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The Fulfillment of Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Is Yet Future

by — André Sneidar

... *Thou art this head of gold* (Daniel 2:38).

Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream stated that the king was the head of gold, and begins the interpretation by stating that the dream was making known "what shall be in the latter days" (2:28).



be the first king to rule at the beginning of Daniel's future prophecy "in the latter days" (either prior to or during the coming Pre-Millennial Kingdom rule of Israel, with 4 other kings to rule after him (possibly all concurrent with each other and with Israel's kingdom). He will be a world monarch, of which it could never be said of anyone in history,

The traditional prophetic timeline that has been propagated by many,

- that, since Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold (:38), the prophecy *must have begun at that very time*, interpreting the immediately intervening world history as having fulfilled the prophecy through the succeeding kings through the time of Rome,
- and so make the time since then somehow apply to the fulfillment of the "seventy weeks" (seventy sevens) of Daniel 9 and make the first 69 weeks (= 483 years) fit up to Christ's birth, with the remaining week (= 7 years) to be fulfilled at a future time, the 69 weeks having already occurred between Nebuchadnezzar and Christ,

cannot possibly have yet happened, since the reference is to "the latter days," and therefore Nebuchadnezzar, having died since then, has not fulfilled this prophecy.

Consequently, Nebuchadnezzar, being the head of gold, will have to be resurrected at some future date to

Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of Heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath He given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all ... (Daniel 2:37-38).

Moreover, it has been stated that there is so much other prophecy that must be fulfilled *before* Christ's return that it cannot possibly "fit" into the "7-years" time span posited by many to be the "end times" of the "70th week."¹

1. See "All of Daniel's Prophecy Remains Unfulfilled," by Tom L. Ballinger, Tidbits of Truth #26, [Bible Student's Notebook #895](#).

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THE TIME AND TIMING OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR IN RELATION TO ISRAEL'S PRE-MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Daniel revealed to King Nebuchadnezzar that the events of his dream would occur in "the latter days." Admittedly, the time and timing of these "latter days" currently remains somewhat unclear. Daniel 2:44 reveals a basic framework of these two events:

And in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever (Daniel 2:44).

We read in Daniel 9:24-27 of a period of about 500 years that promises a glorious kingdom to Israel. Some (i.e., Ballinger, Sellers) add a couple of hundred years (for a total of about 700) to allow for Nebuchadnezzar and the 4 subsequent kings/kingdoms (:39-43) to develop (prior to the 500 years of Israel's Pre-Millennial Kingdom) – yet this is an inference

with no currently known scriptural justification.

Now notice at the beginning of :44, "In the days of these kings ..." indicating that these 5 kings/kingdoms are contemporaneous. The question is, are Nebuchadnezzar and the subsequent kings/kingdoms contemporaneous with Israel during Israel's Pre-Millennial Kingdom, or will they precede it? At this time it's hard to be sure; but either possibility seems valid. Clyde Pilkington suggests that "it seems that Nebuchadnezzar and the subsequent kings/kingdoms could just precede Israel's, setting the stage for the Pre-Millennial Kingdom."

Daniel's interpretation indicates that "in the days of these kings" God's kingdom will be established, at some point destroying these kings/kingdoms. It seems likely that Israel is the implementation of this kingdom to fulfill the prophecy of the "70 weeks" of Daniel's prophecy (Daniel 9).²

(see *NEBUCHADNEZZAR*, last page)

2. See the several articles published in the *Bible Student's Notebook* indicating that this is Christ's kingdom on earth through Israel (which we call the Pre-Millennial Kingdom, or PMK) which Christ rules by His spirit from God's throne.

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God's Next Move (Manifest Sovereignty)

by — Otis Q. Sellers (1901-1992)

At the time that this is being written, I have been a reader, student and teacher of the Bible for fifty-five years. This is not said in any spirit of boasting. It is simply the fact in the case, and I cite it as my right to speak concerning the subject of this study. I started out fully accepting and following the Darby-Scofield system of biblical interpretation and came up through the dispensational-premillennial school of thought, but in time I became convinced that this method of interpretation failed to answer a multitude of questions which an ever-increasing familiarity with God's Word imposed upon me.

I also became convinced that this school of thought was somewhat arbitrary in its interpretation of many passages of Scripture in order to make them fit what had become a fixed and unchangeable creedal position. Furthermore, those who made up this group were quite intolerant toward those who raised any doubts or questions concerning its favorite and widely proclaimed doctrines such as the restoration of the old Roman Empire, and especially that teaching commonly called "the rapture of the church," which was then, and still is, being set forth as God's next move.

The term "the rapture" is nowhere found in Scripture,

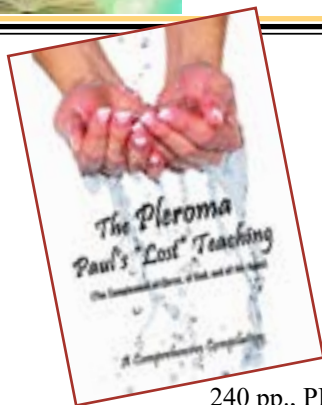
and it is not the proper translation of any Greek word found in it. Therefore, it cannot be considered as a word "which the Holy Spirit teacheth" (I Corinthians 2:13), but as a word which man's wisdom has produced. The idea of "the rapture" is based upon a passage found in I Thessalonian 4:16-17, where we read,

For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

It is my conviction that this passage describes that future moment in time when the Lord Jesus shall leave His present position at the right hand of God in Heaven and descend to the Earth in order to be personally present here for a thousand years (His *parousia*).

It is the wildest form of human imagination and false interpretation to make this event to be a partial descent from Heaven in order to catch away all believers and take them back to Heaven, as so many today are declaring and still more are blindly believing. This is His personal Coming to Earth, not an approach to it, in order to remove His own from it. As the theory goes, a vast

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multitude of those who are then living upon the Earth and many who have been raised from the dead will ascend into the air to meet Him and to return with Him.

At the time of the Lord's descent to the Earth all of the out-called of God will be "caught up" wherever they are, and this will be a glorious spherical grid or canopy that will enclose the Earth. Through this grid the Lord will enter; and as He settles toward His appointed place on the earth, probably the Mount of Olives, all who have gone forth to meet Him in the air will settle back to the place from whence they were caught up.

This concept is in complete harmony with Revelation 1:7 where it is declared that "He cometh with clouds." These are clouds of people, not clouds of moisture (see Jude 1:14).

The added declaration, "and every eye shall see Him," does not have to do with the physical eye or physical sight, but with the discernment that will be granted to every human being on the Earth. This will bring to them the full realization that the Lord Jesus has returned, that He is on the Earth – not in abject humiliation, but in all of the glory of His Father with the holy angels (Mark 8:38).

If any dispensational-premillennialist who holds that the removal from Earth of all believers will be God's next public move will trace out the Greek word *parousia*, even in its first four occurrences (Matthew 24:3, 27, 37, 39), he will find that it is an event that takes place after the 3-½ years that are called "the great tribulation."

Every event listed in Matthew 24:1-32 must be fulfilled to the letter *before* the *Parousia* can be a reality. Even as our Lord declared,

when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors (:33).

Among these things that must be realized is the appearance of "the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (:15). This detail alone is an event that can never take place until Israel has been restored to her land by God, the priesthood is restored and duly consecrated by Elijah, and the temple is rebuilt with its "holy place" as the center.

The "catching up" of living ones and the resurrection of dead ones set forth in I Thessalonians 4:16-17 are events that introduce and are part and parcel of the *Parousia* of Jesus Christ. If they are separated from it by seven years, as so many are teaching, the events become meaningless.

Those prophets of doom who try to frighten people into taking some action (so they can be displayed and counted) make much of the great tribulation, magnifying every detail into a sadistic tale of torture and horror. They also make much of "the rapture," holding it forth as a means of escape for those who will "come forward and receive Christ." Their concept of God's next move is the removal of all believers from the Earth, followed by the pouring out of indiscriminate wrath upon all who remain. However, at times seeming to recoil from their own descriptions of this terrible visitation, they attempt to alleviate it by making it one of the greatest times of salvation the world has ever known.

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Our Calling in Christ

by — Dr. Vincent W. Bennett (1903-1981)

This rich study, encouraging and enlightening, is a brief survey of Paul's glorious revelation found in Ephesians chapter 1 and a portion of chapter 2. Bennett, an Englishman who came out of the Dutch Reformed Church, was a graduate of Cliff College (Sheffield, England), Moody Bible Institute and McCormick Presbyterian Seminary (Chicago). He was an active Bible conference speaker, the Assistant to the President of Wheaton College, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Waukegan, IL, Grace Tabernacle in Muskegon,

MI (a few blocks from Harry Bultema who was at the Berean Church), and university pastor at John Brown University (Siloam Springs, AR).

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C.I. Scofield declared that “between the coming of the Lord for His church, and His return to the Earth with His saints, the overwhelming majority of living humanity will be saved.” He held that this would be the outcome of “the simultaneous appearance of 144,000 Pauls,” an idea which Hal Lindsey has fawningly changed to “144,000 Billy Grahams.” If the fulfillment of I Thessalonians 4:17 is God’s next move, then let all who hold this be honest with the Word of God and declare that the *Parousia* (personal presence) is next.

Note carefully that Paul said, “*we which are alive and remain unto the Coming [Parousia] of the Lord ...*” God has joined the “catching up” and “the *Parousia*” together, and what God has joined together, no man should separate by a period of seven years.

It will always be a source of amazement to me that most students of prophecy can find nothing but predictions of divine wrath when they consider God’s next move. Why is it that they do not see that present conditions on the Earth, both moral and spiritual, are very much the result of God’s present silence, the lack of positive light directly from Him, and the absence of any public manifestations or evidential miracles on His part? God, being a God of justice, accepts full responsibility for this.

This lack of action and restraint on His part are necessary while He works out His present purpose in grace; but the time will come when His present purpose will be accomplished and then He will act openly and manifestly as He should act in relationship to the needs of mankind on the Earth. God will arise: He will go into action; He will plead His own cause; He will enlighten and rebuke the foolish men who now reproach Him every day; He will no longer ignore the challenge of His enemies; He will bring an end to the ever-increasing tumult that now grows continually (see Psalm 74:22-23).

It is my firm belief and my constant proclamation that God’s next move is to assume manifest sovereignty over this Earth, all men upon it (the living), and all men in it (the dead). This will be accomplished by God speaking in Heaven, by a revelation of His glory to all flesh, and by causing His judgments [corrections] to be heard from Heaven. Jesus Christ Will blaze forth (His *Epiphaneia* [II Timothy 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13]) in all of His glory, and this will result in the manifest kingdom (government) of God becoming a reality on the earth.¹

The present-day preachers of wrath-to-come do not seem to know or care that God has declared, “*When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him*” (Isaiah 59:19), and that this shall result in men fearing “*the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun.*” They neither know nor care that, at a time when “*darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people,*” the LORD shall arise upon Israel, and His glory shall be seen in them (Isaiah 60:2). They are ignorant of the fact that whenever God begins His great work of restoring and repatriating Israel, He will seek them out as a shepherd seeks out his flock when they are scattered (Ezekiel 34:11-15). Why, then, do they present Him as a wolf who will first tear the flock into pieces?

God’s next move is “divine intervention”: God’s manifest sovereignty. **BSN**

— *Seed & Bread* #41
(abridged & edited)

TOPICS:

Major: *Epiphaneia; Parousia; Second Coming; Sovereignty*
Minor: Great Tribulation; Pre-Millennial Kingdom; Prophecy; Right Division; Tradition

1. [Editor:] This is the beginning of what we have identified as the Pre-Millennial Kingdom, the implementation and fulfillment of Israel’s promised Kingdom on the Earth.



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Reader's Question Box #67

Not Forsaking the Assembling of Ourselves Together

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching (Hebrews 10:25).

Q: What are your thoughts on Hebrews 10:25? I get that thrown at me a lot since I have left the church building years ago. – **R.B.**

A: It is quite understandable that this verse is concerning, but it need not be.

This single verse has been misused to bring many believers into the bondage of “church attendance.” Of course, since this Epistle was written to *the Hebrews*, not only does this passage have nothing to do with truth for today, neither does it have anything to do with “attending church.”

Before understanding the meaning of this passage in its context, let's assume for a moment that it does deal with “church attendance.” What specific instruction

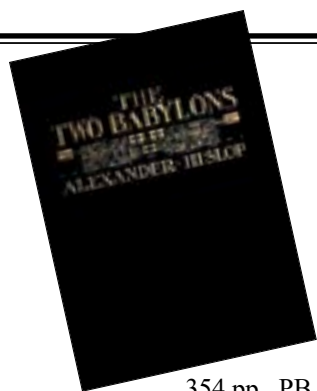
does it give us regarding such “church attendance”? None! We're not instructed *when* to meet, *where* to meet, *how* to meet, or even the frequency of “gathering.”

So, how could anyone use this passage to insist that someone attend, for example, some “Sunday morning service”?

If this passage were in fact discussing meeting with other believers, didn't Christ plainly tell His disciples,

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them (Matthew 18:20, KJV).

Thus, *even if* this passage were dealing with “church attendance,” *where* is the mandate for such corporate, institutional meetings as is so common in Western



The Two Babylons

by — Alexander Hislop (1807-1865)

Hislop was a Free Church of Scotland [minister](#) known for his criticisms of the Roman Catholic Church. He was born and raised in Duns, Berwickshire. First published as a pamphlet in Edinburgh in 1853, *The Two Babylons* was greatly expanded in 1858 and since that time has appeared in many editions in Great Britain and the United States. The book shows that the Catholic Church was a pagan Babylonian mystery cult. He documents that Roman Catholic religious practices are pagan practices grafted onto true Christianity during the reign of Constantine. He documents the merger between the Roman state religion and its adoration of the mother and child that was transferred to Christianity, merging Christian characters with pagan mythology. It traces Papal

worship to the worship of Nimrod and his wife, complete in every detail. Offering proof for every statement, it includes more than 260 original sources of facts, citing title and place and date of publication of each. Illustrated with 61 woodcuts from Nineveh, Babylon, Egypt, Pompeii and other ancient lands.

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religious culture?

However, this passage has nothing whatsoever to do with “attending meetings.” The first key to this passage has to do with the single Greek word that is translated, “*assembling of ourselves together*.” The word ἐπισυναγωγή (*episunagōgē*) is used only one other time in the Greek Scriptures.

Charles H. Welch (1880-1967) writes concerning this passage in his commentary on Hebrews.¹

The usual interpretation of this passage associates it with attendance at a Christian place of worship. The word “*assembling*” (*episunagōgē*), and its cognate (*episunagō*), are never used of an “*assembling*” in the sense of attending service at church ...

The only other place where *episunagōgē* occurs is II Thessalonians 2:1.

The coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto Him.

Thus, we can see in the context of a parallel usage that *episunagōgē* is a reference to *the gathering of believers together at the Second Advent of Christ*.

Hebrews 10:25 is a warning to Israel concerning the danger of their forsaking of this key truth.²

Welch continues,

The apostle, by the use of the word “*forsaking*,” evidently glances back to such passages as II Chronicles 24:18, where the “*forsaking*” ... meant *apostasy* ...

The present Dispensation knows no “*place of worship*” except where “*Christ sitteth at the right hand of God*,” for God “*dwelleth not in temples made with hands*” ...

1. *Perfection or Perdition: An Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews*, page 156.

2. [Editor:] The author has a teaching video entitled “Hebrews is NOT for Today” which is available on YouTube. At the 43:30 time point in the recording he deals with Hebrews 10:25. Here is the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=518&v=Oq2gAnL1sIM&feature=emb_logo

Apostasy from the profession of the hope had the character of presumptuous sin, for which the law made no provision. That David (as in Psalm 51), for example, could be forgiven, shows that a fuller Sacrifice is found under the gospel than under the law, but the apostle does not bring this forward; neither does he mitigate the severity of the judgment that is pronounced against such.

“*Fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries*,” “*died without mercy*,” “*of how much sorer punishment*,” “*vengeance is Mine*,” “*it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*” – all stress the extreme severity of the penalty. “*Trodden under foot the Son of God*,” “*counting the blood of the Covenant unholy*,” “*doing despite to the Spirit of grace*” – these terms reveal the enormity of the sin of turning back to Judaism. In this light, Hebrews 6:1-8 is to be read, to which the word “*illuminated*” of 10:32 evidently refers. These are the only occurrences of *phōtizō* in Hebrews. **BSN**

TOPICS:

Major: Church Attendance; Hebrews 10:25; Right Division
Minor: Christianity; Judaism



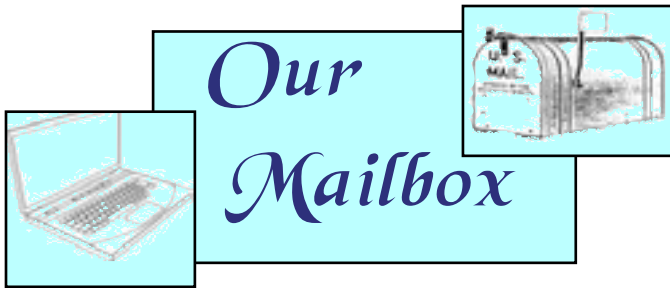
Evaluating Western Christianity's Interpretation of Biblical Polygamy

by — Lauren Heilighenthal

88 pp, PB (see [order form](#) under “Other Authors.”)

This book demonstrates that the popular Western worldview regarding marriage affects biblical interpretation. While most Western societies uphold monogamy as God’s ideal form of marriage, a number of other cultures practice polygamy. Western Christianity often perceives polygamy as a threat to the monogamist ideal; therefore, this book evaluates whether the Bible clearly advocates that polygamous men should become monogamous through divorce.

After interpreting Scripture through the lens of the biblical audience, this book then applies the interpretations from the five biblical texts to a modern situation involving polygamy. Since there is no biblical text that explicitly prohibits polygamy or promotes monogamy, this book argues that the interpretation of the monogamist ideal tends to derive from one’s worldview rather than the Bible.



[BSN #888](#) ... is loaded with encouragement. Wetzel's word study dealing with the uniqueness of Ephesians & Colossians is wonderful. [André's] article was so encouraging to me; [he has] a good grasp on our standing AND state. "Dry Times" by Grubb in the Tidbits of Truth section hit the nail on the head when thinking about going through a "less than enthusiastic stage" in life. It's all so very encouraging to me. Thanks for your ministry. – **IN**

I don't know why he chose to make me "unblind," but I'm glad he did! It is the most liberating and wonderful

NEBUCHADNEZZAR (continued from page 7602)

In reading the events of Daniel 3-4 we see that king Nebuchadnezzar was judged by God in order to humble him, possibly preparing him to be His servant after He resurrects him and to bring about the favorable conditions whereby Israel's kingdom will be established (all by God's Spirit). Notice the king's response to God's lesson:

Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of Heaven, all Whose works are truth, and His ways judgment: and those that walk in pride He is able to abase (Daniel 4:37).

Because of the lesson he learned, Nebuchadnezzar will be a benevolent ruler who will glorify God.

thing to understand that God REALLY is in control of EVERYTHING, and not just say it. – **FL**

I have many disagreements with you as I do with many people. ... But at the same time I deeply appreciate the wonderful thoughts I can glean from the [Daily Email Goodies](#) and appreciate the hard work it must take to do that all the time. Grace & Peace. – **OH**

I hope you keep writing. I love your books. – **NH**

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We must bear in mind that the Mystery dispensation in which we currently live is exclusive of prophecy, so none of this can have happened since the end of God's prophetic dealing with Israel in Acts 28. These future prophecies cannot occur until *after* this dispensation is closed, at which time God will resume his prophetic "clock" and continue His plans for Israel, starting with the resurrection and rule of king Nebuchadnezzar. **BSN**

TOPICS:

Major: Daniel 2; Latter Days; Nebuchadnezzar; Pre-Millennial Kingdom

Minor: Daniel 9, 70 Weeks of; Prophecy



258 pp., PB

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World Affairs and National Politics and the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

When did nationalism begin? What is God's purpose for nationalism? Is the United States a Christian nation? Does any government have *Favored Nation Status* with God today? Should believers support Israel? What did Paul have to say about our citizenship? What is our role in relation to nations? Is our job to rid the world of evil? What should the believer's attitude be toward earthly authority? Should all obedience to earthly magistrates be absolute? Are believers to pay their taxes? Where does voting and jury duty fit in? Why was the apostle Paul executed?

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