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Box 4  
Greensboro, Alabama  
November 1, 1963

Mr. John Allen Chalk  
P. O. Box 474  
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear Brother Chalk:

You will no doubt be delighted to know that I have recently found Brother B. C. Goodpasture very favorably impressed with your interests in my Comments on the Revelation. In the Gospel Advocate Office, yesterday, Brother Mosley told me of your having mentioned to him your plans for a review of the book; and when I made mention of your interests and appraisal of the work to Brother Goodpasture, he told me that he wanted to discuss the work with you some time, and, while he made no commitments on the matter, he appeared much more favorable toward the idea of doing a second edition of the work under the Gospel Advocate's imprint. Therefore, I feel very confident that should you be able to write a lengthy review of the work, in which you might give your appraisal of it, and in doing so, present a few examples of my treatment in comparison or contrast with those of other writers on the same passages, it would indeed be effective in helping him to reach a decision on the matter; and in addition would be a tremendous recommendation to others to buy and read the book.

In the event we should be able to induce Brother Goodpasture to take the book as an Advocate publication, I shall want you to write a new introduction to the book and assist me in a revision and indexing of the work, if you would consent to do so. I shall at least want your name and influence associated with it, in such a way as to give you due credit for your assistance.

Brother Goodpasture told me that he realized that people were becoming more interested in a study of the Revelation and were becoming increasingly dissatisfied with those now available. On this basis, and the fact that he told me of his interests in a discussion of the work with you, are indicative of his growing concern for such a work. And, while he gave no such intimation as would indicate his willingness to replace the one he now sells in the Advocate Commentary Set, I believe that there is a possibility that this could be worked out, on your recommendations; especially, if you should tell him of Brother W. B. West, Jr.'s, appraisal and recommendations of it.

Again I should like to recall to you our discussion of the prospects of my coming to your section this winter for a study in the Revelation with the congregations or preachers of that various congregations as might be interested, and to again offer my services in such a study.

I trust that you are still soaring into the fantastic realms of Existentialism and that much joy and profit have resulted from our studies in Abilene Christian College last summer.

Please advise me of your interests in the work on the Revelation, relative to either the publication of a second edition or a class. I would be glad to come there for a class or meet you in Brother Goodpasture's Office for a further discussion of it.

Faithfully yours,

W. S. Thompson