

New Songs Coming

Commentary for December 15, 2018 — When Will the Singing Begin?

[**Editor's Note:** Dr. Ernest Martin felt that relative peace around the world would begin to occur within one or two decades after he wrote this Commentary. Now, in December 2018, some 23 years later, I believe those things will yet happen because God operates according to His own timetable, not ours. I edited and expanded Dr. Martin's original article. *DWS*]

"New Songs Coming" by Dr. Ernest L. Martin, 1995

During this season of the year it is common in our Western Civilization to be thinking about the "**Prince of Peace**" (Isaiah 9:6) born in a stable at Bethlehem almost 2000 years ago. Though Christ was actually born on the Mosaic holy day called Rosh Ha-Shanah, the Day of Trumpets (which works out to September 11, 3 BC on our Roman calendar), we find people today concentrating their adoration of the Savior's nativity to December 25th, which is the ancient birthday of the Sun God of the pagans. Christ Jesus (the Prince of Peace) is remembered in the minds of many people in our western countries, but His birth has brought little peace to this world.

A Coming Change

Get ready for a surprising change. A relative PEACE is just around the corner for people on earth and it will occur before the Second Advent of Christ back to this earth. That's right. A relative but substantial attitude of PEACE (and a consequent peaceful and prosperous period) is just on the horizon for the world. It will begin in earnest within the first years of the new millennium which is to commence in just about five years from now [when Dr. Martin wrote this in 1995]. But already, we are seeing the emergence of this time of peace and prosperity.

This period of relative peace and prosperity will happen prior to the cataclysmic events prophesied to develop before and during the Second Advent of Christ. The majority of you reading this "Communicator" [as it was called then, *DWS*] will live to see this wonderful time of relative peace and prosperity materialize on earth. The apostle Peter called it the "**times of refreshing**" (Acts 3:19), and the "**times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world [eon]¹ began**" (verse 21). These "times" refer to the period just before the introduction of the Kingdom of God on earth under the leadership and supervision of Christ Jesus returning from heaven.

These preliminary times (like the period God gave to the Jews for the teachings of John the Baptist before the ministry of Christ Himself) will be glorious, and most of you will experience it. They will be times when the nations making up Western Civilization will begin to repent of

¹ The word "world" in the King James Version is *eon* in Greek, which is singular. Peter used a term for time, not place or the system of things. *DWS*

their past ways and begin to accept the central and essential teachings of the New Testament that Christ and the early apostles taught in the early and middle part of the 1st century. This period of prosperity will arrive to afford Christians (who are the very children of God) the opportunity to teach the Gospel of Christ to all people on earth. This means you and me. God has a purpose for each of us.

We need to take advantage of these periods of time which is just now beginning to develop. Indeed, if each of us will do his or her part in getting out the real Gospel to this world from now on and into these prophesied periods soon to emerge, God will bless us abundantly as well (John 10:10). But there are certain principles of life and teachings that each of us must adopt if we hope to be profitable actors (as well as recipients of the material and spiritual blessings) during this soon coming period. We at ASK try our best to learn and to teach what we must all be doing to secure those blessings. There has never been a more important period in the history of the world than the one we are about to enter. You need to be prepared for it. You have been born at this time for a purpose.

The Coming Change

Paramount to the execution by people of this soon coming time will be an abandonment of idolatry and idolatrous customs. This is clearly prophesied to occur in Jerusalem and in the Land of Israel (Zechariah 12:10–14 through 13:6), and there will be a rippling effect of this iconoclastic activity throughout the world, because people of the world will then begin to look to the Jewish people (who will be converted to Christ Jesus) as an example to follow (Zechariah 8:23). See "[Scripture Says: 'Flee From Idolatry'](#)" and "[The Errors of Christmas.](#)"

You and I who understand what idolatry really represents are the precursors of this movement against idolatry that will soon sweep the world. God will cause it to succeed, because it will be His doing. But God expects us to agree with Him and He wants us, His children, to be leaders in getting rid of the idolatrous practices now rampant in the world. We do this not by smashing statues or with violence, but by setting the example of avoiding the tomfoolery that the world is now engaged in with their idolatrous practices. Notice what will begin to happen within ten or twenty years.

Believe it or not, people in the world will soon begin to recognize, for example, the present Christmas celebrations we see in abundance throughout our Western World are nothing more than heathen practices that the false church of the 4th century brought into the bosom of Christian teaching and that these customs are as pagan as they can be. Though today we have our songs and carols of Christmas that so many people hold dear, these musical compositions will be replaced with even better songs and spiritual hymns that will cause our present songs to pale in comparison. God is about to release onto the world A NEW CIVILIZATION, and it will be a beautiful one. Get ready for it.

The Pagan and heathen days that infiltrated into the bosom of so-called Christianity will be replaced with the holy periods that God ordained in the time of Moses for the Israelites to observe. That's right. There will be a world-wide return to an observance of the Holy Days found in the Bible, and this will occur before the Second Advent of Christ. The observances

will spread to all nations on earth. After all, there is coming a **“restitution of all things”** and a **“time of refreshing”** to this world, and this will mean a return to biblical principles just like the people did in the time of John the Baptist before the first ministerial works of Christ.

This is as sure of happening as the rising of tomorrow’s sun. And God will bless the period with NEW SONGS and MELODIES that will make *White Christmas*, *Silver Bells*, and *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* fade to insignificance compared to them. They will be NEW SONGS teaching the glories and wonders of God!

There will be new creations in every human art form, energized to honor the Creator God. The making of new songs is specifically mentioned, and will probably lead the renewal of all the arts to honor God.

Promises of New Songs

Look at this. Notice the promises of God in our future!

- **“Sing unto him A NEW SONG; play skilfully with a loud noise.
For the word of YHWH is right; and all his works are done in truth”** (Psalm 33:3–4).
- **“He has put A NEW SONG in my mouth, even praise unto our God”** (Psalm 40:3).
- **“O sing unto YHWH A NEW SONG: sing unto YHWH, all the earth.
Sing unto YHWH, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the heathen [the nations], his wonders among all people.
For YHWH is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.”**
(Psalm 96:1–2)

So beautiful and meaningful will these NEW SONGS be that **“all the earth”** will begin singing and humming them. Composers of music and voice will have a grand day of inventiveness starting in just a few years time. God is ready to pour out His Spirit and the talents of people will come alive in great profusion in all the creative arts.

God never begins a NEW CIVILIZATION without creating NEW IDEAS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES, NEW MUSIC AND SONGS to go along with it. These are the things that help identify various societies and eras of time. The creative arts are soon to have a new heyday that will make all the music and artistry of former years (no matter how beautiful and wonderful such accomplishments of the past may have been) to pale in significance. This outpouring of God’s Spirit will result in a variety of NEW SONGS, CULTURAL and ARTISTIC themes. If you think all the good melodies and lyrics have been used up, get ready for an avalanche of wonderful and beautiful music and other creative arts that will accompany this NEW CIVILIZATION. It will be glorious indeed.

“O sing unto YHWH a NEW SONG; for He has done marvelous things” (Psalm 98:1). Former music that has idolatrous, pagan, or explicit demonic teachings (and visual symbols) associated with it will actually become distasteful to people in the years just ahead of us. Idolatry will come to be seen (correctly) as one of the greatest curses to infiltrate any society.

The teachings of the apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 10:14, **“Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee**

from idolatry”), and the apostle John (1 John 5:21, “**Little children, keep yourselves from idols**”) will become central themes that the world will begin to follow. You and I should practice these things even now. While it will be in the Millennium when all these prophecies fully come to pass, God will give a foretaste of them before Christ returns.

Where Will It Begin?

The central area to watch for these new things to begin is in the Land of Israel. That is where the prophecies show the new civilization of which I am talking will have its basic origin. But we who know these things beforehand should be at the forefront in getting out this prophetic teaching to the world. After all, we are God’s own children and we ought to be about our Father’s business in preparing for the wonderful things that are just on the horizon.

God will do the work of bringing these things to pass, but He expects us (His children) to be a part of the “Family Effort” in starting to get the job done. I know the Father and Christ our Elder Brother will help and bless us abundantly if we do.

Editor’s Note by David Sielaff

It is December 2018, some 23 years after Dr. Martin thought the relative peace might occur. The restitution and refreshing, the beginning of the knowledge of God spreading around the world, and “the new songs” have not yet come, but they will occur. God operates according to His timetable, not ours. All will come to know and recognize that the “**marvelous things**” YHWH has done (Psalm 98:1) in fact come from the Creator and sustainer of man (1 Corinthians 8:6), not through natural processes or evolution.

This surprising recognition about God’s existence, His creation, His responsibility for all children of Adam (even understanding — correctly — that all of Adam’s children will become children of God), will cause a refreshing but temporary change of heart before Christ returns. People will receive the truths about God, and the truths of God, for a few years. It will then be perverted by sin, prosperity, pleasure, and finally lies.

The truth of God will be known before Christ returns, a sign to believers of His coming intervention in world affairs. God will then briefly allow His truth to be corrupted, and the world deluded by lies. Only a remnant of Israel and we of the Body of Christ (the *ekklesia*) will not be deluded. God’s word and character will be misrepresented, leading to the lies of the false prophet and ending with the world accepting the Antichrist as Christ and even to be God.²

“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition ...

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them [those falling away] strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned [judged] who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

• **2 Thessalonians 2:3, 10–12**

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² See my articles “[Blessed Is He that Comes ...](#)” and “[Restitution of All Things, What to Expect.](#)” DWS