

those times and seasons are entirely in the Lord's hands and I doubt that we can make much progress in determining them.

Recently I have been making a rather careful study of the Isaiah Apocalypse (Chapters 24-27). In doing so I have become more convinced than ever of the correctness of the suggestion I made in my article in *The Bible Today* in 1951, that Isaiah 26:12ff gives a picture of the spread of Christianity among those of pagan backgrounds leading up to the resurrection of the just as God's answer to our frustration and failure, and followed in the next two verses (26:21-27:1) by a description of the outpouring of God's wrath upon the earth immediately after the rapture.

Books have been written in recent years violently attacking the idea of an interval between the resurrection of the saved and the coming of Christ to establish His kingdom. Some have asserted that this idea originated in the prayer of a somewhat demented woman in Scotland a century ago. In my opinion this evidence is quite tenuous, but even if it were so, it would not really affect the question at all as to whether this is the correct interpretation of Scripture....

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PREMILLENNIALISM AND TYCONIUS'S SEVENTH RULE

Dear Dr MacRae,

I enclose some material on Tyconius, who ... was influential in turning Augustine from premillennialism to postmillennialism or amillennialism (I'm not sure which) because of Tyconius's "seven rules for the interpretation of Scripture."