

the promise of the Holy Ghost. It is out this which "ye do see and hear." So this dispensation was inaugurated. And when the Lord shall come again, and gather out from the nations, Gentiles who have come to Christ, to be the witnesses of Him during the period of His absence, and the Lord Jesus Christ shall be revealed in power, Israel will bow at His feet and acknowledge Him as Messiah; afterward, and not before, He will pour out the Holy Spirit upon all flesh, and the power of that Spirit will flash in glory over this sin-cursed earth, as the waters cover the sea; and that is the next, and the millennial dispensation, and there will be no such out-pouring till then.

Well, let us look a little further into that strange statement, in illustration of the remark then made. John 16: 16, "A little while and ye shall see me, and again a little while and ye shall not see me, because I go to the Father." The common exposition of that passage, namely that He refers to the period of these days that elapsed between His death and resurrection, will not stand, because He places it on the ground that He goes to His Father. He didn't go to His Father in the sense of this expression until after the three days—until the 40 days had expired. "Then said some of His disciples among themselves, What is this that He saith unto us, a little while and ye shall not see Me: and because I go to the Father. Now what is this that He saith—we cannot tell what He saith." Of course they could not; and nobody could, until they knew the blessed hope of His return, for it is the same word that is used in the passage "Yet a little while and He that shall come will come and will not tarry." And what have I left? This little while? The Holy Spirit testifieth of Me." ~~of the passage plainly proves that the "little while" is not the period of three hundred years.~~ I wish the dear brother who wrote the pamphlet, saying it cannot mean His second coming, because it has been nineteen hundred years since then, could know how fast the time would pass in heaven, and he would think that it has only been "a little while" since these words were spoken. Time does not depend upon the number of hours, but upon our experiences. A short, hot night in summer when we can't sleep on account of the heat, seems much longer than the long night of winter, when we can sleep soundly. To the mother watching over the bed of her sick child the night seems an age. A thousand years, says God, is as one day. This is Thursday—why it was only ~~Monday~~ Tuesday, since Christ went to heaven. And men say it can't mean His second coming, because it has been more than "a little while." To a Unitarian who asked Daniel Webster what was meant by three in one and one in three, Webster said, "I don't know much about the arithmetic of heaven." So it is with time. It seems to us in the wilderness so long. Jesus says, "a little while." No difference to Him whether a few days or

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