

hundreds of thousands scorning the very name of Christ, declaring openly in the very words of the parable: "We will not have this man to reign over us." And Judah is not yet saved as a nation; and Israel does not yet dwell safely, as Holy Scripture tells us will be the case when Christ reigns upon the earth. And yet Rome, and many Protestants also, believe and teach that Christ's reign on earth began centuries ago. Holy Scripture teaches us (Rev. 19 and 20) that when the Lord Jesus comes again He will bring with Him an elect number of His saints from heaven (or rather paradise); and that those faithful ones who at that time remain and are alive upon the earth shall be changed from mortality to immortality, and shall rise to meet the Lord in the air (1 Thess. 4: 17); and then Antichrist and his followers shall be destroyed.

This, we are told, is the first resurrection of the saints, and *then*, and *not till then*, comes the glorious reign of Christ upon the earth, when Judah shall be saved, and for at least a thousand years there shall be no wars, and the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The Church militant here on earth, the spiritual army of Christ, is at present in a woeful state of inefficiency and confusion. It has never yet attained to that perfectness which St. Paul speaks of in the 4th chapter of his Epistle to the Ephesians.