

d. That the restoration of David's kingdom, and of David's seed to sit upon the throne of that kingdom, is necessary to the fulfilment of more than two hundred prophetic declarations concerning the restoration of the Israel to their land and of their long expected Messiah upon the throne.

e. The Glad tidings of this kingdom was the burden of the preaching of John the Baptist. Matt. iii. 1.

f. The Glad tidings of this kingdom was the commission of Jesus and by him proclaimed. Matt. iv. 23; ix. 35; Luke ix. 43, 44; viii. 1.

g. The Glad tidings of this kingdom was committed to the "twelve" and the "seventy" to proclaim to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Matt. x. 7.

h. The restoration of this kingdom was the hope of the disciples. Luke xxiv. 21.

i. To understand the mysteries of this kingdom was given to the Apostles. Matt. xiii. 2.

j. Understanding the mysteries of this kingdom, in their last conversation with Jesus, they asked him to restore this kingdom to Israel. Acts i. 6.

k. The Glad tidings of this kingdom Jesus commissioned the Apostles to preach world wide. Mark xvi. 15; Matt. xxiv. 14.

l. Under this commission Peter upon the day of Pentecost proclaimed that God had of the fruit of the loins of David raised up Christ to sit upon David's throne. Acts iii. 30.

m. Under this commission Philip proclaimed at Samaria, and the Samaritans believed the things concerning this

kingdom. Acts viii. 12.

n. Under this commission Paul preached this kingdom wherever he travelled. Acts xiv. 21, 22; xx. 25; and preached in his own hired house in Rome for two whole years. Acts xxviii. 23, 30, 31.

FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

This is the kingdom of God prepared from the foundation of the world, as we read, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matt. xxv. 34.

a. This kingdom was in purpose and foreshadowed in the language of Adam, "subdue, and have dominion over." Gen. i. 28.

b. This Kingdom was yet in purpose to Abraham, as we read, "I will make of thee a great nation." Gen. xii. 2.

c. This kingdom was yet prospective to Israel when God said to them at Sinai, "If ye will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant . . . ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." Ex. xix. 5, 6.

d. This kingdom at Sinai became organic, entered the land under Joshua, dwelt in the land, was governed by the Judges, by Saul, by David, by Solomon, by the kings, and finally was removed by the Assyrians and Babylonians.

e. When this kingdom was thus removed, its re-organization was then future and revealed to Daniel, "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed." Daniel ii. 44.

f. This kingdom was further in its elements developed when Jesus said,