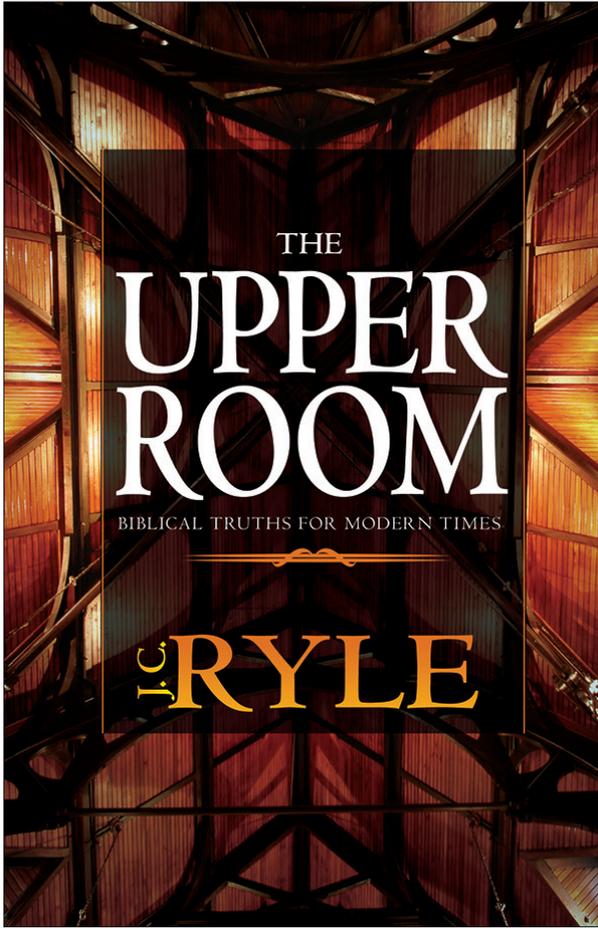


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Fresh from the miraculous sight of their beloved Master ascending into heaven, and with the message of angels regarding His impending return still ringing in their ears, Jesus' followers returned from Mount Olivet to Jerusalem and went at once "into an upper room" (Acts 1:13). This was the first meeting place of Christians for worship and the forerunner of every church and cathedral in Christendom in the last two thousand years.

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"The age needs nothing new. It only needs the bold and steady proclamation of the old truths which were held in the 'upper room' at Jerusalem."

—J. C. Ryle

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