

These 2,300 years began in 457 B.C. At the close of these 2,300 years the second coming of Christ would take place. Jesus Christ would come back to the earth and cleanse the earth with fire. All Mr. Miller had to do, therefore, was to add 2,300 years to 457 B.C., and he would have the date for the second coming of Christ. Mr. Miller did this, and the answer was that Christ would come some time between March 21, 1843 A.D. and March 21, 1844 A.D., according to the Jewish mode of computation of time.

As we ponder Mr. Miller's attempt to date the second coming of Christ, we are reminded of the words of Jesus in Mark 13:32,33, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is."<sup>11</sup> Here Jesus tells His disciples very frankly that no man, no angel, not even He in His humanity knows the time of the second coming. He tells them that the only one who knows the time of the second coming is His Father, and according to Acts 1:7 His Father has not chosen to reveal this knowledge to men, for there we read where Jesus later said to his disciples, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power."<sup>12</sup> Yet, Mr. Miller said, "I believe that the time can be known by all who desire to understand and to be ready for His coming."<sup>13</sup> If Mr. Miller had only paid attention to the words of Jesus, he could have spared himself and his followers the disappointment and grief which they later experienced. However, Mr. Miller ignored the words of Jesus, and he tried to date the second coming which not even the angels of heaven or Jesus in His humanity could do.

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<sup>11</sup>Mk. 13:32,33.

<sup>12</sup>Acts 1:8.

<sup>13</sup>Martin, op. cit., p. 26.