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While one day ploughing in the field, he was thinking on the 21st chapter of Luke, from the 25th verse, where Christ described to the Disciples the signs that were immediately to precede His Second Coming; but he could not understand what generation the Saviour meant, where he says, "*This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.*" And he kneeled down, and asked the Lord to tell him plainly the meaning of this passage; and he heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "*Believe then, and don't be unbelieving!*" He was, therefore, given to understand that the same generation which beheld the commencement of these signs, would also witness their complete fulfillment and consummation in the Advent of the SON of MAN. And in response to his inquiry when the Millennium should commence, the Lord said, "**IT SHALL BY NO MEANS PASS THE YEAR 1877; BUT IF THE RIGHTEOUS PRAY EARNESTLY FOR ITS ARRIVAL, IT WILL COME SOONER!**"

[*Note.*—It is noticeable that Mr. Russell was altogether unacquainted with the interpretation of Rev. 10: 6, by Bickersteth, Birks and others, by which the angel's oath, "that there should be *time* no longer," is understood, in its year-day fulfillment, similarly to denote that the Millennium will not begin later than 1877. For Rev. 10th, is almost universally admitted to have its year-day accomplishment in the Reformation, in 1517. The Greek word here translated *time*, is *chronos*, and was understood by the Apostolic Fathers to denote one year. But in its prophetic year-day fulfillment, it would