

the presence of the Lamb." Rev. 19: 20.—"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." This states that they were to be cast alive, not dead, as the churches suppose they are at the present time. See that this agrees with Matt. 25: 41.—"Then shall he say unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." This proves that the lake of fire, or hell, takes place when the pence is taken off the earth. Then he comes quickly, and his rewards with him, to give unto every man according to his works. Then these ministers or angels, who have not preached the gospel, will be cast out with their father the devil; like the same that was with the Jews. They thought they knew who the Lord was, but it seems they did not; so it will be with the Gentiles or pharisees. This Lazarus represents the righteous, or pilgrim, or the little flock; it shews that they are poor, and depend upon what falls from the rich man's table; that after they have worked for it, they have to beg for it before they can get it. But God has chosen the poor of this world, but rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom. The beggar is represented to be dead and buried. He is dead to the world, but alive to his master, and buried by the twenty-four elders in the truth; so that he can stand upon the sea of glass, by having on the wedding garment. These sores are hardships to get these crumbs that fall from the rich men's table, for their present wants. These dogs are men that live on these rich man's farms; that when their rent is due they have to be like a dog, obedient to their masters; and they will relieve a poor man, or give assistance, before a rich man will, because they know the need of it. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things; and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. Now you see how many receiving their good things, when the resurrection takes place they receive their evil things; but they will not believe it now. Then it will be said there was a rich man in this state of things. And now Lazarus is receiving his evil things; but when this last trumpet will be done sounding, then the dead in Christ shall rise first, and we which are alive shall be changed. Then Lazarus will receive his good things, and be in Abraham's bosom, which is the whole earth; then it will be fulfilled what was spoken by the Saviour, when ye shall see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of God, and you yourself thrust out, then there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Now the rich man can have Lazarus to show him the way to the fountain of water that was opened in Emanuel's side. Then he said, I pray thee, therefore, father, that thou wouldn't send him to my father's house, for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. These five brethren represent the five foolish virgins, or the Laodicean church, or them that are twice dead, plucked up by the roots. Now if they will not believe the time that has been preached from Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded, though one rose from the dead. Now to show the foolish, see Matt. 25: 2-3-4.—"And five of them were wise, and five foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." These virgins went forth in '43, the first time; then there was a tarrying time till midnight, which was at '44; then the separation took place with the virgins about the oil. This oil is the spirit of truth, which was to reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. At '44 it reproveth the world of judgment. Ecc. 8: 5.—"Who so keepeth the commandment shall fear no evil thing, and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment." 1 Thes. 5: 4.—"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, so that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light." Why should it not overtake them as a thief? Because they have all the prophecies of the Old and New Testaments. It is written, many were called, but few chosen; now we can see it so. Many were called at '44; but where are they now? But I have a few names in Sardis; they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy. The Sardis church became dead in '44, yet lives; and these virgins came out of these churches. And when part of those virgins deny that they have preached, they become twice dead, as it is said in Jude. It is astonishing how all the parables and prophecies are fulfilling in this our day, and are looking after those things that are coming on the earth. But it will be as it was before the flood; as it was in the days of Lot. When even the Saviour said, remember Lot's wife. This word is an idle tale, till it is too late. They will be like