

*The Age That Was*

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## CHAPTER ONE

The church's one foundation will ever be her risen Lord.

### *Commentary*

Revelation 1:1-20

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## CHAPTER TWO

Already, by the close of the apostolic period, a number of the saints were abrogating their opportunity.

### *Commentary*

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23; Revelation 2:1-6

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## CHAPTER THREE

The stage had been secretly arranged to threaten their very lives at exactly the same time.

### *Commentary*

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43; Revelation 2:8-10

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## CHAPTER FOUR

The Arian heresy was the one that set Rome on its course of final division.

### *Commentary*

Matthew 13:31,32; Revelation 2:12-16

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## CHAPTER FIVE

Ambitious, impatient and meddling, it was the *orthodox* fathers themselves who disturbed the primordial slumber of pagan spirits.

### *Commentary*

Matthew 13:33; Revelation 2:18-25

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## CHAPTER SIX

Revival of Christendom has always derived from personal faith, righteous living and a fresh discovery of God’s free gift of grace. But the spirit of Babylon the Great beckoned also toward the realms of Protestant rebellion.

### *Commentary*

Matthew 13:44; Revelation 3:1-4

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## CHAPTER SEVEN

Founding fathers forbade repetition of the state church heresy. Meanwhile in Great Britain . . . reliving the experiences of the priesthood of every believer, insiders perceived a specter of literal apocalypse. Outsiders observed division. Appearing ominous and frightening, these Plymouth Brethren's smart premonitions became more than the church could bear.

### *Commentary*

Matthew 13:45,46; Revelation 3:7-11

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## CHAPTER EIGHT

While scattered groups and pious individuals had always expanded upon other scenarios, in the face of Darwinism, higher criticism, world wars, cold war, terrorism and widespread "post-Christianity," the doctrine of pretribulational, total, and literal, rapture(with its uncountable spin-offs) largely flooded the markets. Yet biblical-based believers closed ranks around the crucial necessity of one single truth - getting right with God . . . before it becomes revealed to be too late.

## Commentary

Matthew 13:47-50; Revelation 3:14-20

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## CHAPTER NINE

The mounts are not impossibly high.

*To be continued . . .*

## Commentary

Revelation 4:1-5:4; Matthew 13:10-17,34,35,51,52; Revelation 2:7,11,17,26-29; 3:5,6,12,13,21,22; Matthew 5:1-7:29; II Samuel 5:17-25; Ezekiel 37:1-8; Matthew 24:1-25:46; Ezekiel 37:9-14

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