

Russian Sunrise

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Foresight

And the Lord answered me, and said: **Write the vision, and make it plain** upon tables: that he that readeth it may run over it. **For as yet the vision is far off, and it shall appear at the end**, and shall not lie: **if it make any delay, wait for it: for it shall surely come**, and it shall not be slack. Behold, **he that is unbelieving, his soul shall not be right in himself**: but the just shall live in his faith.

— Habacuc 2:2-4, DRV

All these died according to faith, not having received the promises, but beholding them afar off, and saluting them, and confessing that they are pilgrims and strangers on the earth.

— Hebrews 11:13, DRV

For, amen, I say to you, **many prophets and just men have desired to see the things that you see, and have not seen them**, and to hear the things that you hear and have not heard them.

— Matthew 13:17, DRV

Dedication

Dedicated to my beloved wife Jeanne,
my best friend and helpmate,
who helped extensively in developing the plot,
cheerfully tolerated the long hours of writing and
research,
and encouraged me not to give up on this project
of envisioning what good things might yet be.

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Prologue

This is a novel exploring in detail what *might* be, based in broad concept on what *will* be. It is written for all those who are discouraged by present world circumstances, and who may be tempted to see the apparent waning of the once-Christian West as a sign that all hope for the future is lost. This book presumes that it is precisely when the whole world thinks that the Church has once and for all been defeated, that She will rise again to bring honor and glory to God. This will happen through a miraculous series of events, in such a way that the whole world will know, beyond any reasonable doubt, that the restoration of peace, prosperity, and right order in the world of nations was brought about through the intercession of Heaven. This novel depicts one possible set of circumstances through which such great events might yet unfold. It is not written to prophesy in detail exactly what will happen, but rather to engender hope – in faithful souls now tempted with profound discouragement – that such things, in some similar manner known to Heaven alone, *will* happen.

Section I: Consecration

“And the temple of God was opened in Heaven: **and the ark of His testament was seen in His temple**, and there were lightnings, and voices, and an earthquake, and great hail. **And a great sign appeared in Heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under Her feet, and on Her head a crown of twelve stars.**”

— Apocalypse 11:19-12:1, DRV

“And there was seen another sign in Heaven: and **behold, a great red dragon**, having seven heads and ten horns: and on his heads seven diadems: And **his tail drew the third part of the stars of Heaven**, and cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered; that, when She should be delivered, he might devour Her Son.”

— Apocalypse 12:3-4, DRV