

THE SPECIAL SECOND COMING

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PREFACE

REFERENCES USED IN THIS PUBLICATION

- **American Standard Version** (ASV or AV) is a version of the Bible that was released in 1901. It soon came to have other names, such as the American Revised Version, the American Standard Revision, the American Standard Revised Bible, and the American Standard Edition. By the time its copyright was renewed in 1929, it had come to be known by its present name, the American Standard Version.
- **Diaglott** is a two-language polyglot translation, of the New Testament by Benjamin Wilson, first published in 1864. It is an interlinear translation with the original Greek text and a word-for-word English translation in the left column, and a full English translation in the right column.
- **King James Version** (KJV) references are used throughout this publication unless otherwise noted.
- **Revised Version** (RV) (or English Revised Version) of the Bible is a late 19th-century British revision of the King James Version of 1611. It was the first and remains the only officially authorized and recognized revision of the King James Bible.
- **Wuest:** Kenneth Samuel Wuest (1893–1962) was a noted New Testament Greek (Κοινή) scholar of the mid-20th century...produced his own English translation of the New Testament (the Wuest Expanded Translation—abbreviated WET) based on Nestle's critical text.

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Now we come to a revealed truth within the outer truth of Jesus' 2nd Coming. As is aptly expressed, "*My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer*" [Psa.45:1]. Going on in this Psalm, we come to know the queen and therein is the prominent part of the secret 2nd Coming that we speak of here.

There is an appointment for Jesus Christ to meet all mankind, and the period of His 2nd Coming is the time. Yet He unfolds a hidden, deeper meaning of His coming to this age of The Church, that is, for those who love, look and long for Him and this special visit to the earth.

The presentation of this revelation is especially written of in the book of Ephesians, is confirmed in the letter to the Colossians, and referred to in another way in the book of Philippians. Our Apostle Paul apparently received the fullness of this revelation in the confinement of a Roman imprisonment. His body was constricted in its movements, but the spirit really soared, and we are the beneficiaries.

- Ephesians 1:18, the prayer for the revelation to the Ephesians, representing a special portion of The Church, ascends to God.
- Ephesians 3:5-6 brings out the unique offer of the preparation for the coming of Christ to the Gentiles. We had little or nothing to hope for, before, and suddenly God hands us everything. It was an old purpose, but a new revelation.
- Then Ephesians 5 gives the special relationship that is unveiled at this special 2nd Coming of Christ, that of a bridegroom and a bride. The earthly union is the example of this eternal union of Christ with, not the whole Church, but a special portion, "*a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish*" [Eph.5:27]. How can this be? We can't say, for it is a mystery: "*This is a great mystery*" [Eph.5:32].

Friends, theory is interesting, but this is vitally pragmatic and up-to-date. This is our hour...we little Gentiles. We are offered a special place with the coming King of the universe, and He will call for us at a special time, secretly, and previous to His other appearances that are part of the general 2nd Coming. A clue to this is:

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." [1Th.5:2]

You see, from the outset of Paul's ministry, a secret (to most) coming was expected.

The preparation for this great event and ensuing union is found in Paul's epistles; it has to be worked in the called ones, and some glad, sweet day He will come for them. It is otherwise called the **out-resurrection** of

Philippians 3:11. It would be the **out-translation** of 1 Thessalonians 4:17, sounding general, but having hidden the special translation of those prepared for it.

Also, in Philippians 3:14, the goal is the special 2nd Coming after which there can be no more running. **The prize** of this same verse is Christ as Bridegroom. Very simple, but only by the revelation of the Holy Spirit can we know this. The old idea that nobody can know anything now—we must await that day—is a fallacy. The Holy Spirit is living and lively and most generous in His revelation to an open heart.

Colossians says it in another way, it is “*Christ in you*” [Col.1:27]. The hope of this practical fact, and the perfection of Colossians 1:27-28 is the same thing we have above. Christ prepares a bride with His own Spirit; at full growth she is ready and hears His special call for His special 2nd Coming. That will truly be a wonderful day.

Now, we realize the whole thing sounds like an exclusive set. A people that are manifestly separate from and superior to the rest of the body. It is so, but you would never know them at a given time in their experience here. It is not a sect, a church, an organization; it is a rib portion of the whole body of Christ. Some are saved in the knowledge of this truth, some are not. Just remember you are dealing with God, a Master Workman. He can do anything. He can join unlikely people in unlikely places, by unlikely means. He will do whatever is necessary to call, get ready, and send His Son for those who heed. Surely, the whole is special; listen, heed, He will come!

