

applied to *punishment* it conveys any other than a *limited* meaning.

Having removed the keystone from the arch of his superstructure in disposing of the word everlasting. We will now proceed to examine, briefly, another subject which is found immediately connected with it, viz., *the coming of Christ*. We will note a few of the numerous passages which have explicit reference to his *figurative* coming, at the destruction of the Jewish dispensation. Matt. x, 23, "But *when* they persecute you (the apostles) *in this city*, flee ye into another, for *verily I say unto you, ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel till the Son of Man be come*. Matt. xvi : 27, 28 : "For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father, with his angels. And *then* shall he reward every man according to his *works*, (*not according to grace*,) *verily I say unto you*, there be some standing here which shall not taste of death till they see the Son of Man *coming* in his kingdom." Mark ix : 1, "And he said unto them, *verily I say unto you* that there be some of them that *stand here* which shall not taste of death till they have seen the kingdom of God *come* with power." We would have the following from Matt. 24th chap., and 29th to 35th verses particularly noted : "*Immediately after* the tribulation of those days, (spoken of in Daniel xii) shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken, and *then* shall *all* the tribes of the earth mourn. And they shall *see* the Son of Man *coming* in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his *angels* with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." We might here pause a moment to enquire whether the above were *literal* or *figurative* expressions. But he proceeds to tell them in the plainest language that they should take place in that generation, and that they should see it with their natural eyes. "Now learn a parable of the fig tree. When his branch is tender and putteth forth leaves *ye know* that summer is nigh. So likewise *ye* when *ye* shall see *all these things* know that it is near, *even at the doors*. Verily I say unto you this generation shall not pass till *all these things*