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..... like enow  
They are building still, seeing the city is built  
To music, therefore never built at all,  
And therefore built for ever."

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## PREFACE

THE difficulties of the Apocalyptic element in the Gospels have long been a sore puzzle to many, and much light has recently been thrown upon its inner meaning and its perennial value by the world-catastrophe of the war. The writer has here attempted to offer a solution for the one, and an interpretation of the other, hoping that both will be acceptable to thinking men and women of the present age who long for light and direction in its mazes and perplexities. A good deal of space is devoted to the Jewish element, as it is essential to realise this background of Our Lord's teaching; and many references and quotations are given, in the hope that readers will be induced to turn to larger works and original documents, and study the subject for themselves.

The writer further hopes that his words will lead many to perceive that the Kingship of Christ is an actual present fact and power, as well as a hope yet to be realised; and, even more, that they will understand that this power is conveyed through the Holy Spirit. For it is not too much to say that *all* difficulties, whether personal, ecclesiastical, national, or world-wide, can be removed by an adequate appreciation of the Person of the Holy Spirit; and that their persistence and seriousness has been almost entirely due to men's failure in this appreciation. If men had only taken Him

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more into their counsels, followed His teaching, and claimed His power, in times past, Heaven to-day would have been far more of a reality and less of a dream.

To Him, as our Teacher, Guide, Helper, and Strength, alone be glory, in the Father, through the Son.



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