

CHAPTER EIGHT

The Gospel of the Kingdom

New Revelations

If Jesus was the consummation of all things no further revelation will be given. The verses of Rev 22:18-19 are used to support that view. But other passages deny such view.

Chapter 11 of Daniel begins with a review of history from the kings of Persia and Alexander the Great down to modern times. Verse 13 then states that the king of the north shall raise a multitude and, at the end-of-time years, shall come with a great army. At this point we may not be able to identify the king of the north but the phrase denoting the end-of-time years is important and instructive.

The Hebrew words derive from roots which mean *to-cut-off*, *times* or *seasons*, and *years*. Without question the reference is to a period when the age is to end. The meaning is not that time will end but that the current world dispensation will cease. Daniel described events to take place at the end of the age. Modern Jews arose to fulfill the vision, but they shall fail. Daniel continues with a series of episodes that lead into Chapter 12 and the Great Tribulation. At that time a general resurrection will take place. God's people will also be delivered, the Redeemed, whose names are written in the heavenly books.

Within this context of final events is a brief mention of a work of revelation. During the period when the "abomination of desolation" is set up those people who know their God will stand firm in their faith and will take appropriate action. They will not sit complacently waiting for a miraculous escape through a mysterious Rapture.

Dan 11:33-35 —

And those among the people who are wise shall make many understand, though they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder, for some days. When they fall, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery; and some of those who are wise shall fall, to refine and to cleanse them and to make them white, until the time of the end, for it is yet for the time appointed.

At that time, in this context, individuals among the people who understand shall instruct many, (KJV). RSV does not capture the sense of the activity as well as KJV when it gives the phrase as "those among the people who are wise shall make many understand." Understanding is required to bring instruction to others; perhaps wisdom is also required but the sense of the passage is that certain individuals have special knowledge that they give to others in a dedicated work of revelation.

The activity of these individuals is associated with great spiritual and social turmoil. They experience great persecution, with capture (captivity), with properties ruined (plunder or spoil), with pursuit (sword), and with execution (flame).

The size of this group is not indicated. Perhaps they are only a few, perhaps dozens, perhaps hundreds, perhaps thousands; we cannot estimate the size from the brief statements in Daniel. They shall instruct many; they will have widespread influence, regardless of the number of individuals participating in the activity.

The work of this unique group is connected with a special message to God's people. They are selected for that special service. The statement in verse 34 that when they fall they shall receive a little help shows that celestial agencies are at their side to help them. The statement does not suggest that they receive much help, only enough to accomplish the task to which they have been called.

Their understanding is strikingly different from traditional or conventional religious views. If Jews and Christians were mostly correct in their understanding this unique activity would not be needed. If God's people were fully knowledgeable to unfolding social and spiritual crises in the last days they would not need special instruction. Popular doctrines of Jesus' Second Coming, of a Rapture, of the tribulation, of the return of Israel to the promised land, of the final battles in the holy land, and other final events all are in considerable error.

The work of this group comes at a time of severe spiritual and social trial, with stark terror. God has held them in reserve for just such planetary emergency. This group brings understanding and instruction beyond normal religious thought; their work comes in a context of extreme world conditions. Jews and Christians everywhere now question their theologies and beliefs.

But this special group suffers other afflictions. Many shall join them in flattery. Chaotic social circumstances now cause many individuals to seek answers, but with insincere hearts. Some are interested in merely saving their skins, without true dedication to God.

Some of these special servants will fall in a great trial of faith but they shall remain true and shall stand before the throne of God.

This small section in Daniel gives only too brief a picture of the work of revelation which is now unfolding. However, it is supported by the remarks of Jesus in Matt 24.

In his discourse with the Apostles Tuesday evening before the Crucifixion, Jesus stated that a great teaching that would come at the end of the age.

Jesus gave a general description of events to take place.

In Matt 24:3 the Greek phrase is *suntelias tou aiunos*, literally *the end (or consummation) of the age*.

- Matt 24:5 (Mark 13:6, Luke 21:6) — Many will come in his name, saying, 'I am the Christ.' They will lead many astray.

This has been abundantly fulfilled today. Examples are *A Course In Miracles*, *The Reappearance of Christ*, (Maitreya), *The Starseed Transmissions*, and many other so-called revelations. See my book, *Spirit Entry Into Human Mind*.

- Matt 24:6 (Mark 13:7, Luke 21:9) — Wars and rumors of wars, nations rising against nations.

Again this has been abundantly fulfilled, ever increasing from the middle of the 19th century throughout the 20th, which has witnessed incessant warfare.

- Matt 24:7 (Mark 13:8, Luke 21:11) — Famines and earthquakes in various places.

Famines occurred recurrently in the past century, mostly in Asia and Africa. Although attempts have been made to show an increase or severity in earthquakes no scientific evidence exists that would support this statement.

- Matt 24:8 (Mark 13:8) — All of this is but the birth-pangs of the new age to come.

With this remark Jesus shows us the cosmic context of his statements. These events do not come as simple historical events, but as dramatic and cataclysmic world changes, in preparation for a new world era.

At this point in the discourse Jesus remarks about a messenger service to take place. I shall return to discuss those remarks. But first, I shall continue with those items which show the consummation of the age. I lay out the verses from the Gospels side by side to make the comparison easier.

We can see how the Gospels do not fully share all items of these warnings, but emphasize different parts of the discourse. This is especially true for Luke.

Without question, this extraordinary gospel message will take place within this context — the end of the age.

When one reads the commentators one is struck how the minds of the past assign this remarkable revelation to some historic context, contrary to the explicit statements recorded therein. I showed earlier how the literal words, *abomination of desolation*, were twisted to *desolating sacrifice*.

How the imagination of the commentators worked to understand *those who are with child and for those who give suck in those days!* They believe this took place during the siege of Jerusalem when it was destroyed by the Roman armies in 70 AD, and the starvation which they then endured. They explained reports by Josephus that some mothers actually ate their children. Unfortunately, Josephus invented explanations to satisfy the remarks by Jesus, and the Old Testament prophecies. His report of actual conditions is suspect.

Even more, explanation of the remark, *And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened*, is offered.

Adam Clarke gave the following:

Josephus computes the number of those who perished in the siege at eleven hundred thousand, besides those who were slain in other places, *War*, b. 6 c. 9; and if the Romans had gone on destroying in this manner,

Matt	Mark	Luke
15 "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand).	14 "But when you see the abomination of desolation set up where it ought not to be (let the reader understand),	20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.
16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;	then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;	21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains,
17 let him who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house; 18 and let him who is in the field not turn back to take his mantle.	15 let him who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything away; 16 and let him who is in the field not turn back to take his mantle.	and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it; 22 for these are days of vengeance, to fulfil all that is written.
19 And alas for those who are with child and for those who give suck in those days!	17 And alas for those who are with child and for those who give suck in those days!	23 Alas for those who are with child and for those who give suck in those days! For great distress shall be upon the earth and wrath upon this people;
20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a sabbath.	18 Pray that it may not happen in winter.	
21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.	19 For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will be.	24 they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led captive among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.
22 And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.	20 And if the Lord had not shortened the days, no human being would be saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.	

the whole nation of the Jews would, in a short time, have been entirely extirpated; but, for the sake of the elect, the Jews, that they might not be utterly destroyed, and for the Christians particularly, the days were shortened. These, partly through the fury of the zealots on one hand, and the hatred of the Romans on the other; and partly through the difficulty of subsisting in the mountains, without houses or provisions, would in all probability have been all destroyed, either by the sword or famine, if the days had not been shortened.

Not all commentators believed the words of Jesus applied to those events. The *Wycliffe Bible Commentary* has this to say about Mark 13:19:

This summary description of the tribulations of those days certainly applied to the horrors of A.D. 70, as a comparison with Josephus' *Wars of the Jews, Preface, 4; V, VI*, will show. However, there is reason to believe that Christ looked beyond Roman days to the great final tribulation which will precede his second coming.

Christianity, through two thousand years, had no idea what this meant. We had no proper context in which to understand his words. God kept us blind.

I shall now lay out the segments of the new message service as recorded in the Gospels. This is especially important to show how different writers edited the Gospels to reflect different views.

Matt 24	Mark 13	Luke 21	Matt 10
<i>9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation, and put you to death;</i>		<i>12 But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you,</i>	

Christians normally believe this refers to the general body of Christianity. While all residents of this planet will be subject to the dire conditions of our day, this remark was addressed to those who go out in the special messenger service. The persecution is severe. The Greek word means affliction and distress. Many will be put to death. They will be hated because of their beliefs and the work they do for Jesus.

Matt 24	Mark 13	Luke 21	Matt 10
	<i>9 and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them</i>	<i>12 and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake</i>	<i>18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them and the Gentiles</i>

Note carefully that the governors and kings are asking for knowledge. These are not judicial proceedings where charges are brought again the messengers. The events are beyond the grasp of virtually everyone, including regional and national leaders. They will seek explanations.

Matt 24	Mark 13	Luke 21	Matt 10
	<i>9 But take heed to yourselves; for they will deliver you up to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues;</i>	<i>12 delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons,</i>	<i>17 Beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues,</i>

Here we see that some of us may be brought up on charges for judicial proceedings. However, we cannot be sure of the statements. They may reflect the understanding and memory of the writers of the Gospels. Since the word "church" did not exist in the days of the writing of this text, and since the word "temple" might denote pagan worship, "synagogue" was the only word available to describe these events. The statements suggest that many Christians also will want to know what is transpiring and may bring the messengers to their congregations. The answers will drive many to punish the messengers. All men will be reluctant to accept the dire nature of the replies.

Matt 24	Mark 13	Luke 21	Matt 10
	<i>11 And when they bring you to trial and deliver you up, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say; but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit</i>	<i>13 This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict</i>	<i>19 When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you</i>

As I showed in *Our Celestial Visitors*, many individuals have been secretly rehearsed in their deep minds, as preparation for this messenger service. They are trained in higher concepts of universe administration, and details of the heavenly kingdom heretofore unknown to mankind. While many persons had this implanted in the subconscious areas of their minds, it will come forth to find expression under the influence of the Father speaking through them.

This knowledge was also given in exquisite detail in the *Urantia Papers*. Some of the students of that revelation will also participate in this great service. They also were unaware of the context of this service. Again, the Spirit of the Father will guide them in their service.

Matt 24	Mark 13	Luke 21	Matt 10
<i>10 And then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because wickedness is multiplied, most men's love will grow cold.</i>	<i>12 And brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and put them* to death</i>	<i>16 You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death</i>	<i>21 Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and put them* to death;</i>

Many false prophets will arise, men and women who follow the rebel Prince. Because of great iniquity man's love will grow cold. Innocent people everywhere will be deceived.

Note that I have marked two verses with an asterisk, Mark 13:12 and Matthew 10:21. The tense of the verb was changed by the translators to reflect their understanding. They could not grasp that brothers and fathers, sisters and mothers, would put these messengers to death. They looked upon this episode as those relatives giving up the messengers to civil authorities, who would then put them to death. The remarks by Luke were shaped in such manner that the translators felt no need to change the verbs. Refer to my book *Spirit Entry Into Human Mind*.

These messengers could not be from traditional segments of society nor from orthodox institutions. They could not be Jews and Christians who cling to the old forms. Many fall away from true faithfulness to God. Many seek answers but they stumble over new revelations. Many hate one another and betray one another. Enmity is everywhere.

At the time of this writing we cannot grasp the depth of hatred which will fill the world, and how those who gave themselves to the Spirits will attempt to stop this messenger service. In spite of great losses, God's salvation of his people will be achieved in the face of this ferocious spiritual warfare.

Matt 24	Mark 13	Luke 21	Matt 10
<i>9 and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.</i>	<i>13 and you will be hated by all for my name's sake</i>	<i>17 you will be hated by all for my name's sake</i>	<i>22 and you will be hated by all for my name's sake</i>

Everyone across the planet, Christians and Jews, Buddhists and Muslims, will hate the message which is now brought.

Clearly, the segment from Matthew 10 belongs to the statements about the end of the age. Some Christian editor who did not understand the context transported the passage to this location in the Gospel.

From this tabulation we can more clearly see the persecutions and service foretold by Jesus. The service will come through a special group of God-Dedicated messengers amidst a new revelation effort.

This information can be expanded from a parable Jesus gave.

Matt 13:24-43 Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. Later his disciples came to him, saying:

"Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

These remarks show the great persecution which faces all of us. The persecutions will come from those who follow the false prophets, and who have given themselves to the Devil.

The reader should note that the traditional view would take this parable and apply it in stark terms of black and white. The "weeds" do not mysteriously disappear, while the "good seed" is miraculously saved. The weeds are consumed in the fire of nuclear holocaust because they did not believe God's revelations. The good seed is saved only if they act to remove themselves from destruction.

These events are somewhat described by John in his later chapters, although he does not allude to the fact of the age in his Gospel. John mostly avoided "end-of-the-age" material. He had already written his *Revelation*; there was no need to repeat that material. In the latter he emphasized the love of Jesus for us, and our devotion to the Father.

However, John gave a very important remark:

All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, a time is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering service to God. They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. I have told you these things so that when their hour comes you will remember that I warned you. John 16:1-4

John was aware of this extreme time, but did not connect it to the remarks by Jesus about the persecutions and tribulations to come at the end of the age. The remark in 16:2 closely parallels those about family relatives killing their brothers and sisters, sons and daughters.

Compare this to the statement in *The Urantia Papers*.

Page 1951:

After Peter, James, John, and Matthew had asked the Master numerous questions, he continued his farewell discourse by saying: "And I am telling you about all this before I leave you in order that you may be so prepared for what is coming upon you that you will not stumble into serious error. The authorities will not be content with merely putting you out of the synagogues; I warn you the hour draws near when they who kill you will think they are doing a service to God. And all of these things they will do to you and to those whom you lead into the kingdom of heaven because they do not know the Father. They have refused to know the Father by refusing to receive me; and they refuse to receive me when they reject you, provided you have kept my new commandment that you love one another even as I have loved you. I am telling you in advance about these things so that, when your hour comes, as mine now has, you may be strengthened in the knowledge that all was known to me, and that my spirit shall be with you in all your sufferings for my sake and the gospel's. It was for this purpose that I have been talking

so plainly to you from the very beginning. I have even warned you that a man's foes may be those of his own household. Although this gospel of the kingdom never fails to bring great peace to the soul of the individual believer, it will not bring peace on earth until man is willing to believe my teaching wholeheartedly and to establish the practice of doing the Father's will as the chief purpose in living the mortal life."

I draw attention to the sentence that says:

I am telling you in advance about these things so that, when your hour comes, as mine now has, you may be strengthened in the knowledge that all was known to me, and that my spirit shall be with you in all your sufferings for my sake and the gospel's.

He knew that his hour had come. He had to endure the torture of death on the cross. These statements were especially intended for us at the end of the age. He was telling us "in advance" for the time "when your hour comes." He will be with us. We also may endure death on the cross. He may demand that much from us.

Again we can compare with the Gospel content:

John 15:20a Remember the word that I said to you, "A servant is not greater than his master."

Matt 10:24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master . . .

John 15:20b If they persecuted me, they will persecute you . . .

Matt 10:23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next . . .

Luke 21:12 But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you . . .

But consider the eternal import of our task:

Matt 24:10-14 And then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because wickedness is multiplied, most men's love will grow cold. But he who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come.

When the gospel of the kingdom is preached to the whole world the end will come. This will not be the gospel of personal salvation taught by Paul and John and Peter. It is not the gospel Christianity has known for two thousand years. It is not the milk that Paul gave to us. It is not the gospel of tradition, nor the gospel of

pleasant things, but the gospel of the great kingdom of heaven, of God's rulership of this world, and of his cosmic program of time. When this gospel reaches all corners of the globe the end will come.

We can gain better understanding by remarks by in the *Urantia Papers*.

Page 1915:

But the times of the reappearing of the Son of Man are known only in the councils of Paradise; not even the angels of heaven know when this will occur. However, you should understand that, when this gospel of the kingdom shall have been proclaimed to all the world for the salvation of all peoples, and when the fullness of the age has come to pass, the Father will send you another dispensational bestowal, or else the Son of Man will return to adjudge the age.

As I show elsewhere, we will not receive another dispensational bestowal until well into the Millennium. Jesus will return to judge this age, after the gospel of the kingdom shall have been proclaimed to all the world for the salvation of all peoples.

How does all of this relate to our immediate actions?

Someone must carry the message of the kingdom. Who will that be?

It cannot be Christians who know only personal salvation. If one asks them about the divine Sons of God portrayed in the Old Testament they shy away, or reject such suggestions, Gen 6:2-4. Job 38:7, Psalms 29:2, 89:6. In the latter the translations are so shy of the divine Sons of God they translate the phrase as "heavenly beings" or some other subterfuge to refuse the truths of the Bible.

If one asks Jews and Christians about the heavenly headquarters in Psalms 48:2 or Isa 14:13 they will reject the notion that our Creator actually resides in this universe, watching over his creation. He is the one who is over all other gods in the universe, Ps 135:5. These are not pagan gods, but eternal beings who are the rulers and administrators of the heavenly realms. Who among the Sons of God can compare to our Lord and Savior?

Ps 86:8

There is none like thee among the (heavenly) gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like thine.

Therefore, those among us who have been prepared to teach the Gospel of the Kingdom will carry this message. We are members of a Cosmic Reserve Corps.

From the *Urantia Papers*, page 1257f.

The reserve corps of destiny consists of living men and women who have been admitted to the special service of the superhuman administration of world affairs.

When human beings are chosen as protectors of planetary destiny, when they become pivotal individuals in the plans which the world administrators are prosecuting, at that time the planetary chief of seraphim confirms their temporal attachment to the seraphic corps and appoints personal destiny guardians to serve with these mortal reservists. All reservists have self-conscious Adjusters, and most of them function in the higher cosmic circles of intellectual achievement and spiritual attainment.

Mortals of the realm are chosen for service in the reserve corps of destiny on the inhabited worlds because of:

1. Special capacity for being secretly rehearsed for numerous possible emergency missions in the conduct of various activities of world affairs.

2. Wholehearted dedication to some special social, economic, political, spiritual, or other cause, coupled with willingness to serve without human recognition and rewards.

3. The possession of a Thought Adjuster of extraordinary versatility and probable pre-Urantia experience in coping with planetary difficulties and contending with impending world emergency situations.

But these same mortals are little known to their fellows except in those rare social emergencies and spiritual exigencies wherein these reserve personalities function for the prevention of the breakdown of evolutionary culture or the extinction of the light of living truth. On Urantia these reservists of destiny have seldom been emblazoned on the pages of human history.

The reservists unconsciously act as conservators of essential planetary information. Many times, upon the death of a reservist, a transfer of certain vital data from the mind of the dying reservist to a younger successor is made by a liaison of the two Thought Adjusters. The Adjusters undoubtedly function in many other ways unknown to us, in connection with these reserve corps.

(The cosmic reserve corps of universe-conscious citizens on Urantia now numbers over one thousand mortals whose insight of cosmic citizenship far transcends the sphere of their terrestrial abode, but I am forbidden to reveal the real nature of the function of this unique group of living human beings.)

This revelation tells us how human beings are selected to become part of the execution of a heavenly administration where no open administration now exists. They serve to protect, conserve, and reveal essential planetary knowledge. The prophets of old were members of this unique group. So also were certain Apostles, and later religious teachers.

Here I concentrate on the last parenthetical remark.

1. The Cosmic Reserve Corps is a unique group of **living** human beings.

2. Their insight of cosmic citizenship far transcends this world.
3. They are universe-conscious citizens.
4. They are members of a cosmic reserve; they are distinguished from an ordinary reserve corps.

5. They number more than one thousand.

The first question centers around “living.” Were they living in 1935 when the *Urantia Papers* were revealed? Were they living in 1955 when the *Urantia Papers* were published? Are they living today? Does the “living” refer to those alive when their service comes to fruition?

The remark cannot be understood any other way than that they are alive today, and will serve to take the Gospel of the Kingdom to the world.

A second question concerns the unique nature of the “Cosmic Reserve.” The impression we receive in the description of Reserve Corps is individuals who rise to crucial positions in economics, politics, or administration and who, when their time comes, cause a modification in the flow of events. The idea of “Cosmic” suggests an even more crucial role. These individuals are important to unfolding planetary destiny in ways which exceed the ordinary Reserve.

Their role need not be economic, political, or administrative; they may be held in reserve for “spiritual” crises, or other “cosmic” transactions, episodes which transcend ordinary social purposes. This is the meaning of the term “Cosmic Reserve Corps.”

I asked this question: Of all the citizens of the world how many have a vision that far transcends this planet? Or, to put it another way, who has been blessed with a revelation that teaches the great Kingdom of Heaven? Who has been fortunate enough to come to such understanding?

Could this be Christians or Jews bound to the provincial limitations of their narrow theologies? How many in those groups have risen to the magnitude of cosmic vision afforded by *The Urantia Papers*? Even more, how many others have been prepared by deep training in their minds. We now know that many of those have been taken away for that training and returned to their daily lives, but mostly unconsciously. See my book, *Our Celestial Visitors*.

We simply cannot bring ourselves around to the idea that any of us would be chosen for such honor. We cannot conceive how we would fit the practical implementation of destiny conditions. We are conditioned to place responsibility on someone else’s shoulders. We do not feel adequate to such possible destiny roles.

From evaluation of these two groups, those who have studied the *Urantia Papers* for many years, and the ages of those who were trained on celestial craft in the sky, we know they are older people. Many serious students of the *Papers* began their study in the early 1970’s. Many of those who were lifted away had their experiences from the 1960’s and 1970’s. This means many are now in their fifties and sixties, or even older. Such elder age of a special group of people was also foretold in our Old Testament prophecies.

Isa 28:9-13

To whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, those taken from the breast? For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little. Nay, but by men of strange lips and with an alien tongue the LORD will speak to this people, to whom he has said, "This is rest; give rest to the weary; and this is repose"; yet they would not hear. Therefore the word of the LORD will be to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little; that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

Note the agents of this new revelation. They will not come in familiar garb. They will not use familiar phrases. They will not be naive youngsters. They will come with an understanding of God's will, not merely from the Bible, but in a larger context of physical and universe reality; little facts here and little facts there, precepts and ideas and thoughts beyond the confines of blind Judaism or Christianity.

We should pay careful heed to this revelation. An alien tongue is one which has no familiar place in familiar religious circles. These servants come with a language which is startling to ears that seek security in the comfort of old worn phrases. The new revelation reaches beyond the boundaries of traditional precepts and conventional theologies. Men never heard such things. Because these revelations are beyond the realm of traditional thought Jews and Christians will gasp in bewilderment. Many will reject and be lost.

Clearly, the people who will engage in this exercise are not youngsters. They are individuals who have learned many things from many sources over many years of life. Furthermore, they come with strange lips, with speech not familiar to the repertoire of Jewish and Christian theology. Because of this strangeness, many will fall, be broken, snared, and taken.

The passage is introduced by this remark:

Isa 28:7-8

These also reel with wine and stagger with strong drink; the priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, they are confused with wine, they stagger with strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in giving judgment.

For all tables are full of vomit, no place is without filthiness.

This does not mean that the Priests and the Prophets, the Rabbis and the Preachers, are drunkards from actual wine. It means that they are drunk with the delusion of their theologies. They err in vision. They stumble in understanding. They know nothing about the Kingdom of Heaven. Hence they teach foolishness to their congregations. Their gurgitations are nothing but spiritual vomit.

If this episode does not address the gospel of personal salvation, but rather the Gospel of the Kingdom, then it must go to those who are already children of God. The messengers need not speak to them about their relationship with God, except in the decisions they must face.

Those of us who carry the message should be careful. If we stay dedicated to God, and to this call, we should not be running off to some other country to protect our skins. We may go to other countries to carry the message, but that is dedication to service, and not escape. No matter where we feel called, we will advise others about their decisions to seek such refuge. We should give ourselves in God's service. We cannot expect that any place will be safe. Devil's agents are as free to travel, and to seek us out, as we are for this service. Those matters are in God's hands. We should give ourselves to him, and let him take care of us.

The fact that this messenger service comes at the end of the age is shown also in Daniel.

Dan 12:

1 At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book.

This does not mean that God's people can sit happily on their porches or patios waiting for God to take them away in some miraculous rapture. It means that they will make decisions to save themselves from destruction.

3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

This is a statement of those who have been instructed in the Kingdom of Heaven and who will bring their messages to God's people.

4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.

God's word was shut up and sealed. Men could not understand until he brings perception. And he now does so through his messenger service.

9 He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.

Thus we can see how God shut up his word, and sealed the instructions until the time of the end.