

company as the doctor asserts? (page 27) It is *never* said of the elders that they serve God day and night in His temple. No; their place seems to be continually before the throne of God, and in the presence of the Lamb. I therefore conclude that the white garments with which they have been invested do *not* indicate their priestly office, for the priests in the new temple in the restored Kingdom of Israel will still be of fleshy descent. I think Ezekial is very clear on this point. Consequently I cannot agree with the doctor when he says, "The twenty-four elders are the twenty-four orders of the sons of Zadbok, who shall enter into the sanctuary of Yahweh Elohim, and come near to his table to minister unto him and keep his charge." (page 29) He quotes Ezekial 44 to support this but I maintain no support of the idea is to be found there. It is as clear as anything possibly can be that in Ezekial's temple there will be literal sacrifices and a fleshy priesthood to offer them. It is monstrous to assert that immortal priests will be allowed to marry, will become unclean for seven days, and have to offer a sin offering if they attend the funeral of a relative. What? Immortal saints offer a sin-offering? No, thank God, their sin will have been put away long before. I would strongly advise every reader of this article to read Ezekial 44 and see for themselves the absurdity of such an idea as that preached by the Doctor. If it be true as the Apostle Paul asserts—and who can doubt it—that believers in Christ Jesus are even *now*

free from condemnation, and that the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made us *free* from the law of sin and death, what incongruity is implied in the assertion that the priesthood spoken of in Ezekiel 44 are the constituents of the body of Christ, which is the church of God?

Dr. Thomas evidently failed to see what is so conspicuous in the scriptures that a purely fleshy Kingdom of Israel will yet obtain in the Holy Land, *previous* to the inauguration of that blessed time when the Lord Jesus reigns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords; that during the existence of such kingdom (or it may be only a commonwealth) the whole Mosaic ritual will be recognized, and that during this period also the houses of Israel and Judah will attain to the highest pitch of apostacy, and the judgements of Jehovah will be poured out upon them in the utmost fury.

But I am wandering from my subject, so I will conclude this paper by remarking that if the Lord spare me I will in my next proceed to deal with the next point, viz.: the four living creatures.

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The Gospel.

PART III, CONTINUED.

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This, then, was the kind of gospel God preached unto Abraham; and these are the circumstances under which he heard, believed and obeyed that gos-