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7 Things I Misunderstood about Prophecy

An Exposé of Evangelical Prophetic Interpretation

Personal Reflections by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

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**What about the end times?
What about the end of the world?**

**What about the last days?
What about the rapture?**

Are any of these near?

Section 2, Installment 2

I Misunderstood that 7-Millennialism was but a Human Theory



I IGNORED "A THOUSAND GENERATIONS"

While accepting traditional 7-Millennialism, I also ignored that multiplied millennia remain, even more than have yet transpired, for the fulfillment of

all of the glorious plans of the ages that God has revealed in His Word.

Far from us being anywhere near the "end" of something prophetic, the span of God's plan of the ages is immense, and our placement in the Secret Administration is early on its timeline. Much more of God's prophetic program remains than man's feeble eschatologies allow.

I would come to see that the remaining time for unfulfilled prophecy is some 20,000 years or more.

Carefully notice God's specific, often repeated promise of "a thousand generations" found in the following verses:

Showing faithful love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments (Exodus 20:6, HCSB).

Keeping lovingkindness to a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin ... (Exodus 34:7, YLT).

Showing lovingkindness unto a thousand generations unto them who love Me, and keep My commandments (Deuteronomy 5:10, REB).
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- the universality of death and resurrection (I Corinthians 15:21);
- the unique gospel of Paul – which he calls "my gospel" (Romans 2:16; 16:25; II Timothy 2:8; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 13-28; Acts 20:24);
- the "preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret in ages past" (Romans 16:25);
- the epistles of the present Secret Administration being Ephesians & Colossians (Ephesians 3:2, 9; Colossians 1:25);
- true freedom and liberty apart from law (Galatians 5:1);
- the organic nature of the One Body (Ephesians 4:16);
- the Secret Administration, being the operational revelation for today (Ephesians 3:9);
- the unprophesied, Celestial hope and calling of the One Body (Colossians 3:4);
- the distinct message and ministry of Paul, the apostle to the nations (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the importance of receiving all whom Christ has received (Romans 14-15);
- the recovery of rich Biblical truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice, misunderstanding and fear (Mark 7:7, 13);
- the completeness of the believer in Christ (Colossians 2:10), with:
 - total freedom from sins (Colossians 1:14);

- union in His death, burial and resurrection and ascended seated position among the celestials (Romans 6; Ephesians 2:6);
- adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, which keeps covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments **to a thousand generations** (Deuteronomy 7:9).

Be mindful always of His covenant; the word which He commanded **to a thousand generations** (I Chronicles 16:15).

He has remembered, unto **times age-abiding**, His covenant, the word He commanded, **to a thousand generations** (Psalm 105:8, REB).

Thou exercise kindness unto **the thousandth generation** ... (Jeremiah 32:18, Leeser Translation, 1853).

A generational cycle is the period from the birth of one generation to the birth of the next. If the lower end of a generational cycle were 20 years,¹ God's prophetic fulfillment with Israel would be 20,000 years. However, if it would be on the higher end of the scale, this period would be upwards of some 50,000 years.²

Thus, I would learn that it is essential to understand that Israel's unfulfilled prophecies will be brought to pass over a *very long period* of time – at least 20,000 years, or possibly more.

1. See, George L. Rogers (1869-1947), *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 22, page 511 (1931).
2. "Luke's genealogy, covering four thousand years of human history, averages more than *fifty years* to a generation." – Adlai Loudy (1893-1984), *Unsearchable Riches*, volume 28 (1937).

Even considering the most conservative period of 20,000 years, here is a sample breakdown of the remainder of the prophetic ages:

Phase 1:

◆ *The Pre-Millennial Kingdom*

Perhaps encompassing some 500 years or more.

Phase 2:

◆ *The Millennial Kingdom*

1000 years.

Phase 3

◆ *The New Heaven & Earth Kingdom*

18,500 years or more.

While some start this thousand-generation fulfillment with Adam³ or Abraham,⁴ others⁵ (such as ourselves) see that this entire period more likely remains to be yet future.

So, once the Secret Administration has run its Divinely designated course, as much as 50,000 prophet-

3. Such as George Rogers, *ibid*.
4. Such as Adlai Loudy (1893-1984), *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 28 (1937).
5. Such as A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), at least early in his studies (*Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 4, 1912).



The Administration of the Secret

A Comprehensive Compilation

308 pages

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The Secret Administration, revealed through Ephesians and Colossians, is characterized and empowered by the dispensing of transcendent grace (Ephesians 1:7; 2:7; 3:2). Now, believing Gentiles are "*no longer guests and sojourners*," as they were in the Pentecostal and Readjustment Administrations, but are "*fellow-citizens of the saints and members of God's family*" (Ephesians 2:19). This outstanding work includes 45 chapters, by 17 authors, spanning nearly 200 years. Author's include: Oscar M. Baker, Tom L. Ballinger, J. R. Caldwell, E. H. Clayton, J.J.B. Coles, John Essex, J.H. Evans, H.W. Fry, Vladimir Gelesnoff, William B. Hallman, Richard Holden, John H. Kessler, A.E. Knoch, Adlai Loudy, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., and Charles H. Welch.

ic years remain.

However, regardless of the actual duration, here is what some diligent students of the Scriptures have written concerning these many prophetic millennia yet to be fulfilled.

George L. Rogers (1869-1947)

Many generations are yet to come. Israel's future place in the new earth is indicated by the fact that God's covenant with them is to a thousand generations.⁶

Clarence Larkin (1850-1924)

As the duration of God's Covenant with Israel was extended in Deuteronomy 7:9 to "a thousand generations," or 33,000 years, we have an intimation that the "Dispensation of the Fulness of Times" [Ephesians 1:10] will last for at least that length of time.⁷

George F. Trench (1841-1915)

We find in Deuteronomy 7:9 and I Chronicles 16:15 an indirect, but not unimportant, confirmation of our forecast, where the duration of the covenant of God with Israel is extended, not merely to a thousand years, but to "a thousand generations" – a truly glorious revelation of Israel's future in the Age of the new creation.⁸

6. "Grace Versus Sin." *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 22 (1931).

7. *Dispensational Truth*, chapter 25 (1918).

8. *After the Thousand Years: The Glorious Reign of Christ as Son of Man in the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times* (1907; reprinted in 2008) Available through [StudyShelf](#), or on the [order form](#) under "Other Authors."

A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)

The Kingdom of Christ will bring in righteousness for a thousand years, but the throne of the Son will assure reconciliation of a thousand generations.⁹

Adlai Loudy (1893-1984)

We have every reason to think that the succeeding eon will be very much longer. Considerations based upon the "thousand generations" of the Psalmist and the grand cycles of the Heavens, suggest that the last eon will be at least seventeen thousand years in length.¹⁰

... to Him be glory in the ecclesia and in Christ Jesus for all the **generations** of the eon of the eons! (Ephesians 3:21).

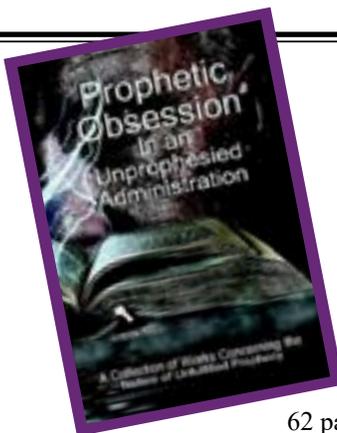
Here we are informed that in the last eon of glory there will be *generations*. The nations in the New Earth, the paradise of God, will continue to multiply. And in that new creation when the abiding glory of God will replace the temporary luminaries – the sun, moon and stars – of the old creation, time will be marked by *generations*.¹¹

How many generations will there be? Some idea of the number will enable us to form a rough estimate of its length. The psalmist speaks of a thousand generations (Psalm 105:8). I know of no good reason why this should not be taken literally.

9. "The Mystery of the Gospel," *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 4 (1912).

10. *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 15 (1924).

11. *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 28 (1937).



Prophetic Obsession in an Unprophesied Administration

(A Collection of Works Concerning the Nature of Unfulfilled Prophecy)

List of authors contained in this work are: Sir Robert Anderson (1841-1918), Cecil J. Blay (1906-1976), A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), J. Vernon McGee (1904-1988), Andrew Miller (1810-1883), Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., Otis Q. Sellers (1901-1992) and C.R. Stam (1909-2003).

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The length of a generation is not easy to determine, neither is it vital. It could hardly average under twenty years. ...

I have sometimes wondered if the eons are measured by that long astronomical cycle of nearly twenty-six thousand years which is formed by the sun as it shifts its place in crossing the ecliptic, making what is called the precession of the equinoxes. At one time the sun's annual crossing of the ecliptic in the spring of the year, making day and night of equal length, occurred in the sign of Virgo. Now it is in Aries. At the end of the cycle it will be in Leo. It leads from the Virgin to the Lion out of Judah's tribe. All of the symbolism seems to fit this notion. Even the thousand generations may find a place in this speculation. I do not rely upon it. But these figures leave little doubt that the last eon will be an enormously prolonged period of time. ...

The point we wish to press is this, that by far the greater part of mankind in the eons are found in the last of the series.¹²

I IGNORED THE SECRET ADMINISTRATION

As my studies over the decades would progress, I would come to see that my 7-Millennialism had ignored our current administration.

12. *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 29 (1938).



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ness of times" (Ephesians 1:10), that KINGDOM of the Son of God's love, that KINGDOM that cannot be shaken, which it is Christ's to enjoy as Heir of all things, and Head of the new creation. George F. Trench was an associate of Dr. E.W. Bullinger.

Throughout Scripture we are presented with various administrations.¹³ These administrations, sometimes called "dispensations," or "economies," are divine managements, or stewardships. They are the organization and implementation of specific divine purposes. There are seven basic administrations.

The present Secret Administration¹⁴ was "hid in God" (Ephesians 3:9), "hid from the ages and generations" (Colossians 1:25-26). It unveils "the unsearchable"¹⁵ riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8) not found elsewhere in Scripture. It involves "The Dispensation of the Grace of God" (Ephesians 3:2),¹⁶ a despotism¹⁷ of

13. For more information on the administrations, see,

- [Book] [The Seven Administrations](#), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (On the [order form](#) under "Pilkington.");
- [Video] *The Seven Administrations*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Basics #7](#);
- [Article] *The Seven Administrations*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.; [BSN #891](#), [BSN #892](#).

14. For detailed studies on the Secret Administration, see,

- [The Administration of the Secret](#), on the [order form](#) under "Compilations";
- [Ephesians and Colossians: Scripture for the Present Administration](#), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., see [order form](#) under "Pilkington";
- ["Pastors" - The Ascension Gifts, the Higher Powers of Romans 13, and the Secret Administration](#), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (under "Pilkington" on the [order form](#));
- [A New Administration at the Close of Acts](#), Adlai Loudy, see [order form](#) under "Loudy."

15. *i.e.*, untraceable, untrackable.

16. "God has always been gracious, but there is a difference between grace in a dispensation and a dispensation of grace (Romans 5:20-21). For example, Noah found grace because he was 'perfect in his generations' (Genesis 6:8-9), yet to Paul was committed 'the Dispensation of the Grace of God' (Ephesians 3:2)." - J.C. O'Hair (1876-1958), *Bible Study for Bereans*

17. For more on the nature of the grace of God, as revealed through Paul, see the compilation work,

After the Thousand Years: The Glorious Reign of Christ as Son of Man in the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times

by — George F. Trench (1841-1915)

In Revelation 20 the closing period of the Millennium is foretold as one of general insurrection against Christ as King, thus revealing the true condition of the population of the world, taken as a whole, throughout the thousand years. A Kingdom such as this cannot be the KINGDOM described in the epistles of Paul. According to I Corinthians 15:24, our Lord will not reign forever, but will deliver up His mediatorial KINGDOM to God at its end, that God will henceforth be "All in all." If the reign of Christ in its perfection cannot be millennial, and shall not be eternal, it follows that between the end of the one, the millennial, and the beginning of the other, the eternal state, must of necessity intervene that "dispensation of the full-

grace, committed only to Paul, not associated with any covenant, new or old (Ephesians 2:14-15; Colossians 2:14), nor to human merit or rules (Colossians 2:8), ordinances, holy days, etc. (Colossians 2:16).

All things emphasized in the past under Israel's administrations (Promise, Law and Pentecost) have been removed. We now live under an administration where the *Barrier Wall*¹⁸ has been removed (cf. Ephesians 2:14, CV), and in the absence of that wall, we are "complete in Him" (Colossians 2:10). There is nothing that needs to be added.

Believers of this present Secret Administration are a "Joint-Body" (Ephesians 3:6), called the "One New Man" (:15), and share Christ's Universal Headship inherent in the Heavens (4:15-16; Colossians 1:16-19; 2:10).

Because the current administration was an absolute secret, it is not the subject of prophecy. What this means is that Israel is currently in abeyance (*Lo-am-*

mi – "Not My People" Hosea 1:9¹⁹), and her prophetic clock has now stopped,²⁰ resulting in any prophetic timetable being paused for the past two millennia. This being the case, any such supposed week of seven millennia, even if it were true, would currently be stopped as well. (We will look more closely at the impact that the Secret Administration has on prophecy in our next lesson.)

I IGNORED "THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS"

While espousing 7-Millennialism I also ignored the next prophetic period that was to come, after the close of the Secret Administration. By a failure to "distinguish between things that differ" (Philippians 1:20, MKJV)²¹ my study of prophecy entirely ignored the importance and distinction of "the Day of

– [The Absolute Despotism of Grace](#) (available on the [order form](#) under "Compilations").

18. When God called Abraham, He placed a *division* between his descendants and all of the rest of humanity. God established a "barrier" between Jew and Gentile, Israel and the Nations. Paul called this division a "middle wall of partition" in Ephesians 2:14 (KJV). The *Concordant Version* calls it "the central wall of the barrier." The *Dabhar Version* renders it "the middle wall of the **blockage**."

When reading the Scriptures, it is vitally important that you ask yourself the simple question: "Is the middle wall of partition up, or is it down?" Recognizing and answering this crucial question is an important key in following Paul's instruction found in II Timothy 2:15 of "rightly dividing" (KJV), "correctly cutting" (CV, 1976 – 6th Edition) or "correctly partitioning" (CV, 1927 – 2nd Edition) the "Word of truth." It's not until you get to the pinnacle writings of Paul – Ephesians and Colossians – that you see this barrier removed. Read these letters that reveal the Secret Administration and enjoy God's truth for today.

19. For more information, see:

– Lo-ammi – "Not My People," Charles H. Welch, [Bible Student's Notebook #543](#).

20. For more information on Israel's Prophetic Clock, see:

– The Prophetic Clock Has Stopped, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #821](#);

– Living Outside of Prophecy, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #656](#).

– Christ's Appearing and Israel's Prophetic Clock, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #567](#);

– "End Times" Prophecy, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #822](#).

21. Various renderings of Philippians 1:20:

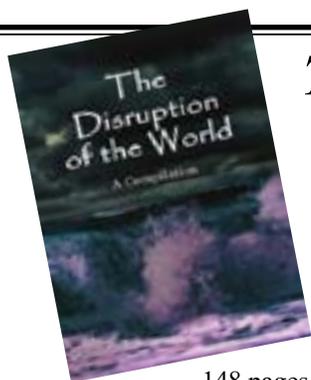
"distinguish between things that differ" (MKJV);

"putting to the test the things that differ" (REB);

"testing things that differ" (WT);

"proving the things that differ" (YLT);

"examine the things differing" (ED).



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A broad study of the crucial, but all-too-often overlooked teaching of Scripture of the events between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. Sometimes known as "The Gap," "The Overthrow," or "The Disruption," this key event in God's ages lays the important foundation for the ministry of Paul, the Apostle.

This critical compilation of 13 chapters from 8 authors will be an essential part of a Bible student's library. Authors include: E.W. Bullinger, A.E. Knoch, Edward Clayton and John Essex.

22. “The Bible speaks of four different days in the sense of long periods of time. Each one of these days marks a separate and distinct period of time. These are not meaningless expressions. They are: (1) ‘Man’s Day,’ (2) ‘The Day of Christ,’ (3) ‘The Day of the Lord,’ and (4) ‘The Day of God.’ The good workmen will identify the four days, and then ‘rightly divide’ them (II Timothy 2:15).” – Tom L. Ballinger

For more information on these four days, see:

- Four Great Days (With Special Emphasis on “the Day of Christ”), Tom L. Ballinger, [Bible Student’s Notebook #901](#);
- An Overview of Events from Greek Scripture (Editor’s Desk), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student’s Notebook #705](#);
- Three Chronological Stages of the Prophetic ‘Kingdom of God’ on the Earth,” David R. Hettema, [Bible Student’s Notebook #745](#);
- The Day of Christ, The Day of the Lord and The Day of God, C.E. McLain, [Bible Student’s Notebook #927](#).

23. For more information related to the “Kingdom of the Heavens” (i.e., Pre-Millennial) aspect, see:

- Alpha/Beta, v1/v2 Kingdom (Editor’s Desk), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student’s Notebook #743](#);
- The Coming Greater Exodus: A Study and Comparison of the Former and Future Exodus of Israel, David R. Hettema, Part 1, [Bible Student’s Notebook #767](#), Part 2, [#768](#), Part 3, [#769](#);
- Cyrus, One of God’s Anointed, M.B. Hammond, [Bible Student’s Notebook #756](#);
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- The Parousia of the Lord Jesus Christ, Otis Q. Sellers, [Bible Student’s Notebook #785](#);

The coming Kingdom Administration includes both the Pre-Millennial²⁴ and Millennial Kingdoms of Israel. God is always absolutely sovereign over the affairs of man. This truth is hidden from the perception of mankind during “Man’s Day.” But beginning with the “Day of Christ” this absolute sovereignty will be made abundantly manifest.

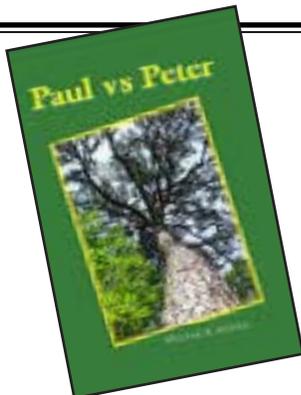
Sadly, there was no place in my 7-Millennialism for such a pre-millennial period of peace, ruled by Christ from His Celestial throne, lasting upwards of 700 years. It was very hard for me even to consider “the Day of Christ,” as such a period of prophetic time would have truly wreaked havoc on my imagined week of one-thousand-year days.

Yet, over a prolonged time I would ever so gradually be freed from the restraints of this manmade concept, so as to embrace many profound truths, once completely hidden from me, of which I now have come to truly rejoice.

As it was with Paul, it is my earnest prayer for our readers,

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may be giving you a spirit of wis-

- The Pre-Millennial Kingdom, C.E. McLain, [Bible Student’s Notebook #855](#);
 - The Rapture: Is It Real?, M.B. Hammond, [Bible Student’s Notebook #757](#);
 - The Restoration of Israel to the Land, J.G.H. Steedman, [Bible Student’s Notebook #798](#);
 - The Restoration of the Davidic Scene, John C. Ribbens, [Bible Student’s Notebook #761](#);
 - The Seventy Sevens of Daniel, J.G.H. Steedman, Part 1, [Bible Student’s Notebook #754](#); Part 2, [#755](#);
 - Three Chronological Stages of the Prophetic “Kingdom of God” on the Earth, David R. Hettema, [Bible Student’s Notebook #745](#).
24. i.e., “the Kingdom of the Heavens,” including the full Seventy Sevens of Daniel.



Paul vs. Peter

by — William R. Newell (1868-1956)

This classic work shows the distinguishing difference between the gospels preached by Peter and Paul. It also includes Paul vs James by F.L. Fallis (first published in 1922).

94 pages

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dom and revelation in the realization of Him, the eyes of your heart having been enlightened, for you to perceive what is the expectation of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of the enjoyment of His allotment among the saints ... unto the end that we should all attain to the unity of the faith and of the realization of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature of the complement of the Christ ... that you may be filled full with the realization of His will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding ... and growing in the realization of God ... that your hearts may be consoled, being united in love, and to all the riches of the assurance of understanding, unto a realization of the secret of the God and Father, of Christ (Ephesians 1:17-18; 4:13; Colossians 1:9-10; 2:2, CV).

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McLain [“The Day of Christ, The Day of the Lord and The Day of God” [BSN 927](#)] ... very refreshing article! ... I wonder how much persecution he received as he grew to understand the fallacy of the ‘any moment’ teaching? There are so many of these sound teachers from years gone by, thank you for seeking them out. – *IN*

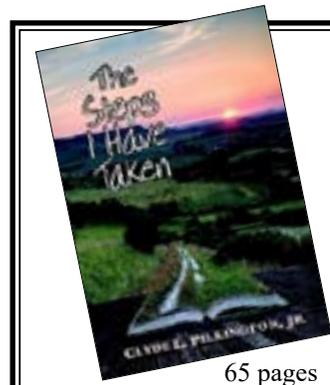
I absolutely love Hanna’s¹ article! No doubt her insight

1. The ongoing series by Hannah Whitall Smith (1832–1911), “The God of All Comfort”: Part 1, [BSN 921](#); Part 2, [BSN 924](#); Part 3, [BSN](#)

came through deep trials and suffering. Such things are NOT “worthy to be compared,” because terrestrial trials are transmuted by Father into Celestial Glory (which we share in as Christ’s Pleroma). What a good, good Father! – *SD*

The article in the most recent BSN [927], [God is Both “Responsible” and “Accountable”](#) is so liberating. Drinking in this truth helps to get rid of unwarranted guilt feelings and to enjoy the peace of mind that God intends us to have. In one of your footnotes there was reference to an article in a previous BSN [644], [The Pre-Creation Era of the Universe: God Alone – All in God](#) by M. Jaegle. What a deep and thought-provoking article! Best wishes to you, your family and those who work so hard alongside you. – *South Africa* [BSN](#)

[929](#); Part 4, [BSN 931](#).



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