

Day star arose in our hearts. Now if any man receive his mark, or the number of his name, the same shall be tormented with fire and brimstone. This takes place at the resurrection, when the Lord shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels; then the rich man will lift up his eyes in hell. Now they are receiving their good things, and Lazarus his evil things; but when he is changed then he will be comforted, and the rich man will receive his evil things. The Advent doctrine has been fulfilled like the journey of the children of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land. There were six hundred thousand that started, and there were but two that got there because of their unbelief. Now the same is going on with the Advents. There were twelve spies that went to view the Promised Land; there were but two that brought back the truth. See how many were called at '44, and see how few, but what deny his name, as all churches except one commenced in the spirit and ended in the flesh. "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be the spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Well might Peter prophesy of so many false teachers in the last time; or as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, for they are not afraid to speak evil of dignity. Matt. 25: 1.—"Then shall the kingdom of Heaven be like unto ten virgins that took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were wise, and five were foolish." This prophecy, or parable of our Lord has been fulfilled by the Advents in every point that can be; and is a stake set that no man can move, although how few that can believe it. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so it is now. This chapter is all fulfilled, except the 41st and 46th verses, which will take place at the resurrection of the just. Now to show how this has been fulfilled, can any one deny that there was a class of people that went forth at '43 to meet the bridegroom, and did not? Then there was a tarrying time till '44, then those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. At '44 we see two classes,—the one class know that the bridegroom has come, and the other believe it not; the one had oil in their vessels, the other had no oil. That is no spirit in their body; that is, all they know is what they know naturally. V 4.—"But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." This was the cry that was at '44, and this was the midnight cry given to all churches, the same as the cry of John the Baptist was given to the Jews; as it is written, the least that is now in the kingdom is greater than John the Baptist. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. To prove what the lamp is, turn to Ps. 119: 105, and Prov. 6: 23.—"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." So we see that the word of God is the lamp spoken of. Question—What was the reason they took lamps? Because the gospel age had come to a close; the night that Peter had spoken of had come; and that day of judgment had to take place at midnight. It is written, ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid; neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. We are commanded to let our light shine, that all the foolish virgins may be constrained to believe the truth, and be saved; so they may not be bound hand and foot to be cast into outer darkness, where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth; that some might be saved pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garments spotted. V 16.—"And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out (or going out)." This has been fulfilling ever since '44 by them that say, my Lord delayeth his coming. Now to dig they are ashamed. But the wise said, go to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came: and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut. The door that was shut was the gospel age had ended, and they will not believe it; that is what makes them twice dead, plucked up by the roots. And now they are saying, Lord, Lord, open to us; now he says, I know you not; now he tells them if they had watched they would have known the day; but being they were foolish they would not know the day. But the wise do understand the time that the Son of Man would come as bridegroom. Now the spirit and the bride say come, to all that have got ears to hear, and hear what the spirit and bridegroom have to say unto the churches. V 14.—"For the Kingdom of Heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods." His goods are truths contained in the two books; or he that keepeth these sayings of