

Contemplating the Knowledge of the Glory of God

(A Theological Refresher)

The Reign of the Righteous Savior-King

(Christmas Hope)

Part 17

I. The Enigma of the First Advent.

A. A promise made, and a promise kept.

Cf. Gal.4:4

B. A few pieces of the puzzle seem to be missing.

Cf. Psa.2:7-9; 110:1,6; Isa.2:4; 11:4,6-9; 42:4; 65:17-19; Matt.11:2-6; Lu.1:33,68-71

II. The Resolution of the Enigma by a Second Advent.

A. The promise of another advent.

Cf. Jn.14:2,3; Acts 1:9-11; Titus 2:13; Rev.1:8

B. The rest of the pieces of the puzzle are now accounted for.

Cf. Matt.25:31; 1 Th.4:16,17; Heb.9:27, 28; Rev.19:11-16; 21:1-5

C. As with the first advent, a promise made will be a promise kept.

Cf. 2 Cor.1:20; Rev.22:20

III. The Implications for Those Living Between the Two Advents.

A. A warning to the unconverted scoffer.

Cf. Acts 17:30,31; 2 Thess.1:7-9; Rev.6:16

B. Help and hope to those who love and long for His appearing.

Cf. Hab.2:3; Rom.8:22-25; Col.3:4; Heb.11:13; 2 Pet.3:13; 1 Jn.3:2,3