

A WORD FROM BRO. A. D. JONES, OF ZION'S DAY STAR.

Most of ZION'S WATCH TOWER readers will remember, that some time ago we took the position that it was more than probable that the "dead in Christ" were raised, or were then being raised, and we yet believe that the position was a true one. One thing is certain, that if Rev. 14:13, is now due [and it seems to be], then the other is true; for we will not be changed until the dead are raised.

We believe that the words, "from henceforth," are applicable at the present time. This being understood now, is strong evidence that the time of favor to come into the "little flock" ended this last fall. In harmony with the thought that the dead saints are raised, we refer our readers to Rev. 19:5-16 "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and true, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war." This verse introduces Jesus as present in power; and by reading Rev. 3:14 it will be observed that he is the "Faithful and true witness," as John spoke of him in addressing the Laodicean Church.

This will help us in fixing the time of the above scene, because the nominal churches not having been true witnesses were given up by him, spewed out of his mouth in the spring of 1878. While Jesus is represented in that spiritual condition of power, there are also others with him. "And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." Verse 14. This company must be the risen dead, for the "fine linen" "represents the righteous acts of the saints;" (verse 8: E, D,) so that if Jesus is now present in the spiritual body [judging and making war in righteousness, verse 11], they must be also, for both are represented in the same spiritual [heavenly] condition.

According to the parallel, Jesus was due to enter on his Kingly office in the spring of 1878, and so when seen in power with his armies, "He hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords." Verse 16.

While Jesus and the dead saints are shown as in the heavenly, spiritual condition, the living saints who are not yet changed, are used as his mouthpiece. "And a voice came out of the throne [through them], saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great." Verse 5. Is it not significant that the teachings are now to the servants, believing, as we do, that the door is shut to the high calling? "And out of his mouth (the saints his mouthpiece) goeth a sharp sword, the word of truth, that with it he should smite the nations." Verse 15. And again, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him [the living saints his feet] that bringeth good tidings [restitution], that publisheth peace;...that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth." Isa. 52:7.

"And his name is called the word of God," so we would proclaim no other word. Our teachings are not the "doctrines of men," but God's Word. Some may say we are not right in our teachings, for "he had a name written that no man knew but he himself." Verse 12.

No man [unregenerated] does know, but we (his body) may know, for the name written is "King of kings and Lord of lords." Do we not proclaim Jesus as now in this position, having entered on his Kingly office – and moreover, that the dead saints are risen, "kings and priests" unto God, so that Jesus is King of heavenly kings?

But no man knew "but he himself." True, but we are of him, we are the members of his body: his "feet," therefore a part of himself. Dear saints, what a glorious position is ours. THE nominal churches

have been spewed out of his mouth, they are in darkness, and know not that Jesus has entered on his reign as King; and hence they know not the name written; nor do the servants yet know, for they are not of his body, not reckoned as part of Himself. What could more clearly set forth our relationship to him than those words which reveal to us that name? It also indicates that we shall soon enter on our reign with him and his armies.

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A WORD FROM BRO. J. B. ADAMSON.

BELOVED IN CHRIST: – After several months engaged in distributing and preaching the Gospel, you will doubtless be glad to hear from me again. I have had good opportunities for observing how this Gospel of the grace of God is received by the different classes in and out of the nominal churches. Only those who go forth into the world, with the real Gospel of gladness, can have a full idea of the joy and rejoicing of God's true people, when presented with these truths. And only such can realize how bitter is the opposition of many of the clergy (Scribes) and false religionists (Pharisees) who abound in the churches now, as they did in the Jewish.

I worked in nearly all the large towns of twenty states, being present also at nearly all the leading Camp Meetings, Conferences, and Assemblies of the year: distributing thousands of books, and addressing many people. At Camp Meetings it was impossible to give away books with much discrimination, but after the season for such gatherings ended, I found time and place for seasonable words about our hope, joy, heirship, and the restitution of the world at "the manifestation of the sons of God." I soon began to realize what a blessed work I was engaged in, and the glorious privilege of being a mouthpiece for the Lord.

THE true people of God who are really making good their promises of entire consecration of all to the Lord, received me with every sign of gratitude and love, and praise to God for this message of grace and love, expressing surprise that the "Food" had reached them, and gratitude to God for "meat in due season." Limited in time, I devoted it principally to those who seemed to "have an ear to hear" – the truth hungry, passing by those who seemed to think themselves rich and increased in goods and needing nothing; thus following the example of our Forerunner – convinced that now, as then, no man can come into the light except the Father draw him by his Word and Spirit of truth. There is no inducement of a worldly character to lead one of the world-conforming, Babylon people into the narrow way and race for glory. On the contrary, this teaching is most repulsive to the larger portion of the nominal church, and those who deliver them are continually subject to contempt, reproach, and dishonor. Those who for years have been carrying the honors of the world with the name of Christ in self-indulgence, feel outraged by the teaching that glory, honor, and immortality will only be given to those who take up their cross, deny self, and follow their Leader in a life separate from the world.

Most bitter in their opposition are the clergy who doubtless feel their craft endangered – some of whom obtained the books from their people when I was gone and burned them. This was especially true among the sect calling themselves "Second Adventists," strange as it may seem. They greatly fear, that which they cannot gainsay.

I now gladly recur to the effect of the truths we hold, upon the dear sainted people of God who only are the church – yet for the present much mixed up in Babylon except to God's clear vision. These were glad to get out of her, and hailed the message and the result, as a deliverance from sin. Many infidels and worldly people got to hear the message also, and often spoke of God's plan in the

ages, as something reasonable, and as demonstrating his Wisdom, Justice, and Love.

Being a willing instrument in God's hand, subject to any use I can be fitted to, I now try a preaching tour, and expect to meet many of the brethren and labor together with them. Again desiring your prayers, I remain your brother and fellow worker in Christ Jesus.

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