

Palestine and the establishment of the new nation of Israel, we see

In recent years, as we observe the return of the Jews to

people is an evidence of the certainty of all Christ's predictions. has succeeded. The continuance of the Jews as a distinct group of

viewed man through the ages has made the same attempt, but no one

God's promises. Hitler tried to destroy the Jews, and many a

through the present age of grace, as a sign of the certainty of

as a definite group, marked with distinct characteristics all

completely absorbed by their conquerors. The Jew is to continue

advent of Christ. Other ancient peoples have passed away or been

as a people all through the age between the first and second

is a declaration that the Israelites will retain their identity

primarily means "race, kind, family, stock, or breed." The verse

things be fulfilled." The word here translated "generation"

Verse 34. "This generation shall not pass until all these

out in v. 34.

brings his return a little nearer. Another aspect is brought

the chapter, we can know with certainty that each one of them

heavens in the earth, such as he predicted in the early part of

his coming is absolutely certain. As we see these terrible up-

that his coming was right at hand, he now dwells upon the fact that

famines and earthquakes were not a sign by which we could know

early part of the discourse (v. 6ff.) stressed the fact that wars,

emphasizes the certainty of Christ's return. Even though the

Verse 33. "All these things." The parable of the fig tree

see evidences of the fact that God is working.

out vital change. The spiritual eye, however, will constantly

think that things will always continue exactly as they are, with-

period after his departure from this earth, people will tend to

another in succession. He is pointing out that during the long

occur: summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, follow one