

“When Constantine became sole Emperor of Rome in AD 323, being favorable to Christianity, he united Church and State. A new difficulty now arose in the interpretation of scripture. If, as was at that time believed, Rome was to be the seat of Antichrist, the question arose, or rather was suspiciously whispered—‘*Is Constantine the Antichrist?*’ Such a notion was unpalatable to the Roman Emperor, and so a convenient explanation was discovered and adopted, that Antichrist was ‘Pagan Rome,’ and that the Millennium commenced when Constantine ascended the throne. This was given color by the great gifts and privileges bestowed on the Church by Constantine, and led to the claim that the Millennial blessings of the Old Testament had been transferred from the Jews to the Christian Church. (Billye Brim note: Replacement Theology)

“But the claim that the ‘Papal Church’ was the Antichrist would not down. When it was found impossible to expunge the Book of Revelation from the sacred canon, it was decided to lock up the Scriptures, and the Bible became a sealed book, and the gloom of night settled down upon all Christendom. The result was the ‘Dark Ages.’ But amid the gloom God was not without witnesses to the truth. The Paulicians, Albigeneses, Waldenses, and other sects, bore testimony to the Premillennial return of the Lord....

“The sad thing is that this ‘false doctrine’ of Post-Millennialism is taught in our Bibles by the headings of the chapters in the Old Testament. For illustration the headings of chapters forth-three and four of Isaiah read—‘The Lord comforteth The Church with His promises,’ whereas the chapters are not addressed to the **Church** at all, but to **Jacob** and **Israel**, as we see by reading them. The ordinary reader overlooks the fact that the chapter headings of the Bible are put there by the publisher and should be omitted, as they are misleading....”

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“Baron launches right into commenting on Zechariah...He is also ever alert to those places where many in the Gentile Church have ‘spiritualized’ or even ‘phantomised’ Scripture when it refers to Jerusalem or Israel. The reader should avoid, warns Baron, substituting an unnatural and shadowy meaning for what is plain and obvious in the text.”