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Dear Friends:-

I have just received a letter from my brother stating that you would need to issue a new edition of "Coming King ". Such being the case, I felt that I should explain to you the situation here.

This Spring, there came an imperative demand for some changes in the book. Especially was this the time to do it because the plates here were entirely worn out and were not fit to use for another edition. More than this, there has been a call in the South for more of the Third Angel's Message in the book than it has contained in the past. If these things were not attended to at once, I saw that the book would lose out and perhaps be retired from the field in some localities. I, therefore, began work in revising, making some changes in the illustrations, and re-setting the book.

Now, there were some things in the book which were really objectionable. Among them was the method of treating Matt.24. I found, as I studied the subject, that ~~one~~<sup>now</sup> of our books had not been treating this chapter in harmony with "Desire of Ages" and "Great Controversy". In order to bring this into proper shape, I spent considerable time studying and preparing a new chapter on the Destruction of Jerusalem. This chapter forms the real keynote to this difficulty I have mentioned. It is really a very important feature and I think our other denominational books on the Second Coming of Christ are now being revised so that they will be in harmony with the teachings of "Desire of Ages" and "Great Controversy". I think the new chapter in "Coming King" is very important,

but it takes up twenty-four pages of the book.

Then, when we came to the chapter on the Falling Stars, we found that the quotations that we have been giving in years past could not be substantiated by the evidence of facts or the archives of the East. In fact, the quotations could not be traced back to their authors, but Prof. Prescott has been searching among the archives of the East and has developed a line of evidence that cannot be gainsaid because it is absolutely reliable. I have, therefore, re-written this chapter and it is now absolutely accurate in all particulars.

In the present edition of "Coming King", beginning with Famines and extending through 135 pages, is a department relating largely to present-day conditions and disasters. We shall take these out of the order in which they occur and take largely the newspaper feature out of them but give wider scope to the different countries of the globe and recent events which have been transpiring. We shall set this in somewhat smaller type and put it in something in the way of an illustrated appendix. In this way, we shall make room for a number of chapters just preceding the chapter on the Coming of the King, and these new chapters will take up the 14th of Revelation, bring in the Three Angels' Messages, which of course will introduce the Judgement, The Law and the Sabbath. We shall try to treat these chapters in a plain and easy way and not from the standpoint of controversy.

Now, my friends, from what I have written, you can see that the book will be vastly changed in many respects and we believe that it will be largely bettered from what it is at the present time. It will contain no more pages than at the present and perhaps we will be able to shorten some. We are setting the book in 11-point instead of 12-point type, and this enables us to save a page on most of the chapters. In addition to all this, we are setting all the Scripture quotations in somewhat bolder face of type throughout the whole book. This, we believe, will be a

very interesting feature.

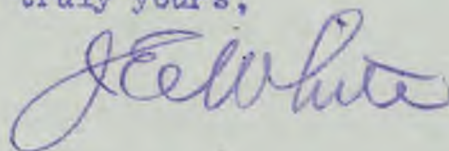
Now, with these things in mind, I desire to suggest that if possible you wait for plates of the new book, but if you cannot do this, that you print quite a small edition to carry over until the plates for the new edition can be produced.

I desire to say that more than one half of the plates have already been made for the new edition, and I am under contract to have them done by the middle of August. I think, from this statement, you can decide what you desire to do in regard to this matter.

I shall send this letter to my brother in California and request him to forward it to you, because there are some things he may desire to add.

I hope the plates for "New Testament Primer" have reached you and that you find them satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. E. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.