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*Selected and Arranged from the Sacred Scriptures,*  
RELATIVE TO THE  
NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH,  
WITH  
BRIEF COMMENTARIES,  
CONTAINING A DESCRIPTION OF THE  
PHYSICAL, MECHANICAL, AND PRACTICAL MEANS  
OF THE  
EARTH'S TRANSFORMATION,  
BY WHICH IMMEDIATE AND PROGRESSIVE RELIEF WILL BE GIVEN  
TO THE WHOLE INDUSTRIAL CLASSES OVER THE WORLD,  
ADAPTED TO ORDINARY CAPACITIES, AND AFFORDING  
EVIDENCE THAT WE LIVE IN THE DAWN OF  
THE MILLENNIAL PERIOD.

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## P R E F A C E.

"Nevertheless, we according to this promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."—2 Peter iii. 13.

THE two principal objects of these Lectures or Scripture Readings, are to exhibit some of the momentous events which are to occur during the Thousand Years; and, that man, as the agent in the hands of the Almighty, has it in his power, by natural means, to give a literal fulfilment to certain of the prophecies alluded to, which will, in the progress of man's agency, give relief to the poor and needy, all over the world, where that agency shall be exerted.

There are many persons who affix to the plain words of our text, a spiritual, ambiguous, and mysterious meaning: To such persons, the following readings will be useless. Paul candidly acknowledges that we see as through a glass, darkly. Peter said of him, that he (Paul) wrote some things hard to be understood. With such things I do not intermeddle. Daniel also wrote of things hard to be understood, when he said, "And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end." Thus wrote Daniel, *a man greatly beloved*: and shall we, unrighteous and wicked men of the present age, attempt to unseal that which has been closed up, and to understand that which he understood not?—God forbid! From these considerations, it may be inferred, and justly inferred, that the present readings from the Bible will not embrace its figurative, spiritual and dark sentences, but will be confined to the literal passages only.

In the words of our text, "we look for new heavens and a new earth." To the proper understanding of these very unambiguous expressions, it will be necessary to describe, from the Holy Scriptures, the several heavens and earths therein particularized. In doing this, in order not to interrupt the harmony of these quotations, the chapter and verse will not be referred to, unless these shall be called for by any of the audience. And should the brief quotations given, be unsatisfactory, the contexts will be read if required,—and a pause will be made at every quotation.

Although our text does not make mention of the new Jerusalem, nevertheless, as that holy city has been destined to hold so prominent a position on this earth, and in the heavens upon this earth, it will necessarily fall to be described, in conjunction with the new heaven and the new earth for which Peter looked.

Let it then be noticed, that there are particularly described and characterised in the Sacred Volume, three heavens, three earths, and three Jerusalems,—all of which will be embraced severally, by the readings to be offered, in their order. And it will also be shown from the sacred text, that man, during the Thousand Years, is to have rule over the fish of the sea, and that the Almighty hath so provided for that rule, by the sea waters then being on the mountains. The course will conclude with a few practical remarks and inferences.

In the Appendix, will be superadded, a description of the inhabitants of each of the three heavens.

First. Of the new heavens and new earth.—As the descendants of Noah have never seen and never heard of a new heavens upon, and associated with this earth, excepting that spoken of by Peter, it seems not improper in us to call it the *first* heavens,—moreover, because it is called *new* in relation to this earth and its inhabitants, it will be to us the *first* heavens. As this earth is the *first*, the new one must be the *second* earth. But it is presumed that it will be seen from the readings, that there will only be a new surface, which is to constitute the *new* or second earth.

Many changes and events of the most momentous description are to happen during the period of the Thousand Years, mentioned in Revelations. Of such vast importance will these changes be, that, in the language of Scripture, old things shall not come into mind.

The events alluded to, viz:—the new heavens and new earth, and in-dwelling righteousness; also, the first resurrection, the restoration of the Jews, new Jerusalem, and our Lord's kingdom,—being all realised on this earth, will be comparatively the most interesting to its inhabitants. And, although each subject is distinct, and in some measure insulated, yet, nevertheless, the features, characteristics, and mutual relationships and dependencies, are so interwoven, (probably from Divine appointment,) as to concentrate, and, as it were, to give them identity. For these reasons, the readings will embrace the whole of those mighty events, severally, though complexly and promiscuously.



## CHAPTER I.

*The Kingdom to be on this Earth.*

BUT when ye pray, (said our Lord,) after this manner pray ye:—Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Math. vi. 7. name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Now is come salvation, and strength, and Rev. xii. 10. the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ. Of the increase of His government and peace, there shall be no Is. ix. 7. end. Upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth, even for ever.—(Fulfil the moral law.) For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you into the 2 Pet. i. 11. everlasting kingdom of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And in mercy shall the throne be established; and He shall sit upon it in truth, in the Tabernacle of David. And the Is. xvi. 5. Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve 2 Tim. iv. 18. me unto His heavenly kingdom. He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be Luke i. 32, no end. But I tell you of a truth, there be standing here, which shall not taste of death, (the second death) till they Luke ix. 27. see the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. Seek ye the kingdom of God, and all these things Luke x. 9. shall be added unto you. Fear not little flock; for it is your Luke xij. 31. Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. (After the Luke xiv. 15 first resurrection. Christ after his resurrection, eat fish and honey-comb before his disciples.) The kingdom of God cometh not with observation. I tell you, in that night there Lk. xvii. 20. shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken and the other shall be left. How hardly shall they that have riches Lk. xvii. 34. enter into the kingdom of God. He spake a parable, because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately Lk. xviii. 24 appear. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus went about all Lk. xix. 11. Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom. Ye which have followed me in the Lk. xxiii. 42 regeneration, when the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of Math. iv. 23 his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the Math. xix. 28 twelve tribes of Israel. And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all " xiv. 14. nations; and then shall the end come. (As it is now so, generally, the end is at hand.) And in the day of these Dan. ii. 44. kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. And Rev. xi. 15. the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in Heaven, saying: The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall

- Rev. v. 9. reign for ever and ever. For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us unto God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our
- Micah iv. 8. God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth. And thou, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem. They
- Is. xiv. 2. shall rule over their oppressors. Then shall the king say  
Mat. xxv. 34. unto them on his right hand, come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of  
1 Cor. xv. 24. the world. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father. Blessed be  
2 Chron. ii. 12. the Lord God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the  
Ps. cxli. 28. Lord, and an house for his kingdom. For the kingdom is  
Is. xi. 6. the Lord's; and he is the governor among the nations. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fating together; and a little child shall lead them. Then  
Is. xxxv. 5. the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf un-  
Dan vii. 18. stopped. The saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. And  
Oba. i. 21. Saviours shall come up on Mount Zion to judge the mount  
Lk. xxii. 18. of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's. For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the  
1 Cor. vi. 9. kingdom of God shall come. Know ye not that the un- righteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not de-  
James ii. 5. ceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. Hearken, my be- loved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to those that love him?

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## CHAPTER II.

### *The New Heavens and the New Earth.*

THE first earth is that on which we dwell, and we know by lamentable experience, that upon it there *dwelleth* no *righteousness*. But on the second earth that Peter looked for, *there* is to be righteousness, which will constitute the essential and sublime characteristic of the new or first heavens to be thereon established.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their now lives unto the death. Therefore, rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For, behold, I create new (first) heavens, and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. For as the new heavens, and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, so shall your seed and your name remain. But, O, ye mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel; and ye shall be tilled and sown: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded: and I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings. As the days of heaven upon the earth. If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee. If one look upon the land, behold darkness and sorrow; and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass: Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away. They shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock; and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord. And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow, and the sword, and the battle, out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. The meek shall inherit the earth.

While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. But the day of the Lord shall come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burnt up. Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. "Nevertheless, we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an

Rev. xii. 12.

Is. lxxv. 17.

" lxxvi. 22.

Ezk. xxxvi

8.

Deut. xi.

21.

" xxx. 4.

Is. vi. 30.

" xlii. 5.

Mat. v. 18.

" xxiv. 35.

" xxiv. 31.

Lk. xxi. 33.

Is. lxxv. 26.

Hosea ii. 18.

Mic. iv. 3.

Joel ii. 24.

Gen. viii. 22

2 Pet. iii.

10.

Job xxvi.

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