

existence here and there, but the various parts have to go together to make the building. Bricks, lumber, glass, paint, putty, and nails are not a house. These have to be built into one another, and then they constitute an edifice. Jesus Christ is part of the material of that kingdom, and the main part. That kingdom cannot be set up without Him here. It is folly to say that the kingdom has been going for a thousand years, without its foundation. Without the sound of a tool shall the whole go together, when He comes back, but not till then. That is, the Lord comes before the millennium.

Fifth. The Apostle Paul says, II. Tim. iii. 1-5: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." The apostle (I. Tim. iv. 1) speaks of the "latter times." He meant periods nearer to Him. When he here speaks of the last days, he means the last days of the age, or the days that precede the coming of the Lord. The same thought was in the mind of Peter when he said, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming?" It is in the days before the coming of the Lord that the world has gone so far from God. Jude says: "There shall be mockers in the last time." So that these three apostles are in full accord with what the Lord has taught—as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man. The word *perilous*, as used by Paul, means difficult, embarrassing. Does it not look as though those times were upon us already? Read Dr. Cuyler's letter in the *Presbyterian*, describing the state of the church. The rulers of men have embarrassing times around them. The word of prophecy is a light shining in a dark place. It shall be needed until the day dawn. We should not expect the day without the sun.

Sixth. Another point or two bearing on this subject. Let us turn to Joel: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: for the day of the Lord cometh."