than that of bridging over a chasm of only eighteen centuries. This one man was also very plainly foretold by Jesus Christ, when he said, "Elijah truly shall first come, and restore all things;" and again also, when he declared that "among those that are born of women, there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he that is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he."—Luke vii, 28. This is very easily understood when it is realized that this one man happens to be the only one upon earth at present, who is "in the Kingdom of God" at all; and consequently must be the greatest, as well as "the least in the Kingdom of God" upon earth, at the present time; but as all the other faithful servants of Jesus Christ, who are actually at present "in the Kingdom of God," have been angels of Jesus Christ for about eighteen centuries already; as the assembly of "the spirits

of just men made perfect;" or the company of "the elect" described as "the firstfruits unto God and to Christ;"—of course, this one man (who happens to be the only one "in the Kingdom of God" upon earth at present); in comparison with all those who have been angels of Jesus Christ for about eighteen centuries already; is doubtless but as "a little child" in comparison with its young mother, of perhaps eighteen or twenty times its age; consequently, this one man must certainly be at the present time, "the least in the kingdom of God"; nevertheless, he will probably remain so but a very short time; for the prophet Isaiah declares very plainly indeed, that the appearance of this one man in the kingdom of God upon earth, is but the precursor of the extremely sudden appearance of a whole "nation" in the kingdom of God "in one day," as it were.—"Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children—shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the Lord; shall I cause to bring forth, and close the breasts? saith thy God."—Isaiah lxvi, 7-9.

The "man child" (here predicted as the one precursor of a whole "nation" suddenly becoming included "in the kingdom of God" upon earth); is predicted also in "the Revelation" as one who is destined to "rule all nations with a rod of iron;" or with the irresistible sway of intellectual and moral force. (Rev. xii, 5,) and again foretold by the prophet Isaiah, in these very remarkable words, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace"—and that we may be assured that these great names refer to some human being upon earth; it is added, "of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."—Isaiah ix, 6, 7. "The throne of David," is certainly Jesus Christ's earthly throne, as it is written, "and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David." Luke i, 32. Jesus Christ also declares that he will share this throne with "him that overcometh." "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me on my throne; even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father on his throne."—Rev. iii, 21. And as all men (inasmuch as they possess the creative mind and progressive intellect peculiar to God,) are declared to be "gods," or destined to be ultimately developed into "gods," as it is written "I have said, ye are gods, and all of you are children of the most High; but ye shall die like men"—Psalm lxxxiii, 6, 7. Anyone destined to possess the supreme authority among men, may well be described as "the Mighty God;" and as his authority is to continue hereafter from generation to generation, for "a thousand years," until the human family shall attain the highest possible degree of perfection, inasmuch that we shall then have heaven upon earth, as foretold in Rev. xxi, 3, 4. Such an one may well be described also as "the Everlasting Father."

The "nation" now to be "born at once" or "in one day," as it were; will comprehend all "the elect" from "all nations," who will be induced now to organize themselves as one people, or nation, specially devoted to "the Kingdom of God" upon earth; that their combined influence and example, may soon cause "the Kingdoms of this world to become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ."

To understand clearly the divinely inspired prophecies, one should bear in mind, that if these prophecies are what they claim to be, the predictions will doubtless refer to future events, largely and repeatedly in proportion to the importance of those events. "The Kingdom of God" upon earth being unquestionably the one grand result, "probably the most important of all;" the events which lead directly to that grand result must certainly be the most worthy to be foretold by the ancient prophets; therefore, as the fact of the existence of Christendom happens to be an extremely important fact, inasmuch as it makes the effective introduction of

"the Kingdom of God" upon earth now possible; we may very reasonably expect to find Christendom abundantly foretold; as it certainly is—and as next to the fact of the coming of Jesus Christ, more than eighteen centuries ago, to accomplish his supremely important work; (which has already resulted in the glorification and exaltation of the many thousands of "the spirits of just men made perfect;" who were "the firstfruits unto God and to Christ," eighteen centuries ago; and have since been angels of Jesus Christ, interesting themselves greatly in the development of Christendom, that it might ultimately fulfill its grand purpose, by making possible the universal righteous government predicted,)—there is perhaps no other event so extremely important as the coming of "the man of the right hand" of Jesus Christ; who is destined to utilize Christendom for the effective and permanent introduction of "the kingdom of God" upon earth; and "prepare the way" for the second coming of Jesus Christ with his mighty angels, that the "great multitude" [of "the elect" during the past eighteen centuries] which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds and people and tongues;" (Rev. vii, 9-17), may now hear the voice of the Son of God, and as many as hear shall live; and becoming at once a "great multitude" of angels of Jesus Christ; they will influence the minds of men now living upon earth; much as "the Spirit of truth" influenced the minds of the apostles and others, on the famous "day of Pentecost," and subsequently, about eighteen centuries ago; and as surely cause "the kingdom of God" now to prevail upon earth; as a similar influence caused Christianity to prevail about eighteen centuries ago; (John xvi, 13); therefore, we may very reasonably expect that "the man of the right hand" of Jesus Christ would also be abundantly foretold; as he also certainly is—as the foregoing pages prove most conclusively.

"The man of the right hand" of Jesus Christ having now actually come at last, and having now also actually done his appointed work for the past forty years already; it only remains for the most advanced minds upon earth, to prove themselves worthy of the "exceeding great reward" awaiting them; should they recognize at once the "chosen man" of God; and act wisely and faithfully, in accordance with his suggestions; for their own best welfare in particular, both now and hereafter; as well as for the best welfare of the whole human family generally also, both now and forever.

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NOTE.—These few pages contain a considerable portion of my credentials. There is an abundance of similar evidence throughout the bible; but it seems to me that, if what I have already written fails to convince; ten times as much would probably be ineffective also.

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