

## **Bible Study The Book Of Revelation**

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION STUDY

I wanted to give you a quick introduction to this Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. My name is Joshua Tapp from True Words Christian Church in the state of Kentucky within the United States. This book is based on the Book of Revelation Series of Sermons given at True Words Christian Church.

The numbers in brackets you see before each verse refer to the Power Point slide number that can be downloaded from the website. You can find those files and download them from the website for each chapter in Revelation by going to this page: [The Book of Revelation Series](#).

You should be saved and know that you've received everlasting life before you attempt to study the Book of Revelation. If you're not sure if you're saved, please go to this page and spend about 20 minutes listening and understanding: [How To Make It To Heaven](#).

This detailed study of the Book of Revelation should take you about 40 hours to complete. You should read the Book of Revelation through directly before you begin this study, and you might repeat reading the entire Book of Revelation several times as you go through this study. You can read the Book of Revelation or listen to the Book of Revelation in about 1 hour 30 minutes.

The King James Bible is used throughout this study, and I do not recommend ANY other Bible version in English. You should get a King James Bible and begin using it for all studies. It is the inspired and perfect word of God in English.

Also, pray before, during, and after each Bible study. Ask God for wisdom and understanding. Use the Scriptures alone to prove the conclusions you draw from study.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Email me any time at the email address below.

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## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 1

**[2]** The title of the sermon today is: "REVELATION CHAPTER 1."

- We're going to go through Revelation Chapter 1 verse by verse today.
- Let's start there in verse 1.

**[3]** *Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:*

- This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ which God the Father gave to Him.
- The purpose of the Book of Revelation is to SHOW HIS SERVANTS things which are going to happen.
- God sent this Revelation to His servant John by His angel.

Is this book written to the saved or the unsaved?

- Many churches will teach that Revelation is written to the unsaved people to warn them of what's going to happen to them.
- This is false teaching.
- The first verse of Revelation tells us it is written to the saved people or God's servants.
- Revelation is written to the saved people to reveal things to His servants.

This means God is revealing things to us, and it should not be difficult to understand.

- It should be easy to understand. And yes, it takes work.
- And that's why we're going through this line by line today.
- If you don't want to put the effort into it, God knows. He won't reveal the truth to you.
- If you want to work for it, God will reveal the truth to you.
- - Turn to the very last verse in Revelation chapter 1. So turn to Revelation 1 verse 20.
- Let's read just the first half of that verse there:

**[4]** *Revelation 1:20a The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks.*

- So the Bible is telling us the seven stars and the seven golden candlesticks are a mystery.
- You see: Most churches, most preachers, most teachers, most pastors, and most ministers WON'T TOUCH the book of Revelation.
- They say it's TOO HARD to understand. Or, it's too difficult. Or, it's too much of a mystery.
- So, the first part of Revelation 1:20 tells us it's a mystery. But, let's put some effort into this and study.
- Let's read the second half of verse 20. Too many people stop reading verses too early.

**[5]** *Revelation 1:20b The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.*

- So God is revealing all of these mysteries to us in the Book of Revelation.
- He doesn't want this to be a mystery to us any more. This is no longer a mystery!!!

- The entire book of Revelation is not difficult to understand if you've accepted Jesus Christ as YOUR ONLY Savior.
- Remember, it's not about you and what you do. It's 100% Jesus that saves you.
- Simply believe on Him to save you, and you're saved.
- You now have the Holy Spirit within you that will guide you and teach you all things.
- If you can't understand what I'm teaching today, then hear the words of 1 Corinthians 2:14.

***[6] 1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.***

- If you are born again and have the Spirit of God, you can understand the Book of Revelation easily.
- All you have to do is put the work in, pray to God, ask Him to help you understand.
- Hear this verse from the Book of John.

***[7] John 8:47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.***

- So, if you're having a lot of trouble understanding what I teach today, you need to go back to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and understand that Gospel.
- For many, many years I studied the Bible, and I couldn't understand it.
- Once I finally realized that all I had to do was trust Jesus Christ 100% to save me, I started to understand.

The first step to being saved and receiving the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is to understand you're a sinner and you need to be saved or you're going to hell.

- Understand that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the only one who can save you.
- Believe that, and you'll be able to understand all of the Bible much better.
- It's not going to be a miraculous, "Oh, now I understand EVERYTHING in the Bible!!!"
- You need to study the Bible and work hard. Be a workman. God will reveal things to you.

***[8] 2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.***

- So, we're going to go through the entire book of Revelation verse by verse.
- We will work hard and understand the Book of Revelation completely.
- We will get rid of any pre-conceived ideas from man.
- If you can't get rid of those (example is the pre-tribulation rapture which is false) and hear the words of God, then you'll have trouble understanding the entire Bible including Revelation.
- Let all of those man-made ideas and teachings go. Hear the words of God alone.
- Let everything else go and hear God alone.
- We won't add anything to the word of God. You'll see the truth.
- Let's allow this Book of Revelation to reveal to us the things which must shortly come to pass.
- If you do that, you'll be able to understand this book.

***[9] Revelation 1:1-3 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: 2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. 3 Blessed is he***

***that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.***

- So look what it says in Verse 3.
- If you aren't reading this book, you're missing out on a blessing from God Himself.
- God is saying the time is at hand.
- The things that are written in this book could happen during your lifetime.
- You need to know what's going to happen, and you need to keep the words of this book.
- So all the churches and all the people who have the wrong bibles and who won't teach the Book of Revelation are missing out BIG TIME!
- If you don't have a King James Bible, STOP right here and get yourself a copy.

***[10] Revelation 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;***

- So, here in Verse 4, John is writing to the 7 churches in Asia.
- This fits in perfectly with what we learned earlier. This book is written to God's saved people.
- Revelation is not a warning to the unsaved. The unsaved don't even care what Revelation says.
- We must get those people saved first, and then they'll care what Revelation says.
- Religions and all of them around here that I know of will teach that we won't even be here for most of the Book of Revelation because God will rapture us away before all of these things happen.
- This is false teaching. Revelation disproves that teaching VERY easily.
- They'll tell you that you don't need to know most of Revelation because you won't be here. False.

Why would God give us the book of Revelation with the purpose "to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass?"

- Yes, there are parts of Revelation in which we won't be there because God is pouring out His wrath on the unsaved.
- BUT there's much of Revelation in which we'll be right there in the middle of it IF it happens during our lifetime.
- So again, this is being written to the 7 churches which are in Asia. Verse 11 tells us the seven churches.

***[11] Revelation 1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.***

- These are 7 actual churches that existed in Asia at the time of this writing of the Book of Revelation.
- Many false teachers and preachers will try to say these churches represent different things like different church ages.
- This is made up and false. Some will say we're living in the Laodicean church age.
- Where do they get this stuff? The Bible is very clear. Look at the map.

***[12]***



- So these 7 churches consisted of people who believed the Bible and these existed in what we call Asia Minor today and the modern day country of Turkey.
- And then you see Patmos there on the map too and this is where John received the words for the Book of Revelation.
- This is where he was located as you can see in verse 9.

**[13] Revelation 1:9** *I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

- How do we know these 7 churches were actual churches?
- Paul mentions, as an example, the Church of Laodicea 4 times within the book of Colossians.

**[14] Colossians 2:1** *For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;*

**[15] Colossians 4:13** *For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.*

**[16] Colossians 4:15** *Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.*

***[17] Colossians 4:16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.***

- Another example is the Church at Ephesus.
- We have the entire book of Ephesians written to that Church so that's obviously an actual and literal church.
- All of these 7 churches in the Book of Revelation are congregations of believers. These are saved people.
- John is writing this book to the 7 churches, and he's sending them all a copy of this book.
- He had to write it 7 times. They didn't have computers, printers, and copy machines.
- He wrote it 7 times and sent each church a copy.
- He has a personalized message for each of the 7 churches which we'll see in Chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation.
- Why would he write to 7 different churches?
- One of the possible reasons can be seen in Revelation 22, which has this warning.

***[18] Revelation 22:18-19 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.***

- If you have 7 copies and someone changes one of the copies, you'll know that those words have been changed.
- You'll know which one is the fraud.
- If you have 500 baseball cards printed and 3 of the very rare cards have printing errors on them, you'll know the frauds very quickly because 497 are correct and say the same thing.
- The same thing goes for the entire Bible. There have been many attempts to corrupt and change the word of God.
- So, why did John write to 7 different churches and send 7 copies, one to each church?
- Here's another possible reason in the Book of Psalms.

***[19] Psalm 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.***

- Let's continue in verse 4:

***[20] Revelation 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;***

- What's this mean about the writing being FROM the seven Spirits which are before His throne?
- Let's turn to Revelation 3:1 quickly. This is Jesus speaking here.

***[21] Revelation 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.***

- Jesus is saying that He has the 7 Spirits of God. So, what are these 7 spirits?
- The Bible tells us in Isaiah what these 7 spirits are that Jesus Christ Himself has.



**[22] Isaiah 11:1-2** *And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;*

**[23]** There are 7 Spirits listed there in Isaiah 11:

1. Spirit of the Lord
2. Spirit of Wisdom
3. Spirit of Understanding
4. Spirit of Counsel
5. Spirit of Might
6. Spirit of Knowledge
7. Spirit of Fear of the Lord

- In Verse 1 it also directly states this is talking about Jesus Christ and the 7 Spirits resting upon Him.
- The rod that comes out of the stem of Jesse is Jesus Christ Himself.
- Jesus comes out of the seed of David and David is the son of Jesse.

**[24] John 7:42** *Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?*

- Let's continue in verse 5 of Revelation 1.

**[25] Revelation 1:5-6** *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

- These verses give us the Gospel of Jesus Christ right here.
- Many "Christian" religions today will say that we can only reach heaven if we're good people who do good things.
- They say that we must live good lives to make it to heaven. This is what man says. In the Bible, God says:

**[26] Romans 3:10** *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*

**[27] Romans 3:23** *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

**[28] Matthew 19:17a** *And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God:*

- Man says one thing and God says another.
- God says the ONLY reason we can be made kings and priests unto God is because our sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ Himself.
- That's it. Nothing we do of ourselves is good enough to save us, and Revelation 1:5-6 is telling us that yet again.

**[29] Ephesians 2:8-9** *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

- Let's look at the end of verse 6.

**[30] Revelation 1:6** *And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

- When John uses the word Amen here, this means he is closing a thought and starting a new thought next.
- The Bible does the same thing in many, many spots.
- We do the same thing when we pray and say "Amen" to close.
- 24 of 27 New Testament books close with the word "Amen." See the table.
- Only the Book of Acts, James, and 3 John do not close with Amen.

**[31]**

Book	End w/ Amen	Book	End w/ Amen	Book	End w/ Amen
Matthew	Yes	Ephesians	Yes	Hebrews	Yes
Mark	Yes	Philippians	Yes	James	No
Luke	Yes	Colossians	Yes	1 Peter	Yes
John	Yes	1 Thessalonians	Yes	2 Peter	Yes
Acts	No	2 Thessalonians	Yes	1 John	Yes
Romans	Yes	1 Timothy	Yes	2 John	Yes
1 Corinthians	Yes	2 Timothy	Yes	3 John	No
2 Corinthians	Yes	Titus	Yes	Jude	Yes
Galatians	Yes	Philemon	Yes	Revelation	Yes

- John is closing his thought in verse 6 and starting new in verse 7.
- Verses 1 through 6 of Revelation are an introduction to the Book of Revelation.
- The next verse, Verse 7, is the number ONE KEY verse in the entire book of Revelation so hear this now.

**[32] Revelation 1:7** *Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*

- NOTICE: There's an AMEN right before verse 7 and an AMEN at the end of verse 7.
- This MUST be a KEY VERSE, and we better pay attention to this verse.
- This verse is telling us that the SECOND COMING of Jesus Christ is the FOCUS of the Book of Revelation and God's Judgement upon the wicked is another major FOCUS of the Book of Revelation.
- Notice where verse 7 says:

**[33] Revelation 1:7** *Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*

- Wailing means to cry out with pain, grief, anger, and anguish.
- This verse is telling us that Jesus is coming and His judgement is coming upon the wicked.

**[34] Matthew 13:42** *And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

- Jesus Himself tells us in Matthew 13:42 that there will be wailing in hell.
- Revelation 1:7, again, is telling us Jesus is coming with clouds at His second coming.
- Every eye shall see Him, and judgement will be poured out on the wicked.
- Understanding Revelation 1:7 completely is the way to understand the entire book of Revelation.
- If you do not understand verse 7, you will not understand the entire Book of Revelation.
- Really, it comes down to that.

Let's spend some time on Verse 7 so we fully understand it because it's THAT important.

- The Bible put an Amen before verse 7 and at the end of verse 7 so we'll take that hint and spend some time on that verse.
- GET THIS CLEAR: Verse 7 says HE COMETH WITH CLOUDS.
- So, this obviously talking about JESUS COMING BACK. This is HIS SECOND COMING.
- This is what all the saved people in this world want to see. We want to see Jesus come back.
- The Book of Revelation is going to reveal many things about His Second Coming.
- What about the first coming of Jesus Christ? When did this happen?
- This happened when he was born in the manger of Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago.
- This is when He came to Earth the first time.

**[35] John 1:11-12** *He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

- Jesus was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on the cross.
- His soul went to hell because of our sin and not His own, He defeated death and hell.
- He arose in His body, He appeared to over 500 witnesses at once in His body
- Stayed on Earth for 40 days in His resurrected body.
- And then He ascended into heaven to sit on the right hand of God the Father.
- I want to look closely at Acts Chapter 1. Jesus is with his disciples in this Chapter.
- I want to start in Verse 9 where Jesus is about to ascend into heaven to be with His Father.

**[36] Acts 1:9-10** *And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;*

- His disciples watched Him very intently. They looked upon Him as He went up toward heaven.
- Notice there are 2 men standing by them in white apparel as Jesus is ascending into heaven.
- Notice what these 2 men in white apparel say to His disciples in verse 11.
- Hear this as this is very important.

**[37] Acts 1:11** *Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*

- Jesus will come in like manner just as He ascended towards heaven that day.
- And remember that they were watching Him as He ascended towards heaven.

- For Christ's second coming, people will be watching, people will see Him, and He will be coming back with clouds just as clouds received him out of their sight during His ascension into heaven.
- Just as Revelation 1:7 tells us: "Every eye shall see Him" as He comes with clouds.
- This will be the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Let's look at other parts of the Bible that mention Jesus coming with clouds. Let's see what the Bible has to say.

- Remember, this is very important to understand today.
- We're simply taking what God says in His Bible and understanding the Book of Revelation.
- The HUGE majority of Christians today have Verse 7 wrong and most of Revelation and other books wrong too.
- We'll make sure we get this right today. Let's turn to Matthew 24 verse 21:

***[38] Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.***

- This is Jesus speaking here, and He's talking about Great Tribulation.
- The Book of Revelation talks about great tribulation.
- And we'll learn more about that later, but let's keep going. Move down to verse 29 in Matthew 24.

***[39] Matthew 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:***

- So right there the Bible tells us about events that will happen IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION.
- The sun shall be darkened, the moon shall not give her light, stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be shaken.
- These are ALL major events that will happen, and these same events show up throughout the Bible over and over and over again.
- Here's one example from the Book of Joel:

***[40] Joel 3:14-15 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. 15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.***

- The Bible tells us in several places that the Day of the Lord is associated with the sun and moon being darkened.
- Remember and keep in mind that the Day of the Lord occurs when the sun and moon are darkened.
- Now let's go back to Matthew 24 verse 30.

***[41] Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.***

- Matthew 24 tells us that we will see the Great Tribulation first.
- Then, the sun and moon is darkened. Next, we see the sign of the Son of man in heaven.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of man as he calls Himself the Son of man over 80 times in the New Testament.
- Then, all the tribes of the earth will mourn.
- And finally in verse 30, we're told "They shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

- Let's compare Matthew 24 with Revelation 1:7.

**[42]**

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

**[43]** Notice these similarities between verses and how they match up exactly:

1. He is coming with clouds.
2. Every eye shall see Him, and He will be seen.
3. All kindreds and tribes shall wail and mourn.

- Let's go back to Matthew 24 verse 31:

**[44] Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

- Do you see that? "They shall gather together His elect." His elect refers to people who are saved.
- Every time the Bible mentions "The Elect" it's talking about people who are saved.
- Here's one example, but there are many more.

**[45] Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;**

- If you're saved (anyone can be saved by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ), you're part of the elect.
- You're part of God's group of people.
- It doesn't matter if you're Jew or Gentile.
- You're God's elect if you're saved through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- The elect is NOT referring to the modern day nation of Israel which is a man-made nation not of God.
- The nation of Israel consists mainly of the religion of Judaism, which HATES the Lord Jesus Christ.

**[46]** Here's what happens in order:

1. A trumpet will sound.
2. Gathers up the saved who are the believers.

- Now, let's look at Mark Chapter 13.

**[47] Mark 13:24-27 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, 25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. 26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.**

- So far, we should all be able to say that Revelation 1:7, Matthew 24, and Mark 13 are all talking about the same event.
- Right? Do you see that? Jesus is coming in the clouds. People are wailing and mourning.
- It's the same event. It matches perfectly.
- Now, let's look at Luke 21. You should remember Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21.

***[48] Luke 21:25-28 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.***

- Pay close attention to these verses. Their hearts are failing them for fear of things that are coming.
- Then it says after this shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
- In Matthew and Mark, it tells us that the saved will be gathered together and this is redemption for God's saved people.
- Luke tells us once these things come to pass, to look up, to lift your heads, for your redemption draweth near.
- He's saying you're about to be gathered together. This is your redemption!

So again, Revelation 1:7, Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 are all parallel passages.

- These are very obvious, and you can go match the chapters up yourselves.
- You'll see how they match perfectly. Revelation 1:7 is speaking about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
- This is so easy to see, but all the churches around here and all the religions around here believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.
- This means they say God's elect will be gathered together and taken off the earth BEFORE the tribulation!
- If you've been listening so far today, how can they say this? It's NOT Biblical at all.
- And yes, I believed in the pre-tribulation rapture before and studied it very well.
- 100% without a doubt it is a MAN-MADE teaching. It's not from the Bible AT ALL.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all say different when compared to the Pre-Tribulation Rapture (which is false).

- Jesus repeats Himself 3 times in those books. Yet, we have false teaching everywhere!
- The Bible says "AFTER THE TRIBULATION" then you will see the Son of man COMING in the clouds.
- And Revelation Chapter 19 is NOT the second coming of Jesus Christ.
- Revelation Chapter 19 doesn't match Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 AT ALL.

Everyone (or all churches and people I know) agree that 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 is speaking about the rapture.

- The rapture is the gathering of God's elect in the clouds with Jesus Christ.
- The entire PROBLEM we have is the Pre-Tribulation rapture group (which is all churches in this area) will say that the Rapture is NOT the second coming of Jesus Christ!
- They will say that Revelation 1:7, Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, and Acts 1 are all describing a different "COMING" of the Lord Jesus Christ than what you see in 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4.
- They try to separate it FOR SOME REASON and say that the Rapture with Jesus "COMING" in the clouds doesn't count as a "COMING" of Jesus Christ.
- What??? See: they make those changes to match their false teaching.

- Instead, listen, hear, and see what the Bible says. Don't change the Bible to match your lies.
- The Bible is the truth. We don't get to change the words in the Bible.

Please remember this:

- The Pre-Tribulation Rapture group (which is every church in this area) will say that 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 does NOT describe the SECOND COMING of Jesus Christ.
- So, let's read 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4, and you can judge for yourself.
- Is this really talking about some separate event that takes place BEFORE the tribulation?

***[49] 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.***

- 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 verse 15 is talking about the COMING OF THE LORD!
- God Himself in HIS BIBLE using HIS WORDS calls this THE COMING OF THE LORD.
- Make sure you see that. It's right there. It's called "THE COMING OF THE LORD."
- Yet, the Pre-Tribulation False Teachers (which is every church around here) will say that 1 Thessalonians is NOT talking about THE COMING OF THE LORD!
- Obviously, the event in 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 is talking about THE COMING OF THE LORD!

Open up your eyes and your ears and let's put a STOP to all this false teaching and heresy.

- Don't change God's words, and don't allow false preachers to change them either.
- Don't make them to be whatever you want them to be so they match your views.
- And if you aren't sure, then stop teaching others something you aren't sure about.
- This is what happens in Churches around here, and I'm sick of it.

How can anyone who is saved read 1 Thessalonians 4:15 and teach others that this is NOT talking about the COMING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

- So, if this isn't the second coming of the Lord as churches around here teach, then what is it?
- Which coming of the Lord is it? The Bible calls it the coming of the Lord.
- So which coming is it? Is it the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, coming 1.25, 1.5, 1.75, 2.5, 3.5?
- That's ridiculous, right?
- They say it's not a coming of the Lord and that it doesn't count because the feet of Jesus do not make contact with the ground.
- What??? Where do they get this stuff? From a man-made doctrine! It doesn't come from God.

***[50] 1 Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.***

- There is no getting out of this verse and these words. Is this the second coming of Jesus Christ or NOT?
- These false churches and false teachers say NOT. Then, you're going against what the Bible says.
- Then, this tells me, you don't believe what God says, which takes us back to John 8:47.

***[51] John 8:47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.***



- Preachers and teachers and pastors and ministers want to play games with the word of God.
- We don't play games here at this church. What God says, goes. And He calls it a coming of the Lord!
- Let's continue with 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4:

**[52] 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18** *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

- So, the dead in Christ rise first. The bodies of all the dead whose souls are in heaven will rise first.
- The newly resurrected bodies will meet the souls from heaven in the clouds with Jesus Christ.
- Then, those who are alive and remain on earth will be caught up together with those newly resurrected bodies from the dead in Christ.
- The ones who are alive will then have a new body as they are gathered together in the clouds.

Why would verse 18 say: "Wherefore comfort one another with these words?"

- This simply means that you're going to see all of your loved ones who are saved in the clouds when we're all caught up together!!!
- This is comforting. Do you want to go to heaven and not know anyone?
- Do you want to look around and not see anyone you know?
- Be comforted because you will see the ones you've known who are saved.

**[53]** So, in 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4, we have all of these things happening:

1. Jesus Christ is coming.
2. He's coming in the clouds.
3. Trumpet of God (Matthew 24:31).
4. Gathering together of the Elect.

Did ANY PART of Thessalonians Chapter 4 mention anything about this COMING of the Lord occurring before the tribulation as the false churches and false teachers will tell you?

- NO. It does not. It doesn't yet say anything about the timing of this event.
- Let's keep going in 1 Thessalonians. Verse 18 is the last verse in Chapter 4.
- So let's look at verse 1 in Chapter 5.
- Remember, man input the chapters and the verses BUT they can't change the words of God (God says He will preserve His words).
- The first word in Chapter 5 verse 1 is "BUT" which happens to mean that we're continuing from Chapter 4.

**[54] 1 Thessalonians 5:1** *But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.*

- Yes, we see that the timing was never given to us. But, let's keep going. On to verse 2.

**[55] 1 Thessalonians 5:2** *For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.*



- Obviously, the Day of the Lord is equivalent to the Rapture.
- We just talked about the Rapture a few verses before this. And now we read about the Day of the Lord.
- We don't need to know the timing of the Rapture because we're told that the Day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night.
- And we know the Day of the Lord is always characterized by the Sun and Moon being darkened!
- The Bible tells us this over and over again.
- So, you might ask: "Well, where's the wailing and mourning?" Let's continue reading in verse 3.

**[56] 1 Thessalonians 5:3 *For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.***

- So it tells us they will have travail like a woman with child.
- Travail means painful or laborious effort.
- So this matches Revelation 1:7, Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.
- But, these pre-tribulation rapture people will tell you: "DON'T WORRY BECAUSE YOU'LL BE LONG GONE BEFORE ANY OF THIS HAPPENS."
- Is that what the next verse says? Of course not. Let's look.

**[57] 1 Thessalonians 5:4 *But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.***

- Does that say that you're not going to be there? Does it imply that you won't be there?
- Does it say you're already gone and have been raptured into heaven with Jesus?
- NO! It doesn't say that. This is what the Pre-Tribulation Rapture group will tell you.
- It simply says that the Day of the Lord will not overtake you as a thief.
- So remember, the Pre-Tribulation rapture group is saying the Rapture has already occurred and the Day of the Lord comes later.
- They're saying none of this is important for us to understand. This is completely false.
- The rapture and the Day of the Lord happen on the same day!
- Let's continue in verse 5:

**[58] 1 Thessalonians 5:5-6 *Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.***

- He's telling us to watch and the day will not overtake you as a thief.
- He's telling us that we are the children of the light and that means we will understand His words, know when this is coming, and will not be overtaken as a thief.
- We'll see it coming!
- Others who believe false teaching and the word of man over the word of God, will be overtaken as a thief when that day comes.
- This simply means you will be there, but that day will not surprise you. You'll see it coming.
- Just like Luke 21:28 says:

**[59] Luke 21:28 *And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.***

- This is saying you'll know that the Day of the Lord is coming, that the Rapture is coming, once you see these things come to pass.
- It says "LOOK UP! LIFT UP YOUR HEADS! FOR YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH!"
- I want to go over just a couple more things before we move on from Revelation 1:7.
- Let me show you what 2 Thessalonians verse 1 says:

**[60] 2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,**

- So look, there's more proof that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ also includes OUR gathering together unto Him.
- This matches the Rapture. This matches the Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- One last thing before we move on. Go to Matthew 24 again. Go to verse 32.
- Now, remember, Matthew 24 has already told us these things about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ:

**[61]**

1. Immediately after the tribulation.
  2. The sun and moon shall be darkened.
  3. The sign of the Son of man shall appear in heaven.
  4. All the tribes of the earth shall mourn.
  5. Jesus is coming in the clouds.
  6. His angels will be sent with the great sound of a trumpet.
  7. The elect shall be gathered together.
- Now, Jesus gives us the parable of a fig tree starting in verse 32.

**[62] Matthew 24:32-33 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: 33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.**

- He's saying right there that YOU SHALL SEE ALL THESE THINGS.
- If you've already been raptured, you sure wouldn't see all of those things, and He wouldn't need to say any of this.

**[63] Matthew 24:34-36 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. 36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**

- So He says in verse 36 right there: "But of THAT DAY."
- You would ask next: "Well, which day is He talking about."
- He's talking about the day that He's been telling us about in Matthew 24.
- It's the Day of the Lord and the day the Rapture takes place. It's the day the elect is gathered.

These false teachers, preachers, and churches keep telling people that Jesus can come at any moment.

- They take Matthew 24:36 and say that Jesus can come at any moment and they base their entire doctrine or teaching on that idea.

- They say: "No man knoweth the day or the hour."
- These are the people who are using verse 36 of Matthew to say the rapture can happen at any time.
- But, go back just a few verses earlier to Matthew 24:29 and it says this:

***[64] Matthew 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:***

- So verse 36 is talking about the Day of the Lord, which happens immediately after the tribulation.
- But they want to take that and say the Rapture can happen at any time because no man knows the day or the hour.
- But they also say that Matthew 24 isn't talking about the Rapture! So, which one is it?
- Do you see how confusing these false teachers and churches are for everyone?
- They cause confusion and scatter God's sheep.
- All you false teachers and preachers out there today, hear this warning from God:

***[65] Jeremiah 23:1-2 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. 2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.***

- You don't get to pick and choose verses to support whatever you want.
- You say Matthew 24 isn't about the rapture, but you use a verse from Matthew 24 to support the timing of the rapture in your own mind.
- You don't get to do that. You're making up your own god when you do that.
- Listen to what God says and not your own mind with man-made doctrine.

You'll hear people in churches all around this area say things like this: "Jesus can come back at any moment. He could come back tonight. Amen Brother. Amen Brother. Amen. Amen. Amen."

- This is what you hear. And it spreads like a wildfire.
- People just listen to these amens and they believe it too without ANY backing from the word of God.
- I'm sick of this. Don't trust any man and his words. Trust the TRUE WORDS from God.
- God says we do not know the day and the hour BUT we do know it's after the tribulation.
- So if we haven't gone through tribulation and great tribulation (which you haven't), then Jesus sure isn't coming back tonight.
- Why? Because HE SAYS SO right here in the Bible!!! Do you hear that???
- Jesus isn't coming back tonight or tomorrow unless you're reading this and the tribulation is about over.

Look: I know the Rapture, the Day of the Lord, and Second Coming of Jesus Christ is all happening on the same day because the Bible says so.

- I also know that day will come after the Tribulation because the Bible says so.
- But, I don't know the day or the hour. But, I will know when it's getting closer and closer.
- I will know that's it coming soon once there's tribulation.
- And then I'll know it's coming really soon once there's GREAT TRIBULATION.
- But no matter what, I will not know the exact day or the exact hour.
- No one knows this except God. God the Father will make that day known.

**[66] Matthew 24:36** *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

- Please turn to Revelation 6 verse 12.
- We need to get Revelation 1:7 right so we're spending the time studying this today.
- Jesus gives us the signs of his coming in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.
- If we look for those same signs in the Book of Revelation, we see this.

**[67] Revelation 6:12-13** *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.*

- So Revelation 6:12-13 is THE ONLY TIME that the Book of Revelation mentions the sun and moon being darkened and the stars falling.
- This must be the same event that we see in Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21.

**[68]**

Revelation 6:12-13 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and <u>the sun became black as sackcloth of hair</u> , and <u>the moon became as blood</u> ; 13 And <u>the stars of heaven fell</u> unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.	Matthew 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall <u>the sun be darkened</u> , and <u>the moon shall not give her light</u> , and <u>the stars shall fall from heaven</u> , and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:	Mark 13:24-25 But in those days, after that tribulation, <u>the sun shall be darkened</u> , and <u>the moon shall not give her light</u> , 25 And <u>the stars of heaven shall fall</u> , and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.
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- When we look back at Revelation 6, we can see that the sun and moon are darkened after the SIXTH SEAL is opened.

**[69] Revelation 6:12-13** *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.*

- Everything that happens before the Sixth Seal being opened is part of the tribulation.
- Anything after the sixth seal is opened is considered to be AFTER THE TRIBULATION.
- Once the sun and moon is darkened, the tribulation period is over. It's that simple.
- God begins to pour out His wrath after the Tribulation.
- The Tribulation and God's Wrath are not the same thing as evidenced by their names and what the Bible calls them.
- But, we'll learn more on that later.

The events that occur in the Book of Revelation are covered in a 7-year period, which is also called Daniels 70<sup>th</sup> week.

- Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week is described in the book of Daniel.

- The tribulation doesn't cover the entire 7-year period.
- God's wrath, which is not the tribulation, covers much of that 7-year period.
- The Bible NEVER says that all of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week is TRIBULATION. It doesn't say that ONCE.
- So now, finally, let's get back to Revelation Chapter 1 verse 8. That's where we left off.

**[70] Revelation 1:8** *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

- Now, who is that speaking in verse 8? Is that God the Father or the Son of God?
- Look down to verse 17 and 18.

**[71] Revelation 1:17-18** *And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

- That's obviously Jesus speaking here because He was alive and was dead and is now alive forevermore.
- He has the keys of hell and death. This is Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior speaking. So back to verse 8.

**[72] Revelation 1:8** *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

- This is important because many false religions out there today like the Jehovah's Witness say that Jesus isn't God.
- Their man-made bible is false and they change the words.
- Here in verse 8, Jesus is called the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, and THE ALMIGHTY.
- Jesus is Almighty God. There is ONE GOD. God the Father is God. Jesus Christ is God.
- The Holy Ghost is God. One God in 3 distinct individuals.

**[73] Revelation 1:9** *I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

- Pay attention to the underlined words there. John says he is a companion in tribulation.
- John obviously has to go through tribulation.
- And I'm saying this because the Pre-Tribulation Rapture group will say that God would NEVER make His people go through any tribulation.
- Well, the entire Bible teaches the opposite of what those false teachers will say.
- They make up whatever they want and call themselves men of god.
- If you're a man of God, you wouldn't make everything up. You would use the word of God.
- The word tribulation is found in the Bible 22 times. The first instance is in Deuteronomy, which says this:

**[74] Deuteronomy 4:30** *When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;*

**[75] Romans 8:35** *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

**[76] 1 Thessalonians 3:4** *For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.*

- So, it sure looks like God's people will go through tribulation.
- It refers to persecution, and it usually happens because of the word of God.
- If you stick up for the WORD OF GOD, you will have trouble in this world. It's coming.
- NEVER once in the Bible does God equate His Wrath being poured out in Revelation to tribulation.
- NEVER. Only the Pre-Tribulation rapture group does this on their own.
- They made it up without any backing from God's word.
- When God pours out his wrath with the trumpets and vials, this is NOT part of the tribulation.

**[77] Revelation 1:9** *I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

- Again, John is talking to saved people in the Book of Revelation.
- He says in verse 9 that he is our brother, and he is our companion in tribulation.
- Then this Pre-Tribulation group goes and says that saved people won't have to go through tribulation.
- This is false. It's pretty easy and clear to see this.

**[78] Revelation 1:1** *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:*

- Remember, the Book of Revelation is written to reveal things to God's servants.
- People who aren't saved won't understand this book. They won't see and hear the words.
- They won't understand, and they won't get it right.
- It's time to go back to the true Gospel of Jesus Christ and be saved.
- Once you believe on Jesus Christ, you'll see and understand His words when you put in the work.
- Search the Scriptures. In the Scriptures, you will find TRUTH. You will find life.
- If you are a true servant of Jesus Christ, you will go through tribulation.
- You won't get along with everyone in this world. You will be persecuted. Most people will hate you.
- Understand that today. Don't believe me? Hear this:

**[79] 2 Timothy 3:12** *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

- People don't like it when the word of God proves them wrong.
- These are the same people who will say they believe in the Inspired Word of God and trust in everything that it says.
- Yeah, until it doesn't match their own man-made beliefs. They won't give those up for nothing.
- They trust themselves more than God. This is what you call unsaved people.

**[80] 1 Peter 4:12-13** *Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

**[81] Revelation 2:10** *Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*

- Back to Revelation 1 verse 10:

**[82] Revelation 1:10** *I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,*

- John says in verse 10 that he was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day.
- So, he is being shown in the spirit what was happening on the Lord's Day. He's not being raptured himself.
- If so, he would be in his body and not in the spirit. Remember that because it's very important.
- The rapture is a bodily resurrection. Your body meets your soul in the clouds.

Did John hear a trumpet in this verse? No, it wasn't a trumpet.

- It says he heard behind me a GREAT VOICE as of a trumpet.
- So it was a very loud and great voice like a trumpet.
- This is important because people base false doctrines on that verse right there saying that John heard a trumpet.
- With the word of God, every detail matters. Every word matters. John didn't hear a trumpet.
- He heard a voice like a trumpet. A VERY LOUD VOICE!!!

**[83] Revelation 1:11** *Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.*

- There are the 7 churches again. We talked about those earlier.

**[84] Revelation 1:12-13** *And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.*

- The Son of man is Jesus. So the voice that sounded like a trumpet was the voice of Jesus.
- Verse 12 says John saw seven golden candlesticks.
- We already know from Revelation 1:20 that the seven golden candlesticks are the seven churches.
- So John sees the seven churches and the Son of God, Jesus Christ.
- We see that Jesus is clothed to the foot and He has a golden girdle around his chest.
- What else does Jesus look like? Let's continue.

**[85] Revelation 1:14-15** *His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.*

- His head and hairs were white like wool and white as snow. His eyes are like a flame of fire.
- His feet like fine brass. His voice is loud and powerful like the sound of many waters.



**[86] Revelation 1:16** *And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.*

- What are the seven stars? Revelation 1:20 tells us the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches.
- So Jesus has the angels of the seven churches in His right hand.
- We'll learn more about the 7 churches in Revelation 2 and 3.
- And coming out of His mouth is a sharp two-edged sword which is the Word of God.

**[87] Hebrews 4:12** *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

- And then Revelation 1:16 says His countenance was as the sun shineth in His strength.
- The sun is very bright and impossible to look at because of its brightness. The sun will blind you.
- Looking at Jesus is like looking at the sun because of His light.

**[88] John 8:12** *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

- Back to Revelation 1:17:

**[89] Revelation 1:17** *And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:*

- When John saw Jesus, he fell at His feet as dead. He just collapsed because of the greatness of Jesus.
- But Jesus immediately comforts John and tells him it's okay.
- He put his right hand on Him and tells him to fear not for Jesus is the first and the last.

**[90] Revelation 1:18** *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

- So He continues speaking to John and tells him that He is living, He was dead, and He is alive forevermore.
- Jesus is speaking of the death, burial, and resurrection that He went through for you and for I so that we can one day see Jesus face to face just as John is seeing Him here.
- Notice Jesus says I have the keys of hell and death.
- Jesus defeated death and hell and He has the keys of hell and death.
- Notice that Satan or the devil doesn't have the keys to hell.
- No one else has the keys to death and hell. It's Jesus alone.
- Some people actually believe that Satan runs hell.
- This is wrong and false teaching. Jesus has the keys.

**[91] Revelation 1:19** *Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;*

- Please pay attention here in verse 19 as this is a VERY important verse for the rest of Revelation.
- Notice that Jesus tells John to write 3 things:



**[92]**

1. Write the things which thou HAST SEEN.
  2. Write the things which ARE.
  3. Write the things which shall be HEREAFTER.
- This gives us an outline of the Book of Revelation because Jesus gives John instructions on what to write.
  - Keep this in mind as we'll talk about this in other chapters too.
  - So, we've already been talking about what John has seen. This is given to us in Chapter 1.
  - Then, the "things that are" will be what is happening right now in the present day that John is receiving this Revelation.
  - This is written about in Chapters 2 and 3. The 7 churches in John's present day are talked about in detail in Chapter 2 and 3.

And finally, he'll write about things that will happen later.

- This starts in Chapter 4 and continues throughout the Book of Revelation.
- If you take a look at the beginning of Chapter 4, this is all very clear.

**[93] Revelation 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.**

- So, John says: "AFTER THIS" right at the beginning of Chapter 4.
- Then he hears the voice telling him that He will show him the things which must be HEREAFTER.
- This matches Revelation 1:19 in which Jesus tells John to write the things which shall be HEREAFTER.
- Do you see that? It matches perfectly.
- The Bible is amazing and I would say that you've probably never noticed that before.
- So, the outline will look like this:

**[94]**

1. Write the things which thou HAST SEEN – Chapter 1
2. Write the things which ARE – Chapter 2 and 3
3. Write the things which shall be HEREAFTER – Chapter 4 and on

And all of this will make perfect sense as we go through this BECAUSE God is revealing all of these things to us.

- When God has a purpose, He gets it done. He said that He's going to reveal things to us. He will.
- And you're going to fully understand the Book of Revelation when we're done. It's easy. It's simple.
- Remember this timing and outline because MANY churches and religions will FALSELY teach that Chapters 2 and 3 are about future events.
- This is obviously false when you listen to what the Bible says.

Now, there are some things in those chapters that make reference to future events, but the 7 churches are actual and literal churches in that day and age of John's writing.

- They are not future churches represented by church ages! The Bible NEVER says this anywhere.
- These are the things that ARE as Jesus says in Revelation!
- These aren't different church ages or dispensations or any other false teaching like that.

- Let's finish out Chapter 1 with the final verse.

***[95] Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.***

- That's it for Revelation Chapter 1.
- Let's stick together through all 22 chapters of Revelation, let's learn this together, and you'll know the Book of Revelation very, very well.
- You'll be ready for the things which are to come next.
- You'll know what to look for, and you won't be deceived because YOU KNOW THE WORD OF GOD.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 2

[2] The title of the sermon today is “REVELATION CHAPTER 2.”

- We'll be going through Revelation Chapter 2 verse by verse today.

[3] When we went through Revelation Chapter 1, remember that we learned the outline of Revelation looks like this:

1. Write the things which thou HAST SEEN – Chapter 1
  2. Write the things WHICH ARE – Chapter 2 and 3
  3. Write the things which shall be HEREAFTER – Chapter 4 and on
- So today, we're looking at Chapter 2, which is about John writing the things WHICH ARE.
  - This means the things that were happening at the time John was writing the Book of Revelation.
  - Jesus is speaking as we start out in Revelation Chapter 2.
  - Jesus has a special message for the 7 churches that we talked about in Revelation 1.
  - Chapter 2 is going to cover some of those 7 churches.
  - Chapter 3 will finish out the messages Jesus has for those 7 churches.

We need to hear these messages because we should be learning from what Jesus has to say to His churches.

- And remember, these are 7 literal churches that were there at the time of John writing the Book of Revelation.
- These 7 churches don't represent 7 different made-up church ages that dispensationalists will teach.
- In Chapter 2, we're going to see the message to 4 of the 7 churches.
- Take a look at verse 1 of Revelation Chapter 2.

***[4] Revelation 2:1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;***

- Jesus then begins to give His message to the first church, the Church of Ephesus.

***[5] Revelation 2:2-3 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.***

- Jesus is telling the Church at Ephesus that they are doing many good things.
- What good things are they doing?
- They are working hard, they have patience, they cannot bear them which are evil.
- They have tested those who say they are apostles and aren't, and they have found false preachers that are liars.
- They have worked extremely hard for the name of Jesus and have not fainted.
- So the Church at Ephesus is a hard working church!
- They are also great at recognizing false teaching and doctrine. That's what we need to be.

- When we hear things that are wrong and not according to the Bible, we need to call this out so others aren't deceived by false teaching.

This Church at Ephesus took a stand against evil. They could not bear those which are evil.

- When we have false churches around here teaching the wrong things, when we have LGBTQ groups pushing their evil agendas, when we have drug dealers out in our community, we need to take a stand against this evil.
- You see: we should want that same praise from Jesus. Let's do what we need to do for the name of Jesus.
- The only ONE who can truly change this community is Jesus Christ.
- Once people truly accept Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit will change those people. Not us.
- We have no power to change. God does.

***[6] John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.***

- Now that we've seen the good things that the Church at Ephesus did, let's see what else Jesus has to say.
- Listen, no Church is perfect and all Churches will be doing good things and bad things. We're human.
- Let's make sure we're doing the best we can to do good all the time.

***[7] Revelation 2:4-6 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.***

- Jesus told them the good things.
- He praised them for their hard work, for standing up against evil, for having patience, and for recognizing and calling out false teaching.
- But now, He's telling them that they have left their first love.
- He's giving them the bad part, and He's telling them to correct this.
- Remember, John is writing and delivering these letters to these literal churches in this time.
- But we can learn very much from these letters to the 7 churches so pay attention here.

How does the Church at Ephesus get back to their first love?

- Jesus tells them to repent (change their course) and do the first works. What are the first works?
- They were working hard and doing good works, but they weren't doing the first works or the most important works.
- God wants them to get back to the first works.
- So remember this today: we need to be doing the first works ALWAYS.
- We cannot STOP doing the first works.

So, what are the first works that Jesus is talking about here? What is the first love that Ephesus has left?

- When Jesus Christ first setup the Church, think back to that time and what Jesus said at that time.
- The first thing Jesus did was to send out His disciples to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every creature.
- Jesus Himself said He was come to seek and to save that which is lost.

**[8] Luke 19:10** *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

- Jesus sent forth disciples two and two into every city and place to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**[9] Mark 6:7** *And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;*

**[10] Luke 10:1** *After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.*

- And then Jesus, in Acts Chapter 1, tells His disciples to go out and be witnesses unto Him into the uttermost part of the Earth.

**[11] Acts 1:8** *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

- The main purpose of the Church is to go out and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Doesn't that make sense? Do you remember what Romans Chapter 10 says about this. Hear this:

**[12] Romans 10:13-14** *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

- So listen, we're all preachers and teachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- It's not just you and it's not just me. It's all believers in Jesus Christ.
- We are supposed to be going out and telling others about Jesus Christ.
- We don't wait for the opportunity to come to us. We go make the opportunities.
- We go out and find people who need Jesus.
- The men preach within the Church because God said so, but the men and the women and the children ALL go out and preach outside the Church. It takes all of us.

Did you know that most people are saved when they are children?

- This is because their heart hasn't been hardened over all the years of rejection of Jesus Christ.
- Children can preach to children to get those children saved.
- Our children in this Church have a great purpose and will also do the first works.
- Children are amazing, and our children will work for God too.
- So, hear this today:
- We can't forget our first love, Jesus Christ, and we can't forget our first works which is preaching Jesus Christ to others so they can be saved from eternal hell, eternal damnation, eternal fire, eternal torment, and from weeping and gnashing of teeth.

In this world today, we hear all about love, love, love BUT no one understands what that truly means.

- If we truly have God's love, we'll be going out and preaching Jesus Christ because we know He is the only one who can save them from hell.
- You see: the LGBTQ crowd will call me hateful for preaching against them, but the truth is: I'm trying to tell them the truth about hell because I don't want them to go there.

- If you could actually see or feel what hell was like, you wouldn't want anyone to go there.
- And I don't want them to go there. I hope that they change their mind about Jesus Christ if it's possible.

If we truly believe in and understand hell, we won't want anyone to go there.

- We'll do our absolute best RIGHT NOW to tell them the truth.
- The Bible tells us that MOST PEOPLE will go to hell so we've got work to do.
- We preach against sin and people will call us hateful and they will hate us, but this is God's love because Jesus saves them from eternal hell.
- We aren't perfect. We are sinners too. But we will preach the word of God as instructed.
- We must tell the truth. We must help THE LOST to find Jesus.

When you're going out to do the first works of spreading the Gospel, this is going to change you because love will increase within you.

- You'll see the lost people. You'll see the hurt within people. You'll see how they need Jesus.
- And let me tell you: there's a HUGE percentage of people who need Jesus around here.
- You'll see how much some of them hate God and you.

Let's go back to Revelation Chapter 2.

- Keep in mind that this church in Ephesus no longer exists.
- You can't go and attend that same church today.
- We can apply this same teaching to every church today.

If your church isn't going out and preaching the true Gospel of Jesus Christ to as many as they can, they have also lost or never started their first works.

- First, they need to understand the true Gospel of Jesus Christ within the Bible.
- Jesus isn't happy with most of His churches today.
- I've lived here all my life and NO ONE has ever come to my door to give me the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- No one. I heard it from the Internet. I heard it on You Tube. Thank God for You Tube. It's not all evil.
- I took what I heard, I got my Bible out, and I made sure it matched the Bible. And it did.

In other words, we can take all of these messages from Jesus Christ to these 7 churches and APPLY THEM to US TODAY!!!

- And that's what we're going to do as we go through Revelation Chapters 2 and 3.
- How can any church not take these messages and apply them?
- Why are churches not going out to reach the lost? The message is there.
- Many false teachers and preachers today will just repeat what they hear other false teachers say and they will tell you that these 7 churches are 7 different church ages and that we're living in the last church age, the Laodicean Church age.

Where do they get this stuff? Where does the Bible say there are 7 church ages?

- It's false and made up by some man YET people will continue to teach that trash.
- It makes no sense if you read and understand the entire Bible.
- But yet, most churches around here will teach that. I fell for it too. We need to wake up.
- They will say that right after Jesus, there is the Ephesus Church age and that's followed by the Smyrna Church age and so on.

- But in Revelation Chapter 1 we already studied and showed that the 7 churches were 7 literal churches that John was writing messages to.
- They existed then and do not exist today. They weren't future churches or ages.

The churches today will teach that we are in the Laodicean Church age and the problem with that Church was the fact they were lukewarm and neither cold NOR hot.

- So churches today think that it's okay to be lukewarm and neither cold nor hot and that we can't really change that.
- What??? You see: this is crazy stuff churches are teaching and leaving all of our people out there to be sent to hell.
- We aren't going to be lukewarm here in this church.
- We're going to be hot, and we're going to stay that way as long as I am breathing here on this Earth.
- As long as I've got one other person with me, it's a Church. It's a congregation of believers.

***[13] Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.***

- You see: WE have a responsibility to GOD to get this right.
- We have a responsibility to get out there and get people saved from hell. That's our job.
- There is no other job more important. Jesus commanded us to do so, and if we aren't, this is a great sin.
- Understand that today. Sin isn't just doing things against God's rules, but it's also NOT doing what He tells us to do.
- When we do what He says, His love within us is increased.
- We want to go out more and teach others about Jesus Christ. It becomes a part of us and who we are.
- We aren't scared or fearful to talk about Jesus.

***[14] Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.***

- We will NOT let our love wax cold and lose our first love and first works.
- We cannot do this as others will be sent to hell if we do this.
- Moving on to Verse 7 in Revelation 2.

***[15] Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.***

- So I want to take a minute and see what this verse really means because I just heard false teaching this week from another preacher at a funeral.
- And to be 100% truthful with you, I'm sick of false preaching.
- I want to focus in on the part of the verse that says "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life."
- False preachers will use that verse to say that we must endure to the end and overcome sin in our life to make it to heaven.
- That we must continue to repent of our sin to overcome and to finally make it to heaven.
- That's not what "OVERCOMETH" means. Let's get this straight today. We don't overcome anything.
- We are sinners. We are damned to hell unless we have Jesus. Jesus overcomes for us. We don't.
- Let's see what the Bible says "He that overcometh" means.

**[16] 1 John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?**

- So, the false preachers out there that use Revelation 2:7 to show that we must continue to obey God and repent of our sins and do good works until the end to be saved should actually read and understand the Bible.
- STOP teaching false doctrine and damning people to hell!
- Just a few pages back from Revelation 2, you will find the truth.
- He that overcometh is he that believes on Jesus. It's that simple.

So now we know what verse 7 means in Revelation Chapter 2.

- It's simply saying that saved people will eat of the tree of life and have everlasting life.
- Overcoming the world is being born again through Jesus Christ alone.
- Here's another verse that false preachers will use about overcoming the world and enduring to the end to be saved.
- They will tell you that you aren't yet saved or you don't yet have eternal life because you MUST make it to the end.

**[17] Revelation 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.**

- Overcoming means you are a son of God. In 1 John it says those who overcometh are born of God.
- It's the same thing. Just more proof of what it really means.
- All you have to do is use the Bible to tell you what things mean and not some false preacher.
- Just the other day a false preacher says that he's not sure why we die and why there's death.
- Well, the Bible is very clear about that. Romans 6:23 says the wages of sin is death.
- This means sin causes death. When we sin, we earn death. The wages of sin is death.
- The Bible is very clear and will answer all questions.
- So, it's very simple. Those who overcome are those who are saved and go to heaven.
- Those who do not overcome are those who aren't saved and go to hell.
- Back to Revelation Chapter 2 now that you know what overcometh means using the Bible as the truth.

**[18] Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.**

- You'll see the tree of life in verse 7.
- We also see the tree of life in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve.
- The tree of life is associated with eternal life.

**[19] Genesis 3:22-24 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: 23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.**



- God drove out Adam and Eve from the garden so they could not eat of the tree of life and live forever due to their sin.
- Revelation Chapter 22 also talks about the tree of life. Hear this today:

***[20] Revelation 22:1-2 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.***

- Those who are saved will eat of the tree of life. He that overcometh will eat of the tree of life.
- So, you should understand verse 7 very well now. But let's look a little closer at the end of that verse.
- It says the tree of life is in the midst of the paradise of God. Where's the paradise of God?
- The paradise of God is heaven.

***[21] 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.***

- So these verses tell us paradise is the third heaven as they are used interchangeably here.
- You might ask: What's the third heaven? The Bible is very clear about this too.
- The first heaven is the sky above us. The second heaven is beyond earth in space.
- The third heaven is where God is located in paradise.
- Look at verse 8 and 9 in Revelation 2.
- You'll see that we're moving past the Church at Ephesus and Jesus is now sending His message to the Church in Smyrna.

***[22] Revelation 2:8-9 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.***

- Jesus is clearly talking here because He says the person giving John the message here is the first and the last and was dead but is alive.
- This is clearly Jesus.
- He tells the Church at Smyrna that he knows their works, that he knows they are going through tribulation, and that they are poor and in poverty.
- But He also knows they are truly rich in Jesus Christ.
- They may be poor here on this Earth, but they were rich in the truly good things and good works.

I want to focus a minute on the end of verse 9 where Jesus Himself says: "and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."

- So who in the world is Jesus talking about here? Who are these people who say they are Jews but are not?
- Jesus calls them the synagogue of Satan.
- So listen, I'm not giving you my opinion here. I am showing you what the Bible says.
- This isn't my opinion. This is what God says in His Bible. If it's not, show me where it's wrong.

The synagogue of Satan is obviously someone that calls them self a Jew.

- This already narrows it down for us, right?
- If you don't call yourself a Jew, then you aren't included here.
- Only people who call themselves Jews are still left as we narrow this down.
- The religion of Judaism calls themselves Jews. Are they Jews? No, they are definitely not Jews.

Notice that Jesus uses the term synagogue of Satan. Which religion on this earth uses synagogues?

- It's very clear and easy to know because there is a group of people who call themselves Jews, who deny the Lord Jesus Christ, and they worship their false god in synagogues.
- These are the people who follow the religion of Judaism.
- So you might say: "Well, I can see that they are Jews because of what they wear, the hats, I see them practicing their religion of Judaism, I see them honoring the Sabbath day, eating Kosher meals, and so on."
- "I know those people are truly Jews. I can see it."
- Well, take a look at Romans 2:28.

***[23] Romans 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.***

- Paul says in Romans 2 that those who are say they are Jews and show it outwardly are not always Jews.
- He says that he is a Jew that is one inwardly.
- Just because someone is circumcised of the flesh does not mean they are a Jew.
- Let's look at Philippians 3 and understand that Paul is writing to Gentiles here and not Jews.
- Philippi is a city in Macedonia and Paul is obviously speaking to Gentiles here.

***[24] Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.***

- Who is the TRUE circumcision?
- Paul says it is WE that worship God in the spirit and REJOICE IN CHRIST JESUS!
- Does the religion of Judaism rejoice in Christ Jesus?
- No, they hate Jesus and say he is a false Messiah.
- They will say that He deserved to be put to death and that they would do it again.
- They said He used black magic for His miracles. They don't deny the miracles.
- They just say that He used black magic.

This means they are NOT the circumcision. This means they are not God's chosen people.

- This means they are NOT saved. This means they are the synagogue of Satan.
- They say they are Jews, but they aren't. If you don't believe me, listen to this verse:

***[25] 1 John 2:22-23 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.***

- The religion of Judaism denies that Jesus is the Christ. They are antichrist. They are of Satan.

- If you deny the Father AND the Son, you are antichrist.
- If you deny the Son, you do not have the Father. If you acknowledge the Son, you have the Father also.
- So, false churches, teachers, and preachers will tell you that the so-called Jews in Israel may not believe in Jesus but they still worship the same god.
- Really? Because the Bible says different. And if you say something different than the Bible, you're a liar.
- I'll say this again.

***1 John 2:22-23 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.***

- Do you know what else the religion of Judaism believes? They trust in themselves to save themselves.
- They trust in their own supposedly good works to gain them the gift of eternal life in heaven.
- They praise themselves and their own works. They have no Savior. They believe they can save themselves.
- So listen, we're not talking about a race here so this isn't racist okay.
- Some people (especially the so-called Jews) think once you start talking about Jews that you're automatically racist.
- We're not talking about race. We're talking about a religion being the synagogue of Satan.
- There are people from Judah who are Jews who believe on Jesus Christ and are saved.
- I don't care what race or what nationality you are. This isn't about race. God doesn't care about race.

This is about who is the synagogue of Satan in Revelation 2:9.

- This is important to understand because churches all throughout this country today support the man-made country of Israel with everything they have and the majority of the population there practices Judaism.
- Judaism is a FALSE RELIGION!
- This is the same religion that HATES JESUS CHRIST!
- And we have churches supporting them and giving them money.
- Our country backs them like no other. And they hate Jesus.
- We have made friends with people who are antichrist.

Let's get this straight. The man-made country of Israel today is NOT ISREAL FROM THE BIBLE.

- People who hate Jesus HATE God the Father. It's that simple.
- God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are ONE. Hate one and you hate all.
- Did you know that most people think the religion of Judaism follows the first 5 books of the Bible?
- That lie has spread everywhere around here. Listen to this verse straight from the mouth of Jesus Christ:

***[26] John 5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.***

- Jesus Himself says if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me. But guess what?
- They didn't believe Jesus so they don't believe what Moses says either.
- That's pretty strong words from Jesus, and we know that Jesus cannot lie.
- So let's see what the religion of Judaism really believes today.
- Do they believe what Moses says in the first 5 books of the Bible?

No, they believe that the stories in Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy are all just fairy tales.

- They don't follow anything within those books. They believe Noah was just some made up character.
- They choose to believe evolution over the creation of the world in Genesis.
- Listen, Judaism has absolutely ZERO things in common with Christianity.
- Don't let anyone deceive you about that. Judaism is a false religion and it's an antichrist religion.
- It's ANTI-CHRIST!!! Still don't believe me? Listen to this and hear the words of the Bible.

***[27] 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: 15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: 16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.***

- God's wrath is on the Jews.
- God tells us over and over in the Bible that the wrath of God abides on those who do not believe on Jesus Christ.
- Hear this:

***[28] John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.***

- Since Judaism doesn't believe in Jesus as their Savior, then the wrath of God abides on them.
- All of this makes perfect sense with the entire Bible.
- Anyone who doesn't believe on Jesus is NOT God's chosen people.
- Look at the book of Acts and pay attention when you read it.
- You'll see that it's ALWAYS the Jews persecuting the Christians. Always.
- So, let's go back to Revelation 2 since we understand the synagogue of Satan clearly.
- Starting back in verse 10.

***[29] Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.***

- So, Jesus is clearly talking about persecution for the Church in Smyrna due to the Jews.
- But Jesus says to fear none of those things that you will suffer.
- In God's eyes, the people who say they are Jews but don't believe on Jesus as their Savior are not Jews.
- This is what the Bible says.

We spent a lot of time on the Jews and the synagogue of Satan because it's very important in getting the entire Book of Revelation correct.

- Some people will say that the Tribulation is only for the Jews. This is false, and we'll see why.
- Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, and the Book of Revelation tells us the Tribulation is NOT about the Jews!
- Listen, some false preachers will tell you that the Book of Revelation is for the Jews and not for us.
- They will tell you that we'll be gone and raptured away before most of this book happens.
- The Book of Revelation is for the Jews. Oh yeah?

Well, the only time the book of Revelation uses the word “Jew” or “Jews” is what we just read when it calls them the synagogue of Satan and in Chapter 3 it does the same thing.

- That’s it. Twice it uses the word “Jews” and that’s it.
- And it’s referring to them who call themselves Jews in a very negative and evil way because that’s what they are!
- Don’t listen to false preachers who tell you that the Tribulation is all about the Jews.
- This is false. All we have to do to prove this is read and understand the Bible verse by verse.
- Back to Verse 10:

***[30] Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.***

- So these people were being cast into prison, were being tried, and were going through tribulation.
- John, in Chapter 1 of Revelation writes about his tribulation.
- So the Bible tells us Christians go through tribulation.
- But yet, the false preachers will tell us that the Tribulation is not for Christians and that God would never make His people go through tribulation in this world.
- What a lie.
- The word tribulation is used 5 times in the book of Revelation and all 5 times are talking about God’s people going through tribulation.

In verse 10, it states: “ye shall have tribulation ten days.”

- So, Jesus gives us an exact timeframe for their tribulation.
- The Church of Smyrna went through 10 days of tribulation literally.
- But, when we read the Bible, we also have to look for symbolic meanings as well.
- Everything in the Bible is very important. Nothing is a coincidence in the Bible.
- I want to go back and look at Leviticus 23. All of the books of the Bible have prophecy within them.
- You might say, what??? Leviticus 23 talks about the feasts of the Lord.
- This all relates back to Jesus telling the Church of Smyrna that they would have tribulation 10 days.

***[31] Leviticus 23:4 These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.***

- These feasts can be grouped into Spring time feasts and Fall or Harvest feasts.
- We see Leviticus 23 talking about the first month with feasts.
- The first month in the Hebrew calendar is approximately our March timeframe.
- Think of Spring time and new growth as the first months of the year.
- Think about our current months and their names. October is like Octo or 8<sup>th</sup> month.
- November is like the 9<sup>th</sup> month. December means 10<sup>th</sup> month.
- The root words in those months are related to those numbers.

The Hebrew year would start in the Spring time.

- The Spring feasts are the Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and The First fruits.
- Then you wait 50 days and have the Pentecost or Feast of Weeks.
- Then the Fall Feasts come next and those start in the SEVENTH MONTH.

- This would be around our month of September.

To summarize, you have 3 feasts at the beginning of the year: Passover, Unleavened Bread, First fruits.

- Then you have Pentecost and then the Fall Feasts begin in the 7<sup>th</sup> month.
- There are 3 of these Fall or Harvest Feasts.
- You have the Blowing of the Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles.
- Notice there are 7 Feasts total. 3 in the Spring, 1 in the Middle, and 3 in the Fall.

Why are these important?

- These are VERY important because Jesus fulfilled the first 3 feasts when He came during His first coming to Earth.
- Remember, the first feast is the Passover and Jesus is the Passover Lamb.
- Jesus also filled the Feast of Unleavened Bread. He is the bread of life.
- He broke unleavened bread with His disciples.
- And then Jesus fulfilled the Feast of the First fruits as He was the first fruits from the dead with His resurrection.
- And guess what? He fulfilled these feasts with the exact timing too! That's pretty amazing.

Jesus died on the cross on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month. This is when the Passover occurs.

- And He rose again on the first day, which is the First fruits Feast.
- And then the Feast of Pentecost was fulfilled in the Book of Acts.
- Here's the important part for us.
- If Jesus fulfilled the Spring time feasts when He came the first time, He will fulfill the Fall feasts when He comes at His second coming.
- The Bible tells us so. For example:

***[32] Matthew 13:39-40 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.***

- The harvest is the end of the world.
- The Fall feasts are the harvest feasts when God's people will be harvested and the tares or weeds will be left behind.
- So, Jesus fulfilled all the Spring feasts at His first coming, and He'll fulfill all the Fall Feasts at His Second Coming.

***[33] Leviticus 23:24-27 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. 25 Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. 26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.***

- This is where Moses is laying out the Fall Feasts for his people.
- The Blowing of the Trumpets is on the first day of the seventh month.
- On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the seventh month is the Day of Atonement.

**[34] Leviticus 23:34** *Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.*

- The 15<sup>th</sup> day of the seventh month is the Feast of Tabernacles.
- Notice, the first fall feast occurs directly in the MIDDLE OF THE YEAR.
- The first day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month is the middle of the year.
- So you have 6 months that have already passed, and you have 6 months left in the year.
- It's the middle of the year. This middle of the year FEAST is the Blowing of The Trumpets.
- 10 days later you have the Day of Atonement. Remember that. 10 days later.
- What do blowing of the trumpets represent within the Bible?
- Many people will say that the blowing of the trumpets represent the rapture, but this is not correct.
- The blowing of the trumpets is not the last trump either.

**[35] 1 Corinthians 15:52** *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

- 1 Corinthians 15 is talking about the Rapture there in that verse.
- It says "at the last trump" is when the rapture occurs.
- But, the blowing of the trumpets doesn't represent the last trump.
- Another trump is blown on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month on the Day of Atonement.
- This represents the last trump.
- But, the blowing of the trumpets on the first day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month is not the last trump.
- Blowing of the trumpets is an alarm sounding.

**[36] Numbers 10:9** *And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.*

- When there's an enemy coming for you, blow the trumpets and God will save you from your enemies.

**[37] Numbers 31:6** *And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his hand.*

- Stop right there and think about the book of Revelation.
- We know there will be a 7-year period based on prophecy that clearly spells this out in the Book of Daniel.
- It's called Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week and it lasts for 7 years based on the numbers given in the Book of Daniel.
- Many false preachers will tell you that Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week is a 7-year period of Tribulation.
- The Bible NEVER says it is a 7-year period of "TRIBULATION."
- It never says the entire 7 years will be Tribulation.
- It actually says something much different so I'm not sure why false preachers continue to teach this.
- If anyone teaches you a 7-year tribulation, ask them to clearly show you where it says this!
- It NEVER does ANYWHERE in the Bible. So, let's go to Daniel 9 verse 27 and take a look:

**[38] Daniel 9:27** *And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*



- One week in this prophecy represents 7 years.
- In the midst or MIDDLE of the 7 years, what we call the Abomination of Desolation will occur.
- It will continue until the consummation or until everything is consumed and poured out upon the desolate.
- I just want to point out that Daniel 9:27 NEVER calls the one week period the TRIBULATION.
- People will use that verse to say the entire 7-year period is the Tribulation.
- It does not say that. Do you see that there? It's not there!

Tribulation will occur before the Abomination of Desolation and then the GREAT TRIBULATION will not occur until the Abomination of Desolation occurs.

- How do we know this?
- Jesus tells us this in Matthew 24.
- We looked at Matthew 24 closely during the Revelation Chapter 1 study.

***[39] Matthew 24:15-21 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.***

- In Daniel 9:27, it tells us the Abomination of Desolation is in the middle of the week.
- If the entire 7-year period is tribulation, why would Jesus Himself say that once you SEE the Abomination of Desolation then shall there be GREAT TRIBULATION?
- And then He says in Matthew 24 that once the tribulation is complete or OVER that you will see Him COMING in the clouds.

***[40] Matthew 24:29-30 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.***

- Stay with me here. Immediately AFTER THE TRIBULATION the sun and moon shall be darkened.
- Do you see that?
- Well, Revelation 6 includes opening of the seals and then the sun and moon are darkened.

***[41] Revelation 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;***

- Matthew 24 and Revelation 6 describe the exact same event in time. It's very clear and obvious.
- When the sun and moon are darkened, the Day of the Lord is upon us.
- So the Day of the Lord occurs after the Tribulation and directly after the 6<sup>th</sup> seal BUT before God's wrath is poured out on the unbelievers who are left on Earth.
- In other words, the entire 7 year period is NOT the Tribulation.



- Tribulation lasts for about half of the 7-year period.
- It's that simple and it's easy to understand once you study the Bible alone and see exactly what the Bible says.
- There is no adding other beliefs or thoughts to the Bible. Take the Bible alone.
- You are free and welcome to TEST whatever I say and show me if something is wrong WITH the Bible.
- I do the same thing myself when I learn from others. If it matches the Bible, I accept.
- If it doesn't, I reject. This is what God tells us to do.

***[42] Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.***

- The noble people of Thessalonica tested everything they heard with the scriptures.
- That's what we all need to do. Don't trust me. Trust the Scriptures.
- You see: I know nothing and am nothing when compared to the Scriptures. Remember that.
- Use the Bible to find the truth.

What is the Abomination of Desolation?

- A false prophet will setup an image of the antichrist and people must worship the antichrist or be killed.
- The antichrist will do amazing miracles and will deceive people who don't believe on Jesus ALONE to save them.
- In the middle of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week, the antichrist will make war with the Saints, and he will overcome them.
- Revelation 13 tells us this. This is at the time of the Abomination of Desolation.

***[43] Revelation 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.***

- So, we know all of this happens right in the MIDDLE of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.
- But do you remember how we get to this point?
- There is a FEAST that happens right in the middle of the year on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month.
- This feast is the Blowing of the Trumpets, which represents an alarm being blown due to an enemy starting a war.
- Do you remember that? The antichrist is going to make war with the saints
- The blowing of the trumpets is the alarm sounding when the Antichrist is making war.
- He is an enemy. He's going to persecute God's people and make war with them.

Matthew 24 tells us that once we see the Abomination of Desolation THEN SHALL THERE BE GREAT TRIBULATION.

- The blowing of the trumpets represents the start of the GREAT TRIBULATION.
- This is an enemy that God's people will face.
- And the antichrist is going to overcome them during the Great Tribulation.
- But don't worry, directly after the Tribulation the Day of Redemption is near!
- Jesus is coming with clouds with power and great glory. The Savior will win.
- Then, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month another trumpet sounds. This is the Day of Atonement feast.
- This trumpet sound is called the Trumpet of Jubilee.

**[44] Leviticus 25:9** *Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.*

- This represents the Day of the Lord and the Rapture when ALL believers will be caught away in the clouds to be with Jesus in their new bodies.
- Doesn't this make perfect sense?
- A trumpet of Jubile makes sense for the Day when we'll FINALLY be with OUR Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- That will be a Day of Jubile, and you can bet we'll have a great feast that day!!!
- And then I want to continue to the very next verse in Leviticus 25 with more proof that this is the Rapture.

**[45] Leviticus 25:10** *And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.*

- Do you see that? If you're part of God's family, you're going to return unto Him, and it's going to be an AMAZING DAY with JUBILE!
- Liberty will be proclaimed throughout all the land. Liberty is becoming free from sin!
- When we get our new bodies, we no longer have any sin. You can count on that. And I can't wait.
- But we still have lots of work left to do. That day is not yet here.

**[46] Romans 8:21-23** *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

- Romans 8 is talking about the Rapture here. He's saying we have the first fruits of the Spirit.
- We are saved Spiritually. Understand that today.
- As you know, our flesh is not saved as we continue to sin. We cannot stop sinning in our flesh.
- How do I know this? Because the Bible says so.
- At the Rapture, this is called the Day of Redemption because we get a new body and a totally sinless body.
- Our body will be redeemed once and for all!
- 1 Corinthians Chapter 15 talks about the Rapture:

**[47] 1 Corinthians 15:51-54** *Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*

- So, after all that, we go back to Revelation 2:10 and read it again:

**[48] Revelation 2:10** *Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*

- That ten days of tribulation is symbolic for the Fall Feasts that we just talked about.

- Jesus tells them they have tribulation ten days.
- At the end of those symbolic ten days will be the day of redemption of the coming of the Lord.
- He tells them to be faithful unto death, and He will give them a crown of life.

Are these people already saved?

- Yes, they are His church and they are His servants as we talked about in the Revelation Chapter 1 sermon.
- if they aren't faithful to death, they are still saved and going to heaven BUT they will receive a crown of life in heaven if they stay faithful to the end!
- Always stay faithful.
- Listen, if all of this doesn't make sense to you, don't worry as it will come together as we read and study the Bible.
- This will make more and more sense as you study your Bible.
- We have to work hard and study to understand the Bible.
- When God sees you working hard, He will reveal more and more to you.

So, look, all of these feasts and all of these events in the Bible line up perfectly with Scripture.

- When you get this right, you'll see how amazing the Bible truly is.
- Here's an example:
- At the very end of the Book of Daniel, it gives us amazing detail about the events in Revelation.

***[49] Daniel 12:11-13 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. 12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. 13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.***

- So this gives us the exact number of days for 2 very important events in Revelation.
- And it gives us the point of the Abomination of Desolation as the reference point.
- From the Abomination of Desolation until the very end, there will be 1,290 days.
- Then it says: "Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the 1,335 days."
- I believe this is from the start of the 7 years until the Day of the Lord.
- Some people might say that gives us the exact day, but it doesn't because we won't know the exact day that the 7-year period begins.

When we see the Abomination of Desolation, we'll know that Great Tribulation will begin and that the Day of the Lord is very near.

- We can get close, but we'll never know the exact day or hour.
- But we will know when it's getting closer and closer.
- Let's go back to Revelation 2 starting in verse 11.

***[50] Revelation 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.***

- We already know what "he that overcometh" means.
- It simply means the people who are saved and have Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- The first death is a physical death and the second death is hell in the lake of fire.

- So he that believes on Jesus might have to go through the first physical death, but he will not be hurt by the second death.

***[51] Revelation 20:14-15 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.***

- Now, let's go to verse 12 in Revelation 2. We're moving onto the next church.
- Let's see what the message is to this church.

***[52] Revelation 2:12-13 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; 13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.***

- Jesus is talking to the Church in Pergamos here.
- Jesus is the Word of God or the sharp sword with two edges, which is the word of God.
- He tells them that He sees there good works even where there is evil to the greatest extent.
- They hold fast to the name of Jesus and have not denied Jesus.
- Even through a man named Antipas being killed, they have stayed faithful to Jesus.

Have you noticed that John was going through tribulation when writing these letters and all the churches are going through tribulation?

- This means God's people will have trouble and go through tribulation.
- One of them mentioned here was even killed. This is tribulation.
- If we aren't going through it, we probably aren't doing things the right way.
- But look, the reason I mention this is that people in ALL the churches around here will say that God's people will not go through tribulation at the end of the world and that we will be raptured before tribulation happens.
- Wrong. This is false.

***[53] Revelation 2:14-15 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.***

- The Church in Pergamos, just as with the other Churches so far, have done good things and they also have some bad things they are doing.
- They are allowing people in the Church that hold to false doctrines or teachings, they have people there that are eating things sacrificed unto idols, and they have people in the Church that commit fornication.
- They also have people in the Church that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which Jesus Himself HATES.
- With our churches, we have to keep evil out of the Church.
- We can't let false teaching in, idols, or fornication (which is sexual relationships outside of marriage).

***[54] Revelation 2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.***

- Jesus tells them to repent (change their ways) or else He will come unto thee quickly and fight them with the sword of His mouth. Not good.
- If you've noticed so far: at the end of each message to each Church, Jesus always says similar things.
- Look here.

***[55] Revelation 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.***

- Jesus again says: He that hath an ear let Him hear. And then He says something similar again.
- He says to He that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, a white stone, and a new name.
- And I want to focus on the new name for just a second.

***[56] Isaiah 56:4-6 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; 5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.***

- I want to move onto the next Church in verse 18 of Revelation Chapter 2.

***[57] Revelation 2:18-19 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; 19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.***

- Now we're looking at the 4<sup>th</sup> and final church in Chapter 2.
- The Church in Thyatira is doing good works. They have love, service, faith, patience, and good works.
- And their works are increasing and they are doing better and better with their works.
- That's who we want to be. We want to do good works and get better all the time.
- Now, let's see what they're doing wrong.

***[58] Revelation 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.***

- The Church in Thyatira is allowing the women Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce the people within the church.
- They are committing fornication within the church and eating things sacrificed to idols.
- The BIG mistake they've made here is allowing a woman to teach within the church.
- Hey, guess what? That's not my rule. That's God's rule in the Bible. Let's see what the Bible says:

***[59] 1 Timothy 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.***

- This isn't a coincidence that Jezebel is teaching within the Church and Jesus Himself says the Church is doing WRONG and that He has things AGAINST THEE because they are suffering a woman to teach!!!
- How more clear can that be? Yet, "Christians" today won't hear the word of God and do what He says.

- And it's just like this Church in the Book of Revelation.
- People might say that they were allowing a bad woman to teach and that was the problem.
- Yes, but they weren't supposed to allow ANY woman to teach and doing so led to things even worse.
- When something goes against the Bible, things will not turn out for the better. They will get worse.
- If 1 Timothy isn't clear enough, there's more.

**[60] 1 Corinthians 14:34 *Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.***

- Again, women are not to be teaching in the churches. If so, Jesus Himself will not approve.
- He says so in the Book of Revelation. It's very clear. Again, that's not my rule.
- And this isn't my church or your church. Jesus runs this, and we'll do what He says.
- In today's world, telling women they can't teach in the Church sure isn't popular and most preachers will say NOTHING like that because they don't want to lose their offering.
- The people who are in the church should instead want to follow the Bible.
- I know my wife's feelings aren't hurt at all because SHE FEARS GOD.
- And she wants to follow God's rules because she understand who God is.

If you want to go against God, you're going to lose.

- Why would you want to go against the Almighty God if you're saved?
- If you're saved and understand God, you'll do your best to do what He says.
- He is your Father, and He can punish you greatly in this life even if you're saved.
- Jezebel was committing fornication with SAVED people in the Church of Thyatira.
- Continuing in verse 21 of Revelation Chapter 2.

**[61] Revelation 2:21-22 *And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.***

- Jesus gave Jezebel a chance to repent of fornication and she didn't repent.
- Now, the punishment is coming to her and those who commit fornication.
- Is Jesus going to throw the saved people into hell? No, because they are saved.
- They didn't repent of their sin so the punishment in their life is coming to them unless they repent.
- Understand that today.
- If you are saved and continuing to commit the same sins over and over again, expect punishment from God Himself in this life.

Jesus is going to cast them into great tribulation.

- So again, the saved people will go through GREAT TRIBULATION!!!
- More proof that Christians will go through tribulation.
- But this time, the tribulation is coming from God Himself because of wrong doing.
- Other tribulation comes from the world because you are doing things the right way.
- Tribulation can come from the world or it can come directly from Jesus Himself.
- The Bible says so right here.

Tribulation is simply troubles, affliction, persecution.

- The Bible is very clear that God will punish His people for things they do wrong in this life.
- The punishment will never be hell because you're saved, but He can do great harm to you here in this life.
- You don't want that so repent of your sins and He will be merciful unto you. Understand this today.

***[62] Hebrews 12:6-7 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?***

- Scourgeth means to whip, lash, or punish severely.
- If God doesn't punish you for going against Him over and over again, this means you aren't a child of God.
- He is a good Father who will punish and direct your ways.

In other words, you might be saved and going to heaven BUT go and sin no more.

- Try your best to stop all the sin. Walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh. Jesus says to stop sinning.
- This means go do your best to stop sinning. Get better each day.
- Do that, and your rewards in heaven will be AMAZING.
- Don't do that and be ready for punishment from God.

With clear words from the Bible, the last Church I was at taught that God doesn't punish you and that He only loves you.

- Punishment is not love they would say. False.
- God says He punishes those that He loves when they do wrong.
- We need to get away from false preaching and false churches.
- The Bible is very clear that God does punish his people.

***[63] Revelation 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.***

- Look, God is a serious God. He says He will kill her children for her sins.
- You might say: "Hey, that's not fair." And I say: "Hey, you don't know what's fair."
- I'll quote God from the Book of Job when Job was questioning God.
- God shows up in a whirlwind and throws many, many questions right back at Job.

***[64] Job 38:2-5 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? 3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. 4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.***

- Job was a wise, wise man. God spent 2 full chapters shooting questions at Job.
- When God was finished, Job said this (and I love this because this is what I need to do many times and I try to my best to do this when I need to).
- So hear how Job responded back to God:

***[65] Job 40:1-4 Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said, 2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it. 3 Then Job answered the LORD, and said, 4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.***

- Job is saying I will now SHUT MY MOUTH for I know nothing.



- So when you think something in the Bible isn't fair, it's time to put your hand over your mouth and understand God Almighty.
- Understand that your children can be punished by God for the sins you commit.
- Understand that today.
- This happens throughout the Bible so make sure you're following God for your children too.
- Back to Revelation 2 verse 23.

***[66] Revelation 2:23-24 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. 24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.***

- God calls fornication and eating things sacrificed unto idols the DEPTHS OF SATAN.
- God takes fornication seriously. No one tells the people of the world this any more.
- Preachers don't preach against sin any more.
- They're scared to lose their paycheck and to make their church members angry.
- Fornication or sexual relations outside of marriage is VERY serious. Don't do it.
- There are people in the Church at Thyatira who are doing good works and not doing the evil works.
- Let's continue in verse 25.

***[67] Revelation 2:25-29 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.***

- Jesus is telling those people to keep the good works unto the end and He will give them power over the nations.
- He says they will rule with Him with a rod of iron.
- So this is talking about the time period when Jesus rules over the Earth.
- Stay faithful with good works unto the end and you may just rule over the nations with Jesus.
- There are different levels in heaven based on the rewards you receive.

Christians who are saved but don't do much for God won't rule over much.

- But those who are faithful, who suffer for Christ, and work hard for God will rule with a rod of iron.
- Jesus doesn't hand out stuffed animals and say: "I love you" and then starts crying.
- The false teaching in the world today is that Jesus is some emotional and soft person who hands out stuffed animals to everyone and only loves, loves, loves all the time.
- No, that's not Jesus. That's some other "Jesus." Jesus will rule with a rod of iron!!!
- And we will be ruling with Him.
- Do you remember the Old Testament law that puts people to death for not obeying their parents?
- Well, that kind of ruling with a rod of iron will be back when Jesus is ruling here on Earth.
- In verse 28, Jesus says He will give them the morning star. What's the morning star?

***[68] Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.***



- Jesus is the bright and morning star. Jesus is within us if we are saved. Understand that.
- That last verse 29 says: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

Notice this has been repeated throughout this Chapter. This means this Book is for you! Do you have ears?

- Then it's for you. Don't let someone tell you that this is written to the Jews only or someone else and that you don't need to understand it.
- And don't let them do it to the rest of the Bible either.
- They like to divide the Bible so much that they say that books not for us and the Old Testament isn't valid any more.
- They will say things like: "God has changed in the New Testament."
- So I guess God has mellowed out in His old age??? They say He has changed His ways.
- And I say, "Blah, blah, blah. God doesn't change. This entire Bible is for us. All of it."
- Every bit of it is ours to learn from.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 3

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 3."

- We'll be going through Chapter 3 verse by verse today so please open your Bibles to Revelation Chapter 3.
- In Revelation Chapter 2, Jesus began giving messages to the 7 literal churches that were in Asia at the time that John wrote the Book of Revelation.
- The time of the writing of the Book of Revelation is towards the end of the first century when John was in the Island of Patmos.
- We went over 4 of the 7 churches in Chapter 2 so we'll continue with the fifth church right now.

[3] ***Revelation 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.***

- We're looking at the Church in Sardis. Jesus is the one who has the seven Spirits of God.
- We went over these previously, but you can find these 7 Spirits in the Book of Isaiah Chapter 11.
- The 7 Spirits are the Spirit of the Lord, wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and the Spirit of the fear of the Lord.
- The seven stars are the angels of the 7 churches.
- Jesus is speaking to us here in every verse of this Chapter so let's pay attention.

[4] ***Revelation 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.***

- Jesus is telling them here that they have a "name" that is living but are actually dead.
- He says He has not found their works perfect before God.
- What does Jesus mean when He says they are actually dead? He's talking about their works here.
- These are saved people. They are His church, but their works are dead.

Please understand that once you believe on Jesus, you're saved and are alive forevermore.

- This is a BASIC teaching throughout the entire Bible and one that you MUST understand to put together the rest of the teaching throughout the Bible.
- Once you're saved, you're expected to do good works for God.
- But, if you don't, you're still saved and going to heaven because He said you HAVE eternal life.

In other words, do you know anyone whose been saved in their life and now doesn't do anything for God?

- Oh yeah, those people are the majority. They aren't hard to find.
- In other words, they are saved but their faith is dead and not producing anything.

[5] ***James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.***

- When the Bible says faith is dead does that mean the faith no longer exists? No.
- Same with a tree. Think of a tree growing and producing seed/fruit.
- When it grows and produces fruit, it's due to its faith.
- If a tree doesn't grow anymore and doesn't produce any fruit, you might say the tree is dead.

- But, does the tree still exist? Is it still there?
- Yes, the tree still exists but it's dead because it's not growing and producing fruit.

Notice that James 2:26 doesn't say "FAITH WITHOUT WORKS DOESN'T EXIST."

- It's says faith without works is dead.
- Does it say the person who has faith without works is going to hell?
- See: You can't automatically see that and say the person that has FAITH WITHOUT WORKS is going to hell.
- That's not what it says. It says the person has faith without works.
- Faith alone saves you because the Bible says so over and over again.
- Back to Revelation Chapter 3.

The same thing is happening here with the Churches.

- They weren't doing good works so they weren't growing and profiting Jesus Christ.
- They were a dead church.
- And there's many of those same dead churches around here today that aren't going out and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Most of them don't even know the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They don't understand it, and it's very simple.

But remember, Jesus is talking to His Churches so these are definitely SAVED people.

- This is more proof that FAITH WITHOUT WORKS doesn't mean you're going to hell.
- Think of this: There are days when you don't have works to go with your faith.
- You're faith is considered dead that day. Did you lose your salvation?
- Then, when you did good works a few days later, did you get your salvation back?
- Then you lost it again another day. Then got it back? This makes no sense because salvation is eternal.
- The Bible NEVER says you earn it by doing good works, then lose it when you don't, then get it back, and so on.
- That's just silly, and I've believed that MYSELF because I listened to MAN and not GOD.
- Now, we listen to God and we KNOW that we HAVE eternal life.

So Jesus, in Revelation 2 and 3, is giving us examples of good and bad things for all churches.

- These were 7 literal churches in that time, but He wrote the book for us.
- Many teachers and preachers around here will say that there are 7 church ages, and we're not living in that church age so we don't need to understand this. That's a lie.
- The Book of Revelation is written to us to REVEAL things that we need to know.
- Revelation is REVEALING things to us.
- Jesus is showing His servants things which must shortly come to pass.

For example, there are churches that were on fire for Jesus Christ at one time.

- They have a great reputation, but NOW they are dead meaning they aren't doing the good works Jesus wants them to do.
- Does it mean they are going to hell when Jesus says they are dead? No!
- They are saved, but they aren't doing what God asks them to do.
- They may still have a great reputation, but they just aren't preaching the word of God any more.
- What if someone hears about all the great works we do as a Church and they're excited to come here and they get here and we're all just lazy, not doing anything for God, and just sitting in Church daydreaming?

- Going home watching TV all week, connected to the world, never growing in faith, never reading our Bibles, never producing any fruit for God.
- That's a similar situation here with the Church at Sardis. We don't want to be like that.
- Let's continue in verse 3.

**[6] Revelation 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.**

- Jesus is telling them to WAKE UP, REPENT, HOLD FAST, and change your ways.
- If you don't watch, He will come on them as a thief and they won't know when He's coming.
- We need to listen when Jesus talks.
- And keep in mind, these are SAVED people He's talking to here because He's talking to HIS CHURCH!

The Bible has symbolic meanings everywhere and it's amazing.

- You have to know your Bible to pick up on many of these. For example, when you hear "I will come on thee as a thief in that verse right there" this might remind you of 1 Thessalonians Chapter 5.
- Again, Jesus is saying if you do not watch, He will come upon you as a thief.
- He doesn't say He is coming upon all as a thief. He says if you do not watch.
- False teachers teach that rapture can come at any moment at any time because it's coming like a thief in the night for everyone.

Well, let's go back and look at where false teachers get this stuff and see if that's what it says about the rapture.

- 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 is the most well known Rapture chapter and everyone I've known has always agreed that this is the Rapture in Chapter 4.
- Let's look at some of Chapter 4, and then we'll see where Chapter 5 matches perfectly with what we see in Revelation Chapter 3 verse 3.

**[7] 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

- So right there is the end of Chapter 4.
- This is clearly talking about the rapture.
- Now look at the next verse in Chapter 5.

**[8] 1 Thessalonians 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.**

- We talked about this in the past Revelation Chapter's teaching, but notice the first word is "But" which happens to be a conjunction.
- This means it's continuing to talk about the same thing.
- No one in their right mind would argue that, but many people do so they sure aren't in their right mind.
- The word BUT right there is continuing the teaching about the rapture.

- So, we don't need to know the times and seasons of the Rapture. Why? He tells us in the next verse.

[9] **1 Thessalonians 5:2** *For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.*

- He says: "I don't need to tell you when the Day of the Lord is coming because you already know that the Day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night."
- The Rapture takes place on the Day of the Lord.
- If it didn't, why would we not need to know when it was coming?
- He says you already know it's coming on the Day of the Lord.
- Anyone who is sincere and wants to learn the truth in the Bible cannot ignore that right there.

But, the false teachers and preachers will continue to ignore that and make up fairy tales about the Rapture.

- Their fairy tales are not in the Bible.
- If you study throughout the entire Bible, Old and New Testament, the Day of the Lord is ALWAYS characterized by the Sun and Moon being darkened.
- ALWAYS. Here's an example from the book of Joel.

[10] **Joel 2:31** *The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.*

- That same verse is repeated in Acts 2:20.
- The Day of the Lord is going to be both a great day and a terrible day.
- You might ask: "How can it be great and terrible?"
- It's going to be GREAT for God's SAVED people and it's going to be terrible for those who aren't SAVED.

Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 are all talking about the Day of the Lord when the sun and moon is darkened.

- They also state that the Day of the Lord is AFTER THE TRIBULATION.
- It's very easy to see IF you haven't been indoctrinated with all the false teaching that the rapture is NOT before the tribulation.
- You've probably also been taught that God's wrath is being poured out during the tribulation and that is also false.

Those chapters also talk about God's people being gathered together.

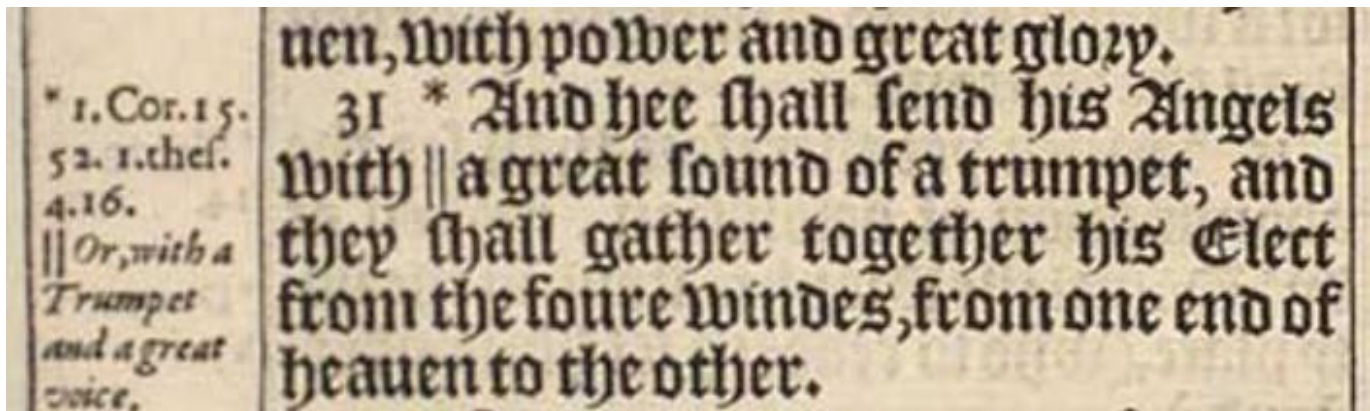
- Obviously, it's talking about the rapture and if you're sincere and will let go of any man-made teaching, you will see exactly what the Bible says.
- I'm not adding anything to it like the false doctrines do.
- They even tell you that you have to do mental gymnastics to make the pre-tribulation rapture work.
- Well, with what I'm telling you, you don't have to do any of that nonsense.

God wrote it plain and clear, and it's easy to see.

- You'll see that what I'm teaching here today is EXACTLY what's written in the Bible with nothing added or nothing taken away.
- Some false preachers will tell you that the post-tribulation, pre-wrath rapture that I'm teaching today was just invented here lately.
- It wasn't. Here's proof of that.

- The King James Bible translators, who you might say knew the Bible pretty well, put a reference note right there in Matthew 24:31 referencing 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

[11] Here's proof of that. That's a picture from my 1611 King James Bible.



- Even the King James Bible translators knew Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, and even 1 Corinthians 15:32 were talking about the same event.
- But false preachers today, who make absolutely no sense with what the Bible actually says, will argue that.
- It's amazing to me. Wake up people. Don't fall for false doctrine and false teaching.

Those same people will call me a false preacher because they are holding to their man-made teaching.

- Well, guess what? There's a truth in there somewhere, and I'll choose what the Bible says over your man-made fairy tales.
- The Bible is the truth, and this is THE ONLY TRUTH we have in this world. Understand that today.
- So now, let's continue to look at Thessalonians 5 because this is very important to understand.
- Let's review the 1 Thessalonians Chapter 5 verse and continue reading in context.

**[12] 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.**

- So again, it's saying the Day of the Lord, which the rapture takes place on, cometh as a thief in the night.
- Don't STOP reading right there, though.
- You MUST continue line upon line in the Bible to understand each verse.
- Who does it come like a thief in the night for? Let's continue and see.

**[13] 1 Thessalonians 5:3-5 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.**

- Do you see that? This matches with Revelation 3:3 perfectly.
- Look, Verse 4 says right there that YOU BRETHREN are not in darkness that this day will overtake you as a thief.

- He says: "You are the children of light." Let's continue with the next verse in 1 Thessalonians 5:6.

**[14] 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.**

- So, today, you have all of these movies showing that the Rapture can happen at any moment and everyone starts believing that false teaching that's all around here in the churches today.
- Don't be fooled. Read and know your Bibles. The Bible says to let us not sleep. Let us watch and be sober.

The Rapture cannot happen at any moment. It won't happen tonight.

- It cannot happen until many other things take place. The Bible is VERY clear about this.
- And you're going to see that once you listen to God's words, THE TRUTH.
- For God's SAVED people, the day will not come upon YOU like a thief in the night.
- It's that simple. It says it VERY clearly right there.

Now, is every believer and saved person watching and reading their Bibles and learning what's going to happen?

- No, not even close. This is why we're being commanded to watch right there.
- He's trying to tell us to WATCH!
- So, that's why we're here right now.
- We're studying and learning the Book of Revelation so we know what to watch for.
- Others could care less, including Christians. We know its importance so we're going to learn and watch.
- In 1 Thessalonians 5:7, it talks about being drunken and not watching for that day.
- Guess what? Matthew 24 says the same thing. Hear this today.

**[15] Matthew 24:48-50 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; 49 And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,**

- It's saying the same thing over and over again. It's saying the same thing in Revelation 3:3.
- Now that you've heard and seen all of those verse, let's go back to Revelation 3:3 and see if it makes sense.

**[16] Revelation 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.**

- Do you see that? If you do not watch, I will come on thee as a thief.
- He's not telling ALL BELIEVERS that He will come upon them like a thief.
- He's telling all that aren't watching that He will come upon THEM as a thief.

The Bible tells us everything that's going to happen before the Rapture and the Day of the Lord takes place.

- We learn about the antichrist, wars, famine, pestilences, death, martyrs, the Abomination of Desolation in which people are made to worship an image or be killed.
- We learn that the sun and moon will be darkened first. Have these things happened? No.
- This means Jesus isn't coming back at any moment. He tells us to watch and see these things.



- Then, we'll know the Day of the Lord is approaching.
- If we believe the Day of the Lord can happen at any moment and is happening next in the chain of events BUT the antichrist coming next is what really happens, what do you think that means?
- The antichrist is going to deceive people and some are going to think it's Jesus coming back. And it's not.
- Jesus coming back is NOT the next event that's going to happen. Understand that today.
- Going back to Revelation Chapter 3 verse 4.

**[17] Revelation 3:4 *Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.***

- So listen to this verse.
- What this tells me is that even though the Church as a whole is dead, there are still a few names in Sardis that are doing good.
- So not all of them are dead. He says those shall walk with me in white for they are worthy.
- This also tells us that it's better to be in a TRUE CHURCH of BELIEVERS that are not doing what they're supposed to be doing than to NOT go to Church at all.
- Some people make excuses not to go to Church because there's no good church around.
- Well, I agree with you on the part that there's a shortage of good churches around here, and that's why this Church is here now.

I was sick of going to Church and NEVER learning the Bible.

- You've learned more of the Bible already today than you'll learn in years at other churches.
- And that's sickening. It really is.
- There's so much for us to learn and churches aren't helping us learn anything.
- Instead, we get the same false teaching about love, love, love everyone no matter what when the Bible CLEARLY doesn't teach that AT ALL, ANYWHERE.

This verse 4 is telling us that it's better to be in Church somewhere than to not attend at all.

- If you're serious about God, then you need to be in a TRUE Church somewhere.
- But make sure the Church understands the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- If not, I don't consider that to be a Church.

For example, don't go to a Catholic church. That's not Church.

- You should stay at home before you do that.
- In the United States, though, you should be able to find a TRUE BIBLE BELIEVING CHURCH somewhere close.
- And don't just take their word that they believe the Bible is the word of God.
- Ask them if they believe the Bible has errors within it?
- If they do, they don't believe the Bible is the word of God because God doesn't make mistakes.
- Find a King James Bible believing Church somewhere and go there.

**[18] Hebrews 10:24-25 *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.***

- Notice the NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER as the manner of some is.

- Listen, understand the importance of gathering together with a group of believers in a local church.
- It's VERY important. We're here for each other. We're here to comfort each other.
- If someone is in need in our Church, we're going to make sure you get what you need.
- That's why we gather together. We support each other in all ways.
- We don't just take, take, take all the time. We give, give, give and we take as needed.
- Understand that. We help and support each other.

Notice that verse also says there at the end that we need to be gathering together more often as the Day of the Lord approaches.

- This is very important. This is why we have 3 services each week.
- This is why we go out soul winning together.
- Let's continue there in verse 5 of Revelation Chapter 3.

**[19] Revelation 3:5 *He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.***

- If you remember from Chapter 2, Jesus is speaking here to all the Churches and He gives each message to each Church in a similar format.
- Remember, He's talking to the 5<sup>th</sup> Church in Sardis right now.
- He says something similar about "HE THAT OVERCOMETH" to every church.
- We learned previously what overcometh means. Let's look at that again quickly in 1 John 5 verses 4 and 5.
- And I want to look at this because false preachers will tell you that you must OVERCOME to make it to heaven.
- That you must stop sinning, repent of your sins always, continue in good works, and endure to the end to be saved.
- The Bible doesn't say this EVER. Here's what the Bible defines OVERCOMING as:

**[20] 1 John 5:4-5 *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?***

- You are an overcomer if you believe that Jesus is the Son of God.
- You will be clothed in white raiment says Revelation 3:5.
- Let's look back at that verse because we need to look at it a little closer.

**[21] Revelation 3:5 *He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.***

- Jesus says those that overcometh, or those who are saved, He will not BLOT out their name from the Book of Life.
- But instead He will confess His name before His Father and before His angels.
- There's much argument over that verse especially because SO MANY PEOPLE teach that you can lose your salvation.
- The Bible is very clear that you cannot lose your salvation.
- God will NEVER blot out your name from the Book of Life because you HAVE eternal life already.
- If He took it out once you HAVE eternal life, that would make God a liar.

- He says so Himself in 1 John Chapter 5.

**[22] 1 John 5:10-11** *He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*

- Once you're saved, you HAVE eternal life.
- Once you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to save you, you're saved. It's that simple.
- You're born of God. He is your Father. He will never leave you NOR forsake you.

Revelation 3:5 NEVER says you can lose your salvation.

- It says HE WILL NOT BLOT OUT YOUR NAME FROM THE BOOK OF LIFE.
- Some people will say that this implies that He can blot out your name.
- We believe all names are written in the Book of Life from the beginning just like the Bible says.
- Then, your name can be blotted out if you're NEVER saved.
- If you're saved, your name will NEVER be blotted out.

We'll talk more about this later in other chapters in Revelation when this is mentioned again.

- It's actually mentioned 6 more times in the Book of Revelation for a total of 7 times.
- We'll go over it in more detail each time it's mentioned.
- So remember Revelation 3:5 and how God will not blot out the saved from His Book of Life.

**[23] Revelation 3:6** *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

- Again, this is saying if YOU HAVE EARS, you need to HEAR this message that Jesus is giving to His Churches.
- It doesn't say: "Hey, you don't need to know this because this is some fairy tale church age that man made up."
- It says, "If you have ears, you better hear these messages."
- That concludes the message to the Church in Sardis.
- Let's move to the Sixth Church, the Church in Philadelphia.

**[24] Revelation 3:7** *And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;*

- This is a quote from Isaiah Chapter 22, which says this:

**[25] Isaiah 22:22** *And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.*

- This is talking about Jesus Christ so again, Jesus is speaking here in Revelation 3 verse 7.
- Let's continue in verse 8.

**[26] Revelation 3:8-9** *I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. 9 Behold, I will make*

***them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.***

- So Jesus tells them here that He knows their works.
- He says they have not denied His name and they have kept His word.
- And then He continues by saying He will make THEM of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews and are not.
- He will make them to come and worship before their feet.

So, obviously, the false Jews, or the people who say they are Jews and are not, are persecuting the Church at Philadelphia.

- This Church is holding on with the little strength they have and not denying the name of Jesus.
- Jesus says, "Don't Worry!!! They will know that I have loved thee when they are worshipping me before your feet."
- So those of the Synagogue of Satan don't know that God loves the people in the Church of Philadelphia.
- Doesn't that sound familiar if you know the religion of Judaism?
- They don't think God loves anyone else but them.
- The Bible teaches us that the Jews believe that over and over again so it makes perfect sense.

***[27] 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: 15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: 16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.***

- It says right there in that verse that the false Jews killed Jesus, are contrary to all men, and forbid the Apostles to speak to the Gentiles.
- Again, more proof in the Bible. Clear proof.
- The religion of Judaism believes they are on a higher level and many Christians today put them on a pedestal which makes it worse.

In Chapter 2, we talked about the religion of Judaism being the synagogue of Satan because they are the only religion with synagogues, and they deny the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Jesus is God. Deny Him and you deny all 3 of the Godhead.
- Again, the Church of Philadelphia is being persecuted by the false Jews.

***[28] 1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.***

- So again, this isn't a race issue with the Jewish race. This is a BELIEF issue.
- God doesn't care what race you are because He gave you life. What He cares about is your belief.
- If you don't believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (Christ means Messiah which means Savior), the Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, then you're antichrist.
- ANTI-CHRIST. It's pretty easy to understand. If you're ANTI-CHRIST, you're ANTI-CHRIST.
- You deny Christ Jesus.

The religion of Judaism says we aren't Anti-Christ because they say Jesus is NOT the Messiah, is NOT the Christ.

- But guess what? The Bible says Jesus is the Christ. Jesus is the Savior.
- One is lying: 1) The religion of Judaism or 2) God. Which one will you choose?
- A man-made religion of Judaism or the Bible which is God's word, which has been preserved for us?
- I'll choose God.
- The entire Bible centers around God dividing people into 2 groups: those who BELIEVE and those who DON'T BELIEVE.
- There are no other categories.
- 1 Peter Chapter 2 tells us that those who BELIEVE are God's Chosen People!!!

**[29] 1 Peter 2:9-10 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.**

- It's not about your race or being God's chosen race like the Jewish race believes.
- Now that's being racist.
- So the racist people who believe they are the ONLY ONES who God chooses are the ONES calling other people racist for even mentioning the word Jew and something negative.
- Well, the Bible does it over and over again. It's not racism my friends. We're not talking about a race.

The Bible is trying to say the religion of Judaism is the SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN because they don't BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ.

- It's that simple. It has nothing to do with race. God doesn't care about race.
- The Bible NEVER says that God cares about YOUR RACE. He doesn't.
- If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you're a Jew, then you're SAVED.
- You aren't the Synagogue of Satan.

If you believe on Jesus Christ and you aren't a Jew, you're saved.

- If you believe on Jesus, it doesn't matter what race you are AT ALL.
- Nothing else matters. If you believe, you're saved. It's that simple.
- You see: it's YOUR CHOICE on whether or not YOU BELIEVE.

God doesn't reject ANYONE based on what you can't help. You can't help your race.

- You didn't get a choice. I can't help that I'm a white male that the world hates now.
- You can't help your gender, male or female. You didn't get a choice. You don't get to choose your gender.
- God gave it to you and you can't change it no matter what you do.
- God gives you the choice whether to BELIEVE or NOT to BELIEVE.
- This is how you know Salvation is the Gift of God. God doesn't discriminate on things that you can't help.

But, you see, the religion of Judaism thinks different.

- That religion thinks they are the only CHOSEN ONES based on their race, something they can't help and something you can't help.
- THIS IS FALSE. And you'll see that as you read and study your Bible over and over again.
- Let's go back to Revelation 3 verse 10 and continue there.

**[30] Revelation 3:10-11** *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.*

- The false teachers that believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture will take this verse, Revelation 3:10, and say that THIS PROVES THERE IS A PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE.
- They use this to say that the Bible says God will save His people from the 7-year Tribulation.
- The truth is the Bible doesn't say this and it NEVER says there is a 7-year Tribulation Period.
- We talked about that in Revelation 1 and 2.

Let's look at that verse again. Revelation 3:10. Do you see the word tribulation there?

- No, it's not there. Do you see the number 7 anywhere there? No. Do you see years in that verse? No.
- There's nothing about coming in the clouds, sun and moon darkened, no trumpet sounding, or anything else that matches their fairy tale.
- It's more made up stuff and adding things to God's words.
- They build the entire doctrine of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture on Revelation 3:10.
- And I don't see that there. Do you?
- No one can see that there without indoctrinating people with that false teaching. Let's read it again.

**[31] Revelation 3:10** *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

- Without indoctrination from man, you can't see a pre-tribulation rapture in that verse!
- People who are indoctrinated will look at that and see: "I'm saved so I won't go through any tribulation."
- That's not what it says.
- The verse says hour of TEMPTATION and NOT TRIBULATION. It's not there! Open your eyes and see that.

Also, one hour of temptation has nothing to do with 7 years of tribulation.

- The Bible doesn't say that one hour of temptation equals 7 years of tribulation anywhere.
- Even symbolically, the Bible NEVER says this.
- If we look for a symbolic meaning in that verse, we have to base that on what the Bible says and not some made up fairy tale that sounds good.
- If you look at the Book of Revelation and look for what the one hour of temptation really means, you'll find that one hour in the Book of Revelation is referring to God's wrath being poured out, His judgment upon the Earth in every instance.

So, if Revelation 3:10 was actually talking about the Rapture, does it prove a Pre-Tribulation Rapture?

- No, because it always refers to one hour as the time at when God's wrath is poured out.
- It would only prove a PRE-WRATH RAPTURE and not a PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE.
- And we aren't sure that's what the verse is even talking about there.
- But, an entire false doctrine is based upon that same verse.

Tribulation and God's wrath being poured out is not the same thing.

- Christians will go through tribulation.
- They will not go through God's wrath because they will be raptured before God's wrath is poured out.

- 1) Tribulation, 2) Then Jesus comes back in the clouds and catches us away, 3) then God's wrath is poured out.

[32] **Matthew 24:29-30** *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

- Revelation 6 matches Matthew 24.
- There was tribulation occurring in Revelation 6 and then this verse says this:

[33] **Revelation 6:12** *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;*

- Then we move down to the last verse in Revelation Chapter 6 that says this:

[34] **Revelation 6:17** *For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

- The Day of the Lord is a great and terrible day.
- God's people are raptured away and the wrath of God will begin in that hour.
- In other words, the sun and moon are darkened AFTER THE TRIBULATION.
- The Bible says so. The Day of the Lord comes AFTER THE TRIBULATION.
- Jesus comes in the clouds. Then, God's wrath is poured out.
- Jesus doesn't come back BEFORE THE TRIBULATION. Do you see that?

The Bible is very clear, but we've been confused because of false teaching. Let's get it straight right now.

- I'm tired of lies. NO MORE DECEPTION!!!
- Back to Revelation 3:12 and we'll continue.

[35] **Revelation 3:12-13** *Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. 13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

- Let's make this clear right now.
- That verse there says that the new Jerusalem will come down out of heaven.
- This CLEARLY means the current Jerusalem is not the City of God.
- The heavenly Jerusalem is the CITY OF GOD.
- The Bible evens says in Galatians that the current Jerusalem is in bondage with her children and the Jerusalem above is free. See this:

[36] **Galatians 4:25-26** *For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. 26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.*

- The current Jerusalem is representative of bondage, false religion, false salvation and the new Jerusalem represents freedom, liberty, salvation by grace through faith, THE TRUTH.



- If you don't believe that the current religion of Judaism is the Synagogue of Satan, read Galatians 3 and 4.
- You'll see after you read and study those Chapters. It's very clear.
- Let's move onto the final and seventh Church starting there in verse 14 of Revelation 3.

**[37] Revelation 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;**

- Notice Jesus calls Himself the "AMEN" right here. Amen means TRUTH.
- It's the same as VERILY, VERILY which means TRULY, TRULY.
- In other words, don't say AMEN to anything that isn't TRUTH.
- I've been in Churches where the Preacher wants everyone to say AMEN to everything he says.
- I've been told by that Preacher to say AMEN when he said, "All of you are lazy bums SAY AMEN."
- Did I say AMEN to that? No, because I'm not a lazy bum. I hope you can see that today.
- When the truth is spoken, you can say AMEN but don't say AMEN unless it's the TRUTH.

Jesus is THE AMEN. Jesus is THE TRUTH. Jesus is THE WAY. Jesus is THE LIFE. And you can say AMEN to that!

- Notice it says right there that Jesus is the faithful and TRUE WITNESS.
- There are 3 that bear record in heaven. All 3 are TRUE WITNESSES to EACH OTHER.
- They bear record of each other. If there were ONE, there would be no witness.

**[38] John 5:31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.**

- But the Bible tells us God is 3 in 1.
- There is ONLY ONE GOD, but God exists as God the Father, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit.
- I want to take a minute to focus on the last part of Revelation 3:14. Let's read it again.

**[39] Revelation 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;**

- THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD.
- Some people will look at that and say Jesus was created by God. That's false.
- The Bible tells us Jesus is God. He is eternal.
- In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word WAS GOD.
- He wasn't created in the beginning. He is THE BEGINNING. He was always there.
- All things were created through Him in the beginning.
- Jesus is the Beginning of the Creation of God. He was there with God in the beginning and He is God.

**[40] Colossians 1:15-17 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.**

- Colossians 1 matches with Revelation 3. Jesus is the beginning and the end.
- He is the ALPHA and OMEGA. He wasn't created in the beginning. He is THE BEGINNING.
- Colossians tells us ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIM and FOR HIM!!!
- He is before ALL THINGS and by HIM all things consist. Do you understand that today?

- Jesus didn't just show up about 2,100 years ago. He's been there FOREVER.

Let's move onto Revelation 3 verse 15.

**[41] Revelation 3:15-17 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:**

- Look, this Church of Laodicea is neither cold nor hot. They aren't fired up and they aren't cold.
- They're just like OKAY. Jesus compares them to a beverage here.
- He says, "Since you're neither cold NOR hot, I will spue you out of my mouth."
- You can think of ice cold water when you're hot. Nothing tastes better than ice cold water.
- Then you can think of a cup of hot chocolate or hot apple cider or coffee when you're freezing.
- Nothing tastes better than that hot drink.

But let's say you get a lukewarm drink when you want something cold or hot, it disgusts you.

- You're like: "Come on, give me something cold or give me something hot."
- Jesus is saying the same thing here. He's saying that lukewarm makes Him sick and He'll spit you out.
- Have you ever seen someone spit out their drink when they drink something they weren't expecting?
- Well, same thing goes here in this verse.

If Jesus finds us to be not excited and not caring about what He asks us to care about, then He will be disgusted with us.

- So, listen, let's not be that way. Let's get HOT and stay HOT.
- Let's get the Gospel out to all of this community. That's what Jesus needs from us.
- And we will do it together.
- It's going to take a great effort from all of us, and God chose us to get His word out. Why?
- Because He knows we work hard. He knows that.
- We'll work as a team just as He asks us to do and WE WILL get this done for Him and through Him.
- Now, take a look at Verse 17 there.

**[42] Revelation 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:**

- So, this is a group of people who SAY: "I AM RICH. I NEED NOTHING."
- But here's what Jesus says they're really like.
- He says they are wretched, miserable, poor, blinded, and naked. He says, you aren't rich. You might have a lot in this life, but you're wretched and poor. You're naked.
- On that topic. The Bible always brings up topics we need to know and understand.
- Have you seen people who dress like they're naked? They might as well be naked. Wake up people.
- We need to look at how we're dressing to make sure we aren't dressing naked.

**[43] Exodus 28:42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach:**

- If you aren't covering your thighs, this means your naked.

**[44] *Isaiah 47:2-3 Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. 3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.***

- So the Bible is clear that uncovering your thighs is showing your nakedness. This isn't just for women.
- This is for men too. Just going through the airport, you'll see half naked people everywhere. It's amazing.
- If you preach this today, you'll get laughs because people will say: "We're more progressive than that in today's society. You want to go back to the 40's when women couldn't show their thighs?"
- Guess what? I'm talking about men and women.
- We shouldn't be showing our nakedness because the Bible says so.

**[45] *Isaiah 20:4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.***

- So, walking around with your butt uncovered in a bathing suit is also your nakedness. Don't do it.
- When you're at a swimming pool, everyone around is in clothing that's even skimpier than the underwear you would normally wear.
- People have nightmares about showing up to work in their underwear BUT I guess the pool doesn't bother them.
- You see: after reading and knowing the Bible, I cannot wear something like that at a swimming pool.

You'll wake up and realize the thighs and butt is YOUR nakedness.

- You'll be like: "Am I really wearing this in public?" The Bible will open your eyes.
- You see: the Bible very clearly says the loins (or the groin area), the thighs, and the butt is your nakedness.
- This goes for men and women and children.
- I've seen men wearing worse things in public than women.
- Though, there are probably more women that expose their nakedness than men.
- It's time to start following the Bible. You might be thinking: "Well, I don't agree with that."
- Okay, you don't agree with God. You see: God is God, and we aren't.
- God EXPECTS us to listen to what HE SAYS and not what WE SAY. It's not what we think. It's what HE SAYS.
- Don't make up your own rules. God sets the rules.
- Let's continue in Revelation 3 verse 18.

**[46] *Revelation 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.***

- Jesus is telling them to go do good works. Go spread the Gospel and stop being lukewarm.
- Then, you will buy of Jesus GOLD TRIED IN THE FIRE. Good works get you rewards in heaven.
- This is what He's telling them to go do if they want to be rich.
- He tells them to do those things for rewards from Jesus Himself.
- He's telling them to be clothed that the shame of their nakedness does not appear. Do you see?
- It's a shame to be naked. And then He says to anoint their eyes with eyesalve so they may see.

- The Bible will open your eyes to the TRUTH. And let me tell you: It DOES NOT match AT ALL what the world tells you.
- Listen to the Bible, and your eyes will be opened. When God says your thighs are nakedness and its shameful, you'll cover your thighs.
- Your eyes will be opened and you will see is what Jesus is saying here.
- Wake up and STOP being lukewarm. Follow what the Bible says. Do what the Bible says.
- That's how you stay HOT and not lukewarm. HOT doesn't disgust Jesus.

[47] ***Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.***

- Now take a close look at that verse. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.
- According to the world today, that's not love.
- Rebuking and chastening is correcting someone and punishing someone for not doing right.
- The world today says if you do that, it's not love.
- Love is loving everyone and never rebuking or punishing anyone. Real love is loving everyone no matter what. Wow, that's false.

And that worldly thinking should sound more and more foreign to you as you read and learn the Bible more and more.

- If you're not reading and studying the Bible, you will agree with the world because you hear it more than you hear the Bible.
- We have to separate ourselves to the Gospel, to God, and not the world.
- If you find yourself siding with the world more than the Bible, you have a problem my friend. A BIG PROBLEM.
- People sure don't like to be rebuked. They will hate for you it. They will try to shut you up.
- They will not let you speak any more. They don't want to be rebuked.
- Use the Bible to rebuke someone, and they will HATE you even more for that.
- Why? Because they HATE GOD. The Bible doesn't match THEIR own false god and they don't like it.

[48] ***Proverbs 9:8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.***

- The Bible says a scorner will hate you when you correct them with the TRUTH.
- A wise man will love thee.
- You'll see the difference when you go out and talk with people. You'll see it quickly.
- This is in churches everywhere around here. How do I know? Because I've experienced it myself.
- Preach from the word of God something a church member doesn't want to hear and WOW, watch what happens.
- Some of them will HATE YOU. But guess what? What they're really saying is they HATE GOD.
- That's the truth.
- Listen to these verses from 2 Timothy. Listen to the COMMANDS GIVEN HERE.

[49] ***2 Timothy 4:2-4 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.***

- This tells us to preach the word no matter what. Reprove and rebuke others when needed.
- But do it with all longsuffering and with the Bible. Do your best to show those people.
- And I've had to go through that before and gave it time and was very patient.
- The Bible says they will after their own lusts HEAP TO THEMSELVES teachers, having itching ears.

This means they will turn their away from the truth and shall be turned into fables.

- This remind me of preachers who make up fairy tales and fables about LOVING everyone no matter what.
- They will call it UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.
- If you hear any preacher giving a message about the unconditional love of God, go ahead and count HIM/HER as a false teacher.
- God's continued love is conditional. If you don't believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, He will throw you into hell.
- When you're in hell burning forever, I would love to hear you say: "Well, God sure does love me unconditionally while I'm burning here in hell. Thanks for the torment. I know you love me."
- That's a lie. God doesn't love the people He throws into eternal hell.

For there to ALWAYS be unconditional love from God, we would have to get rid of hell.

- And some religions and denominations do. That's evil.
- Those corrupted bible versions even remove the word hell as a first step and call it something else.
- As another example, people don't want to hear the teaching from the Bible about nakedness because it gets a little too close for comfort.
- Hey, it did with me too when I first understood. I'm not preaching it to make you mad.
- I'm preaching it so you understand the truth and YOU and I both don't make GOD MAD.
- Take the Bible and God's instructions to us and CONFORM to His instructions.

This is called putting God first in your life. If you'd rather do what you want and make up your own rules, then that's telling God that you, YOURSELF, is truly the ONE who rules your life.

- You're the Lord of Your Life. Not Jesus. Not God. YOU ARE.
- And let me give you a warning on that: You can't save yourself from death and hell.
- When you're in BIG trouble and need some extraordinary HELP, you'll look to God.
- But, ignore God all your life and He might just turn away and laugh. Does that seem harsh?
- When you need God, He might turn away and laugh at you. Hear this verse. Listen closely.

**[50] Proverbs 1:25-28 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; 27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. 28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:**

- So again, don't get mad at me. Or, if you do, I don't care.
- I'm here to give you the message from God's words. He's the one speaking. I don't have any power.
- God has the power. You can get mad at me. But, you're really getting mad at God.
- Don't do that. I didn't make the rules. God made them.

So listen, a preacher that won't rebuke you or preach the word to you IS NOT ONE that loves you.

- Do you understand that? If we preach the word here, you will be rebuked and corrected.
- I get it all the time from God's word. Do I get mad? No way. I take it, and I change my ways.

- This is what God wants. This is the love of God.
- It's not the fake love of the world that tells you to do whatever you want.
- What if I never corrected my children when they do wrong?
- Do you know what would happen to that child? I don't even want to think about it.
- But that's how so many children are growing up today because the world tells you that correcting your children is not loving them.
- Just let them do whatever they want. Wow. That's not love. Here's what the Bible says:

[51] **Proverbs 13:24** *He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.*

- So the Bible tells us we HATE our children if we don't punish them.
- The world says that spanking your children is just mean and hateful and is only hurting the child.
- The Bible says those who don't HATE their children. Look at the verse.
- If you love your children, you will correct them. If you need to spank them, do it. This is love.

You might hear someone say: "Well, I don't spank my children because I just love them too much to do that."

- Well, the Bible says different so that's a lie. The Bible says if you spare the rod, you HATE your children.
- Now listen, I'm not talking about beating your children for no reason. Hitting them. Punching them.
- That's abuse. I'm talking about giving them a stern warning. I'm talking about warning them to stop.
- If they don't listen, they get a spanking.
- And I'm not talking about hurting them physically.
- But giving them a good smack on their bottom; that padded area that God designed there to give them correction.
- This doesn't hurt them physically BUT it hurts them because they've disappointed their parents who provide them with so much.

Hey listen, it works. It worked on me. It works on my children. You know what I've found out?

- After I spank them, the warnings I give work much better next time.
- I've gone months without spanking my children because they take the warning.
- They know I'll do what I say. And God's the same way. He'll do what He says. What God says, is TRUTH.
- You can count on that.

And listen parents. The mother doesn't do all the spanking.

- Spanking from the mom will work, but let me tell you, spanking from the Dad should be fearful for the child.
- Those children don't want to do wrong because they fear a spanking from their Dad.
- Do you understand that?
- Ask most anyone and they'll tell you that they feared the spanking from their Dad.
- So MEN, you are the LEADER with the discipline. Don't just hand it off to your wife.
- It's your job as a leader of the family. If you don't believe me, listen to some more verses here.

[52] **Proverbs 23:13-14** *Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. 14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.*

- Does that sound harsh to you? It shouldn't if you know God and read your Bibles.
- You'll understand God's nature. He sure doesn't play games. He's serious.

- And that's how you should be with your children when it comes to discipline.
- Spanking your children is not an optional commandment from God. It's a commandment.
- Do you hear those verses? It's not optional. You don't know better than God.
- Anyone who opposes spanking your children SURE DOESN'T know or read their Bible.

[53] ***Proverbs 3:12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.***

- There's more than that. Some people will say: "Oh, that's the God of the Old Testament. You're reading from Proverbs."
- Well, we started in Revelation. Now, let's look at Hebrews.

[54] ***Hebrews 12:5-7 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?***

- So now the Bible says, that's not really your son if you don't chasten and punish your children.
- Spanking takes work. You could just ignore them.
- But you spank them to correct them and teach them how to be.
- God is the same way. If God loves us, He will correct us.

[55] ***Psalms 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.***

- This is why David says "THY ROD AND THY STAFF COMFORT ME."
- If God is correcting us, this is comfort because we know we are HIS CHILDREN.
- But we also know we need to correct our ways.
- Let's go back to Revelation Chapter 3 verse 20 and continue there.

[56] ***Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.***

- Remember who Jesus is talking to here. He's still giving the message to the Church at Laodicea.
- Remember, these are saved people because this is HIS CHURCH that He's speaking to.
- Many people will take this verse out of context to support false dispensational teaching that tells you that we're all living in the Laodicean church age.
- This is important because many Pre-Tribulation false teachers will tell you that the Church of Laodicea is a false church and one that wasn't saved.
- That already doesn't make any sense because Jesus says they are HIS CHURCH, and that's why He's giving them the rebuking right here.
- He loves them. He's rebuking them.

Those same false teachers will tell you that this Revelation 3:20 is where He's trying to save them and will come INTO them and they will be saved.

- Notice the words used are not INTO as one word, but it's two words. Jesus says: "I WILL COME IN – TO HIM."



- He's not going INTO them. He's going to walk through the door and come in to talk and sup with them.
- Do you see that? IN – TO is totally different meaning than INTO.
- Here's an example. If I say: "Hey, I'm going to church and in to the pulpit." So I come inside to the pulpit.
- I'm not going to climb INTO the pulpit. I'm just going inside to the pulpit.
- We MUST pay attention to every word.

Jesus is saying: "Hey, I'm standing at the door knocking. If any man hears me knocking and opens the door, I'm going to come inside the door and come to the man. Then I'm going to sup with him and he with me."

- That's what the verse says. It's not talking about Jesus going inside the man.
- This isn't a false Church He's talking too. He's talking to saved people here.
- He wants to have fellowship with them! That's what He's saying. They are His saved people.
- I want to come in and eat supper with you. I want to fellowship with you.
- I'm only saying this because of false teaching on the Pre-Tribulation Rapture.
- They teach these are ages, and this is false. Any church right now can be like any of these churches.
- All 100% of churches aren't like ANY ONE OF THESE CHURCHES like these dispensationalists will teach.
- Dispensationalism is false and that's all there is to it. It's a made up fairy tale.
- I started out studying it, and it makes no sense whatsoever.
- Let's finish up with verse 21 and 22 of Revelation Chapter 3.

**[57] Revelation 3:21-22 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

- Jesus is saying here that all them who believe on His name will He grant to sit with Him in His throne.
- Jesus says I overcame and am set down with my Father in His throne.
- And then He finishes the message again with: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."
- He says the same thing 7 times.
- This simply means you better hear and understand these messages to the 7 churches.
- We've went over all 7 Church messages in detail now.

We'll look at Revelation Chapter 4 next, which takes us into the HEREAFTER phase of Revelation.

- This is what will happen in future events.
- We need to study this VERY WELL, and that's what we'll do next with the Revelation Chapter 4 Sermon.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 4

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 4."

- Chapter 1 of Revelation is an introduction.
- Revelation is written to REVEAL things to us.
- The Book of Revelation is written to people who are saved.
- It is not written for us to be in the dark but to light the way.
- Revelation Chapters 2 and 3 were the 7 messages to 7 literal churches in Asia at that time.
- The messages to the 7 churches were completed and now we're in Chapter 4.

***[3] Revelation 4:1-2 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.***

- John is being shown things by Jesus to write in this Book.
- It's very clear and easy to see that.
- "AFTER THIS" at the beginning of the verse means this is what is happening after Jesus gave John the 7 messages to the Churches.
- A door was opened in heaven.
- A voice as it were of a trumpet, A VERY LOUD VOICE was heard. This was NOT a trumpet sounding.
- It's very important to understand it's not a trumpet sounding.
- The voice says, COME UP HITHER. Why does God want John to come up hither?
- It says it right there: "To show thee things which MUST BE HEREAFTER"
- The last word in Rev 4:1 is very important. "HEREAFTER."

***[4] Revelation 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;***

- The layout of the book of Revelation is given in Rev 1:19.
- 1) PAST, 2) PRESENT, 3) Future.
- 1) Write the things thou HAST SEEN (PAST).
- 2) The things which ARE (PRESENT).
- 3) The things which shall be HEREAFTER (FUTURE).
- When we get to Rev 4:1, we see John is going to write the HEREAFTER or FUTURE.
- Everything before Rev 4 is PAST and PRESENT things.
- For example, the 7 Churches were 7 Churches in John's present day.
- Revelation Chapter 2 and 3 are NOT talking about FUTURE CHURCHES or CHURCH AGES.

The man-made doctrine of church ages is a FALSE DOCTRINE.

- These are NOT 7 CHURCH AGES. Not future Churches.
- False teaching Pre-Tribulation Rapture tries to say these 7 churches represent 7 Church Ages.
- Pre-Tribulation Rapture is the MAJORITY of Churches around us.

- FALSE DOCTRINE or FALSE TEACHING.
- Rev 2 and 3 are church history.
- The false preachers say, "The first church age after Jesus ascended was the Ephesus church age."
- I don't see the Bible say that anywhere.

They say, "We're living in the last Church Age, Laodicean Church Age, the last Church in Revelation 3."

- Why is this a false doctrine? You'll see more as we go, but notice the **HEREAFTER** in Revelation 4:1.
- If Revelation 2 and 3 were **FUTURE** Churches, the letters to 7 churches would have been future churches.
- They would have been in the **HEREAFTER** part of Revelation.
- Chapter 4 is the future or **HEREAFTER** part of Revelation.

The Pre-Tribulation Rapture is a false doctrine made up by man. God doesn't teach us this.

- The Pre-Tribulation Rapture 100% without a doubt is a false teaching.
- I studied it myself for years, and I believed it over the word of God. **HUGE MISTAKE.**
- They say, "Saved people will be removed before the Tribulation takes place."
- The Bible never says anything like this.
- You need to recognize this false teaching immediately and get away from it.

Pre Tribulation false teachers say 2 things:

- 1) Rapture can happen at any moment 2) Rapture is before the Tribulation.
- Tribulation starts in Chapter 6 when the seals are opened.

Notice that the seals being opened in Chapter 6 is **NOT** God's **WRATH**.

- It's Tribulation. Tribulation is not equal to God's Wrath.
- Tribulation starts in Chapter 6 so they **MUST** find the Rapture Before Chapter 6.
- The false teachers must find some Scripture showing the rapture before Chapter 6.
- Guess what? It's not there. Try to find it before Revelation Chapter 6. You can't.

They believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. Tribulation is in Chapter 6.

- Where is the Rapture before Chapter 6? Ask them?
- They'll say Rev 4:1-2 is the Rapture. Read those verses again.
- These are the verses we've been reading. Did you notice the Rapture in Revelation 4:1-2?
- Let's read it again.

***[5] Revelation 4:1-2 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.***

- They'll say, "SEE, THAT'S THE RAPTURE!!!" And I scratch my head. That's the rapture???
- They say, "There's a trumpet, come up hither, John is caught up to heaven."
- They will say, "That's the Rapture."
- They say Chapters 2 and 3 are all of the Church ages and that we're in the last age.
- Chapter 3 ends, Chapter 4 verse 1 and 2 are the Rapture.
- They say that's the order of how things are going to happen.

This is false because that's not what the Bible says.

- The Bible NEVER says the Rapture happens AFTER the last Church age.
- The Bible doesn't even mention Church Ages at all, anywhere.

***[6] Ephesians 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.***

- The church is present throughout ALL AGES. There is no specific church age that starts in the Book of Acts.
- The church was there in the wilderness with Moses!

Let's prove why Revelation 4:1-2 is not the rapture.

- If you have a clear and sound mind, you can see this isn't the Rapture.
- What is the Rapture or what does the Second Coming of Jesus look like?
- Let's see what the actual Bible says.

***[7] Matthew 24:29-31 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.***

***[8] Mark 13:24-27 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, 25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. 26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.***

***[9] Luke 21:25-28 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.***

***[10] 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.***

***[11] 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.***

Let's look at the characteristics of the rapture from the verses we just went over.

- Sun and moon is darkened.

- Stars fall from heaven, shooting stars.
- Sign of the Son of Man in heaven.
- Jesus coming in the clouds with power and great glory.
- Angels come with the sound of a GREAT Trumpet.
- Multitude of SAVED people, the elect, are gathered.
- The Lord descends from Heaven.
- The trumpet of God sounds.
- Saved people caught up in the clouds with Jesus.
- Meet Jesus in the air.
- Changed in the moment of any eye from a corruptible body to a new incorruptible body.
- Now, let's read Revelation 4:1-2 and see if it matches any of those things.

***[12] Revelation 4:1-2 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.***

- Revelation 4 verses 1 and 2 is not the rapture.
- One person, is John caught up to heavens.
- He's in the spirit and not in the body.
- It's a VOICE like a trumpet, very loud, but not a trumpet.
- This is not a multitude of people.
- This is not a trumpet sounding.
- Isaiah 58:1 is another example like Revelation 4:1.

***[13] Isaiah 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.***

- The voice is lifted up LIKE a trumpet. It's not an actual trumpet.
- Revelation 4:1-2 is not a bodily resurrection like the actual rapture. John is in the spirit.
- The Lord gives people visions and information in the spirit as in the Book of Ezekiel.

***[14] Ezekiel 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,***

- This is done often throughout the Bible, and it's not the Rapture.
- The Rapture is a bodily resurrection with a multitude of saved people.
- We can't take Rev 4:1-2 and call this the Rapture.
- That's called adding a fairy tale to the Scripture.
- God isn't happy with people who create fairy tales out of His Scripture.
- There's nothing else before the Tribulation in Rev Chapter 6 that is the RAPTURE.
- That's all the false teachers of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture have.
- Look, there's nothing else they can find in Revelation prior to the tribulation beginning. That's it.

Where is the rapture in revelation?

- The Book of Revelation is in chronological order from Chapter 1 through 11.

- The the Book starts over in Revelation Chapter 12 and begins again in chronological order.
- The Tribulation CLEARLY begins in Chapter 6.
- If we look to Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21 we know the Rapture occurs AFTER THE TRIBULATION.
- This means we would expect the Rapture to happen in Chapter 7, after the Tribulation.
- Let's look to Chapter 7 and see if the Rapture is described there.
- The 144,000 are sealed at the start of Revelation Chapter 7.
- Then we look to verse 9.

***[15] Revelation 7:9-10 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.***

- A great multitude of people are caught up to heaven.
- They just show up in heaven and they just got there.

***[16] Revelation 7:13-14 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.***

- Where did they come from? They came out of GREAT Tribulation.
- The Rapture occurs right after GREAT Tribulation.
- Do you see how that matches with all the other Books of the Bible?
- We don't get a huge amount of detail on the Rapture but we do see the multitude that are caught up to heaven.
- The timing matches the entire Bible.

More detail on the Rapture is then given in Revelation Chapter 14.

- Revelation repeats things just like the 4 Gospels, Kings and Chronicles, as an example.
- The Rapture is AFTER THE TRIBULATION but before God's wrath is poured out.
- Compare that to Revelation 4:1-2 in which John is caught up in the spirit so God can show him things to write.
- John, once he saw these things, was back in his body in the Isle of Patmos and wrote the things.
- He didn't stay there with God because he wasn't raptured. Is this not very obvious and clear? IT IS.
- When we're Raptured, we're then with the Lord forever. We don't go back to our normal life.

***[17] 1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.***

- Once we're raptured, it's permanent.
- We are with the Lord forevermore.
- We see the Rapture in Revelation Chapter 7 as the multitude of people who came out of Tribulation are now with the Lord.
- That matches perfectly with Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21. "AFTER THE TRIBULATION."
- This makes sense with the entire Bible.

The rapture is in Revelation chapter 14 too.

- You'll see we start over in Chapter 12 with the birth of Jesus Christ.
- This is pretty clear it's not in chronological order any more and that the book is starting over.
- You'll see Tribulation in Chapter 13.
- After the Tribulation, we expect to see the Rapture.
- Let's look to Revelation Chapter 14.

***[18] Revelation 14:14-16 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.***

- We have a white cloud, the Son of Man Jesus Christ upon the cloud, a sharp sickle for the harvest of the earth.
- The time is come to reap the harvest.
- This is clearly talking about gathering the saved people, harvesting his people from earth.
- Do you remember the parable of the sower in Matthew Chapter 13?

***[19] Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.***

***[20] Matthew 13:37-42 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.***

- The sowed good seed are the saved people, the tares are the wicked or people who won't believe on Jesus Christ.
- The wheat or the good stuff is gathered into HIS BARN.
- So again, Revelation Chapter 14 is the Rapture with more detail.
- Matches everything else in the Bible perfectly.
- This is a post Tribulation Rapture before God's wrath is poured out.

False teaching makes the Bible MUCH harder to understand.

- When something in the Bible doesn't make sense it's usually indoctrination that causes it not to make sense.
- In other words, false teaching will make the Bible harder to understand.
- We have to get rid of those ideas that don't match the Bible.
- We have to clear our minds and only hear what the Bible is saying.
- We must read the Bible for what it says.



Here's a quick recap to this point:

- We know that John is in the spirit in heaven so he can shown the HEREAFTER.
- John is being shown the future events so he can give us this great book of Revelation.
- He isn't being raptured away at the rapture. It clearly hasn't happened yet at this point in Revelation.

***[21] Revelation 4:3-5 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. 4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.***

GOD IS BEAUTIFUL!!!

- God is sitting on the throne.
- Seeing God is like seeing very precious and beautiful stones.
- There was a rainbow round about the throne.
- A rainbow doesn't represent vile and nasty people in the world.

***[22] Leviticus 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.***

- A rainbow represents God and His beauty, rainbows are amazing.
- So don't let the world mess up the rainbow as the rainbow isn't an abomination like the people who use it as their symbol.
- God owns the rainbow.

Who are these 24 elders?

- Round about the throne are 24 seats with 24 elders.
- Who are these elders? What is an elder?

***[23] 1 Peter 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:***

***[24] Titus 1:5-9 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: 6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.***

- Elders are leaders for the cause of Christ.
- Obviously, they are saved men who are great and experienced leaders for Jesus Christ.
- It doesn't matter what the world calls an Elder, God knows the true elders.
- These 24 elders are great men of God but they are only great because of God, it's not of themselves.

The pre-tribulation rapture false teaching of 24 elders.

- More lies and false teaching says these 24 elders represent the entire Church, the saved people who were just raptured.
- But remember, we truly aren't to the Rapture yet as we're in Chapter 4.
- But the Pre-Tribulation false teachers say the people were just raptured and now the 24 elders represent the entire church.
- "All the saved people are represented by these 24 elders." WHAT???
- Where does it say that in the Bible? This is adding to the word of God. We can't do that.
- The Book of Revelation warns about ADDING to God's words in this book.

Here's the truth about the 24 elders:

- They are saved people who are already in heaven before the Rapture.
- The Rapture hasn't happened yet.
- The so-called great men and women of this world believe the Rapture will happen at any moment now.
- They don't want to accept that they won't be one of those 24 elders seated around the throne of God.
- Those 24 elders are already there BEFORE THE RAPTURE.
- Those 24 elders are sitting there in soul and spirit as the Rapture hasn't happened yet.
- They don't have a new body. The only man who has a new glorified body at this point is Jesus Christ!

Pre-Tribulation false teachers say they must have been raptured as they are wearing white clothing.

- They will say you can't wear white clothing in the soul and spirit.
- That's their so-called "PROOF."
- That's not what the Bible says, though, as spirits are clothed in heaven.
- Try to explain this next set of Scripture away.

***[25] Revelation 6:9-11 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.***

Souls slain for the word of God.

- Notice, these SOULS that were slain for the word of God are GIVEN white robes.
- Also notice that this passage is in Chapter 6 which is BEFORE THE RAPTURE.
- How do we know this is before the Rapture? They are still souls as the Bible calls them souls.
- They aren't in their new bodies yet and the wrath of God hasn't been poured out.
- They ask: "How long is this going to take, O Lord, before you avenge our blood?"
- This proves that the Rapture hasn't happened yet and God's wrath hasn't started yet.

Being one of the 24 elders is a great honor!!!

- These 24 seats are around the throne of God.
- This is an amazing honor.
- Think about who that might be.
- I think of someone like Job who was always faithful to God no matter what.

Some people in this world today, like these false preachers, actually believe they will be one of those 24.

- People of this world will put themselves on pedestals. "I am the great apostle and prophet."
- I can assure you anyone who doesn't believe what the Bible says will not be one of those 24 elders.
- If you're teaching a false Pre-Tribulation Rapture, you won't be one of those 24.
- Why? Because you won't even believe what the WORD OF GOD says!!! That's the very first step.

***[26] Revelation 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.***

The seven spirits of God:

- Out of the throne proceeded lightning and thunder and voices.
- Picture that in your mind.
- There were seven lamps of fire before the throne.
- These seven lamps of fire are the seven spirits of God.
- Jesus has the seven spirits of God, Rev 3:1 tells us this.
- The seven spirits of God are mentioned in Rev Chapter 1, 3, 4, and 5.
- Isaiah 11:1-2 is telling us about Jesus Christ and His seven spirits.

***[27] Isaiah 11:1-2 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;***

The seven spirits are:

1. The Spirit of the Lord
2. The Spirit of Wisdom
3. The Spirit of Understanding
4. The Spirit of Counsel
5. The Spirit of Might
6. The Spirit of Knowledge
7. The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord

***[28] Revelation 4:6-8 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.***

The four beasts full of eyes:

- A sea of glass like crystal before the throne, a beautiful sight.
- Around the throne are 4 BEASTS full of eyes, so imagine this in your head.
- Imagine if you had eyes all over your body and could see everything around you at all times.
- The first beast is like a lion (not a lion but LIKE a lion).
- The second beast is like a calf.
- The third beast has a face like a man.
- The fourth beast is like a flying eagle

Each beast has 6 wings about them and FULL OF EYES.

- What's amazing is they NEVER rest not day and not night, they see everything at all times.
- They constantly are worshipping the Lord God Almighty saying:
- "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come"
- They cannot glorify God enough just as we can't.

**[29] Psalm 86:12** *I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.*

- That's what these 4 beasts are doing.
- Constantly worshipping and praising God.

**[30] 1 Corinthians 6:20** *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

- God says that we are His because He has bought us with a price.
- If you understand that, you'll constantly be glorifying God for what He's done for you.
- He gave us this life, and He gives us eternal life with Him for simply believing what He says.

What are these 4 beasts?

- These 4 beasts are called Seraphims, and I'll show you how to know that.
- These 4 beasts are not humans but they are living creatures.
- The Old Testament calls them living creatures while the New Testament calls them Beasts.
- Let's see what Ezekiel 1:4-15 says.

**[31] Ezekiel 1:5-18** *5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. 6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. 7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. 8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. 9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. 10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle. 11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. 12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went. 13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. 14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning. 15 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.*

- These 4 living creatures are similar to the ones in Revelation but they aren't the same.
- These each had 4 faces and 4 wings.
- The beasts in Revelation had 6 wings.

**[32] Ezekiel 10:20** *This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they were the cherubims.*

- Ezekiel Chapter 10 describes the same living creatures and calls them Cherubims (plural) and Cherubim (singular).

The 4 beasts when compared to Jesus and the 4 Gospels:

- Go back to Revelation Chapter 4.
- These 4 beasts had 4 faces: lion, calf, man, flying eagle.
- When you think of the number 4 in the Bible, you might think of the 4 Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in that order.
- Matthew can be compared to the Lion.
- Mark can be compared to the Calf.
- Luke can be compared to the Man.
- John can be compared to the Flying Eagle.
- This is just a way to remember this.

Jesus is portrayed in different ways in each of those 4 Gospels.

- In Matthew, He is portrayed like a LION, Like a KING.
- Matthew = Jesus is King, Kingly genealogy, Jesus is the Lion tribe of Judah.
- Mark = servant, emphasizes His works, calf represents servant, no genealogy, no reputation.
- Gives his life a ransom for many.
- The Calf does the same, represents the same, it's a sacrifice, it serves man.
- Luke = Humanity of Jesus Christ, as a man, genealogy Mary's line, human line, Mary is his human mother, God is his Father.
- John = emphasized as God, verse 1:1 he is God, then he's an adult.
- Eagle is high up like God, seated high above all others.
- This makes sense, helps you remember, exact same order as the seraphims are given.

How do we know these beasts are seraphims?

- Revelation Chapter 4 creatures have 6 wings and not 4 wings.
- Cherubims have 4 wings, Seraphims have 6 wings.
- How do we know this?

***[33] Isaiah 6:1-3 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.***

- In this Scripture, we see the Lord sitting on His throne.
- Above the throne are Seraphims with 6 wings.
- Just so you know, twain means two in these verses.
- These Seraphims are crying out: "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory."
- Does that sound familiar to Revelation Chapter 4?

***[34] Revelation 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.***

- This matches Revelation Chapter 4 very well.
- They are saying the same things, same number of wings, and they are in the location of the throne.
- A cherub is not what the world says. The world gives you these babies or child like figures as cherubs.
- Now you know that's wrong.
- Cherubs have 4 wings and Seraphs have 6 wings.

***[35] Revelation 4:9-11 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.***

What do the elders do?

- Elders are constantly falling down to worship God, casting their crowns before Him.
- When the elders hear the beasts, which is constantly, they fall down and worship God.
- The crowns upon the elders represent authority.

***[36] 1 Timothy 5:17-18 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.***

- Elders receive double honor.
- You can't muzzle an elder.
- A true elder will ensure the Gospel is preached.
- A labourer is worthy of His reward the Bible says.

These 24 elders know that ALL AUTHORITY is from God!!!

- This is why the crowns are cast at His feet showing He is the authority.
- God takes pleasure in worship from these 24 elders.
- It's not about us.
- It's not about pleasing ourselves.
- We are created for His pleasure, that's why we're hereafter.
- Understand that and God will reward you He says.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 5

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 5."

- We're going to be going verse by verse through Revelation Chapter 5.
- We've went through Chapters 1 through 4 so far in great detail verse by verse.
- And it's been very easy to understand.
- This is because the book of Revelation is written to saved people who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**[3] Revelation 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.**

- This chapter picks up right where we left off in Chapter 4.
- John was caught up into heaven in the spirit so God could show him all the things that are going to be hereafter.
- We see in Chapter 4 that John see God on the throne.
- There are 24 elders clothed in white with crowns on their heads.
- There's thundering's and lightning's coming out of the throne.
- There's a sea of glass.
- We see 4 beasts full of eyes with 6 wings. These beasts are seraphim's who are in the midst of the throne.
- Those seraphim's praise and worship God day and night non-stop.
- The 24 elders also worship God constantly saying, "THOU ART WORTHY O LORD!!!"

So now, what do we see starting out here in Chapter 5 verse 1?

- God the Father is sitting on the throne.
- You'll see why this is God the Father as we continue in Chapter 5.
- In God's right hand, He has a book.
- This shows the AUTHORITY of this book He has in His hands.
- It has writing within the book and on the backside of the book.
- The book is sealed with seven seals, there's seven sections of this book that are sealed up separately.

What are the 7 seals?

- Let's look to Chapter 6 just so we know what these seals are.
- As each seal is broken, more of the future and what's going to happen is revealed to us.

**[4] Revelation 6:1-2 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. 2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.**

- So the first seal is opened right there at the beginning of Chapter 6.
- This is THE START of the Tribulation.
- There's a man on a white horse, he has a bow, and a crown, and he goes forth to conquer and does so.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> seal fills the world with war, people are killing each other.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> seal is great famine and starving.
- 4<sup>th</sup> seal we see death.



- 5<sup>th</sup> seal we see martyrs for the cause of Christ or people being executed because of their belief on Jesus Christ.
- 6<sup>th</sup> seal we see the sun and moon darkened and the GREAT DAY OF THE LORD has come.
- 7<sup>th</sup> seal we will then start to see the trumpets and God's wrath.

These 7 seals are THE TRIBULATION.

- These 7 seals are not God's wrath.
- That's not Jesus on the white horse with the first seal pouring out God's wrath.
- That's an imitation of Jesus Christ.
- That's a great deceiver of Jesus Christ.
- You'll see this clearly that the 7 seals are not GOD'S WRATH.
- You will see God's wrath with the 7 trumpets and the 7 vials.
- It's VERY easy to prove that the 7 seals are not GOD'S WRATH.

God's wrath in the Book of Revelation is not poured out on HIS PEOPLE.

- In Chapter 6, there's 100% proof that the 7 seals are NOT God's wrath.
- Let's take a look at verses 9 - 11 in Chapter 6.

***[5] Revelation 6:9-11 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.***

- So you can see that God's people who were killed for the word of God have not been avenged at this point.
- We're at the 5<sup>th</sup> seal right here.
- So remember, we have the 7 seals in this book that are being revealed to us.
- We're at the 5<sup>th</sup> seal and the souls that were slain for the word of God are asking:
- "HOW MUCH LONGER, LORD, UNTIL YOU AVENGE OUR BLOOD ON THEM THAT DWELL ON EARTH?"
- What's the answer to that? Remember, we're on the 5<sup>th</sup> seal and the Sun and Moon are darkened at the 6<sup>th</sup> seal.
- So, we're not far from the Day of the Lord. A great and terrible day is coming soon.

The answer right there is: "Rest yet for a little season until the others are martyred just like you."

- THIS IS 100% proof that God's wrath is NOT BEING POURED OUT with the 7 seals!!!
- These people have been killed for the cause of Christ.
- They aren't killed by God's wrath.
- And they're asking, "When will you pour out YOUR WRATH O GOD and get vengeance for us?"
- God doesn't say, "Hey, I've already been doing this?" He says to wait a little longer.
- GOD'S WRATH HAS NOT BEGUN AT THE FIFTH SEAL!!!
- This is VERY, VERY important to understand.
- After the 6<sup>th</sup> seal is opened, the Bible says this in Revelation Chapter 6.

***[6] Revelation 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?***

- Isn't that pretty obvious right there that God's wrath hadn't yet come?
- Is says right there at the end of Revelation 6 that the GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH is come!!!
- Was it there before the 6<sup>th</sup> seal? No. Sure wasn't. Why? Because the Bible says so. Not me.
- Revelation Chapter 6 proves God's wrath hasn't started yet.
- It's amazing to me that these false teachers can continue to say that the 4<sup>th</sup> seal proves this is God's wrath.

***[7] Revelation 6:7-8 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.***

- Those false teachers and preachers will say, "SEE, THIS IS GOD POURING OUT HIS WRATH!"
- What??? Did you read the rest of the Chapter? Are you working for Satan???
- Do you see Revelation 6:17 after the 6<sup>th</sup> seal? It says the great day of HIS WRATH is now come.
- That's after the 6<sup>th</sup> seal is opened!!!

So, listen, the Book of Revelation is very easy to understand if we simply follow it in order.

- It's easy to understand if we stop listening to false teachers and preachers.
- They cast doubt and confusion of God's word by making up fairy tales.
- It makes Revelation very difficult to understand; that's what lies do.
- And who HATES lies and liars? God does.

***[8] Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.***

- The Pre-Tribulation Rapture is a lie.
- It's very, very easy to see that when you read, study, and know your Bible.
- Revelation 4:1-2 is not the Rapture.
- John is being caught up by himself in the spirit so he can be shown these things and write about them right here in this book.

The Rapture doesn't happen until Chapter 7.

- Remember that today.
- Don't fall for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture lies as they make no sense and deceive you into thinking the Antichrist is Jesus Christ.
- As always, the world teaches the EXACT OPPOSITE of the Bible.
- That's normal for the world. Don't fall for it.

All of these seals lead up to the SECOND COMING of OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!!!

- Now you know what these seven seals really are.
- They are not God's wrath being poured out.
- You'll see God's wrath with the 7 trumpets and 7 vials which happen together.
- Now that we know this, let's go back to the start of Chapter 5.

**[9] Revelation 5:1-3 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? 3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.**

- So look, A STRONG ANGEL proclaims with a loud voice, “WHO CAN OPEN THIS BOOK???”
- What’s the answer to this question? NO MAN can open this book.
- But look closely there because there’s some very important information in verse 3.

3 locations for man:

- 1) HEAVEN, 2) EARTH, 3) UNDER THE EARTH.
- So there are men in heaven, men on earth, and men under the earth.
- Right here at this time in Revelation 5, there are men in heaven the Bible says.
- So this automatically disproves soul sleep.
- When you die, your soul doesn’t just go to sleep like so many false religions teach.

Right here at this point in the Bible before the Rapture takes place, there are men in heaven, on earth, and in hell.

- The men that are under the earth are the ones who are in hell that are unsaved.
- So again, if the saved didn’t go to heaven when you die then this verse would be a lie.
- But we know that people who are saved immediately go to heaven.
- There is no other place. There is no purgatory or whatever other man-made fairy tale places.
- You go to heaven or hell when you die.
- If you’re saved, you go immediately to heaven.

**[10] Philippians 1:21-23 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. 23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:**

- When we die and are saved, we go to be with Christ.
- The Bible says so right there. Yet, false religions and so-called Christians ignore the Bible.

**[11] 2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.**

- When our spirit leaves our body, we die.
- If we are absent from the body, we are present with the Lord.
- That’s saved people.

So, at this point in Revelation Chapter 5 we know that all men and women believers are in heaven.

- All people who have ever believed on the Lord Jesus Christ are in heaven right now.
- They are there in Revelation Chapter 5 BEFORE THE RAPTURE takes place.
- If I died right now, my soul would go to heaven. My soul is who I am.
- My body would be put in a grave maybe, or they might just throw me in the dumpster.
- It wouldn’t matter. My soul would be in heaven. And at the Rapture, I get a new body anyway.
- So I don’t care. Throw me in the dumpster.

- No man ANYWHERE was found worthy to open the Book! Yes, that includes the great and so worthy “Christians” in this world today.
- REAL CHRISTIAN understand that they aren’t worthy of ANYTHING. We aren’t good.

***[12] Revelation 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.***

- John wanted to see what was in the Book so badly that he wept.
- No man could even look upon that book.
- It’s very sad to see that no man is worthy to open this book or even look upon the book.
- Remember it had writing on the backside of it too.
- Aren’t you glad today that we can see what that book said? I sure am. I love this Book!
- And why are we able to see today what’s in that book. Let’s keep reading for that answer.

***[13] Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.***

- To me, this is an AMAZING part of the book.
- Who shows up to open this book for us?
- One of those 24 elders, he says, “Hey, don’t cry.”
- BEHOLD THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH IS HERE!!!
- He will open it. He will break those 7 seals. Awesome!!! Thank you Jesus.
- So look, you have God the Father on the throne with this book in His right hand.
- No man can look upon it, read it, or take it from God the Father.
- Jesus can, though. Let’s see what happens next.

***[14] Revelation 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.***

- So this Lamb stands there in the midst of the throne, the 4 beasts, and the elders.
- The Lamb stands there as it had been slain.
- This Lamb has the SEVEN SPIRITS of God.
- Who has the 7 seven spirits of God? Who is the LAMB OF GOD? Who is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah? Who is the Root of David? Who was slain for us?
- Who is the LAMB OF GOD?

***[15] John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.***

- The lamb was slain on the cross for our sins.
- But Jesus arose 3 days later.
- So this Lamb of God is alive and standing right there in the midst of the throne.
- Is that Lamb alive? Oh yeah, HE’S ALIVE!!! He is risen from the dead and He is LORD!!!

Jesus is called the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

- How do we know Jesus is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah?
- This term is only found in 2 places in the Bible.
- Once right here in Revelation Chapter 5 and once in Genesis Chapter 49.
- So I want to look to Genesis 49 to learn a little more.

***[16] Genesis 49:1 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.***

- If you remember this part of Genesis, Jacob or Israel is blessing his 12 sons right before he gives up the ghost or his spirit and dies.
- Judah is one of his 12 sons. Judah is one of the 12 tribes of Israel.
- So Jacob is gathering his 12 sons together to tell them about their future.
- So let's look down to the part where Jacob is talking with Judah.

***[17] Genesis 49:8 Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.***

- The Book of Revelation brings this up at the perfect time because Jesus Christ is about to take on HIS ENEMIES.
- Jesus is the King.
- This book with seven seals leads up to the Day of the Lord.
- So this is perfect timing as always within the Bible.

***[18] Genesis 49:9-10 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? 10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.***

- So we see that the sceptre does not depart from Judah.
- A sceptre is what a KING has in HIS hand.
- Now, this is pretty awesome but look at the end of verse 10 in the BOOK OF GENESIS.
- It's already talking about the Rapture right here in Genesis.
- It says, "AND UNTO HIM SHALL THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE BE."
- Jesus returns as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah to gather His people.

***[19] 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.***

- So it's obvious that the Lion of the Tribe of Judah is Jesus Christ.
- We'll be gathered together with Him on the Day of the Lord.
- Let's look at verse 11 in Genesis Chapter 49.
- Please see this today as we're going to look at Revelation 19 and you'll see how close this is.
- From Genesis to Revelation, Jesus is everywhere in these books.

**[20] Genesis 49:11-12** *Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: 12 His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.*

- See that his clothing is washed in the blood of grapes.
- It says His eyes shall be red with wine.
- These verses in Genesis refer to Revelation 19 where Jesus returns on a white horse to make war and to judge the "DEAD." Not the living.

**[21] Revelation 19:12-13** *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

- The eyes of Jesus Christ when John saw Him were like flames of fire.
- This matches Genesis 49 that says His eyes shall be red.
- He was clothed in a vesture dipped in blood just like His clothes in Genesis 49 in the blood of grapes.
- He is the Word of God Revelation 19 says right there.
- He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.
- So now you can see where the Book of Genesis talks about Jesus and how that relates to Revelation.
- Jacob gave this prophecy in Genesis.
- Do we not think Jacob knew Jesus? Oh yes, he did. You can know that today.
- Now, let's look back to Revelation 5 verse 5.

**[22] Revelation 5:5** *And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*

- Do you see the Root of David right there?
- What does that mean exactly?
- Look at Revelation 22 right here.

**[23] Revelation 22:16** *I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*

- Pay close attention to what it says right there: "I AM THE ROOT AND THE OFFSPRING OF DAVID."
- What's a root? A root is where the plant originates from in the ground.
- It's the BASE of the plant. It's the source of the plant. The root makes the plant grow. The root comes first before the large plant.
- If you're looking for the root cause of an issue, something I do all the time for my job, you're really saying what's the source of the problem?
- Sometimes you have to dig deeper to find the true root of the problem.
- Jesus HIMSELF says, "I am the root AND the offspring of David."
- Jesus is the Creator, but He's also the son of David.

**[24] Matthew 22:41-45** *While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. 43 He saith unto them, How then doth*

***David in spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? 45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?***

- So this all ties together with the entire Bible.
- Jesus is God, but He's also the Son of Man from the offspring of David.
- Jesus is eternal. David was created by Jesus and through Jesus.
- So Jesus is the root of David AND physically the offspring of David.
- Does that make sense?

***[25] Revelation 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.***

- So we now know that this Lamb is Jesus Christ 100% without a doubt.
- Let's see what happens next.

***[26] Revelation 5:7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.***

- The Lamb of God comes and takes the book out of the right hand of God the Father who is sitting upon the throne.
- So we know Jesus isn't sitting there on the throne at this time because He comes and takes the book out of the Father's hand.
- Do you think anyone else could do that? "Hey God, give me that book!" No, of course not. Jesus ONLY.
- It would be a very sad day if Jesus Christ wasn't standing up for us in front of God the Father.

***[27] Revelation 5:8-9 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;***

- Do you see here that the 4 beasts and the 24 elders fall down before the Lamb and worship Him right here?
- "THOU ART WORTHY TO TAKE THE BOOK and OPEN THE SEALS!!!"
- They sing to Him, "For you were slain and hast redeemed us to God!"
- This proves that Jesus is God.
- Many so-called Christians don't believe that Jesus is God.
- Well, this proves Jesus is God.
- The Bible is VERY CLEAR that we should worship ONLY GOD and HIM ALONE.

***[28] Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.***

- If these beasts and elders are falling down before Jesus worshipping Him, wouldn't you say: "JESUS IS GOD???" It's very clear and easy to see this.
- How can Jehovah's Witness believe that Jesus isn't God? Do they ignore the entire Bible? I guess so.



- How could Martin Luther King Jr deny that Jesus is God? He was a Baptist minister! Did he read the Bible?
- Of course not. You have all these religious leaders that don't read or understand the Bible.
- You can't explain all of the Bible away. You can but every lie gets worse and worse.
- And then, you MUST begin to ignore the Bible.
- Then you MUST just pick and choose a verse here and there out of the Bible.
- You start to make the Bible say whatever you want it to say to MEET YOUR AGENDA and your goal.

Churches all around here do the same things.

- If you need more money to build more buildings, pick and choose the verses.
- Tell people they need to be giving above and beyond 10%. Get everything you can.
- Trust God, give me all your money, and don't worry about anything. "Oh yeah, GIVE ME THAT MONEY!!!"
- That's what they do around here and everywhere else throughout this world.

***[29] Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***

- Jesus Christ is God.
- Jesus Christ is WORTHY to be praised.
- Am I worthy to be praised? Oh no. God forbid. Don't ever praise me. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ.
- I am not worthy. Who is worthy to open the book? None of us. Jesus Christ alone.
- Whenever people fall down to worship Jesus in the Bible, they are NEVER rebuked!
- This is because Jesus is God!

You can also see that Jesus is not God the Father!

- Jesus comes and takes the book out of the hand of HE who sits on the throne.
- He didn't come and take it from Himself.
- He didn't shape shift so quickly that John didn't see it.
- Jesus is clearly a different person from God the Father.
- Is that difficult to see here in Revelation Chapter 5?
- That's just one of hundreds of examples that Jesus is not GOD THE FATHER.
- Saying that He is after reading the Bible is pure insanity. Seriously.
- We know that Jesus is the Son of God and is God. It's really that simple.
- The elders and beasts are worshipping Jesus Christ.
- Let's look back at Revelation 5 now.

***[30] Revelation 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.***

- Do you see the golden vials full of odours? What are those you say?
- It says that they are the prayers of saints.
- Are you a saint? Are you sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ? Are you saved?
- If so, it's talking about your prayers right here. God stores your prayers in these golden vials!

**[31] Psalm 56:8-9** *Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book? 9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.*

- God is counting and keeping track of your wanderings.
- He's putting your prayers and tears into His bottle and in His book.
- God stores up the tears of His people.
- The cries are your prayers. You're calling out to God in your prayers.
- You better understand today that God hears you. God sees you. God understands.
- He's keeping track. Your prayers are being heard by God. He hears.

Prayer is important and Revelation 5 is telling us that.

- Do you skip prayers? Well, you shouldn't. God is listening.
- Our prayers are heard by God.

**[32] James 4:2-3** *Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

- The Bible says right here that you have not because you ask not.
- And you might not receive what you ask for because you're asking for the flesh.
- You're asking for selfish reasons.
- But the first step is asking! You receive not because you ask not.
- Our righteous prayers are a sweet savor to the Lord.
- Revelation 5:8 tells us that God stores our prayers.
- He finds them to be that important.
- It's like storing up cards and drawings from your children. You save them.
- They are VERY precious to you because you love them so much.
- Same thing with God. He stores up your prayers. He loves you that much.
- Your prayers are important to Him. You are HIS CHILD.
- Your prayers aren't junk mail. Your prayers don't go in the spam email folder.
- He loves you so much He stores your prayers.

**[33] Matthew 10:30** *But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*

- God knows how many hairs on your head.
- He knows everything about you because He loves you that much.
- You're precious to Him.
- He knows all your thoughts, your prayers, the tough times.
- He knows your tears. He knows your struggles. He knows when you need Him.
- He is a GOOD, GOOD FATHER to each and every one of HIS CHILDREN.
- He becomes your Father once you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to save you.
- If you want a GOOD, GOOD FATHER believe what He says. That's it.
- Let's go back to Revelation 5 verse 9.

**[34] Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;**

- The 4 beasts and the 24 elders are now singing a NEW SONG in this verse.
- In Chapter 4, they were saying: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."
- So now they are singing a new song!
- What are they singing exactly?
- Let's read it again and add in verse 10.

**[35] Revelation 5:9-10 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

- So now their new song is about Jesus Christ.
- He is worthy to take the book and to open the seals.
- Jesus has redeemed us! He has made us kings and priests!
- We shall reign on the earth with Him!!! That's very exciting stuff right here.
- Verse 9 there also says that people from every kind, tongue, people, and nation are redeemed through Jesus Christ.
- In terms of salvation, God doesn't care what race you are. He doesn't care what language you speak. He doesn't care where you live.

There is confusion over Revelation 5 verse 9 and 10

- Some false teachers will say there are 4 beasts and 24 elders so there must be 28 different kindred, tongues, peoples, and nations.
- The 4 beasts are singing, but are these 4 beasts redeemed through the blood of Jesus Christ?
- These are not humans as we talked about this before.
- But why are they singing this song? This confuses people when they read these verses.
- Are the 4 beasts going to reign on the earth as they are singing this song?
- No way. They aren't humans. But yes, they are singing the song.
- The false Pre-Tribulation Rapture people will use this Scripture in Revelation to say that this PROVES without a doubt that the 24 elders represent the entire Church and the Rapture has already taken place
- What??? That verse proves without a doubt that the 24 elders represent the entire church???
- Where does it say that BECAUSE I must have missed it?

You can sing a song and not be the subject of the song.

- You sing the Star Spangled Banner, right?

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

- Did you watch that? Were you there? Did you literally see the rocket's red glare and the bombs bursting in air?

- For example, we're supposed to sing the Psalms. The book of Psalms is a song book. Right? All of the Psalms are for us to sing.
- But it doesn't mean what we're singing is what we're going to do, or what we witnessed, or what's going to happen to us.

People are confused by the fact that the 4 seraphim's or 4 beasts are singing this song saying:

- "We are redeemed by His blood."
- The 4 beasts aren't redeemed by His blood.
- So remember that we're commanded to sing the Psalms in the Bible. That's all of them.
- It's not just the ones talking about us specifically. It's also Psalm 22.

***[36] Psalm 22:1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?***

- We're supposed to sing this Psalm.
- Is that talking about us? No, it's talking about Jesus Christ. God says He will never forsake you.
- See? You don't have to be the subject of the song to sing the song.
- So, why do people have so many issues with the 4 beasts singing the song?
- I have no idea. It doesn't make any sense why they have an issue with this.
- You can sing songs that aren't about you directly.
- Everybody does it all throughout their life. There is no Biblical issue with this.
- The Bible doesn't have a mistake.
- It doesn't need to be corrected. Some people say this MUST be a mistake.
- Again, there is no issue with the 4 beasts singing this song!
- They aren't singing it about themselves. It's there for us to see as we read this Book!

***[37] Revelation 5:9-10 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.***

- We could take those words, put them to music, and sing this song.
- That's what they're doing here.
- This song wasn't just made for those 24 elders and 4 beasts.
- This song was made for ALL OF US who are saved.
- It doesn't apply to the 4 beasts but they are singing it! It's not from their perspective.

***[38] Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.***

- God has made us kings and priests.
- We need to understand this.
- One of the biggest obstacles to understanding Revelation is thinking that today's PHYSICAL nation of Israel is the Holy Nation.
- The nation of Israel is man-made by the UN in 1948.
- It wasn't always there. It was made in 1948 by the world's one world government United Nations.
- Unbelieving Jews in the man-made nation of Israel are NOT God's Chosen People.
- You'll hear things like: "Well, God's not finished with them yet." Well, you're right.

- He hasn't thrown the unbelievers into the lake of fire yet and the second death YET. They do have that to look forward to.
- This song FIXES all of that.
- Notice again that it says, "All People, All Kindred, All Tongues, All Nations!!!" Whosoever believeth on Him HATH everlasting life.

***[39] 1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:***

- Do you see where it says, "YOU ARE A HOLY NATION!"
- Who is he talking to right here in 1 Peter Chapter 2 verse 9?
- The royal priesthood and the holy nation are the same people.
- These are SAVED people who believe on Jesus Christ.
- This is not talking about the nation of Israel who is still in darkness.
- They sure haven't been called out of darkness because they still HATE Jesus Christ.
- The nation of Israel is not God's Chosen People. They deny Jesus Christ.
- Then some will say that this 1 Peter 2:9 is still talking about the Jews that do believe.
- Well, when you say things like that you should really read the entire Chapter or even the next verse.

***[40] 1 Peter 2:10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.***

- Obviously, it's not talking about any Jews right here.
- "In time past were NOT a people."
- Jews have been a people for a VERY long time.
- The group of people who are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people. ARE the people who believe on Jesus Christ!
- That's it. It doesn't matter if you're Jew or Gentile.
- Your physical body, your race, your ethnicity does not matter to God to be saved!
- 1 Peter Chapter 2 is written to SAVED people. He's writing to BELIEVERS.
- They were not a people in times past it says. You've become the people of God through Jesus Christ.
- Saved people = God's people.
- Believers are a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD and a HOLY NATION.

People will agree that saved people are God's people BUT:

- They also continue to say that Jews are still God's chosen people.
- Even the unbelievers because "GOD's not finished with them YET."
- Well, let's put a stop to that belief right now. Let's see what the Bible says.
- If you keep this in your head that the Jews are still God's chosen people, you won't be able to understand the Book of Revelation or the rest of the Bible properly.
- Unbelieving Jews or the PHYSICAL nation of Jews are not God's chosen people.
- It's 100% wrong and there's NO DOUBT that it's wrong.

God's covenant with Israel is CONDITIONAL

- Once again, we're going to see the New Testament quoting the Old Testament.
- 1 Peter Chapter 2 is quoting the Book of Exodus.

**[41] Exodus 19:5-6** *Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.*

- Do you see what it says right there?
- "IF" you will obey my voice and "IF" you keep my covenant.
- "IF" you do that, then you shall be a peculiar treasure.
- "IF" you do that, then you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation.
- So, if they don't obey God and keep His covenant (it's not a one way deal here).
- They will NOT be a holy nation.
- Do you see this? It's conditional. It's not because they're born a certain race.

I've told a church leader this before.

- I said, "Hey, they hate Jesus." And he says, "Well, I still believe they're God's chosen people."
- "God will make them believe one day." God doesn't make anyone believe. He gave us free will.
- That goes against everything we know about God.
- The Bible tells us that you don't have the Father if you don't have the Son.
- If you truly understand who GOD is, you know He exists as 3 persons and ONE GOD.
- You can't have one without all 3!
- If you think you can, you have a false God. It's not the right one. Your false god has no power.
- Your false god is a fairy tale.

God says "IF" you obey me and keep my covenant.

- Do you think people who don't believe on Jesus Christ have obeyed God and kept His covenant?
- NO!!! No way. That's not obeying God.
- He commands us to believe on Jesus Christ. Is that obeying God if we don't?

Do you see where Exodus 19:5 says that "IF" they keep my covenant?

- That's definitely a condition, right? They must obey and keep His covenant.
- Did they keep the covenant?
- The Bible gives us this answer directly. We don't have to guess. Here's the answer.

**[42] Hebrews 8:9** *Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.*

- Who says they didn't keep HIS COVENANT?
- THE LORD SAITH!!! Not me. Not you. The LORD said it.
- Are the Jews and the physical nation of Israel God's chosen ones?
- No!!! God says right there that HE REGARDED THEM NOT!!!
- Why do all the so-called Christians continue to support the nation of Israel and continue to send HATERS of Jesus Christ all their money?
- That's a great way to receive the WRATH OF GOD. And it will come to those false churches.
- These churches don't even look at the Bible.
- If you see this today, you're one of the VERY, VERY few who aren't deceived in this ENTIRE AREA.

- Praise God for that today. Thank you God for showing us the truth with your word.

The Old Covenant Was Broken.

- We're in the New Testament now.
- There's a NEW COVENANT now.
- Rightly dividing the word of God is very simple.
- The OLD COVENANT is broken! We're in the New Covenant now.
- Look what Jesus says right here in Matthew 21.

***[43] Matthew 21:42-43 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? 43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.***

- Jesus was rejected by the Jews.
- He was put to death by them.
- Jesus says the Kingdom of God shall be taken from you AND given to a NATION bringing forth the fruits.
- Is it a physical nation on this earth? No, it's not.
- It's a holy nation of believers on Jesus Christ. And you're part of it if you're saved.
- In the past, we were not a people BUT now we have BECOME A PEOPLE!
- Do you understand that? I hope you see that today.
- We are a people of all types. All kindred's, all tongues, all nations. It's ANYONE who believes on Jesus Christ. A-N-Y-O-N-E!!!

***[44] Deuteronomy 7:6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.***

- At the time this was written, were the children of Israel a HOLY PEOPLE unto the Lord?
- Yes they were.
- He says they are a special people unto HIMSELF. They are above all people He says.
- This is all true.

***[45] Deuteronomy 14:2 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.***

- So He repeats it again.
- In Exodus we learn that IF they obey and continue in His covenant, they will continue to be HIS PEOPLE.
- In Deuteronomy, they are doing what they're supposed to be doing.
- They are HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE at that time.
- What about now?
- Those false teachers around here use Deuteronomy 7:6 and 14:2, but they will ignore Exodus 19 and Hebrews 8.

Pickers and choosers of the Word of God.

- Did you know God hates that?
- People who take His words and just use them to make it say whatever they want.



- I know He hates that BECAUSE I hate it. And I guarantee you HE HATES IT WAY MORE than I do.
- Has anyone ever taken your words and twisted them? And then used them against you?
- That makes you mad. Just think how mad God is with these people.
- I don't want any part of that.

Do you see how the Jews have broken God's covenant in every way that you can imagine?

- They think the Old Testament is a fairy tale.
- They think the story of creation is a fairy tale like a Disney movie.
- They think Noah and the flood is just a story.
- They believe in evolution.
- They rejected Jesus Christ and killed Him.
- They'll tell you they hate Jesus and would kill Him again.
- "HE'S A FALSE MESSIAH!!!" They say.

Do you still believe the Jews and the Physical Nation of Israel are God's Chosen People?

- If you do, pay close attention to this passage of Scripture.

***[46] 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: 15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: 16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.***

- This says they PLEASE NOT GOD.
- That's the opposite of obeying God.
- It also says that God's WRATH is come upon them to the uttermost.
- The Jews and the physical nation of Israel are NOT God's chosen people.
- Why? Because the Bible says so.
- Were the children of Israel once God's chosen people. Yes, Deuteronomy says so.
- But they aren't any more because they broke the COVENANT. The Bible says so.

Let's go back to the NEW SONG in Revelation 5.

- You should now see that the NEW SONG they are singing is not upon the PHYSICAL SEED of Abraham and the nation of Israel.
- The Kingdom of God is upon all BELIEVERS!!!
- Anyone who says they children of Israel are still God's chosen people DO NOT KNOW or understand the Bible properly.
- Hear what it says!!! If you don't believe what the Bible says, hear this verse.

***[47] John 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.***

- If you're saved, you'll hear God's words in the Bible.
- You won't ignore His words.
- You'll know that God is GOD and you can't make up your own God.
- "Let God be TRUE and every man a liar."
- What God says is THE TRUTH.

**[48] Revelation 5:11** *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;*

- John, in the spirit, is now hearing the voice of many angels round about the throne.
- He also hears the voice of the beasts and the elders.
- How many were there?
- 10,000 TIMES 10,000 and thousands of thousands.
- 10,000 times 10,000 is 100 MILLION and then there's more than that.
- The Book of Daniel also talks about God's throne being surrounded by this HUGE multitude of ANGELS.

**[49] Daniel 7:9-10** *I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.*

- So you have this HUGE number of angels round about the throne.
- At least 100 million angels standing there.
- Can you visualize that in your head? It's tough to do because there are so many.

Many angels followed Satan when he was fallen.

- Satan has a large army of fallen angels, minions, demons, or whatever you want to call them.
- They work in this world to deceive and to stop the word of God.
- But guess what? God has a bigger, stronger, and MUCH MORE POWERFUL army of angels.
- God is ALL POWERFUL.
- One of God's angels has the keys to hell and will lock Satan in there one day.
- Obviously, God's angels are stronger because they have God backing them.
- So don't be discouraged by Satan and his army.
- God will take care of us. We've already won. But we win again in the end.
- We get victories. They get death in the lake of fire.
- Let's go back to Revelation 5 and finish up starting there in verse 12.

**[50] Revelation 5:12** *Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*

- All of these angels, 24 elders, and 4 beasts are saying with a loud voice (IN ONE ACCORD):
- "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive POWER, and RICHES, and WISDOM, and STRENGTH, and HONOR, and GLORY, and BLESSING."
- Worthy is the Lamb to receive all of those things.
- So keep in mind that John is seeing and hearing all of this.
- And I love this next verse.
- It's not just the angels, the elders, the beasts saying this.
- Who else is saying this? Let's see in the next verse.

**[51] Revelation 5:13** *And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

- So it's every creature in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth.
- All that are in the sea, EVERYWHERE!!!
- Now, does that sound AMAZING or what? It sure does to me. Every CREATURE everywhere.
- Even the dead souls in hell will be saying it.

**[52] Philippians 2:9-11** *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

- No one is excluded.
- Every knee should bow EVERYWHERE!!!
- They will speak and confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD to the glory of GOD THE FATHER!!!
- This shows God's greatness and how HIGHLY He has exalted His Son Jesus Christ.

**[53] Revelation 5:14** *And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.*

- The four beasts said, "AMEN." This means this is true.
- Then the 24 elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth forever and ever.

This is an amazing Chapter because it glorifies Jesus Christ GREATLY.

- You can't glorify Jesus Christ enough.
- This chapter shows us this.
- Jesus is God.
- After you read this Chapter, I'm not sure how anyone could say that Jesus isn't God.
- He's being worshipped in this Chapter by ALL CREATURES.
- I also don't see how anyone could say that Jesus is God the Father.
- Jesus comes and takes the book out of the hand of the Father who is sitting on the throne.
- This Chapter shows they're different.
- This Chapter shows how amazing Jesus Christ, the Son of God, OUR SAVIOR truly is.
- We thank God for HIS GREATNESS and for saving us.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 6

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 6."

- In Revelation Chapter 5, we see a book with 7 seals in the right hand of God the Father
- No man is able to come and take that book out of His hand
- The Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, comes and takes the book out of the Father's right hand
- We see all creatures in heaven, on earth, and in hell worship the Lord Jesus Christ
- And now we move to Chapter 6
- In Chapter 6, we're starting to see those SEALS from that book opened
- This is where we start to see all the details of the end times
- Chapters 1 through 5 have been an introduction to this book and now we're going to get the details

**[3] Revelation 6:1 AND I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.**

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- Jesus Christ is opening the first seal
- John hears a voice from one of the 4 beasts that are in the midst of the throne
- That voice is like thunder so it's very loud and powerful BUT it's not actual thunder
- It's LIKE thunder and that beast is saying, "JOHN, COME AND SEE!"

**[4] Revelation 6:2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.**

- The Apostle John sees a white horse and a man sitting on that horse.
- That man has a bow and a crown that was given to him. He goes forth conquering.
- The man that we see here is the Anti-Christ. This is not Jesus Christ.
- And you might say, "Well, how do you know that? The verse doesn't say that!"
- Satan loves to imitate God because he is the greatest deceiver in existence.
- Satan wants to be God. The anti-christ is not Satan but he is Satan's imitation of Jesus Christ.
- Satan also has false prophets, angels, and he even has his own fiery furnace in the Book of Daniel.
- He imitates God in every way possible in order to deceive people.
- Satan even has many false bible versions and false gospels which are usually a works based salvation.
- Let's see how we know 100% for sure that the man on the white horse here is the ANTI-CHRIST.
- Do you remember Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21?
- You should get to know those chapters really well as they match Revelation Chapter 6 perfectly.
- Since they match so well with Revelation 6 and Revelation 13 and 14, you'll know that the Anti-Christ comes first
- Jesus warns us to "TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECEIVE YOU."

**[5] Matthew 24:3-5 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**

- This passage says MANY ANTICHRISTS. Yes, but THE Anti-Christ will be the last one and the greatest.

***[6] 1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.***

- Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, Revelation 6, and Revelation 13/14 match perfectly all the way from the start of the Tribulation to Jesus coming in the clouds. Compare those chapters side by side. I created a document on the website that puts those side by side for you.
- Since everything perfectly matches, we know that the part about the anti-christ also matches
- Let's look closer, though. The anti-christ is someone who is going to deceive others. He will make people believe he is the CHRIST!
- But, he's the exact opposite. Just like the world today PREACHES the exact opposite of the Bible. Churches teach the EXACT opposite.

***[7] Revelation 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.***

- When Jesus comes for the Battle of Armageddon, He's on a white horse right there in Revelation 19:11.
- Wouldn't it make sense that the anti-christ would impersonate Jesus? In Revelation 19, it's clear that it's Jesus!
- In Revelation 6, it's clear that the man on the white horse is an impersonation of Jesus Christ.
- You'll notice in Revelation 6:2 that it says, "And a crown was given unto him."
- Revelation 13:2 and 13:4 tells us that the DRAGON gives the BEAST his power, his seat, and his authority.
- The dragon is SATAN and the BEAST is the Anti-Christ. So who gives the Anti-Christ the crown in Revelation 6:2?
- Yes, it's Satan or the DRAGON. How do we know the DRAGON is Satan?

***[8] Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.***

- So everything makes PERFECT sense once you know the man on the white horse is the Anti-Christ.
- As we go through this Chapter, you'll be able to see how Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 all match up perfectly.
- I'll show you more of those verses as we continue.

***[9] Revelation 6:3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.***

- Jesus opens the second seal and hears the second beast say, "COME AND SEE."
- And notice that each of the four beasts speaking are corresponding with the seals so far.
- Now, we're going to see the second seal. Let's see what happens.

***[10] Revelation 6:4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.***

- Now we have a red horse. Power was given to him that sat thereon.

- What's his job now? To take peace from the Earth. What's the opposite of peace? WAR!
- Notice it says, "They should kill one another." And a great sword was given unto him.
- This is describing war between nations. They are killing each other.
- If you get the order of this wrong and you think Jesus comes back first, all of these things happening are imitations of Jesus Christ.
- Do you see how false preachers who teach a Pre-Tribulation Rapture will deceive so many people?
- These false teachings aren't harmless. They could easily cause people to take the mark of the beast and be sent to hell.
- If they aren't saved when this happens, they will take the mark of the beast. They might even think it's Jesus Christ. It's not.
- We have war right here in Revelation 6:4. Let's see what Matthew 24 says. And we'll leave off in the consecutive verse in Matthew 24.

***[11] Matthew 24:6-7 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.***

- And remember, Mark 13, Luke 21, and the second half of Revelation that repeats MATCHES perfectly.
- You can know 100% for sure that we have this right.
- Let's see what happens with the third seal.

***[12] Revelation 6:5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.***

- The third seal is opened. The third beast says, "COME AND SEE."
- Now we have a black horse. We've had white, red, and now black.
- He has a pair of balances in his hand. Or, a scale to weigh things.

***[13] Revelation 6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.***

- Now we hear this voice that says, "A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny. Hurt not the oil and wine."
- We're seeing the cost of food in this verse. Do you see that?
- A measure of wheat for a penny. Three measures of barley for a penny.
- What's a penny? It's not the penny that we think of because you can't get anything for one of our pennies. We look to the Bible to explain.
- Do you remember the story that Jesus tells us in Matthew Chapter 20 about the vineyard laborers?

***[14] Matthew 20:1-2 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. 2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.***

- A penny is a day's worth of work for someone who is an unskilled laborer. That's a full day of wages.
- You can relate that to today's world. For a full day of work, an unskilled laborer might get about \$100.

- Imagine going to the store and paying \$100 for about a quart of wheat. That's probably about \$5 or so in today's world. 20x the cost.
- If food costs 20x what it cost right now, what would we have? Think of that. The food is so expensive because there's a shortage.
- If there's plenty of food, costs will stay down. People wouldn't be able to afford food.

***[15] Matthew 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.***

- We see the famines in Matthew 24. Matches perfectly again.
- What have we seen so far in Revelation 6? 3 seals to this point.
- FIRST SEAL = ANTI-CHRIST. He's coming forth to conquer. He's not in complete power yet. He's going out to take this power.
- SECOND SEAL = WARS. Nation rising against nation. People killing each other in war.
- THIRD SEAL = FAMINES. Very high cost of food which is a result of a lack of food supply and people can't afford the food.
- What do you see next in Matthew 24 verse 7? Pestilences or disease is next. What's the result of pestilence and disease? DEATH.
- If we go to Revelation 6, that's what we should see.
- Let's see what the FOURTH SEAL has in store for us in verse 7 and 8.

***[16] Revelation 6:7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.***

- Now, it's the fourth beast speaking for the FOURTH SEAL, "Come and See!"
- Well let's see.

***[17] Revelation 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.***

- Now we see a pale horse. The name is Death and Hell followed with him.
- You have death and hell with power over the FOURTH part of the earth.
- They go forth killing with sword, with hunger, with death, and with the beasts of the earth.
- This matches perfectly with Matthew 24 because we see war, hunger, pestilences, earthquakes. People are dying from those things.

***[18] Revelation 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:***

- Now we don't see one of the 4 beasts saying anything because we're on the FIFTH SEAL.

***[19] Matthew 24:8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.***

- So the 4 beasts and the first 4 seals are the beginning of sorrows. This is JUST the beginning.



- These SOULS that we see under the altar here in verse 9 were slain for the word of God. What are they called? Martyrs.
- What's Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21 say? The same thing.

***[20] Matthew 24:9-10 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.***

- Perfect match yet again.
- Obviously, the FIFTH SEAL is not the wrath of God. He doesn't kill people for the cause of Christ.
- This is VERY CLEAR and easy to understand.

***[21] Revelation 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?***

Now you have the souls who have been martyred crying out and asking God when He's going to take out His wrath on those people who are killing His people.

- Satan and the Anti-Christ are the ones who are killing people for the word of God.
- In other words, God's wrath has not yet started. If it hadn't yet started in the FIFTH SEAL then it had not started in Seals 1 – 4.
- This means the man on the white horse for the FIRST SEAL is not Jesus Christ.
- Let's keep going, and you'll see that God's wrath has not started at this point. It's very clear it hasn't started, but there's more proof.

***[22] Revelation 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.***

- White robes were given to the slain souls. If you stand up for God and are killed for it, you'll have a white robe too.
- This means SOULS can wear clothing. The rapture hasn't yet happened so these souls aren't in their new bodies.
- But look, they are told to "REST YET FOR A LITTLE SEASON." Why?
- So their fellowservants and brethren can be killed as they were. Rest just a little while longer.
- We're at the FIFTH SEAL and the SIXTH SEAL is coming soon. What happens in the SIXTH SEAL? Let's see.
- But keep in mind that God tells them to wait just a little while longer and then His wrath will begin. He will avenge them soon.

***[23] Revelation 6:12-13 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.***

- Does this sound familiar to you? We know that the Day of the Lord happens when the sun and moon are darkened.
- With the SIXTH SEAL, we see that the sun and moon are darkened. The Day of the Lord is a great and a terrible day.

**[24] Joel 2:10-11** *The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: 11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?*

**[25] Joel 2:31** *The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.*

- Let's talk about the order of Daniel's 70th week or the 7-year period.
- The entire 7-year period is not Tribulation.
- The first thing that happens is the Anti-Christ. Then wars. Then famine. Then death from famine, disease, and earthquakes. Then martyrs.
- That's what we see in Revelation Chapter 6. Let's see what Matthew 24 says.

**[26] Matthew 24:4-24** *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. 15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand;) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

- In verse 8, you'll see again where it says these are the beginning of sorrows. That's the first through the fourth seal.
- Then people are starting to be killed for Christ's sake in the FIFTH SEAL. Once that hits, people are THEN persecuted for being Christian.
- Once you see the Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, THEN SHALL BE GREAT TRIBULATION!
- So before the Abomination of Desolation, there is tribulation and persecution but once that hits, then there will be GREAT TRIBULATION.
- This great tribulation will take place before the SIXTH SEAL because we use Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 to give us that information along with the Book of Daniel. The timing is given to us within the Book of Daniel.

- We can put all of these together and have a great understanding of the chronological order of when things will happen.
- The abomination of desolation will take place in the MIDST or MIDDLE of the week (Daniel 9:27). Then, there's GREAT TRIBULATION.
- In verse 22, we learn that the GREAT TRIBULATION will be shortened for the ELECT'S SAKE. The elect are saved people.
- Revelation 13 gives us more detail about the Great Tribulation.
- You won't be able to buy or sell anything unless you bow down and worship the Anti-Christ.
- Anyone who doesn't bow down and worship the Anti-Christ will be killed. That's where you'll see the HUGE number of martyrs for Christ.
- If this were allowed to continue, there would be no saved people left on the Earth.
- If you make it to the end without being killed, your flesh or your life here on Earth is saved.

**[27] Matthew 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

- Many false preachers will use Matthew 24:13 out of context to say that in order to be saved you MUST do all these works until you die.
- They don't understand that Matthew 24 is talking about the tribulation.
- They will tell you that you MUST endure to the end in your Christian life to be saved. You must repent of your sin every day. You must attend their church and give your offering every week. You must help pay their bills. You have to say a specific prayer every day. You MUST continue to serve God every day of your life until the end. But the bad part is THAT none of these people go out to win souls to Jesus Christ.
- Just look and you'll see that just a few verses past Matthew 24:13, you'll see that verse 22 says: "that except those days be shortened no FLESH shall be saved." Throughout the entire Bible there's a CLEAR LINE drawn between your flesh, soul, and spirit.
- The elect are those who are already SAVED. If not, the Bible wouldn't call them the ELECT in this passage.
- Their flesh shall be saved if they endure to the end. No matter what happens, the elect has eternal life. This means their soul is saved.
- If they are killed for the cause of Christ, though, their flesh doesn't survive here on earth. But their soul is SAVED!

**[28] Acts 2:19-21 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

- Notice that the end of verse 21 right there says SAVED past tense. This is because once you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you're saved.
- If you call upon Him, you believe on Him to save you.

**[29] Romans 10:13-14 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?**

- The Old Testament says the exact same thing.

**[30] Joel 2:31-32** *The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. 32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.*

- When Jesus comes in the clouds after the sun and moon are darkened, the elect or the remnant who are left on the earth will be saved. Their flesh will be saved from DEATH. Do you see this? It makes perfect sense with the words of the Bible.
- So those elect will be in GREAT TRIBULATION but Jesus Christ comes back and saves them from further persecution. They are raptured.
- I want to continue reading in Matthew 24 verse 25.

**[31] Matthew 24:25-28** *Behold, I have told you before. 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.*

- The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ will NOT BE A SECRET! At all.
- There will be no secret rapture like the movies and false preachers tell us.
- If you're not saved, you won't be wondering what happened to the saved people.
- You won't say, "Did the Rapture just happen? I didn't even see Jesus." Any preacher, church, or movie that says this is a LIAR.
- How do we know that? Because Matthew 24 says it will not be a secret. But there's more proof than that.

**[32] Revelation 1:7** *Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*

- "EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM!"
- In other words, don't be deceived when someone says you missed him and he's over there now. "I don't believe you missed it."
- GOD HIMSELF says, "You will see Jesus in the clouds." Why is He telling us this?
- Because the Anti-Christ coming will probably imitate the Rapture and his minions will tell others that they missed it.
- They will say, "Jesus is back." But it won't be Jesus. It will be the great deception of Jesus as the anti-christ.
- Do you believe that people are making videos for people that tell them they are gone because of the rapture?
- Those stupid movies like "LEFT BEHIND" are the reason for all of that. When you know the Bible, you'll see those movies don't follow it at all.
- But yet, people will believe a movie over the words of God in the Bible.

**[33] Matthew 24:28** *For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.*

- We're going to get back to Revelation 6 here in a minute, but I want you to see this. What does Matthew 24:28 mean?

**[34] Luke 17:34-37** *I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.*

- This Scripture in Luke 17 is talking about the RAPTURE.
- The carcase is a body (SINGULAR BODY) because carcase and body are used interchangeably in Matthew 24 and Luke 17.
- The eagles (PLURAL) gather together to that body. Why do eagles gather together to a body? They would be gathered to eat the body.
- Eagles are birds of prey. In the Old Testament, people are told not to eat eagle. Eagles eat dead things.

**[35] Leviticus 11:13-14** *And these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray, 14 And the vulture, and the kite after his kind;*

- So some false preachers will say that this gathering of the eagles to eat the body is a negative gathering.
- Would you say that the eagles who are getting fed is a negative thing for the eagles? Of course not. They need food. They're hungry. It's good.
- In Luke 17 they ask, "Where Lord? Where will those people be taken?" Referring to the Rapture.
- He says, "Wheresoever the body is, the eagles will be gathered together there."
- The first use of the word "EAGLES" in the Bible is in Exodus 19:4

**[36] Exodus 19:4** *Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.*

- That's the Lord speaking right there in that verse. He says, "I bare you on eagles wings and brought you unto myself."
- This gathering together of the eagles to the body is a picture of the Rapture.
- When we go back to Matthew 24, you'll see that the next event is the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and the GATHERING together of His people.

**[37] Matthew 24:29-31** *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

- But you might ask, "Well, what about the eagles feeding on the body?"

**[38] John 6:53-57** *Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.*

**56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.**

- Now, does that Scripture in John make more sense when you compare it to the gathering together of the eagles to the body? Yes, it does.
- THE ELECT = The Eagles
- The CARCASS = Jesus Christ who died for our sins
- The eagles live because of the eternal food that Jesus has given us through His sacrifice.
- And remember that the animal sacrifices for forgiveness were eaten.

**[39] Revelation 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.**

- The LAMB feeds the ELECT.
- This is very important to understand today because FALSE PREACHERS will tell you that Luke 17 and Matthew 24 is not talking about the Rapture. But it's very easy and clear. I hope you see that Matthew 24 is talking about the Rapture. See these verses.

**[40] Matthew 24:40-41 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.**

- Look! It matches Luke 17 perfectly. We know for sure that Matthew 24 is talking about the Rapture. This means Luke 17 is talking about it too.
- Pre-Tribulation rapture false teachers will say that those people are being taken for judgement and it's a negative gathering of people.
- But not all of them say this. Some flip back and forth in Matthew 24. Some verses are the second coming of Christ and others aren't.
- They don't make any sense at all once you start studying what they say.
- And I've studied it. That's why I stopped listening to them several years ago. But they love to use Matthew 24:42.

**[41] Matthew 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.**

- So earlier in Matthew 24, they say it isn't talking about the Rapture.
- But then they use Matthew 24:42 to say no man knows when Jesus is coming. They go back and forth.
- They say verse 27 is the Rapture, verse 29 is not the Rapture, verse 36 is the Rapture, verse 40 is not the Rapture.
- That's what they have to say. Does that make any sense? Not to me. They also tell you that you have to use mental gymnastics to understand.
- Their minds are much higher than our minds and if you can't understand their mental gymnastics then something is wrong with you.
- No, it's all there to confuse you and to deceive you. The Bible is very clear and easy to understand.
- It all makes perfect sense without mental gymnastics.
- FALSE PREACHERS will say the Revelation Chapter 6 is ONLY talking to the Jews. These people are called dispensationalists.

- They like to divide the Bible up so much that just a chapter or two is actually talking to you. They missed 2 Timothy 3:16.

**[42] 2 Timothy 3:16 *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:***

- Oh yeah, that's right! They probably say that verse is not written to us. We aren't to use that verse. That's one of the things that made me understand that dispensationalists are FALSE! The entire Bible is for us.
- The entire world is at tribulation in Revelation Chapter 6. It's not just the Jews. Their false teaching gets worse and worse.

**[43] Revelation 6:4 *And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.***

- Notice that this verse says he will take peace FROM THE EARTH!!! It doesn't say he will take peace from the Jews.
- They'll use Matthew 24 to say that Revelation 6 is only talking to the Jews.

**[44] Matthew 24:16 *Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:***

- Then they'll use Matthew 24:20 proves that God is only talking to the Jews.

**[45] Matthew 24:20 *But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:***

- They will say, "See! It says SABBATH DAY and only Jews keep the Sabbath day so it's only talking to them."
- It's simply saying that winter or the Sabbath day would be more difficult if you're in an area where everything shuts down on the Sabbath.
- This parallel passage in Mark 13 doesn't mention the Sabbath but mentions winter.

**[46] Mark 13:18 *And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.***

- In other words, it's not just talking to Jews. It's talking to SAVED people who are understanding the Bible!!!
- If the anti-christ is trying to kill you and hunting you, are you going to sit there and say, "Hey, it's a Sabbath Day. Leave me alone."
- Do you really think God doesn't want you to save yourself because it's a Sabbath Day?
- If so, then you don't understand the Sabbath Day in the Bible. Jesus Himself helps others on the Sabbath.

**[47] Mark 3:2-4 *And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him. 3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth. 4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.***

- The Sabbath Day in Matthew 24 is simply talking about things that will slow you down. When everything is closed this will slow you down.
- It's NOT teaching that Revelation 6 or Matthew 24 is only talking to the Jews.



- Look, this is what false preachers are teaching around here IF they'll even go that far. Most won't even touch the Book of Revelation.
- It's too dark for them because they can't understand it. They don't even attempt to understand it.
- They take a false doctrine that they don't understand and twist God's words even further.
- The Book of Revelation is written to REVEAL things to us that we need to know. It's not a book of darkness. It lights our way!
- Now, let's get into the Day of the Lord. Let's look to Matthew 24 for details and continue where we left off there in verse 29.

***[48] Matthew 24:29-31 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.***

- Now, let's go back to Revelation 6 verse 12 and 13.

***[49] Revelation 6:12-13 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.***

- Let's continue in Revelation 6 verse 14.

***[50] Revelation 6:14-17 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?***

- What initiates the day of the Lord? The sun and moon being darkened and a great earthquake.
- When you see that, you know the Day of the Lord is here. It's starting.
- And it happens directly after the Tribulation in those days. The elect will be in GREAT TRIBULATION!
- The Day of the Lord is an ACTUAL DAY. ONE DAY. It's not a prolonged period of time. The Bible calls it the Day of the Lord.
- It doesn't call it the extended time of the Lord.
- Right here in verse 15, 16, and 17 we learn that the WRATH OF GOD is coming NOW. The WRATH OF THE LAMB is coming.
- Look at that! Jesus is going to pour out His wrath. That's a surprise to false churches who teach Jesus only loves no matter what.
- "FOR THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME!!!"
- In other words, it's now here and the unsaved people know it. They are attempting to hide themselves from God.
- Did you know the false bible versions like the NASV, NIV, RSV, ESV, and NKJV all say the day of his wrath HAS come and not IS come?

- Having a KING JAMES BIBLE is very important because every word is perfect. It's not past tense HAS come.
- The correct word is used: "IS COME." Yes, the exact word is important because people will take that and say it happened in the past.
- "The great day of his wrath is come" means that it is here right now at this moment in time.
- All the believers or the elect or the saved will be gathered together unto Jesus.
- All the unbelievers or unsaved will be left on Earth to face God's wrath.
- For the believers: Is this a good day? Oh yes. You're going to be with the Lord forever.
- For the unbelievers: Is this a terrible day? Oh yes. They're going to face the wrath of God.

**[51] Joel 2:31 *The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.***

- The book of Joel calls it the GREAT and TERRIBLE day of the Lord.
- I want you to see how amazing the Old Testament is when it describes the Day of the Lord. Let's see in Isaiah Chapter 13 starting in verse 6.

**[52] Isaiah 13:6-8 *Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: 8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.***

- What do you see so far in this passage? The Day of the Lord is at hand. People are scared to death.
- These people are so scared and afraid that they are compared to a woman in labor.
- Do you remember that 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 talks about the Rapture and Chapter 5 continues with the Day of the Lord?

**[53] 1 Thessalonians 5:3 *For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.***

- That's talking about the DAY OF THE LORD and it matches Isaiah Chapter 13 perfectly. It says, "TRAVAIL UPON A WOMAN WITH CHILD."
- Do you see how that matches perfectly? More proof that 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 and 5 is talking about the Day of the Lord.

**[54] Isaiah 13:9-11 *Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. 10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. 11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.***

- You'll see all of these high people from the earth who rejected the Lord all their life about being punished.
- God says, "I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease!"

**[55] Isaiah 13:12-13 *I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. 13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.***

- You see the sun and moon darkened. The heavens and the earth are shaken. Same thing in Revelation Chapter 6.
- We also learn in Isaiah 13 that the stars aren't going to fall and hit into the earth.
- There are stars MUCH larger than the Earth and they aren't going to hit the earth and destroy it into pieces.
- They are simply going to lose their light and some are described as falling from heaven. This is like shooting stars.
- But they aren't going to fall and hit into the earth and destroy the earth. How do we know? Isaiah 13 is proof plus we have this:

**[56] Ecclesiastes 1:4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.**

**[57] Psalm 104:5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.**

- The earth will be made new as in you are made a new creation when you believe on Jesus Christ but it will not be destroyed.
- I want you to see another Old Testament passage about the Day of the Lord. There's a lot of these and I want to show you some of these.

**[58] Joel 2:9-11 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. 10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: 11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?**

- Again, it calls the Day of the Lord both great and terrible. Great for the saved. Terrible for the unsaved.
- Most false preachers around here will tell you that the Rapture and the Day of the Lord are far different days. That's wrong.
- They will use Amos Chapter 5 to say that the Rapture and the Day of the Lord are not on the same day.

**[59] Amos 5:18-20 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light. 19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20 Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?**

- In context of Amos Chapter 5, though, he's talking to unsaved people. There's no reason for you to look forward to the Day of the Lord.
- Read Amos Chapter 5 and you'll easily see that it's addressing people who won't believe what the Lord says. They are in darkness.
- But the Bible tells us that the saved are NOT in darkness.

**[60] 1 Thessalonians 5:3-5 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness,**

***that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.***

- Here's another passage from the Old Testament on the Day of the Lord.

***[61] Obadiah 15-17 For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head. 16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been. 17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.***

- I love that passage in Obadiah which matches with Revelation Chapter 14 in which Jesus is standing on Mount Zion with the 144,000.
- Look, though. God repays evil with evil. And this will be done SURELY on the Day of the Lord as He pours out His wrath.

***[62] Zephaniah 1:14-18 The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. 15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. 17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.***

- A day of darkness. You see the rich men in this passage. Distress upon men. You see a trumpet in this passage.
- This all matches Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, and Revelation 6 perfectly. And there's more than that in the Bible.
- The sun and the moon being darkened is a MAJOR EVENT in the Bible. It happens right at the DAY OF THE LORD!
- It shows up all throughout the Bible over and over and over again. It's very important. This initiates God's wrath!
- Listen to this, though. False preachers all around here will say that Revelation Chapter 6 is not the Day of the Lord.
- The sun and moon is darkened, a great earthquake, the stars of heaven fall, all the unsaved people are running to hide, and it says THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME!
- But these ridiculous false preachers will teach that this is not the Day of the Lord.
- It's described perfectly with every other passage in the Bible that talks about the Day of the Lord.
- Right after this in Revelation Chapter 7, we see a great multitude show up in heaven who came out of GREAT TRIBULATION.
- In other words, many people all throughout this world will make it through the great tribulation.
- All of this is in perfect order and makes perfect sense.
- Yet, false preachers will say the sun and moon being darkened in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 is not the same event as Revelation 6.
- They will say that they are different events. Where does the Bible say they're different?

- In the Gospels, the disciples are asking Jesus when He's coming back? "Hey Jesus, when are you coming back?"
- Jesus then tells them and describes the Day of the Lord.
- So, we can conclude that anything after the 6th seal is opened is not the tribulation. Why?
- Because Matthew 24 says, "Immediately after the tribulation" the sun and moon is darkened. We know the Day of the Lord is here.
- In other words, the DAY OF THE LORD doesn't come until AFTER THE TRIBULATION. Yet, people teach that it comes before the tribulation.
- It's very simple and easy to see this. God isn't making this difficult for us. Man is making it confusing and difficult.
- His wrath doesn't begin until AFTER THE TRIBULATION.
- I want you to see the end of Revelation 6 and the start of Revelation 7.

**[63] Revelation 6:17 *For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?***

**[64] Revelation 7:1-3 *And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.***

- God hasn't yet HURT THE EARTH. This means His wrath hasn't started yet to this point in Revelation. But it's about to start!
- That means Revelation 1 through 6 doesn't include God actually pouring out His wrath yet. The day is come. He is preparing to begin pouring out His wrath.
- When does God's wrath begin? It starts with the trumpets in Revelation Chapter 8. Remember that.

**[65] Revelation 8:5-7 *And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. 6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. 7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.***

- I hope this sermon on Revelation 6 has shed light on this great Chapter in the Bible.
- We'll continue soon with Revelation Chapter 7.
- Keep in mind that all the previous sermons are on the website.
- You can review them or catch up with us as needed.
- I'm always here if you have any questions.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 7

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 7."

- If you remember Revelation Chapter 6, we saw 6 seals were opened.
- That's a good way to remember Revelation Chapter 6 is the 6 SEALS.
- Right there at the end of Chapter 6 you see THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME.
- So the 6 seals are now opened and the WRATH OF THE LAMB is coming.
- Some so-called Christians today would say, "Well, that can't be right."
- "Jesus doesn't have wrath for anyone. He only loves you no matter what."
- Yeah, then you don't believe what the Bible says. You have a FALSE JESUS. You made your own.
- Because yours sure doesn't match the Jesus in this Bible. It's not the same Jesus.
- Let's start there in verse 1 of Chapter 7 and let's hear the words of the Bible today.

***[3] Revelation 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.***

- Remember, the Book of Revelation is in chronological order from Chapter 1 through 11.
- Chapter 12 goes back in time to the birth of Jesus Christ and then is in chronological order again.
- You should understand that Chapter 7 of Revelation is in chronological order with Chapter 6.
- Notice right there in verse 1 that it says, "AND AFTER THESE THINGS." After what things?
- After what just happened in Chapter 6 with the 6 seals being opened.
- Now, we're going to see what's going to happen next after the SIXTH seal is opened.
- I bring this up BECAUSE you can see that's pretty easy to understand, right?
- We just finished opening the SIXTH seal and now it says AFTER THESE THINGS I SAW.
- But false preachers, AGAIN, will say that Chapter 7 is outside of the timeline.
- They say that Revelation Chapter 7 is not in chronological order.
- The sun and moon was darkened, there was a great earthquake, people of the earth are hiding themselves from God.
- And now we're in Chapter 7 and it says AFTER THESE THINGS.

Here's the important thing to understand in this transition from Chapter 6 to Chapter 7.

- The GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME but God hasn't poured out His wrath yet.
- We haven't seen anything like that yet.
- And then watch what we see in verse 2.

***[4] Revelation 7:2-3 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.***

- Now we see a FIFTH angel ascending from the East with the seal of the living God.
- He tells the 4 other angels that are there to hurt the earth and the sea to HOLD ON!!!
- "HURT NOT THE EARTH, NEITHER THE SEA, NOR THE TREES"
- "Until we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads."
- God's wrath isn't being poured out.

- In Chapter 8, AFTER they have been sealed, then we see God's wrath upon the Earth.
- A quick summary of Chapter 6, 7, and 8:
- In Chapter 6, the great day of His wrath is come. He's getting ready to pour out His wrath.
- In Chapter 7, after these things, God doesn't pour out the wrath until the servants are sealed.
- In Chapter 7, we also see that the Rapture has taken place when a great multitude of people show up in heaven.
- In Chapter 8, after the servants are sealed in their foreheads, God starts to pour out His wrath.
- In other words, the Book of Revelation is in order. It makes perfect sense.

But yet, FALSE PREACHERS confuse something that isn't confusing.

- God is not trying to trick us.
- Remember, this is called Revelation and it's written to REVEAL things to us.
- He's not trying to make this difficult or confusing.
- All we have to do is study it with a clear, logical, and open mind and it all comes together.
- False preachers will actually teach that the trumpets happen BEFORE the SIX SEALS.
- When did that happen? It's not in the Bible in that order.
- They'll say that the SIXTH SEAL lines up with the SEVENTH TRUMPET.
- We've already seen the sixth seal and there's no mention of the seventh trumpet yet.
- The sixth seal has nothing to do with the SEVENTH TRUMPET.
- Pre-Tribulation Rapture and Post Wrath Rapture teachers will say the trumpets don't come after the seals.

What's the truth, though?

- We see that the servants are being sealed in their foreheads between the SIXTH AND SEVENTH SEAL.
- Do you see that? The sixth seal was just opened in Chapter 6.
- We're in Chapter 7 now. We haven't seen the SEVENTH SEAL yet.
- We see that the 144,000 are going to be sealed with God's seal in their foreheads.
- Why? So they aren't hurt by God's WRATH that He's going to pour out.
- We also haven't seen ANY of God's wrath yet.
- The earth, seas, and trees on Earth have not been hurt at all to this point in time.
- It's important to know 100% that Revelation 7 is in chronological order.
- It's not difficult. It goes in order. God's not playing games here like the others are teaching.
- With that said, I want to go back to Revelation 7 verse 1 and start again.

***[5] Revelation 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.***

- Notice what we see in verse 1.
- There are 4 angels standing on the four corners of the earth (North, South, West, East).
- People will use that verse right there to say the Earth is flat or the Bible is 100% wrong.
- They say, "SEE!!! The Bible is wrong. The earth doesn't have 4 corners."
- "The Bible says the Earth is a square with corners."
- We need to understand what the Bible means when it says 4 CORNERS.

***[6] Leviticus 19:27 Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.***



- That's God speaking right there. Does God think that our heads are flat rectangles with corners?
- Of course not. All the evidence of what God means by the four corners of the world is shown in that verse.
- Our heads aren't flat squares or rectangles.
- Our heads are approximately a sphere just like the earth. Approximately. Every head is different.
- But there's more proof within the Bible that the Earth isn't flat.
- The 4 corners of the earth isn't like the four corners of a rectangle or square.
- Do you remember that God divided the tribes of Israel in the camp? He put them in specific directions.
- He organized the camps by directions. East, West, North, South.
- He also gave them specific areas of land to claim in the promised land in specific directions.

***[7] Nehemiah 9:21-22 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. 22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.***

- When the Bible uses the word corner in this context, it's not saying the Earth is flat.
- If the earth were flat and there were 4 corners, think about this.
- Let's draw it on the white board. The winds would be coming from the corners.
- That wouldn't be North, South, East, and West unless you turn the square or rectangle.
- Anyway, the flat earth theory is just idiotic as there's proof everywhere that the earth isn't flat.
- Hundreds of pieces of evidence. One is the way radar systems work.
- Another is how you can fly in airplane east AND west and come to the exact same location.
- Another is that ships don't fall off the edge of the earth.
- Do you see how our world isn't evolving? We're getting dumber and dumber and dumber.
- People will say that all the space images are fabricated and false. All of NASA is in a conspiracy.
- They don't see these verses in the Bible.

***[8] Job 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.***

- Does the match the evidence that we see from the space images showing earth.
- Yes, the earth is in space hanging on nothing.
- It's not setting on pillars in space.

***[9] Isaiah 40:22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:***

- The earth is a circle. The heavens are stretched out as a curtain. He spreadeth out the heavens.
- This all matches with what we know about the earth.
- The Bible is ALWAYS right.
- The FOUR WINDS talked about in Revelation Chapter 7 are coming from the four corners or four directions of the Earth. That's what it means.
- The angels are holding the winds from those directions. There's no wind at all.
- That would tell you something is wrong. No wind moving AT ALL. Quiet and silent. Nothing moving.

***[10] Revelation 7:2-3 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.***

- We have 4 angels that are going to hurt the earth and the sea.
- Don't hurt the earth and sea until the servants are sealed.

***[11] Revelation 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.***

- Here's where we learn about the servants who are being sealed in their foreheads.
- We see that there are 144,000 being sealed.
- And then we're going to get specifics on who these 144,000 servants are.
- We don't get to make up our own fairy tales here like the Jehovah's Witness do in their Kingdom Halls.
- They make up their own Bible and change all the words.
- The Bible is VERY CLEAR on who these 144,000 people are.
- And guess what? I'm not one of those 144,000. You're not one of those 144,000.
- I'll tell you how I know. Let's keep reading, and you'll know too.

***[12] Revelation 7:5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.***

- Starting out here. You see that 12,000 from the tribe of Judah. 12,000 from Reuben. 12,000 from Gad.
- There are 12 tribes of Israel. 12,000 multiplied by 12 tribes is 144,000.
- Let's keep going.

***[13] Revelation 7:6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.***

- Now we see 3 more tribes of Israel. Aser, Nepthalim, and Manasses.
- That's 6 tribes total so far or 72,000 servants.

***[14] Revelation 7:7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.***

- There's 3 more tribes making a total of 9 tribes.
- You see Simeon, Levi, and Issachar.

***[15] Revelation 7:8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.***

- And there we see the last 3 tribes of Israel mentioned here.
- We see Zabulon, Joseph, and Benjamin.
- That's 12 tribes, 12,000 servants each tribe, and a total of 144,000 servants.
- So we know that we have 144,000 servants from the 12 tribes of Israel.
- What is the purpose of these 144,000 servants being sealed in their foreheads?

- Why do they need this seal? Well, let's see. I want you to see why they need this seal.

In Revelation Chapter 9, we see the FIFTH TRUMPET ANGEL sounding the trumpet.

- The trumpets signify God's WRATH being poured out.
- And we see this in Chapter 9 right after the FIFTH TRUMPET sounds.

***[16] Revelation 9:3-4 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.***

- So, these locusts are coming forth with God's Wrath from the FIFTH TRUMPET.
- The locusts are NOT to hurt the grass, or any green thing, or any tree.
- Who are the locusts going to hurt?
- ONLY THOSE MEN who do not have the seal of God in their foreheads.
- This seal is protecting them from God's Wrath.
- The 144,000 will be on Earth when God's wrath is being poured out.

And notice something else that this proves.

- The 144,000 are sealed after the SIXTH seal is opened and BEFORE the seventh seal is opened.
- The seventh seal is opened in Chapter 8. Remember, we're in Chapter 7 right now.
- We see the 144,000 being sealed.
- If the trumpets of God's wrath happened BEFORE the servants were sealed in their foreheads:
- The verse, Revelation 9:4 on the screen there, wouldn't make any sense.
- But yet, the false preachers keep on coming up with excuses when the Bible is VERY CLEAR.

So remember, the 144,000 are sealed in their foreheads to protect them from God's WRATH!

- God's wrath is poured out during the TRUMPETS.
- Some false preachers will say that the seal is talking about the Holy Ghost.
- THAT'S FALSE. You don't get a mark or a seal in your forehead when you receive the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. And it's not limited to 144,000 who will be on the Earth.
- You get false teaching like that to support a false religion ONLY. It never matches the Bible.

Did you know this sealing of people in their foreheads is also discussed in Ezekiel Chapter 9?

- In Ezekiel, there are people who are VERY UPSET about the sin and wickedness around them.
- In other words, it's a VERY GOOD THING to be UPSET with sin and wickedness.
- It's a VERY GOOD THING in God's eyes for you to be upset with people who are wicked.
- Those are the people who do not obey God. Sin is not obeying God. That's wickedness.
- Let's see the story in Ezekiel and watch how it's very similar to the Book of Revelation.

***[17] Ezekiel 9:3-6 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; 4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. 5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: 6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not***

***near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.***

- So God appoints THE MAN CLOTHED WITH LINEN to go forth.
- He went forth to set a mark upon the foreheads of those who were upset with the abominations being done in the city there.
- And look, if YOUR GOD doesn't match the God in the Bible, then YOU HAVE THE WRONG GOD.
- This God, the ONE TRUE GOD, says to mark those people who hate SIN and cry out against SIN.
- Hey, that's what we're doing in this Church. Preaching against FALSE CHURCHES.
- Why are we doing that? Well, Ezekiel Chapter should be a clue.
- I want to be marked by God so I'm protected by God. I don't want God's wrath upon me.
- Don't you want the same?

But take a look at what the Bible says:

- God said to SMITE OR TO KILL OR DESTROY all those who don't have that mark.
- God said, "Don't have pity on those people who are being killed. Don't feel sorry for them."
- Don't feel sorry for the people you've tried to warn and tell about Jesus Christ.
- They choose themselves over me every single moment of every single day. Don't feel sorry for them.
- Don't feel sorry for those people who GO UP AGAINST THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY every second of their life.
- God kills off the wickedness. No one is spared but those who are marked as hating the abominations.
- The little children aren't spared. The women aren't spared. The old and the young are TAKEN OUT.
- Why? Because the wickedness will continue. God always knows best.
- He knows what those little children will turn into. He knows everything. He's always RIGHT.
- And where did God begin?
- He began right there with HIS HOUSE. HIS SANCTUARY. The so-called MEN OF GOD.

They stand there in the Churches today BLASPHEMING the name of GOD.

- And guess what? I preach against it BECAUSE I HATE IT. They are THE WORST OF THE WORST.
- They lead people to hell. Nothing gets worse than that.
- Do you understand that today? The so-called MEN OF GOD are the worst.
- Why do you think God started there? They BLASPHEME the name of God.
- They act like they are teaching people about GOD, but they aren't. They are teaching a false god.
- If any of you false preachers out there (which is pretty much EVERYONE in this area), see this:
- UNDERSTAND THAT YOU BETTER TURN TO THE ONE TRUE GOD or He will destroy you UTTERLY.
- That means He will destroy you completely, to the fullest extent, perfectly, totally.
- TOTAL DESTRUCTION IS COMING TO YOU.
- Understand that today Kyle Idleman, Dave Hamlin, Terry Yeager, Bob Rogers, Alan Browning, Steve Boyd.
- Hey Terry Yeager, you'll never teach my children a FALSE GOSPEL EVER AGAIN.
- You better turn to God and do what He says. Stop creating a false god with your false bible versions.
- This isn't a joke TODAY. I'm sick of it. You've been overtaken with evil.
- Don't participate or support these FALSE PREACHERS AT ALL in ANY WAY. Never compromise.
- Do you want to be spared from God's wrath? If so, you better stick to God with everything you have.

This mark in the forehead that we see in Ezekiel Chapter 9 and Revelation Chapter 7 is VERY IMPORTANT to understand today.

- Satan is a deceiver. Remember that. He mimics everything God does. He rides the line of truth.
- He does this because he knows he can trick people who aren't relying 100% on the word of God.
- In other words, Satan perverts the word of God. He stays close to it but he deceives.
- False gospels have no saving power because they are perversions.
- They use the Bible but they pervert the word of God. These are the worst.
- We need to get as far away from those as we can and preach against those false gospels.
- Those are works based salvation gospels. They are false in every way.
- Same thing with the perverted bibles. The word of God is within those Bibles but it's perverted.
- Those corrupted bibles attack Jesus Christ HIMSELF but yet, so-called churches are using them.
- They say, "They all say the same thing." Take a look at them. They don't say or mean the same thing.
- Satan is the best deceiver EVER. Understand that today.
- You can be tricked, and you can be deceived. That's why we MUST stay in the WORD OF GOD.

In other words, the devil will use that mark in the forehead to deceive people.

- Satan will use the word of God to deceive people that don't receive the mark of the beast.
- He'll use that as his justification for killing people that don't receive his mark.
- He could use Ezekiel Chapter 9 as justification. So we need to understand the ways of the devil.
- He's tricky. He's the best liar there is. He twists the truth.
- He keeps some of the truth but twists it slightly. That's how he works so we need to be careful.

Now, I want to go back to the 144,000 who are receiving this mark in their foreheads from GOD.

- These 144,000 will be on the Earth while God is pouring out HIS WRATH.
- They need the mark to be protected from God's wrath.
- Now, let's figure out who the 144,000 happen to be.
- We know they are 12,000 each from the 12 tribes of Israel. But let's learn more.
- There's so much FALSE DOCTRINE in this world about the 144,000 that it's ridiculous.
- The packed out Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Shelbyville are deceived.
- They've believed Satan and have fallen for his ridiculous lies. The truth is in God's word.
- Let's find out who else is wrong about the 144,000. Once you know the truth, you'll recognize the lies.

The 144,000 children of Israel from the 12 tribes of Israel are NOT THE JEWS!!!

- Revelation 7 that we just read doesn't call the 144,000 the JEWS.
- In other words, the 144,000 are not the current Jews in the man-made state of Israel today.
- We've went over this in Chapter 2 and 3 of Revelation.
- If you do a quick search on the word Jews in the Book of Revelation, you'll find it's only used twice.
- This is in Chapter 2 and 3. Here's one of these instances.

***[18] Revelation 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.***

- The Children of Israel are NOT the ones who REJECT JESUS.
- The true JEWS are not the ones who reject Jesus Christ as the Messiah.
- The current Jews who are of the religion of Judaism are the synagogue of Satan.
- Why? Because they reject the Lord Jesus Christ who is God.

The 12 Tribes of Israel are NEVER referred to as the JEWS in the Bible.

- When you look up the word Jew or Jews in the Bible, it's used 270 times.
- So, let's look at the very first time that it's used. This is in the Book of 2 Kings.

***[19] 2 Kings 16:6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.***

- To understand this verse about the Jews being driven out from Elath, we need to understand where we are in the Bible.
- We are in the Book of 2 Kings. So let's go over a quick recap of the tribes of Israel from the beginning.
- Jacob or Israel had 12 sons who formed the 12 tribes of Israel.
- They went down into Egypt. They became a great nation. 430 years later they came out of Egypt.
- They wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Then they inherited the promised land.
- After the book of Joshua, you have Judges. The Judges ruled them for ~ 400 years.
- They wanted a King so they could be like all the other nations around them.
- So, we're stepping through a quick history of the 12 tribes of Israel.
- The first King is Saul. Second is David. Third is Solomon. EACH REIGNED FOR 40 YEARS!!!
- And guess what? Those 3 kings ruled over ALL THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL. They weren't split.

After King Solomon, what happened?

- The 12 tribes of Israel were split. After King Solomon, the 12 tribes were NEVER united together again.
- Rehoboam, Solomon's son, became King and 10 of 12 tribes rebelled against Rehoboam.
- Rehoboam was King over the Southern part of the Kingdom.
- The northern part of the Kingdom was separate. Rehoboam wasn't ruling over them.
- The 2 nations that split the 12 tribes of Israel were the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah.
- 10 of the tribes in Israel. 2 tribes in Judah. That was the split. They never united together again.
- Northern Kingdom Israel. Southern Kingdom Judah.
- The tribe of Judah made up the Southern Kingdom's majority so it took on the name of Judah.
- The Kingdom of Judah did have other people from the other 12 tribes too.
- So remember, the KINGDOM OF JUDAH isn't ONLY people from the tribe of Judah.
- The majority is the tribe of Judah but there are other people from the 12 tribes there too.

Who else was there besides the tribe of Judah?

- The tribe of Benjamin was there.
- The Levites were ALWAYS throughout all the tribes. Some of the Levites were in Judah.
- There's proof of all of this in the Bible. When you're reading, look for that proof.
- People from the tribe of Simeon were there too.
- Levites left Israel as well and joined to the Kingdom of Judah.
- Other people from other tribes who were sick of the false god worship in Israel left and came to Judah.
- There's proof of this all throughout the Bible.
- The point I am making here is the term JEWS refers to people in the Kingdom of Judah and not Israel.
- Now, that we know this background LET'S GO BACK to 2 Kings Chapter 16 and get more information.

***[20] 2 Kings 16:1 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.***

- So, AHAZ is now the King of Judah.
- The king of this southern kingdom of Judah.

**[21] 2 Kings 16:2** *Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father.*

- Ahaz was an evil king. He didn't do that which was right in the sight of the Lord.
- Ahaz was not like KING DAVID.

**[22] 2 Kings 16:3-4** *But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel. 4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.*

- Ahaz was similar to the kings in Israel this Scripture says.
- And you can see how evil that is. He made his son to pass through the fire.
- He worshipped false gods.

**[23] 2 Kings 16:5** *Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.*

- Remember, the first time the word JEWS is used in the Bible is in verse 6 coming up.
- But look at verse 5 there as this is very important.
- You have 2 kings attacking JUDAH.
- The king of Syria and the king of Israel. So the Syrians and Israelites are attacking Judah.
- So, notice what verse 6 says.

**[24] 2 Kings 16:6** *At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.*

- In other words, the Syrians and the Israelites DROVE the JEWS from Elath.
- This means the kingdom of Israel are NOT called the JEWS.
- Because they are attacking the Jews. They aren't attacking themselves.
- This matches perfectly with the Book of Revelation when it says:
- "I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not."
- That's just like the state of Israel today. They say they are Jews but are not.

Again, the first time the word JEWS is used in the Bible:

- It's NOT referring to all 12 tribes of Israel as a whole.
- The tribes split into 2 different kingdoms in general. 10 tribes to Israel. 2 tribes to Judah.
- The SOUTHERN KINGDOM is referred to as THE JEWS in the Bible. See that today.
- JUDAH = JEWS. They weren't called this until they were divided. All the tribes were the Israelites.
- This is important to understand within the entire Bible.

I want to show you something else that is VERY important to see about the NORTHERN KINGDOM of Israel.

- There's a point in the Bible where the people from the Northern Kingdom of Israel are called a new name.
- They are no longer called the children of Israel. Let's see what they are called.



**[25] 2 Kings 17:29** *Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.*

- Do you see what they're called now in 2 Kings Chapter 17?
- They are called Samaritans. Why are they now called the Samaritans?
- The kingdom of Israel was conquered by the Assyrians.
- The Assyrians took many of the children of Israel back with them.
- But they left the poor and needy of the children of Israel there.
- The Assyrians then sent all the other types of people into the land.
- This left the people from Israel mixed in with all these other people with false gods.
- This mixture of all kinds of different groups were called the Samaritans.
- They were all located in Samaria and were called Samaritans.

We're going over this right now so you understand that the 144,000 are not the current so-called "JEWS" in the nation of Israel who HATE the Lord Jesus Christ who is God.

- The Jews are the people from that SOUTHERN KINGDOM of Judah.
- In other words, the 12 tribes of Israel are the 144,000 and they aren't just the JEWS from Judah.
- In summary, the Northern Kingdom of Israel became Samaria.
- The Southern Kingdom of Judah included MAINLY the tribe of Judah.
- But, it also included the tribe of Benjamin, the tribe of Levi, Simeon, and people from the other tribes.
- So, the tribes of Israel in the Northern Kingdom were scattered and lost.
- There's ONLY ONE mention of a person from one of those other lost tribes in ALL of the New Testament.

**[26] Luke 2:36-38** *And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; 37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.*

- Anna, the prophetess, is from the tribe of Aser. She spoke of Jesus Christ as a baby.
- There are no other instances of these lost tribes showing up in the New Testament.
- What tribe was the Apostle Paul? He's a Benjamite from the TRIBE OF BENJAMIN.
- And remember, the tribe of Benjamin was in the Southern Kingdom of Judah.
- And then the tribe of Levi also shows up and we know they are scattered throughout the tribes by design.

So, what happened to all the other tribes?

- They were mingled with the heathen, and they lost their identity as a tribe.
- Why? Because they followed after other gods.
- In today's world, try to find people from those lost tribes of Israel.
- They DO NOT exist in today's world. Try to find someone from the tribe of Gad.
- They do not exist any longer. Try to find someone from the tribe of Reuben.
- They'll say, "We're all Jews." But they aren't.
- Do you think someone who HATES Jesus will be one of the 144,000? What a joke.
- If you do, then you don't know God at all. Read the Bible. God's not tricking us.
- In other words, the state of Israel today is NOT the 144,000 people.

- You can't even find 100 from each of the lost tribes. They were lost.
- You won't find 12,000 from each in so-called Israel of today.
- In other words, it's not 144,000 JEWS. It's 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes who aren't all JEWS!!!
- That's the entire point of all of this. It's 12,000 of each tribe JUST like the Bible says.
- Religious people who have no FAITH in the word of God will CHANGE what God says. That's evil.
- So, you can't find 12,000 of each tribe in today's world. Where are they?
- But, let's see what the Bible says.
- If you can find 12,000 from each tribe, let's see if you can fit the next criteria into that as well.
- It's not just 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes. Let's see what else.

***[27] Revelation 14:1-4 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: 3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. 4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.***

- What other criteria do you see for the 144,000 right there?
- Obviously, they are SAVED because they believe God and what He says.
- He won't allow them to be FALSE PREACHERS while He's pouring out HIS WRATH.
- They have NEVER been defiled with women. They are virgins. They are MALE virgins.
- Now, find 12,000 from each tribe on this earth today who are MALE VIRGINS.
- Many of the tribes were destroyed hundreds of years ago when they were mixed in Samaria.
- Are the Jehovah's Witness from the 12 tribes of Israel and are all of them MALE VIRGINS?
- Where do they get this stuff?
- So, the JEWS who are in Israel today are MAINLY from the tribe of Judah, some Benjamin, some Levites.
- And there might be a few from the other tribes there today.
- But, are they all MALE VIRGINS too?
- Are they SAVED and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ? 99% of the JEWS in Israel today reject Jesus Christ.
- When you reject Jesus Christ, you reject God the Father. Understand that today.

In other words, the 144,000 are NOT the people on the EARTH today. Can't be. They don't exist.

- So, where are they then? They are in heaven right now.
- They are 144,000 from the 12 tribes of Israel who are MALE VIRGINS.
- If they are in heaven right now, they are obviously SAVED.
- Now that makes sense. They lived in the past many years ago.
- And they were there before the tribes of Israel were scattered and lost.
- Now that you can FIND easily in the Bible.
- You can't find 144,000 in the world today that meet that criteria.
- But, I want to prove to you FROM THE BIBLE that the 144,000 aren't people on this Earth today.
- That's why we have the Bible. God gave us the TRUTH. I hate these false religions that are liars today.
- Once you understand what you have with the Bible, YOU'LL KNOW THE TRUTH. That's why I LOVE IT.

**[28] Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.**

- I want you to pay attention to where we are and what's happening right here in Chapter 14.
- The Rapture hasn't happened yet. It happens a little further down in Chapter 14.
- Jesus is standing on the Mount Sion and has 144,000 who have already been sealed in their forehead.
- Where is Jesus right there in that verse? Has He come back to Earth yet?
- He isn't seen coming in the clouds at this point in time. He's still in heaven.
- Well, how we know that? He's standing on Mount Sion it says. What's that mean?
- Look up the word "Mount Sion" in the Bible. You'll see this in Hebrews.
- Within the New Testament, you'll only find the word in Hebrews and Revelation.

**[29] Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,**

- Obviously, Jesus is in heaven with the 144,000 who are sealed.
- Mount Sion is located in heaven. They are together with Jesus in heaven.
- You might say, "Well, that doesn't really prove they are from heaven."
- But remember, Jesus hasn't come to Earth yet and they are with Him in heaven.
- The Rapture hasn't taken place yet.
- But look at Revelation 14 again.

**[30] Revelation 14:1-2 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:**

- Notice where the voice comes from? IT IS COMING FROM HEAVEN!!! John hears this FROM HEAVEN.
- There are voices coming from HARPERS with their HARP, the instrument.
- Continuing in verse 3 of Revelation 14.

**[31] Revelation 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.**

- Where is the singing coming from? FROM HEAVEN. They sung a NEW SONG before the throne.
- Do you remember when we learned about the NEW SONG in Revelation Chapter 5?
- This is that same scene. The 144,000 are in heaven singing this song.
- Do you see what it says right there about the 144,000 in verse 3?
- "NO MAN COULD LEARN THAT SONG BUT THE HUNDRED AND FORTY FOUR THOUSAND."
- They were redeemed from the earth. Their voice is coming from heaven.
- They are in heaven on Mount Sion in the heavenly Jerusalem.
- The Rapture hasn't taken place yet. This is BEFORE God's WRATH is poured out on the Earth.
- The 144,000 are going to come forth out of heaven and be placed on the Earth with the seal to protect them from God's wrath. This is very easy to understand and very straight forward.

Don't let any other perversions convince you otherwise. Hear and see the words of the Bible.

- If you study Chapter 14 of Revelation, you'll see Jesus Christ coming in the clouds in verse 14.
- This is a little further down in the Chapter.
- And then in Chapter 15, you see the multitude of people from the Rapture appear in heaven.
- And you see the same thing in Revelation Chapter 7 that we're studying today.
- So remember, the 144,000 are sealed BEFORE the Rapture takes place.
- So those 144,000 aren't from the Rapture.
- If they are in heaven BEFORE the RAPTURE takes place, how did they get there?
- How would you get to heaven TODAY before the RAPTURE takes place?
- You would have to die. And since you are sealed with the Holy Spirit, your soul would go to heaven.
- And that's how the 144,000 are there today RIGHT NOW.
- Do you see this? That's why these are MALE VIRGINS from the 12 tribes of Israel that lived in the past.
- They have died and they are in heaven right now.

So think about this concerning the Rapture.

- If all SAVED people are taken from the Earth during the Rapture, the people left are in trouble.
- There are UNSAVED people that can still be saved during the pouring out of God's Wrath.
- Understand that today. God isn't going to take them all out. He says so in the Bible.
- Who will be left to preach the Gospel and get people saved?
- God still hasn't given up on the people who missed out on the Rapture.
- He's still being patient with them.
- Not ALL people will take the MARK OF THE BEAST.
- The REJECTS or REPROBATES will take the MARK OF THE BEAST. The Bible says so.
- The people who don't take that mark of the beast can still be saved AFTER the Rapture takes place.
- But, whose going to tell them if all of the UNSAVED people are gone off the Earth?

God isn't going to leave the Earth void of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- You'll see the TWO WITNESSES are still on Earth.
- And you'll see the 144,000 preaching the Gospel as well.
- But you and I will be in heaven with our Lord and Savior while God's wrath is being poured out.
- So, God will have 144,000 and TWO preaching the EVERLASTING GOSPEL to the people left on Earth.
- And look, they should have some success AFTER every EYE sees the Lord Jesus Christ coming in the clouds.
- And these 144,000 and TWO won't be preaching some watered down version of the Gospel.
- These men will be BOLD and WILL SPEAK THE TRUTH.
- They won't be scared to preach the WORD OF GOD. They've already been in heaven.
- They know the truth. They know the way. They know the LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- If you know HIM TODAY, we need to BOLD and preach the Gospel to all that we know as much as we can.
- Just think of the BOLDNESS those 144,000 and TWO will be.
- Understand that YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE TODAY and preach it and teach it BOLDLY.
- Now, I want to go back to Revelation Chapter 7 and continue in Verse 9 where we left off.

***[32] Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;***

- Notice it says AFTER this. This is AFTER the 144,000 are sealed.

- A great multitude shows up in heaven. This is the Rapture. All types of people.
- It's all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**[33] Revelation 7:10-12** *And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.*

- So, how do we know the MULTITUDE that shows up in heaven is the Rapture?
- Let's keep reading in verse 13 because the Bible tells us exactly who they are.

**[34] Revelation 7:13** *And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?*

- We can see that they just got there in heaven.
- The elder asks "WHERE DID THESE PEOPLE COME FROM?"
- And he already knew the answer but he's helping us out so we can know the answer.

**[35] Revelation 7:14** *And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

- The elder answers his own question to John.
- He says, "THESE ARE THEY WHICH CAME OUT OF GREAT TRIBULATION."
- And we know that the rapture happens AFTER the GREAT TRIBULATION.
- Matthew 24 tell us that the Rapture happens IMMEDIATELY after the tribulation.
- TRIBULATION is NOT equal to God's wrath.
- God's people will go through tribulation but not God's wrath.
- The tribulation is OVER once the Sun and Moon is darkened.

**[36] Matthew 24:29** *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

- So, God's wrath cannot be the same as the tribulation BECAUSE Jesus Himself says AFTER the tribulation.
- AFTER THE TRIBULATION then the sun and moon shall be darkened.
- Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven.
- This means the Second Coming of Jesus Christ doesn't happen until the TRIBULATION is over.
- The tribulation is NOT equal to God's wrath.

We see that this multitude shows up here in Chapter 7 in heaven.

- We see Tribulation in Chapter 6.
- We see the Rapture in Chapter 7.
- Then we see God's wrath being poured out in Chapter 8.
- Let's go back to Revelation 7 verse 15.

**[37] Revelation 7:15** *Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.*

- The Raptured people appear in heaven, and they stay there until a later time.
- When do they leave heaven?
- If you read through the Book of Revelation, you'll see that the believers return to Earth with Jesus Christ.
- This happens in Revelation Chapter 19.
- Let's finish up Revelation Chapter 7.

**[38] Revelation 7:16-17** *They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

- Isn't that going to be an amazing day?
- I can't wait to be taken into the clouds with Jesus Christ.
- I can't wait for all of our tears to be wiped away.
- Do you understand what the presence of Jesus Christ is going to do?
- It's going to be so amazing, and I can't wait. And I can't wait for all of you to experience that with me.

Remember, we're in between the SIXTH and the SEVENTH seals. The SEVENTH SEAL hasn't been opened yet.

- The Rapture occurs between the SIXTH and SEVENTH seals.
- This matches with the entire rest of the Bible.
- When we study Revelation Chapter 8 next, you'll see the SEVENTH SEAL being opened in verse 1.
- The Bible is VERY straight forward and easy to understand verse by verse.
- We'll continue studying the Bible with all that we have.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 8

[2] The title of the sermon today is “REVELATION CHAPTER 8.”

- Please turn to Revelation Chapter 8 in your Bibles.
- We'll be going through this chapter verse by verse today.
- While you're turning there, I'll give you a recap of where we are right now in Revelation.
- In Revelation Chapter 6, we see the seals being opened.
- The seals are not God's wrath as we learned and it's VERY clear that they aren't God's wrath.
- At the end of Chapter 6, we see the SIXTH seal being opened.
- A great earthquake, sun and moon darkened. The GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH has come.
- At the end of Revelation 6, we see this:

**[3] Revelation 6:17 *For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?***

- So, it's very clear that everything BEFORE this point in Revelation is NOT GOD'S WRATH.
- In Chapter 7, we see that God is preparing to pour out HIS WRATH.
- God's wrath hasn't yet started. But now, we get to Revelation Chapter 8.
- Now, we're going to see God's wrath being poured out here in Chapter 8.
- Let's start there in verse 1.

**[4] Revelation 8:1 *And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.***

- Now, we see the SEVENTH SEAL being opened.
- And whose opening this seventh seal? The LAMB OF GOD, Jesus Christ is opening this seal.
- When He opens the SEVENTH AND FINAL SEAL, there's SILENCE in heaven for half an hour.
- So, this tells you time is being measured the same way. HALF HOUR or 30 minutes.
- All of heaven goes silent for 30 minutes. That means something TERRIBLE is coming.
- If you're SAVED, you'll be there in heaven to witness this 30 minutes of silence.

**[5] Revelation 8:2 *And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.***

- So, Jesus has opened all SEVEN SEALS at this time. He's finished opening the seals.
- Do you see this? AFTER He's finished opening the SEVEN SEALS, the 7 angels are given 7 trumpets.
- Those angels don't have the 7 trumpets before the 7 seals are opened.
- I want to make sure you see this today BECAUSE of all the false teaching out there.
- There's even a 30-minute time period of SILENCE between the last seal being opening and the trumpets being given to the seven angels.

Pre-Tribulation Rapture Teachers will say that the SIXTH SEAL is AFTER the Seven Trumpets.

- After you read Chapter 6, 7, and verses 1 and 2 of Chapter 8, there's no way you can say that.
- It's in perfect order. The seals are opened, silence in heaven for half an hour, and then the trumpets are given to the angels.



- And the angels haven't sounded ANY of the trumpets at this time. NONE OF THEM have sounded yet.
- The seals are finished and the trumpets have not sounded yet.
- So, it's definitely 100% without a doubt FALSE that the Pre-Tribulation Rapture is true.
- And pretty much EVERY CHURCH around here is teaching that.

You can't read the Bible and understand it and teach a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

- It's simple and easy to see that a Pre-Tribulation RAPTURE is false.
- If you hear someone say, "Jesus can come back at any time now."
- That's a pre-tribulation rapture false teacher.
- And that's why I will NEVER attend a church that teaches a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.
- That just tells me you don't read and understand the Bible. You have no faith in God's word.
- Instead, you've decided to listen to the doctrine of men versus GOD'S WORD in this Bible.
- If you have, let's change it today and listen to God's Word. Change your mind today.

Revelation 8 verses 1 and 2 PROVES that the trumpets FOLLOW the SEVEN SEALS.

- There's a lot of false teaching besides the PRE-TRIBULATON RAPTURE.
- And it's all due to people saying the trumpets are before the seven seals.
- So again, Revelation 8 verses 1 and 2 are very important to see today.
- In other words, the ONLY RAPTURE that is in this Bible is after the tribulation and before God's wrath.
- We see the RAPTURE after the tribulation and before God's wrath is poured out.

I know that we understand this very well today BECAUSE we've looked at Matthew Chapter 24 in detail, but watch this again:

- This is Jesus Christ HIMSELF speaking in Matthew Chapter 24.
- Remember, that Jesus is telling the disciples when He's coming back.

***[6] Matthew 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:***

- So, what do you see right there?
- IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION, the sun and moon is darkened and the stars fall from heaven.
- We've also studied all the other SCRIPTURE within the Bible that tells us the Day of the Lord is upon us when the sun and moon are darkened.
- But, take a look at Revelation Chapter 6 verse 12.

***[7] Revelation 6:12-13 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.***

- And what do you see right there? Compare Matthew Chapter 24 with Revelation Chapter 6.
- This is 100%, without a doubt, the EXACT SAME EVENT.
- Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21 all tell us about the second coming of Jesus Christ.
- The Book of Revelation tells us about the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Take what you see in Matthew, Mark, and Luke about the sun and moon being darkened AND find that in the Book of Revelation.

- The sun and moon being darkened occurs on the DAY OF THE LORD or the SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST.
- The only spot in the entire book of Revelation that you'll find this EXACT same event is right there in the verses you see on the screen.
- Revelation Chapter 6 is that SAME EVENT.
- So, when you see that event in Revelation Chapter 6, it MUST be AFTER THE TRIBULATION to match Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.
- This means the TRIBULATION occurs in the book of Revelation BEFORE the verses you see there.

Anything after the SIXTH SEAL is not the TRIBULATION.

- The tribulation is FINISHED when we reach the opening of the SIXTH SEAL.
- Why is this? Because the sun and moon are darkened and the stars of heaven fall.

***[8] Matthew 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:***

- So we see the sun and moon darkened and the stars falling from heaven.
- This ONLY happens once the TRIBULATION is over. Do you see this today?
- It says right there: "IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION" these things happen.
- So, everything we see in Revelation before the sixth seal is opened is TRIBULATION.
- Seal 6 and 7 are not tribulation so not all SEVEN SEALS equal Tribulation.
- Once the SIXTH seal is opened, everything else is NOT TRIBULATION.
- This means the TRUMPETS are not a part of the TRIBULATION!!!
- But yet, all the false preachers and teachers say that the trumpets are part of the tribulation.
- It's very clear to see that the trumpets are NOT a part of the tribulation.

***[9] Matthew 24:29-31 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.***

- So, what happens immediately after the tribulation?
- Sun and moon darkened. Stars fall from heaven.
- Verse 30 says: "AND THEN shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven."
- "They shall see the SON OF MAN coming in the clouds of heaven."
- Notice it says: "The Son of Man COMING in the clouds of heaven." This is HIS SECOND COMING.
- Verse 31 shows the RAPTURE. The angels will gather together the elect.
- That's the saved being gathered together.
- So obviously, Matthew Chapter 24 verses 29 through 31 PROVE that the Rapture is "IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION."
- Jesus can't be MORE CLEAR right here.

If someone preaches the RAPTURE is before the tribulation, it's FALSE. Pre-Tribulation = FALSE.

- If someone says there is more than ONE rapture, they're a false preacher.
- There's ONE RAPTURE. After the tribulation and BEFORE God's wrath is poured out.
- Some false preachers are now adding additional raptures.
- Some say there isn't even a Rapture any more. There's 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 Raptures.
- When you know the Bible and understand it, it's pretty straight forward. There aren't any tricks.

Here's something else to think about with Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.

- What are these chapters talking about?
- They start out by asking Jesus when is the end of the world and when are you coming back?

***[10] Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?***

- These chapters talk about the TRIBULATION.
- They talk about the GREAT TRIBULATION that comes right before the SECOND COMING.

***[11] Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.***

- Read the chapters. They're talking about TRIBULATION before Jesus comes back.
- And then He comes back.
- You don't see any of God's wrath being discussed in those chapters.
- Nothing that relates to the trumpets or vials in the Book of Revelation.
- So, we KNOW 100% for sure that the TRUMPETS come AFTER the seals are opened.
- How do we know? Because the Bible is VERY clear in multiple passages of SCRIPTURE.
- The reason I'm spending time here is because everyone around teaches a PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE.
- And they will say that the seals don't come before the trumpets. Here's more proof against that.

In Revelation Chapter 6, you see the SIXTH seal being opened.

- In that chapter, we see the sun and moon darkened. Stars fall from heaven.
- "For the GREAT DAY of HIS WRATH "IS" come." Here's the last verse in Chapter 6 and the first verses in Chapter 7.

***[12] Revelation 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?***

***[13] Revelation 7:1-3 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.***

- So again, God's wrath hasn't been poured out yet. Why is that Scripture proof of that?
- Verse 3 says: "HURT NOT THE EARTH, NEITHER THE SEA, NOR THE TREES."
- Why? Because the servants of God haven't been sealed in their foreheads yet.
- Why do they need to be sealed? So they aren't hurt by God's WRATH!!!

- And remember what we learned during the Chapter 7 sermon.
- The 144,000 who are God's servants are sealed BETWEEN the SIXTH and SEVENTH seal.

This FALSE TEACHING about the Pre-Tribulation Rapture is beyond ridiculous.

- The truth in the Bible is very simple and easy to understand. God didn't make this difficult.
- FALSE PREACHERS make this difficult. Here's what they say AS AN EXAMPLE.
- They will say that the SIXTH SEAL lines up with the SEVENTH TRUMPET.
- The Bible doesn't say that anywhere. It's very clear that's false when you read the Bible.
- They say there's SEVEN YEARS tribulation. The Bible doesn't say that ANYWHERE.
- We went over that before, but there is no SCRIPTURE that says 7 years tribulation.
- Anything AFTER the SIXTH SEAL is not called TRIBULATION in the Bible.
- The very last time the word tribulation is used in all of the Bible is this verse in Revelation Chapter 7.

***[14] Revelation 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.***

- This is the verse in which the elder in heaven asks John where all these people who just showed up in heaven came from?
- This is the RAPTURE. These are people who appear in heaven suddenly from the RAPTURE.
- And where did they come from? "These are they which came out of great tribulation."
- So Tribulation is now over!!! The rapture has happened.
- That's the last time the word tribulation is used. The tribulation is now over.
- The trumpets haven't yet sounded. The tribulation doesn't continue after the Rapture.
- END OF STORY. PERIOD. OVER. DONE.

In Revelation Chapter 8, we're going to see 4 angels sounding 4 trumpets.

- The other 3 angels who sound the 3 remaining trumpets will be covered in Chapter 9, 10, and 11.
- First 4 angels/trumpets are in Chapter 8. Fifth and sixth angel/trumpet are Chapter 9.
- The seventh and final angel/trumpet is in Chapter 11.
- And then remember that the story starts over in Revelation Chapter 12 with the birth of Jesus Christ.
- Then we see more details of all the prophecy when it repeats and adds more details.
- Now, let's move back to Revelation Chapter 8 verse 1 as I want you to see something that's important.

***[15] Revelation 8:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.***

- That half hour time period ALWAYS stands out to me.
- God is being VERY, VERY SPECIFIC with this time. HALF HOUR or 30 minutes.

***[16] Revelation 8:2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.***

- So we see SEVEN ANGELS with SEVEN TRUMPETS.
- This is the first time that we see 7 angels with the trumpets.

**[17] Revelation 8:3** *And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.*

- Now we see a different angel (not one of the 7) with a golden censer.
- This angel is given incense. The point of the incense is to offer it with the prayers of all saints.
- That means, if you're saved, your prayers will be offered up right here at this point.

**[18] Revelation 8:4** *And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.*

- Imagine that picture. The smoke of the incense with the prayers of the saints is ascending before God.
- Now, let's watch what happens next as this is VERY important to see.

**[19] Revelation 8:5-6** *And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. 6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.*

- The same angel takes the censer and fills it with fire of the altar.
- He casts the fire into the Earth. Now, we know this is coming from God. Fire from heaven.
- The seals with TRIBULATION we KNOW were not coming from God.
- This is obviously coming from God in heaven. It's very clear that God's wrath has BEGUN.
- The seven angels with the seven trumpets are preparing to sound.

**[20] Revelation 8:7** *The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.*

- The first trumpet sounds from the first angel.
- Hail and fire mingled with blood is cast upon the earth.
- What happens? The third part of trees are burned up. 100% of green grass is burnt up.
- Every continent in this world has green grass. Every nation has green grass.
- Even Antarctica has green grass. There won't be ONE PLACE that isn't on fire.
- Think about that. Only 1/3 of the trees are burned but all green grass will burn.
- Forest fires everywhere. Hail stones with fire and blood are cast upon the earth.

The Great Day of God's Wrath has come.

- The Rapture has already happened and now God's wrath has begun.
- This all matches Scripture perfectly. It all makes perfect sense with Scripture because it is Scripture.
- False preachers can't make any sense of any of this.
- What do we see when God's wrath begins? We see FIRE being rained down on earth from HEAVEN!!!
- And it starts on the SAME DAY of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the same day as the Rapture.

**[21] Luke 17:29-30** *But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.*

- Do you see how all the Scripture comes together perfectly once we get it right? It's amazing.

- You might remember this verse from 2 Peter Chapter 3.

***[22] 2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.***

- So, now you can see how this verse fits with fire being rained upon earth from heaven.
- There will be so much fire that the elements upon the earth will be melting.

Some people will say: "My God would NEVER do something like this."

- My God loves everyone no matter what. But look, they can't explain the pouring out of God's wrath.
- They can't explain the flood destroying all life upon this earth.
- They can't explain the children of Israel destroying all the men, women, and little children as God commanded them to do.
- They can't explain God killing people in the camp of Israel when they complained about Him.
- They can't explain Ananias and Sapphira. They can't explain HELL.
- The Bible supports NONE of their statements about their god BECAUSE their god is a FALSE GOD.

So today, let's see why God's Wrath is being poured out with these 7 angels and 7 trumpets.

- Why is God raining fire upon the Earth?
- And remember, the saved people to this point in time have been Raptured.
- The only SAVED people left on Earth are the 2 witnesses and the 144,000 preaching the Gospel.
- So even through God's wrath, people can be saved. But let's see why God is pouring out HIS WRATH.
- Do you remember that God repays evil? Look up the words repay and recompense in the Bible.
- You'll see all those instances of God talking about REPAYING or RECOMPENSING evil.

***[23] Deuteronomy 7:10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.***

***[24] Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.***

***[25] Hebrews 10:30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.***

- God pays back the evil that is done in this Earth. We don't pay it back. God PAYS it back.
- And look, He'll do a MUCH better job than you could ever do. Let God take care of that stuff.
- So, God's wrath is RECOMPENSING or REPAYING the evil. But why must this happen?

***[26] Acts 3:20-23 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.***

- Everyone who HAS NEVER BELIEVED on the Lord Jesus Christ will be destroyed.
- And it's the MAJORITY of people. Understand that today. You might call yourself a Christian.
- But have you put all your trust and confidence on Jesus Christ to save you?
- Do you think you're a good person? Do you think your good works get you into heaven?
- Do you think your baptism gets you into heaven? Do you think it's your kindness?
- Do you think it's all the good things you've done for other people? Does that get you into heaven?
- If you think so, you're not saved. You need to understand that it's JESUS alone that gets you there.

So look there at verse 21 on the screen.

- "Whom the heaven MUST RECEIVE until the times of RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS."
- What does the word restitution mean? Acts 3:21 is the last time the word restitution is used in the Bible.
- Here's the first time the word restitution is used.

***[27] Exodus 22:1-3 If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. 2 If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him. 3 If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be blood shed for him; for he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.***

- So, the word restitution is talking about PAY BACK for theft.
- So again, God's wrath is PAY BACK for all the sin that they've committed against HIM.
- And understand, sin is GOING up against God Almighty. You don't want to do that.
- That's why you need to be SAVED from all your sin (past, present, future) TODAY.
- It's very easy to explain why the flood happened. God's love (TRUE LOVE) is HATING evil.
- Evil isn't good for anyone. Getting rid of evil is good for everyone.
- Why does God's wrath have to happen? Why did the flood happen?

***[28] Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.***

***[29] Genesis 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.***

- Continuous evil God says. The earth is filled with violence God says.
- "BEHOLD, I WILL DESTROY THEM WITH THE EARTH."
- Why did God rain fire upon the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? He utterly destroyed them. Why?

***[30] Jude 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.***

- Notice it says they suffered the VENGEANCE of eternal fire. Why?
- Because they were ABOMINATIONS or greatly HATED by God. They went after strange flesh.
- That's men with men and women with women. Sounds like today. Not good.

***[31] Leviticus 18:22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.***



**[32] Deuteronomy 12:31** *Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.*

- In other words, God HATES abominations. And man with man is an abomination.
- Woman with woman is an abomination the Bible says.

**[33] Romans 1:27** *And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.*

- Do you see the word RECOMPENSE right there towards the end of that verse?
- How are these people paid back? God REJECTS them He says in the very next verse of Romans.
- They will NEVER be saved. Their name is taken out of the Book of Life. It's removed permanently.
- That's PAY BACK for them not wanting anything to do with God and HIS DESIGN for them.
- It's rather obvious they're going against God's design. They're spitting in God's face.
- Do you think He just allows it. Does He just forgive it? Does He just love them no matter what?

**[34] Romans 1:28** *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;*

- God giving you over to a reprobate mind is THE WORST THING that could ever happen to you.
- And REJECTS continue to laugh at that. It's not a laughing matter. It's sad. Eternal hell is not funny.
- Sodom and Gomorrah was just like that. The men wanted the angels who were with Lot. Sick stuff.
- You can see all of this all around in this world. It's sick. It's going to hell fast too. It spreads quickly.
- Fire being rained on Sodom and Gomorrah is going to happen again on a MUCH larger scale.
- It's coming, and we see it in Revelation Chapter 8.

**[35] Hosea 10:12** *Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.*

- Would you rather have righteousness RAINED upon you from God? That sounds great to me.
- Or would you rather have fire and brimstone rained upon your head for eternity?
- Be saved today, and you won't have to worry about that.
- You'll have GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS RAINED UPON YOU. Seek HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- Let's go back to Revelation Chapter 8. Remember, we just finished the FIRST TRUMPET.
- Hail and fire mingled with blood. 1/3 of trees burned. 100% of green grass burned.

**[36] Revelation 8:8** *And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;*

- So the second angel sounds the second trumpet. What happens?
- AS IT WERE a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea. It wasn't a great mountain.
- But it was like a great mountain burning with fire. Like a huge comet crashing into the sea.
- 1/3 of the sea became BLOOD. It actually became blood the Bible says. Not like blood. BLOOD.

**[37] Revelation 8:9** *And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.*

- 1/3 of the sea creatures died. 1/3 of the ships in the sea were destroyed. Not everything. ONE THIRD.
- When you see the sea becoming blood, it might remind you of the plagues in Egypt, right?

**[38] Exodus 7:20-21** *And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. 21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.*

- The waters in the river were turned to blood. The fish died. The river stank the Bible says.
- You couldn't drink of the water. There was only blood throughout all the land of Egypt.
- Just imagine all of the fish dying in Guist Creek Lake. Imagine the smell. They all float to the top.
- And wash up on the banks in your yard. Nasty fishy smell everywhere.
- Do you realize how LARGE 1/3 of the seas are in this world? It's HUGE. I can't even imagine it.
- We have no idea HOW LARGE that really is. And imagine all of those fish and other creatures dying.
- That STINK is going to be amazingly horrible. All throughout the world. No place won't stink.
- The air will stink. Ships will be destroyed. People won't get supplies they need.

So far, we've seen TRUMPETS 1 and 2.

- 1<sup>st</sup> TRUMPET = hail and fire mingled with blood.
- RESULT = 1/3 trees burned, 100% of green grass burned.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> TRUMPET = burning fire cast into the sea.
- RESULT = 1/3 sea became blood, 1/3 sea life dead, 1/3 ships destroyed.
- Let's move to the next trumpet in verse 10 of Revelation Chapter 8.

**[39] Revelation 8:10** *And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;*

- Now we see the third angel sounding the third trumpet.
- A GREAT STAR from heaven fell. This would be from the SECOND HEAVEN in outer space.
- It burned as it were a lamp. So, it's very bright.
- It falls to earth and takes out a THIRD part of the rivers and fountains of water. Verse 11.

**[40] Revelation 8:11** *And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.*

- The GREAT STAR has a name and it's name is WORMWOOD.
- The 1/3 part of FRESH WATERS became wormwood. This is VILE water that kills people.
- Remember, 1/3 of the seas or salt water was turned to blood and now 1/3 of the fresh water is infected.
- So a great star crashes into the earth and infects 1/3 of the fresh water on earth.

One interesting theory on this star called Wormwood is related to Nuclear Waste sites.

- Chernobyl is the site of the largest nuclear disaster in history. Happened in 1986 in Ukraine.

- Nuclear power plants create this radioactive nuclear waste that must be stored somewhere.
- It can spill out into the rivers and water supply and become deadly.
- Chernobyl is a word that means black grass or black stalks.
- Some language experts say that Chernobyl translates into English as WORMWOOD.
- So maybe the infected fresh water supply could be where the star hits and causes this nuclear waste to enter into the water.
- This would definitely make sense, but is it the truth? I have no idea. It's just a possibility.
- The nuclear waste contaminates everything around so yes, this could happen. It leaks into the ground.
- And it's being stored everywhere. An earthquake and tsunami in Japan released nuclear waste.
- So yeah, think about the earthquakes and this great star crashing into the earth.

There's also a plant named wormwood that is very bitter tasting.

- And that matches the end of verse 11 there. The waters were made bitter.
- Wormwood is a poisonous plant that is bitter tasting.
- The waters will be made bitter and poisonous. People will die when drinking the water.
- Let's move onto the FOURTH ANGEL and TRUMPET in Chapter 8 verse 12.

***[41] Revelation 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.***

- Fourth angels sounds the fourth trumpet.
- 1/3 part of the sun is darkened. 1/3 part of the moon is darkened. 1/3 of stars are darkened.
- These are all the lights that give light on this earth.

***[42] Genesis 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.***

- So we now see in Revelation that we're losing light and the world is becoming even darker.

***[43] Revelation 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.***

- Verse 12 of Revelation 8 says this at the end: "And the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise."
- So now you lose 1/3 part of light during the day and a 1/3 part of light during the night.
- If there's 12 hours of day and 12 hours of night, you'll lose 4 hours of light during each.
- The sun will not shine for 4 hours during the day.
- The moon/stars won't shine for 4 hours during the night.
- You lose 8 hours of light during the day and night combined.

So now, there will be 8 hours of total darkness once the FOURTH TRUMPET sounds.

- Complete darkness is not good. All of these unsaved people better start buying candles and lighters.
- There most likely won't be much electricity after what's happened so far.
- We won't need them. We'll be watching in heaven. So, think about whose left on Earth.

- All the saved people are gone. So imagine complete darkness with all these evil people left on earth.
- Most of them will have no fear of God even after seeing everything that's happened so far.
- They'll be going after other people too. They don't care. They're evil.
- Let's finish up Revelation Chapter 8 with this last verse.

***[44] Revelation 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!***

- This angel flies through the midst of heaven. John hears the angel flying through heaven.
- The angel is saying VERY LOUDLY: "WOE, WOE, WOE."
- And remember there will be 3 more trumpets that are considered to be the 3 WOES.
- The angels says: "Woe, Woe, Woe, to the inhabitants of the earth." And why is this?
- There are 3 more trumpets to sound from 3 more angels.
- And look at what's already happened with the first 4 trumpets.

Let's summarize the 4 trumpets to this point that we've seen in Revelation Chapter 8.

- 1<sup>st</sup> TRUMPET = hail and fire mingled with blood.
- RESULT = 1/3 trees burned, 100% of green grass burned.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> TRUMPET = burning fire cast into the sea.
- RESULT = 1/3 sea became blood, 1/3 sea life dead, 1/3 ships destroyed.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> TRUMPET = Great star falls from heaven burning as it were a lamp.
- RESULT = 1/3 part of all waters became wormwood and made bitter.
- 4<sup>th</sup> TRUMPET = 1/3 part of sun, moon, star were smitten.
- RESULT = 8 hours of the day is complete darkness: 4 hours during the day and 4 hours at night.

***[45] Exodus 10:21-23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. 22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: 23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.***

- The darkness for 8 hours each day will be amazing.
- They will not even see one another.
- When you go to Mammoth Cave and they turn out all lamps, you can't even see your hand in front of your face.
- That's what the darkness will be like.
- And then we see this angel flying through heaven saying that's nothing. Just wait. 3 WOES are coming.
- So, it's going to get scary over the next few chapters that we'll study in detail.
- Remember, the trumpets are God pouring out His Wrath on the evil and wicked people left on Earth.

God HATES evil and wickedness and God gets angry and furious with evil and wickedness.

- God's wrath will be poured out on the kingdoms upon this Earth, but don't worry. We'll be okay.
- Why will be okay?

***[46] Hebrews 12:28-29 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God is a consuming fire.***

- We have received a kingdom that CANNOT BE MOVED.
- We are saved through GOD HIMSELF. We believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to save us. We're saved.
- We cannot be moved because Jesus is there with us and for us. Thank you Jesus.
- We're saved by grace through faith. Not of works.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 9

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 9."

- Please turn to Revelation Chapter 9 in your Bibles.
- We'll be going through this chapter verse by verse today.
- In Chapter 8, we saw the beginning of God's wrath.
- We saw the first 4 trumpets sounded by the first 4 angels.
- Now, let's start there in verse 1 of Chapter 9.

***[3] Revelation 9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.***

- Now we see the fifth angel sounding the FIFTH TRUMPET.
- When this happens, a STAR falls from heaven to earth.
- But we see that this STAR is actually referred to as "HIM."
- And the key to the bottomless pit is given to this star or to HIM that fell from heaven unto the earth.

***[4] Revelation 9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.***

- So again, this star that fell from heaven is referred to as a HE or HIM.
- He opens the bottomless pit. Smoke arises out of the pit. It's like smoke from a GREAT FURNACE.
- There was so much smoke coming from that pit that SUN and the AIR were darkened.
- So again, we see darkness upon the earth because of this smoke.

***[5] Revelation 9:3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.***

- Now we see the first WOE, which is the FIFTH TRUMPET.
- Locusts come out of the smoke. God gives these locusts POWER as scorpions of the earth have power.
- In other words, these locusts are going to have power to hurt like scorpions on this earth.

***[6] Revelation 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.***

- These are special locusts that aren't going to hurt the grass or the trees.
- Locusts that we see in the plagues in the Book of Exodus eat up everything.

***[7] Exodus 10:15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.***

- Locusts are large grasshoppers that can fly and they're good at it.
- Usually, these locusts don't migrate but sometimes they begin to swarm and migrate in large numbers.

- These swarms of locusts as we saw in the Book of Exodus devastate crops and farms.
- This leads to famine, starvation, sickness, and disease because they eat up all the food.
- Here's what a mild swarm of locusts looks like.

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- Imagine many more and you'll see how the sun won't shine through. It becomes dark.
- In the Spring last year, Las Vegas had swarms of locusts that looked like this.

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So this time, the locusts we see aren't going to hurt the grass, tree, and fruit like we saw in the Book of Exodus.

- This time they're going to hurt something else.
- And that's going to be all the men left on this earth who don't have the seal of God in their foreheads.
- And that will be everyone but the 144,000 that received the seal of God in Revelation Chapter 7.
- I also assume that the locusts won't be hurting the 2 witnesses that are left on the Earth.
- Continuing in verse 5 of Chapter 9.

***[10] Revelation 9:5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.***

- So you have these powerful locusts that aren't killing people like they could.
- But they're tormenting the people who are left for 5 months.
- And you might think: "Well, God wouldn't torture someone for 5 months!!!"
- Well guess what? My God would. Maybe you need to read the Bible.
- God will repay. Those people have tormented us their entire life. It's time for pay back.
- And God's running the pay back with these locusts who torment people like scorpions.

Some scorpions are found in Kentucky and they cover more than half the United States.

- I thought they were just out west in the desert areas, but they are all around the US.
- See this chart. The red area is the location where poisonous scorpions are found.

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- When scorpions sting, they may or may not deliver the venom with the sting.
- They only sting humans to protect themselves and sometimes won't deliver the venom.
- This is what a scorpion looks like. They sting with their tail.

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- What's a scorpion sting feel like? From what I understand, it's similar to a wasp or hornet sting.
- It doesn't feel good, but it doesn't kill you.
- But think about how many of these locusts there are in Revelation Chapter 9.
- They are there to torment people for 5 months. So 5 months of scorpions stinging you.
- Torment and pain for 5 months. This is the FIRST WOE from the FIFTH ANGEL.
- So, HOW BAD is this PAIN going to be? Let's see what the Bible says.



**[13] Revelation 9:6** *And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.*

- The pain and torment from these locusts will be very bad.
- It's going to be so bad that men shall seek death and shall not find it.
- They want to die the Bible says, but God won't allow them to die.
- They will continue to suffer torment from these LOCUSTS.
- Let's learn more about these locusts and what they actually look like.

**[14] Revelation 9:7** *And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.*

- I want to make sure you see what these locusts look like.
- They don't look like horses. They aren't as large as a horse.
- It says the shapes of the locusts were LIKE unto horses prepared for battle.
- Imagine what a horse looks like when going into battle. They would have armor on them.
- On the heads of the locusts it says: "As it were CROWNS LIKE GOLD."
- So they probably have pointed parts raised on their head that looks like a crown of gold.
- Their faces were AS the faces of men. They don't have faces of men. But it looks similar.

**[15] Revelation 9:8** *And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.*

- These locusts have hair AS the hair of women. This most likely means they will have long hair.
- A woman should have long hair according to GOD ALMIGHTY. Not according to me. According to GOD.
- And the Bible doesn't say women MUST have long hair, but LONG HAIR is the woman's GLORY.
- So, it sounds like God loves long hair on a woman so if I were a woman, I'd have long hair.
- For a man, though, God doesn't want long hair. And that's why I will NEVER have long hair.

**[16] 1 Corinthians 11:14-15** *Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? 15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.*

- So, these locusts have long hair like the hair of women.
- But what else do you see there in verse 8?
- The second part of that verse says these locusts have TEETH as the teeth of lions.
- So they don't have lion's teeth, but they're similar to lion's teeth.
- In other words, these are scary locusts. And you probably don't want any part of them.
- In other words, be SAVED today by believing on the LORD JESUS CHRIST and you won't have to see them.
- You won't suffer this torment for 5 months where you would rather die but can't.

**[17] Revelation 9:9** *And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.*

- So please remember, these are locusts the Bible says.
- They have VERY STRONG breastplates similar to iron they are so strong. Not iron but strong.
- They have wings because they're locusts. And their wings are very loud.

- The sound of their wings were like the sound of chariots of MANY HORSES running to battle.
- So, visualize all of this. You have these scary locusts swarming together everywhere around you.
- And the sound of them is very loud, and you won't be getting away from them.
- A HUGE number of these scary locusts running into BATTLE sent from God.

**[18] Revelation 9:10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.**

- Now we see their tails are LIKE unto scorpions. And they have stings in their tails.
- God gives them the POWER to hurt men for FIVE MONTHS or 150 days.

**[19] Revelation 9:11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.**

- The KING over these locusts is the ANGEL of the bottomless pit.
- And we see the name of this angel in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon and in the Greek tongue APOLLYON.
- I want to talk about this angel much more, but first I want to mention TONGUES.
- You see the Hebrew tongue and the Greek tongue is mentioned here.
- Notice these are KNOWN languages. There isn't some unknown tongue language that constantly changes.

One day some babble comes out of somebody's mouth and it means this one day.

- And then that same babble comes out another day and it means something different.
- That doesn't exist in the Bible. It's made up, and it's PURE EVIL. Understand that TODAY. It's evil.
- And I won't be around it. I'll get as far away as I can from the people who black out and speak in some unknown supposedly "HEAVENLY" language.
- That's a topic for an entire sermon or two.
- But read Acts Chapter 2 for what it actually says, and you'll understand SPEAKING IN TONGUES.
- And it has nothing to do with this BABBLING BOLOGNA you hear in false churches. It's evil.
- God doesn't black you out and take control over your body and your tongue.
- That's evil things doing that. It's not God my friend. NEVER happens in the Bible. Not once.
- Speaking in tongues are speaking in known languages.

Let's get back to this angel of the bottomless pit. His name is Abaddon or Apollyon.

- Many people believe today that Satan is the Abaddon or Apollyon, but we know Satan's name already.
- And it's not Abaddon or Apollyon. Satan's name is LUCIFER because the Bible says so.

**[20] Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!**

- Where did this false belief about Satan being the angel of the bottomless pit come from?
- It didn't come from the Bible. The Bible doesn't teach that anywhere.
- That false teaching came from a book written by a man. It's called Pilgrim's Progress.
- It was written by a man named John Bunyan in 1678. It's supposedly the first novel ever written in English.
- And people believe what it says, and it's a FICTION BOOK. But people still believe what it says.
- And within that book, you can lose your salvation so you already know it's FALSE. It's FICTION.
- Instead of reading books written by MAN or study Bibles or commentaries, we should use the Bible alone.

- When we don't, we get false doctrines and false teaching. We don't need anything but this Bible.

So today, we need to show 100% how SATAN is not this angel of the bottomless pit.

- Today, you're going to see that SATAN is not in charge of hell. He's not running things down there.
- In other words, Abaddon or Apollyon is NOT Satan and is not LUCIFER. They are different angels.
- SATAN is Lucifer who is the Devil who is the GREAT DRAGON who is the "old serpent."
- The Book of Revelation goes over this twice, and I want to show you those verses.

**[21] Revelation 12:9 *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.***

**[22] Revelation 20:2 *And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,***

- Never ONCE does the Bible call Satan Abaddon or Apollyon. Not once.
- But yet, you have people teaching this today.
- For example, a very popular Bible website called Blue Letter Bible says this:

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- This Blue Letter Bible is giving us all the names of Satan and they say his name is Abaddon and Apollyon.
- When you see this, you can know preachers are using this information and spread it FALSELY.
- For example, whenever you find information about the Bible, you better check it with the BIBLE!!!
- Don't just take my word for it. Don't take any man's word for it. USE THE BIBLE.
- So, if you look there AGAIN in Revelation Chapter 9 verse 1. Let's read it again.

**[24] Revelation 9:1 *And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.***

- People will say: "SEE!!! The angel fell from heaven and it MUST be SATAN because he's a fallen angel."
- But the Bible doesn't call HIM Satan. It calls this angel Abaddon or Apollyon and he's with God.
- Abaddon or Apollyon is working for God as we'll see so he's definitely not Satan.
- Let's get this straight today, though: SATAN DOESN'T FALL FROM HEAVEN when the 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet sounds.
- The Book of Daniel tells us when Satan is

**[25] Daniel 12:1 *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.***

- So the Book of Daniel is telling us that Satan is cast out before the tribulation begins.
- But we use the Book of Revelation together with the Book of Daniel to tell us this.
- And Revelation Chapter 12 with Daniel Chapter 12, together, we can figure this out.
- Understand that Satan isn't cast out of heaven at the sound of the FIFTH TRUMPET.
- That's not Satan being cast out of heaven.

**[26] Revelation 12:7-9** *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

- Notice that Satan and all of his angels were cast out of heaven.
- Apollyon or Abaddon comes down from heaven AFTER these events.
- This means he isn't with Satan. He's with God. Abaddon or Apollyon is serving God.
- Understand this today: GOD HOLDS THE KEYS TO HEAVEN AND HELL.
- God doesn't hand the key over to Satan at any time to heaven or to hell. Satan isn't in charge of hell.
- Do you know who is in charge of hell? Watch what Revelation Chapter 1 says:

**[27] Revelation 1:18** *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

- So, Jesus Christ has the keys of hell and death.
- God gives the key to one of HIS SERVANTS who is this angel named Abaddon or Apollyon.

And remember, the Book of Revelation starts over in Chapter 12 with the birth of Jesus Christ.

- God then takes us back through all of the events with more detail.
- Satan is cast out BEFORE THE TRIBULATION begins. That comes from Daniel and Revelation.
- So the timing of the tribulation and the FIFTH TRUMPET is very different. Do you see this today?
- In other words, SATAN again is NOT EQUAL to Abaddon and Apollyon.
- But let's look at even more proof that this angel of the bottomless pit is NOT SATAN.

**[28] Revelation 9:11** *And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.*

- We know 100% for sure from that verse right there that Abaddon or Apollyon is the angel of the bottomless pit. Right? There's no arguing with that.
- There is no doubt about that. He is the king over these LOCUSTS that we see in Revelation Chapter 9.

**[29] Revelation 9:1** *And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.*

- And then, if you remember, VERSE 1 of Revelation 9 tells us that Abaddon or Apollyon has the KEY to the bottomless pit.
- That's very important to see right there BECAUSE this is going to prove Satan isn't the angel of the bottomless pit.
- Satan isn't the KING OVER HELL. Abaddon or Apollyon is the angel of the bottomless pit. Not Satan.
- Watch this in the Book of Revelation Chapter 20. The Bible is VERY CLEAR and easy to understand.
- In other words, it's very easy to prove Satan is NOT Abaddon or Apollyon.

**[30] Revelation 20:1** *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.*

- Do you see who this is right there? Who is the angel with the key of the bottomless pit?
- It's Abaddon or Apollyon right there in Revelation Chapter 20.
- He has a great chain in his hand. Do you know who that chain is for?
- That chain is for Satan. Watch this in the next verse.

***[31] Revelation 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,***

- If the angel of the bottomless pit is Satan, then that means Satan is bounding Satan.
- That makes no sense BUT YET people continue to teach that one of Satan's name is Abaddon and one of his names is Apollyon.
- This just tells me people aren't reading their Bibles and are listening to man.

***[32] Revelation 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.***

- Obviously, Abaddon or Apollyon is working for God.
- He bounds Satan and casts him into the bottomless pit. He shuts him up and seals him into hell.
- This tells me that Satan sure isn't the strongest angel. The strongest of all have God behind them.
- And Abaddon or Apollyon takes that old serpent, ties him up, and casts him into the bottomless pit.

One last time here today: SATAN DOES NOT RULE OVER HELL.

- If you serve Satan today BECAUSE you think you're going to reign in hell with Satan, you're wrong.
- There are books, movies, TV shows, cartoons that make people think they will reign in hell with Satan.
- People actually believe it's better to REIGN IN HELL with Satan than SERVE GOD IN HEAVEN.
- The Bible tells us that Satan sure doesn't reign in hell AT ALL. He's going to be tormented in hell.
- And he's taking all of his followers today to hell with him but it's not to reign. It's everlasting torment.

***[33] Isaiah 14:12-15 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.***

- We have to get this right, and we have to teach our children the right things.
- Satan has NEVER been to hell to this point in Revelation Chapter 9. But he will be there.
- In other words, Satan doesn't reign over hell but he will be there in hell in the future.
- If you want to be evil, you won't be reigning over anyone. You'll be in hell. That's the only option.
- God is the creator of heaven and hell. He's in charge of both. He hates evil. That's why there's a hell.
- There's only one way to escape hell and that's believing on the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

So what is Satan and where is Satan right now if he isn't in hell?

- Satan is a cherub or a living creature or a beast just like the Bible calls those angels.
- He is not flesh and blood. He is a spirit the Bible says.
- Where is Satan right now? Let's see what the Bible says.

**[34] 1 Peter 5:8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:***

- Satan is our adversary. Understand that right now. He's not your friend in any way.
- He simply wants to take you with him to hell to burn forever.

Here's another way to study the Bible.

- The Book of Revelation tells us that the name of that angel is Abaddon in the Hebrew.
- Apollyon in the Greek. So, we can use a concordance to show us where these words are used in the Bible.
- Let's start in the Old Testament with Abaddon. That Hebrew word Abaddon is used 6 times.
- It means "DESTRUCTION" in English in the Old Testament. I will read all 6 verses to you in order.

**[35] Job 26:6 *Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.***

**[36] Job 28:22 *Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.***

**[37] Job 31:12 *For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.***

**[38] Psalm 88:11 *Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?***

**[39] Proverbs 15:11 *Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?***

**[40] Proverbs 27:20 *Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.***

- So what is the word ABADDON or DESTRUCTION associated with in these verses?
- We saw HELL, DEATH, FIRE, and the GRAVE. Abaddon is related to hell, death, fire, and the grave.
- Do you see this? It all makes perfect sense that the angel ABADDON is the angel of hell.
- And this angel serves God. This angel doesn't serve Satan.
- Now, let's look at the New Testament word Apollyon, which is the GREEK TONGUE.
- There's many more verse with this word, but let's look at one.

**[41] Matthew 7:13 *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:***

- You can see the word DESTRUCTION there or Apollyon in the GREEK.
- The word Apollyon is related to destruction, WRATH, waste, damnable, death, and perishing.
- So, look, you don't have to look at the HEBREW or GREEK to know that the angel of the bottomless pit is related to DEATH, HELL, DESTRUCTION, FIRE, GRAVE, WASTE, DAMNABLE, PERISH, and WRATH!!!
- I want to show you one more verse with the word APOLLYON because it's very important to understand.

**[42] 2 Peter 3:16 *As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.***

- Unsaved people will not understand the Bible. I know because I was there one time.
- I was trying to read and understand the Bible, but it was difficult.
- I didn't understand that all I had to do to be saved was to BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- NOT ON MYSELF AT ALL. It's only Jesus who saves. It's not my good works. It's not being a good person.
- It's YOUR BELIEF on Jesus Christ to save you. It's putting all your trust and confidence on HIM.
- It's nothing else. Once you understand that, you're saved.
- That verse on the screen right there is talking about unsaved people not understanding the Bible.
- Once you're saved, it all starts coming together for you. It's much easier to understand.
- If you can't understand the Bible at all, I would get to believing on the Lord Jesus Christ TODAY.
- So again, the name of the angel of the bottomless pit is related to DESTRUCTION.

The name Satan does not mean DESTROYER like so many people use for proof that he's the king over hell.

- So, let's look at the first time the word Satan is used in the Bible.

**[43] 1 Chronicles 21:1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.**

- Satan means to STAND UP AGAINST. He's an adversary. He provokes. He's an opponent.
- It's all right there in that verse. It gives us the meaning of the name SATAN.
- You see the nature of Satan in Job when he comes up against Job. He's the adversary.

**[44] Zechariah 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.**

- So again, you can see Satan resists or opposes good. He is the adversary.
- And you can see this all throughout the Bible. Satan doesn't mean destruction or destroyer.
- That's what Abaddon and Apollyon means because he is the angel of the bottomless pit.
- Satan isn't the angel over hell. He is our adversary. God is for us. Satan is against us.

**[45] Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?**

- If we rely on God, Satan can't stop God. He can stop us, but not if we allow God to take over.
- Walk in the SPIRIT and not the flesh. God is for us. Satan is against us. He is the adversary.

**[46] Psalm 33:20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.**

**[47] Psalm 124:8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

- God made HEAVEN AND EARTH and HE is our help. So don't let Satan bother you.
- He simply opposes us and that's that. He has no real power over you in any way. You get a choice.
- I want to make sure we have this straight today. This is big.
- And you'll see why it's important to understand Abaddon or Apollyon is not Satan.

God is sending the LOCUSTS. It's not Satan sending the locusts.

- Many false preachers say these are locusts from Satan tormenting people.
- No, these locusts are sent from God who is doing the tormenting. God is pouring out HIS WRATH.
- This is the FIFTH TRUMPET. Satan isn't in charge of this. GOD IS DOING THIS.



- "Well, my god wouldn't do this." That's what some so-called Christians will say. God does do this.
- He does it all throughout the Bible. He's re-paying evil with HIS WRATH.
- Do you want to learn the truth or not? The Bible gives us the truth.

I want you to see something amazing from the Book of Joel, and compare this to the locusts in Revelation.

- And remember that prophecies have dual fulfillment. It has an immediate and a future application.

***[48] Joel 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;***

- The day of the Lord is coming.

***[49] Joel 2:2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.***

- It's a day of darkness. Remember the smoke from the bottomless pit.
- The fifth vial that corresponds with the fifth trumpet is darkness.

***[50] Joel 2:3-4 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. 4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.***

- The appearance is like horses. Does that sound familiar yet?

***[51] Joel 2:5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.***

- Like the noise of chariots. Exactly what we see in Revelation Chapter 9.
- It also says right there that they shall LEAP. Locusts are grasshoppers. They leap.

***[52] Joel 2:6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.***

- The locusts are tormenting people. The people will be much pained.

***[53] Joel 2:7-8 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: 8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.***

- They shall not be wounded. Remember, the locusts are armored. They shall not be wounded.

***[54] Joel 2:9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.***

- Doesn't all of that make sense with Revelation Chapter 9.
- Locusts can run up the walls. Climb into houses. These are locusts from HELL.

- It's darkness. They are stinging you all the time. You'll want to die.
- This is God's wrath for the UNSAVED people. And yes, this is Jesus Christ doing this.
- Now, let's go back to Revelation Chapter 9 verse 12 where we left off.

**[55] Revelation 9:12** *One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.*

- So, we have one woe PAST. And here come the next two woes. That first woe is bad. What's next?

**[56] Revelation 9:13** *And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,*

- Now we see the SIXTH ANGEL with the SIXTH TRUMPET.
- A voice comes from the four horns of the golden altar. The four horns are the design of the altar.

**[57] Ezekiel 43:15** *So the altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar and upward shall be four horns.*

- Let's see what this voice says that is coming from the four horns of the golden altar.

**[58] Revelation 9:14-15** *Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.*

- Sixth angel sounds. Second WOE begins. Four angels in the great river Euphrates are loosed.
- That means those angels are there right now. And remember, angels are spirits.
- They prepared for 1 year, 1 month, 1 day, and 1 hour.
- And what are these 4 angels serving God going to do? They will SLAY the 1/3 part of all people living.
- Some people will say: "Well, those must be evil angels if they're killing like that. That's not my god."
- If you think that, you need to read your Bible.
- There are many examples of angels serving God slaughtering people throughout the Bible.
- Why? Because they were getting rid of evil people from this world.
- This matches with Revelation Chapter 9.

So, who are the 4 angels that are bound in the great river Euphrates?

- Do you remember the Genesis Chapter 2 study that we did?
- The river Euphrates is in the Garden of Eden.

**[59] Genesis 2:10** *And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.*

- A river went out of the garden of Eden and parted into 4 heads. The Euphrates is one of those 4 heads.

**[60] Genesis 2:14** *And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.*

- In Genesis Chapter 3, we see man sin and God removes them from the Garden of Eden.
- And remember, we're looking for these 4 cherubim's that are related to the Euphrates River.

**[61] Genesis 3:24** *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

- This doesn't tell us how many cherubim's were placed there, but it does say they "TURNED EVERY WAY."
- Four directions (North, South, East, and West) would make perfect sense with the 4 angels in Revelation.
- The garden of Eden, the tree of life, these 4 cherubim's with flaming swords are in the Euphrates.
- The flood changed all of the landscaping of the earth. Moved things around.
- The Bible doesn't say the Garden of Eden was destroyed or removed.
- It only tells us that these cherubim's were placed there KEEP THE WAY of the tree of life.

And remember, the trumpets correspond with the vials being poured out.

- Since this is the SIXTH TRUMPET, let's look at the SIXTH VIAL which we see in Revelation Chapter 16.

**[62] Revelation 16:12** *And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.*

- The water is dried up. The angels are loosed from the river. They go out to slay 1/3 of all people.
- Let's continue in Revelation Chapter 9 verse 16 and learn more.

**[63] Revelation 9:16** *And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.*

- Now we see how 4 angels are going to slay 1/3 of all men. That's a lot of people.
- And remember, most people aren't saved so there will be a lot of people left on this Earth.
- These 4 angels have an army of 200 MILLION horsemen. 200 thousand times 1,000 is 200 million.

**[64] Revelation 9:17** *And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.*

- So, you can start to imagine what these horses and horsemen look like within this HUGE ARMY.
- Breastplates of fire and jacinth. Jacinth is a precious stone that looks like a diamond when heated.
- Brimstone on the breastplates. Hot stones. Then we see the heads of the horses.
- They were AS the heads of lions. Not lion heads but similar. These are horses.
- Out of their mouths came fire, smoke, brimstone.

**[65] Revelation 9:18** *By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.*

- The third part of men are killed by three things: 1) the fire, 2) the smoke, and 3) the brimstone.
- And this is coming out of the mouths of the horses.
- It's not going to be good for the people left on this Earth.
- Please remember, the Rapture has already happened when this occurs.
- If you're saved today, you won't be there. You'll be watching from heaven.

**[66] Revelation 9:19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.**

- The power is in the mouth of the horses and in their tails.
- Their tails were LIKE serpents and had heads. They hurt people with those serpent like heads.

**[67] Revelation 9:20-21 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.**

- Those are the last 2 verses in Chapter 9, but you can learn a lot from these verses right here.
- The people left on Earth saw the coming of the Lord. They know people were taken to heaven.
- They realize they're left on Earth. They've heard the 2 witnesses and the 144,000 preaching.
- They've seen God's wrath. They've been through 2 WOES up to this point.
- They haven't yet been killed by God's wrath, and they still won't give up or give in to God.

It says right there that they still worship devils, idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood.

- All of these idols that we have in this world today can't see, hear, or walk.
- You have drugs, pain pills, alcohol, TV, movies, video games, sports, cars, homes, vacations, boats, jobs.
- People worship these things that can't see, hear, or walk.
- People think they're doing what's best for their children by putting them in all of these activities and schools, but they aren't.
- Those things are idols. Activities are just activities. This isn't helping your children. These schools aren't helping your children.
- That's not loving your children.
- Being with your children YOURSELF, teaching your children YOURSELF, reading the Bible with your children, teaching them about God is LOVING them.

So, after all of these things, these people won't REPENT of their murders, sorceries, fornication, or thefts.

- In other words, you can see whose left on Earth. And there's a lot of that today.
- In other words, when you go out soul winning expect to be rejected BECAUSE some of these same people won't change their mind even after all of this that you see in Revelation.
- Some people will NEVER change their mind.
- The goal of God's wrath is NOT to change these people.
- Preaching is God's preferred method that pleases Him. It's not HIS WRATH that saves.
- His wrath is to PUNISH these people. You would think they would change their mind but they don't.

What can we learn from this?

- The goal of punishing criminals should not be to change these criminals.
- That's why they don't want the death penalty because they want to change these sick criminals.
- God implemented the death penalty, and Jesus doesn't take it away in the New Testament like the Methodists teach.
- The death penalty is shown all throughout the Bible and in the New Testament.
- God punishes people all throughout the Bible.

- He wants all to be saved, but He also says ALL OF THESE PEOPLE who won't believe HAVE NO EXCUSE not to believe.
- They are being punished because of their evil and wicked ways. He's given them enough time.

God is a GOD OF VENGEANCE. He will take revenge on people who HATE HIM.

- And that's what He's doing in the Book of Revelation with the Trumpets and Vials.
- We aren't to take revenge on people. That's God's right HE SAYS. Not ours.
- And He tells us who He is all throughout the Bible.

***[68] Deuteronomy 32:35 To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.***

***[69] Deuteronomy 32:41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.***

***[70] Isaiah 35:4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.***

***[71] Micah 5:15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.***

***[72] Luke 21:22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.***

- That's Jesus speaking right there talking about the events in Revelation.

***[73] Romans 3:5-6 But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man) 6 God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?***

***[74] Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.***

- God tells us to not avenge ourselves. God will take care of it.
- If the government does its job and follows God's rules, they will take care of it.
- But in the end, God will repay all evil and wickedness. And who will get God's VENGEANCE and wrath?

***[75] 2 Thessalonians 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:***

- Eternal fire and hell is the vengeance that God will take against all who won't believe on HIM.

***[76] Jude 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.***

- Sodom and Gomorrha was set forth as AN EXAMPLE.
- What else do you need to see? It happened. It's not a fairy tale. God did that.
- He's trying to tell us all the truth within this Bible. Will you listen to Him today?
- Or, will you listen to all the false preachers who say something different than the Bible?

- Trust God and what HE SAYS. He tells us who He is in this Bible. Believe it.

What does God HATE?

- He hates FALSE GODS. He hates fornication. He hates theft. He hates murder.
- HE HATES SIN. Hopefully this study on Revelation puts the FEAR OF GOD into you.
- When you have that FEAR OF GOD, you won't want to sin.
- Because you understand when you sin, GOD IS ANGRY WITH YOU.
- And He's trying to tell you: "YOU DON'T WANT ANY OF THIS!!!"
- Don't mess with God. Don't tempt God. What He says, HE WILL DO.

**[77] Proverbs 14:26 *In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.***

- When you fear God, you believe HIM and what He says. You understand what He can do and who He is.
- You have confidence in the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, and it feels good. He will take care of you He says.
- That's what the fear of the Lord does for you. You know that He's there.

**[78] Proverbs 15:16 *Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.***

- It's better to have little in this life WITH THE FEAR OF THE LORD than to have everything you could ever imagine.
- Because with all the things of the world COMES trouble. You don't need that.
- What you need is the FEAR OF THE LORD. You NEED eternal life.

**[79] Proverbs 16:6 *By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.***

**[80] Proverbs 19:23 *The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.***

- FEARING GOD is a great thing. Don't fear man. FEAR GOD ALONE.
- Once you do, you'll have this peace inside of you because you understand God has you.
- He's THE ONE taking care of you. You don't need anything else.
- Elijah feared God and God sent ravens to feed him when there was no food.
- Trust in God, fear God, and all things will be okay.

**[81] Psalm 115:11 *Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.***

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 10

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 10."

- Let's take a look at the Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week charts and see where we are on the timeline.
- We just finished the Revelation Chapter 9 study.
- Take a look along the top of the chart and you'll see what we just saw in Chapter 9.
- Find WOE #1 or angel #5 at the top there. The fifth trumpet sounded.
- LOCUSTS from the bottomless pit. Not good. They tortured men but the men couldn't die.

Then we saw the second WOE in Chapter 9.

- The 4 angels were loosed from the Euphrates.
- Not good. 200 million horsemen went upon the earth and killed 1/3 of the people who were still living.
- And then I want to ready you the final 2 verses from Chapter 9 before we go into Chapter 10.

***[3] Revelation 9:20-21 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.***

- The evil people still living on earth did not change their mind, were not sorry for their wickedness.
- And remember, God's wrath doesn't change their mind.
- That's why He's pouring out His wrath on them. They won't change their ways.
- They would rather burn in hell for eternity than do what GOD asks them to do.

So, we just finished the FIFTH and SIXTH TRUMPETS in Revelation Chapter 9.

- And remember, the trumpets are the pouring out of God's wrath on the people left on earth.
- The saved people were RAPTURED before the pouring out of God's wrath.
- But, God still has people preaching the GOSPEL on earth while all of this is happening.
- He's still trying to reach out HIS HAND and offer people everlasting life.
- But they won't take it the BIBLE says. And it's very easy to take. It's not difficult.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> trumpets are the FIRST and SECOND WOE's. There's still a THIRD WOE to come.
- And the first two were very bad. You don't want to be left on earth to go through those.

Now, we're at Revelation Chapter 10.

- Notice, this is a short chapter with only 11 verses.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> and final trumpet doesn't occur until the verse 15 of Chapter 11, or Revelation 11:15.
- So, we have this period of time in Chapter 10 and most of Chapter 11 that leads up to the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet.
- And the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet is the FINAL TRUMPET. We're leading up to this FINAL TRUMPET.
- Let's get started there in verse 1.

***[4] Revelation 10:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:***

- A MIGHTY ANGEL comes down from heaven. He's clothed with a cloud. Imagine this.



- A rainbow is upon his head. His face is amazingly bright like the sun. His feet are like pillars of fire.

***[5] Revelation 10:2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,***

- This mighty angel from heaven has a little book open in his hand.
- He stands there with his right foot on the sea and left foot on the earth.

***[6] Revelation 10:3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.***

- This mighty angel cries out with a loud voice like a lion.
- When he cried out, SEVEN THUNDERS uttered their voices.

***[7] Revelation 10:4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.***

- John, who is writing all of this down for us, hears what the 7 thunders say.
- He's about to write it down for us in Revelation, but a voice from heaven speaks to John.
- This voice tells John to not write down what he heard from the 7 thunders.
- In Revelation Chapter 1, we see Jesus Christ tell John to write what you see and hear.

***[8] Revelation 1:17-19 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. 19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;***

- The Book of Revelation is everything that John sees and hears that we need to know.
- He's written it all down for us. BUT GOD doesn't want us to know what the 7 thunders said.
- It's a mystery. We don't have a clue what those 7 thunders said.
- And yet, you have false preachers making up stories about these 7 thunders and what they said.
- It's everywhere. Look it up when you have a chance.
- It's actually hilarious once you know the Bible and what GOD says.

***[9] Revelation 10:4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.***

- God says to SEAL UP THOSE THINGS WHICH THE SEVEN THUNDERS UTTERED.
- God says, "WRITE THEM NOT!!!" So, they're sealed up. You don't get to know what was said.
- You can't figure it out. It's not in the Bible. It's not there. Give it up. It's a mystery.
- God didn't speak to you VERSUS John and gave you some new revelation. It's not there.
- REVELATION is written to REVEAL things to us. God reveals so much to us in Revelation.
- But right here, HE SAYS TO SEAL IT UP. John was about to write, but God says DON'T WRITE.

***[10] Revelation 10:5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,***

- The same mighty angel standing on the sea and earth lifts up his hand to heaven.
- It's important to notice that this angel LIFTS UP HIS hand to heaven.

***[11] Revelation 10:6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:***

- This mighty angel standing on the sea and earth SWARES by GOD ALMIGHTY that there should be time no longer.
- But, let's keep reading.

***[12] Revelation 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.***

- So many false preachers say that TIME doesn't exist any longer when we reach Revelation 10:6.
- The seventh angel hasn't sounded yet. It says right there in verse 7, "BUT IN THE DAYS OF THE VOICE OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL."
- So obviously, there's still time being measured because it says DAYS of the seventh angel.
- Time is still being measured in days. Jesus Christ will rule on earth for 1000 years AFTER all of this.
- Obviously, if Jesus is ruling for 1,000 years, then time is still being measured.

There's a COLON in verse 6, which gives you a clue.

- Time is still being measured. What's this mighty angel saying?
- Let's read verse 5, 6, and 7 again together and see if this makes more sense to you yet.

***[13] Revelation 10:5-7 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, 6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: 7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.***

- Remember, we're leading up to the SEVENTH AND FINAL TRUMPET. That's where we are in Revelation.
- When the SEVENTH AND FINAL TRUMPET sounds, the time that will be NO LONGER means this:
- There will be no time left until the mystery of God is finished.
- In other words, when the SEVENTH ANGEL begins to sound, the mystery of God will be finished.
- There's no more time left until the mystery of God is finished BECAUSE it's finished.
- It's completed. It's over. That's what this SCRIPTURE means. It's clearly not saying that time stops.
- It mentions DAYS and we know the entire end times prophecy is being measured in time.
- 1000 years for the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ.

***[14] Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.***

- And look, that's in Revelation Chapter 20. Time is still being measured.
- That puts an end to that false teaching.

- When the SEVENTH ANGEL begins to sound the seventh trumpet, the mystery of God is complete.
- Let's focus on verse 7 of Revelation Chapter 10. Let's read it again.

***[15] Revelation 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.***

- Make sure you have your timeline ready to look at because I want to make sure you understand when Trumpet 7 is going to take place.
- It's not in exact alignment on that timeline. I want you to see this.
- So, let's first study the MYSTERY OF GOD and what that means in verse 7 on the screen.
- It says, "the mystery of God should be finished" WHEN the seventh angel shall BEGIN to sound.
- So when that SEVENTH ANGEL sounds the SEVENTH TRUMPET, the mystery of God is complete.
- There's no more time left for the mystery of God to be complete.
- It's pretty important for us to understand what the MYSTERY OF GOD means right there.
- Let's use the Bible to see what this mystery of God is within the Bible.

***[16] Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.***

- The mystery of God is given to us right there. It's concerning the GENTILES.
- But, I'll make this more clear in just a minute. Let's keep reading in Romans Chapter 11 next verse.

***[17] Romans 11:26-27 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: 27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.***

- "AND SO ALL ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED." What does that mean?
- You get these false preachers saying that God will save all of the JEWS in the man-made country of Israel.
- God will MAKE THEM BELIEVE and then all Jews in Israel shall be saved.
- They take Romans 11:26 and they ignore all of the rest of the chapter, the chapters before and after.
- They pick and choose and make it say what they want. PAUL is making a point.
- Read the other chapters in ROMANS and the MYSTERY OF GOD will make sense.

It's no longer a mystery to those who are saved and study this Bible. You can know the mystery today.

- When that FINAL ANGEL sounds that trumpet that mystery is over.
- You'll understand what that means here in a few minutes.

And notice in the Scripture on the screen that it says: "There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer."

- That's JESUS CHRIST. And notice what it says in verse 27: "For this is my covenant to them, when I shall take away their sins."
- When is someone's sins taken away? When are they forgiven of their sins?
- It's when they believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. That's when sins are forgiven.
- God doesn't make anyone believe. You've got to do that part on your own.
- And it's quick and easy to change your mind. It takes no physical work at all to change your mind.
- But watch what we learn in Romans Chapter 9.

***[18] Romans 9:6-8 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. 8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.***

- Verse 6 says, "FOR THEY ARE NOT ALL ISRAEL, WHICH ARE OF ISRAEL."
- What in the world does that mean? "They are not all Israel, which are of Israel."
- This is AMAZINGLY IMPORTANT to understand today.
- Remember, the man-made country of Israel today HATES the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Ask them. He's a false SAVIOR they say. That's an example from today's world.
- Back in the time of Jesus and even before Jesus, there were people who are the physical seed of ISRAEL.
- They came from JACOB'S PHYSICAL SEED AND PHYSICAL FAMILY.
- They were called the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL because they were physically the children.
- Callie, Taylor, and Emma are physically my seed and my children.

But God is saying there is a PHYSICAL SEED OF ISRAEL and a SPIRITUAL SEED OF ISRAEL.

- Just like we have our physical flesh and then we have our SOUL and SPIRIT.
- This is all a picture to show us this truth today. Our physical flesh is not saved.
- Our soul and spirit is SAVED once we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Your flesh isn't saved. It's going to be buried one day. It's passing away. It's aging. It's not saved.
- Verse 8 on the screen says: "They which are the children of the FLESH, these are NOT the children of God."
- Just because they are the PHYSICAL SEED or FLESH of Israel, this doesn't mean they're saved.

Verse 8 says, "BUT, the children of the PROMISE are counted for the seed."

- "THE CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE!!!" What is the promise?
- So, look, if you understand and accept the promise from God, then you are the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.
- You are the SPIRITUAL SEED OF ISRAEL. The children of Israel are the SPIRITUAL SEED.
- This is the mystery of God. But, what is the PROMISE EXACTLY? Let's look to the Book of Acts.
- Acts Chapter 13. The Apostle Paul is PREACHING at Antioch.
- I want you to hear HIS PREACHING today just like you were there.
- And understand what the PROMISE OF GOD IS TODAY. HEAR PAUL'S PREACHING.

***[19] Acts 13:16-19 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. 17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it. 18 And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness. 19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot.***

***[20] Acts 13:20-22 And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. 21 And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years. 22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.***

- Now watch the next verse. He tells us what the PROMISE MEANS.

**[21] Acts 13:23-25** *Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus: 24 When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.*

- The promise of God is TO RAISE UNTO ISREAL A SAVIOUR. That SAVIOUR is JESUS CHRIST, the Son of God.
- It's not you. It's JESUS alone. It's not a religion. It's not following the commandments.
- It's JESUS. He's the SAVIOR. He is the PROMISE God promised all of us who believe.
- We are the SPIRITUAL SEED OF ISRAEL. Let's hear Paul's preaching today. Continuing in verse 26.

**[22] Acts 13:26** *Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.*

- Paul says, "HEY, I'm talking to the physical seed of Abraham, but look at what he says right there."
- "And WHOSOEVER among you feareth God." That's anyone.
- He says, "TO YOU IS THE WORD OF THIS SALVATION SENT."

**[23] Acts 13:27-30** *For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him. 28 And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. 29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. 30 But God raised him from the dead:*

- And watch here again BECAUSE we're talking about the PROMISE GOD MADE TO US.

**[24] Acts 13:31-33** *And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. 32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, 33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.*

**[25] Acts 13:34-37** *And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. 35 Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: 37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.*

**[26] Acts 13:38-39** *Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: 39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.*

- That's some preaching right there. Where's that in the churches around here? It's not.
- "THROUGH THIS MAN IS PREACHED UNTO YOU FORGIVENESS OF SINS."
- "And by Him ALL THAT BELIEVE are justified from all things." The law couldn't justify you.
- It's JESUS ALONE. And then Paul gives a warning next in HIS PREACHING.
- You don't get warnings from all these false preachers. They don't want to make anyone mad.

**[27] Acts 13:40-42** *Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; 41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you. 42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.*

- Paul tells them that the prophets have warned you people.
- A man will tell you the truth, will preach you the truth, will DECLARE THE TRUTH unto you.
- And you won't believe. Does that sound familiar? I've done it myself to preachers.
- You've done it yourself. People won't believe. We've declared it. They won't believe.
- And then look what it says there in verse 42 the second half of the verse.
- "THE GENTILES BESOUGHT THAT THESE WORDS MIGHT BE PREACHED TO THEM THE NEXT SABBATH."
- Right after this Scripture, the Bible tells us that the JEWS were jealous of Paul and His words.
- They started teaching contradictions to HIS WORDS and blaspheming God.

**[28] Acts 13:43-45** *Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. 44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.*

- Paul and Barnabas had all these Jews coming up against them. The Bible doesn't mention ANYONE else standing up to these Jews.

**[29] Acts 13:46-47** *Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.*

- The Jews rejected SALVATION. They aren't the children of ISRAEL by God's definition.
- So, God turned to the GENTILES. Salvation to the ENDS OF THE EARTH. Thank God.

**[30] Acts 13:48** *And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.*

- Do you see the difference in the Jews and Gentiles? The Jews were jealous and hated salvation.
- They wanted to do it themselves. But the Gentiles were GLAD. They GLORIFIED the word of the Lord.
- "AND AS MANY AS WERE ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED."
- What did they do to receive eternal life? THEY BELIEVED the GOSPEL. Paul preached the GOSPEL!!!
- The children of PROMISE in the Bible are those who receive the GOSPEL and are saved.
- The CHILDREN OF ISRAEL are those who put their FAITH ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

**[31] Galatians 3:7** *Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*

- So, let's read Revelation 10 verse 7 again and see if this makes sense now.



**[32] Revelation 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.**

- The mystery of God is salvation to all that believe on HIM.
- Let's re-read Romans 11 that states the mystery of God.

**[33] Romans 11:25-27 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: 27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.**

- ALL ISRAEL are the spiritual seed. The children of Israel are all those who believe.
- This is the mystery of God. And yes, it's a mystery to many people, to many preachers around here.
- But the Bible teaches it VERY, VERY CLEARLY.
- It's placed again at the very end of the Book of Romans in conclusion to the great Book of Romans.

**[34] Romans 16:25-27 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: 27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen. Written to the Romans from Corinthus, and sent by Phebe servant of the church at Cenchrea.**

- Paul gets this mystery of God out as good as he can. He preaches it everywhere he goes.
- Watch this today.

**[35] 1 Corinthians 2:7-8 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

**[36] Ephesians 1:9-13 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,**

**[37] Colossians 1:26-28 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:**

- Look, Paul is preaching this mystery of God everywhere. He's getting it out to everyone he can.
- But, today, in churches everywhere AROUND, this is still a mystery. And it's written clearly.
- It's important that you ACCEPT what God says TODAY.
- Let's read one more passage of Scripture so you understand the mystery of God and the promise of God.



**[38] Ephesians 3:1-4** *For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)*

- There's the MYSTERY OF GOD again. The mystery of CHRIST. Jesus is God.

**[39] Ephesians 3:4-6** *Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:*

- There's the MYSTERY OF GOD. The Gentiles shall also be the CHILDREN OF PROMISE.
- The physical seed of Israel are not the children of promise. They are not the children of ISRAEL.

**[40] Ephesians 3:7-9** *Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:*

- God slowly revealed the mystery to the entire world.
- The PROPHETS knew the mystery of God. SALVATION IS TO ALL THAT BELIEVE.
- Those prophets knew that others besides the physical seed of Israel would be saved.

**[41] Acts 10:43** *To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.*

- It was NEVER a mystery to ALL PEOPLE. It's a mystery to those who aren't saved.
- And watch what Paul says next in Ephesians Chapter 3.

**[42] Ephesians 3:10-12** *To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.*

- Paul says, "HEY, now you know!!!" He's talking to you. Isn't it great to know the mystery of God today?
- You are the CHURCH God says. You have an eternal purpose now. You have eternal life.
- YOU HAVE BOLDNESS THAT YOU CAN ACCCESS NOW.
- Remember when Paul and Barnabas WAXED BOLD to the Jews in Acts Chapter 13?
- Faith gives you that boldness and confidence. You can be sure that you're saved.

Now, WAX BOLD and go tell everyone you know. It doesn't matter if they get mad.

- It doesn't matter if they want to kick you out of their church or their synagogue. It's not God's church.
- They're a part of the devil's church that constantly lies to people every time the doors open.
- That's what Paul preached. And I'll preach the same. I'll stick to God's side.

**[43] Revelation 10:7** *But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.*

- So, look where we are in the end times prophecy. We're at the end. We're at the last trumpet.
- And that verse means we're at the end of the mystery of God.
- We're at the end of people being saved by faith. It's over. BEING SAVED is over.
- But this verse also tells us something else. It gives us timing of the SEVENTH TRUMPET.
- We know EXACTLY when the seventh trumpet will sound on the timeline.
- We look to the next Chapter of Revelation to give us this timing along with the book of Daniel.

**[44] Revelation 11:1-3** *And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. 2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. 3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.*

- Notice it says that the HOLY CITY Jerusalem will be tread under foot by the Gentiles 42 months.
- 42 months x 30 days per month is 1,260 days.
- The TWO WITNESSES will prophesy 1,260 days as given there in verse 3 of Revelation Chapter 11.
- From the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, there will 1,260 days until the seventh trumpet sounds.
- The destruction of Jerusalem is the Abomination of Desolation.
- That's the start of the GREAT TRIBULATION. From that point, there are 1,260 days to TRUMPET 7.

As we study the Book of Daniel along with Revelation, all this will come together.

- On the timeline there, you should study all the verses and the timing as much as you can.
- Once the TRUMPET starts to sound, the MYSTERY OF GOD IS COMPLETE. Preaching the Gospel is OVER.
- Everything isn't completed when it's finished sounding.
- There are still things that are going to happen afterwards.
- The 2 witnesses are going to be killed. They're going to be raised 3-1/2 days later.
- Here's the last verse in Revelation Chapter 11 after the SEVENTH TRUMPET begins to sound.

**[45] Revelation 11:19** *And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.*

- There's going to be lightning, voices, thunderings, an earthquake, and GREAT HAIL.
- This is the THIRD WOE. The MYSTERY OF GOD is complete at the start of the SEVENTH TRUMPET.
- But how long does SEVENTH TRUMPET last? The Bible gives us that timing in the Book of Daniel.

**[46] Daniel 12:11** *And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.*

- So, we had 1,260 days from the Abomination of Desolation to the SEVENTH TRUMPET.
- Now, we see there are 1,290 days to the very end.
- So this means 30 days is the duration of the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet. That ends Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.
- And remember, Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week is a 7-year period.

- Those extra 30 days are there for the SEVENTH TRUMPET judgement to take place.
- This makes sense because the Bible uses 30 day months or 360-day years.
- But there are about 365 days in a year and that comes up to approximately the length we see on the timeline.

When the SEVENTH TRUMPET IS FINISHED at the end of the 1,290 days, GOD'S WRATH IS FINISHED.

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> WOE is completed. And it lasts about 30 days.
- We'll talk more about that 3<sup>rd</sup> WOE when we get to it in Revelation Chapter 11.
- Remember, Chapter 10 is leading up to the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet sounding. It hasn't sounded yet.

***[47] Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.***

- And after the SEVENTH TRUMPET is complete, the kingdoms of this world are the KINGDOMS OF JESUS CHRIST.
- Now, Jesus is going to reign for 1,000 years on this EARTH.
- And He's not a long-haired, marijuana smoking, laid back, do whatever you want LEADER like the world says today.

***[48] Revelation 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.***

- So, the Bible gives us a different story about JESUS than what the world tells us today.
- YES, Jesus loves you if you accept HIM as your SAVIOR. But, He will punish you even if you're HIS.
- Here's JESUS HIMSELF speaking in Revelation Chapter 3.

***[49] Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.***

- Now, let's go back to Revelation 10 and continue in verse 8.

***[50] Revelation 10:8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.***

- So now, we're back to this mighty angel with one foot on the sea and one foot on the earth.
- He has a little book in his hand. A voice from heaven speaks to John whose writing Revelation.
- The voice tells John to go take the little open book from that mighty angel.

***[51] Revelation 10:9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.***

- So John goes to the mighty angel and says, "Give me the little book."
- The angel says, "Take it and eat it up, John."
- "Your belly will be bitter but it will be sweet as honey in your mouth."

**[52] Revelation 10:10** *And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.*

- So it happens just like the mighty angel says. Sweet as honey in John's mouth but bitter in his belly.
- Last verse of chapter 10 says this:

**[53] Revelation 10:11** *And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.*

- The mighty angel tells John that HE MUST PROPHECY AGAIN.
- But hey, what's this little book that John takes and eats up. Let's find out.
- Remember, it's sweet as honey to John's mouth.

**[54] Psalm 119:103** *How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

- Obviously, the word of GOD is what John takes and eats.

**[55] Proverbs 16:24** *Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.*

- There's nothing more pleasant than the WORD OF GOD. It's truth. Nothing is better than the truth.
- This whole world is filled with lies, sickness, wickedness.
- You can't even sell a car anymore without all these scammers and liars all around.
- I hate lies. That's why the word of God is so great. You know you have the truth.
- You can't pick up any other book in this world or listen to anything else in this world and BE 100% sure that you're being told the truth. You can't.
- The BIBLE is THE ONLY book you can pick up and KNOW that you're getting the truth.
- And it better not be a false bible version or any corrupted bible. Because then, it's not a BIBLE.
- Just like false churches who use the name Jesus: they actually have a different Jesus.

**[56] Matthew 4:4** *But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

- So, it's very obvious that John is taking in the word of God. He's taking it all in and eating it up.
- God's WORD is food to our souls: In the New Testament and in the Old Testament.

**[57] Deuteronomy 8:3** *And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.*

- God's WORD is amazing. You need to understand what the words within this BIBLE are.
- Preachers don't get it. Christians aren't getting it. The Bible is just another book to them.
- Some false preachers will say: "You're worshipping the Bible. You're putting a book on a pedestal."
- "It's not the book that saves you. It's Jesus. That's why we don't read the Bible."
- No, what I'm saying is the WORD OF GOD IS TRUTH. IT HAS POWER. False preachers have ZERO power.
- Here's what Jesus HIMSELF says, and you can compare this to preachers who don't need the Bible.

**[58] John 6:63** *It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

- And look, I'll take those words. I LOVE THIS BIBLE. I need it every single day to have a good day.
- If I want a day filled with joy, I NEED THIS BIBLE. I need God. I need HIS WORDS.
- He gave them to us right here. The answer to everything is right here in this BIBLE.

**[59] Jeremiah 15:16** *Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.*

- Get the Bible and start eating the words. Don't rip out the pages and literally eat them.
- Then you'll have to buy another Bible. But read them, learn them, study them.
- Then you'll see why I LOVE THE BIBLE. Your flesh won't like the Bible.
- But your SPIRIT will absolutely LOVE THE BIBLE. Then you'll know the SPIRIT is winning.

**[60] 1 Peter 2:2-3** *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.*

- Keep going. Learn it. Don't quit. Don't give up. Don't let difficult teaching slow you down.
- Keep working and it all comes together.

**[61] Hebrews 5:13-14** *For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

- You got to keep working so you aren't a babe in Christ any more. I've got to keep working.
- I want some strong meat from the WORD OF GOD. I want some STEAK. I want some FISH.
- And trust me, I love the MILK OF THE WORD too. That's the easier things to understand.
- That's SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH. The Book of Revelation is stronger meat.

**[62] Job 23:12** *Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.*

- Do you understand today that the WORD OF GOD is more important than FOOD that you eat?
- JOB raised HIS WORDS above the food that he ate. Do that and God will provide you the food.
- Would you trust God enough to say, "Hey God, I don't have any food to eat but I have your words."
- "Will you provide me with food so I can live a little longer? Will you provide me with some water?"
- "I don't have anything to eat and drink God, but I have your words right here. I need this more."
- The great prophet Elijah trusted God's words. He relied on God to provide what He needed.

**[63] 1 Kings 17:1-4** *And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, 3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.*

- Elijah didn't have any food. Didn't have anything to drink. God says, "Hey, go over there."
- Elijah did it. And what happened? God did what He said.

**[64] 1 Kings 17:5-6** *So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.*

- God is in complete POWER over everything in this world today.
- If He wants the birds to deliver food to you, He'll make it happen.
- So, do you trust HIM today? Be like Elijah. Put all your trust in God alone. He's got you.

**[65] Ezekiel 2:8-10** *But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. 9 And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; 10 And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.*

- The book that Ezekiel eats is a book just like John took from the angel in Revelation 10.
- It's the word of God that Ezekiel eats and that John eats.
- The book that Ezekiel eats is filled with lamentations, mourning, and woe.
- This word of God is filled with that. There's some VERY SAD things in this book.
- But all the word of God is sweet to those who love God. But it's also bitter to our belly.

We're so thankful that God has saved us, but we're also sorry for others around us. HELL is the destination.

- People that we know will be in hell. Most people, Jesus says, choose the wide gate of destruction.
- We're excited to get to heaven, but we're sorrowful the others will be looking up from hell in pain.
- And to end, I want to make just one note on the last verse in Revelation Chapter 10.

**[66] Revelation 10:11** *And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.*

- To me, this means that John is about finished with the first half of Revelation.
- Then, he's going to prophesy again with more details.
- I think that little book that he just ate gives him more details on the second half of Revelation.
- The second half of Revelation starts in Revelation Chapter 12.
- Chapter 11 finishes out the seventh and final trumpet. Then, we'll start over in Revelation Chapter 12.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 11

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 11."

- You have to remember where we are in Revelation Chapter 11.
- The SEVENTH ANGEL with the SEVENTH TRUMPET hasn't sounded yet.
- The sixth angel with the sixth trumpet sounded in Revelation Chapter 9.

**[3] Revelation 9:13-14** *And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.*

- Trumpet 5, 6, and 7 are the three WOES of God's wrath that He's pouring out on the Earth.
- And the Rapture or Resurrection has already happened so God's not pouring out His wrath on His people.
- Trumpet 5 is the first woe with the smoke and locusts out of the bottomless pit.
- Trumpet 6 is the 4 angels beings loosed from the Euphrates. They are loosed to slay the third part of men.
- We're between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet. The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet is going to sound in Revelation Chapter 11.

We went through Revelation Chapter 10 if you remember in great detail.

- We see a mighty angel from heaven stand with one foot on the earth and one foot on the sea.
- We talked about the MYSTERY OF GOD being complete when the SEVENTH ANGEL sounds.
- We talked about the mystery of God being that ALL PEOPLE are saved through faith on Jesus Christ.
- There's a physical seed of Israel and a spiritual seed of Israel.
- The spiritual seed of Israel are all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. ALL ARE SAVED who believe.
- The children of God aren't the physical seed of Israel. The spiritual seed are the children of God.

So, when Jesus Christ came to earth do you remember what He told some of the people?

- He didn't come into this world to condemn them. He didn't come to destroy them.
- He didn't come to judge them. Why did Jesus Christ come? That's part of the mystery of God.
- We talked about that mystery in Revelation Chapter 10. But watch this.

**[4] John 3:17** *For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

- Some false preachers will say, "See, Jesus didn't come to condemn the world. That means sin is okay."
- "That means we should love everyone no matter what because Jesus did the same thing."
- "Jesus loved everyone no matter what." That's what false preachers will say. Why?
- They say this because they don't understand why Jesus came the first time.
- They don't know the mystery of God. Jesus came the first time to SETUP A SPIRITUAL KINGDOM.
- All those who believe are a part of the SPIRITUAL KINGDOM OF GOD.

**[5] Matthew 3:1-2** *In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

**[6] Matthew 4:17** *From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

- The kingdom of heaven is a SPIRITUAL KINGDOM for those who trust on Jesus as their Savior.
- That's why JESUS CAME the first time. He didn't come to destroy or condemn the world physically.
- He didn't come to judge the world at His first coming. He didn't come to destroy the world.

So, we're in the Book of Revelation. We see the SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST.

- This second coming is not like the first coming.



- The first time He didn't come to destroy the unsaved or destroy the world.
- Now, He's coming to physically destroy the world and physically setup His kingdom on earth.
- So the false preachers who say that Jesus loves everyone no matter what aren't getting it.

Jesus is going to destroy the unsaved people in Revelation. He's already doing it.

- People still won't change their mind and believe God after HIS WRATH is being poured out.
- HIS WRATH starts with the first trumpet. Jesus doesn't love everyone unconditionally.
- Preachers who say that are false preachers who don't understand the mystery of God.
- All those who BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST are the children of God.
- That's conditional love. Jesus says, you must believe on me and then you're saved.
- Then, He protects your soul from sin. Not your body. Your soul is protected.
- Your flesh and soul/spirit is a picture of that MYSTERY OF GOD.
- Your soul is saved but obviously you still mess up and sin in your flesh.
- With that, let's get started in Revelation Chapter 11 verse 1.

***[7] Revelation 11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.***

- So that same mighty angel from Chapter 10 now gives JOHN, the author of Revelation, a reed like a rod.
- The angel tells John to rise up and measure the temple of God, the altar, and them that worship therein.

***[8] Revelation 11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.***

- So, the court outside of the temple should not be measured by John.
- Why? It is given unto the Gentiles and they shall tread the holy city under foot 42 months.
- 42 months is 1,260 days with 30-day months. So notice it's very clear and says forty and two months.

***[9] Revelation 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.***

- So now we see that TWO WITNESSES will prophesy 1,260 days. THREESCORE = 60 days. ONE SCORE = 20.
- The Gentiles are going to tread the Holy City for 42 months and the 2 witnesses prophesy for 1,260 days.
- This is the exact same amount of time and it shows us that those 2 things are happening at the same time.

So, we know that Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week is a 7-year period of time.

- This 7-year period of time includes the Tribulation, the Rapture, and God's wrath.
- In the exact middle of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week or 7 years, we see the Abomination of Desolation.
- How do you know Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week is a 7-year period?
- Because Revelation Chapter 11 is giving us a 3-1/2 year period of time.
- The witnesses will prophesy and the Gentiles will tread the holy city under foot for 3-1/2 years.

***[10] Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.***

- In the middle of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week is when the anti-Christ enters into the temple and says that HE IS GOD.
- This is called the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION. The anti-Christ receives a deadly wound and recovers.
- He says that he is God, but he's actually the anti-Christ. That is the Abomination of Desolation.
- It happens in the MIDST or MIDDLE of the 7-year period. You can see that on your timelines.

So, when we study Revelation Chapter 11, are we in the first half of the 7-years or the second half?

- We're in between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> trumpets so we know we're in the second half of the 7-years.
- The 1,260 days or 42 months or 3-1/2 years MUST be from the Abomination of Desolation until the mystery of God is complete.
- Remember, when the SEVENTH TRUMPET sounds, the mystery of God is complete.
- That's what we studied in Revelation Chapter 10.

So, the Gentiles treading the holy city under foot for 42 months and the 2 witnesses prophesying begin at the Abomination of Desolation and end after 3-1/2 years.

- And it clearly happens in the second half since we're in Revelation Chapter 11. Do you see that?
- That's why the timeline you have shows the 2 witnesses and the anti-Christ continuing for 42 months.
- Plus, there's other Scripture to support all of this.
- I don't want to fly through Revelation 11 verse 2 quickly, though.

***[11] Revelation 11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.***

- Now, let's look at something from the Book of Luke.
- When you first see Revelation 11 verse 2 on the screen there, you might be confused.
- What does this mean? So we look to the Bible to explain more.
- We find it in the Book of Luke Chapter 21 starting with verse 20.

***[12] Luke 21:20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.***

- So it even mentions the DESOLATION there. It says the desolation is nigh or near.

***[13] Luke 21:21-22 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.***

- Once we see the Abomination of Desolation, the GREAT TRIBULATION begins.
- The DAYS OF VENGEANCE is what verse 22 says.

***[14] Luke 21:23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.***

- That sounds just like the GREAT TRIBULATION that we see in Matthew 24.
- And then watch this next verse talk about Jerusalem being tread down by the Gentiles.

**[15] Luke 21:24** *And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*

- Jerusalem will be trodden down for 42 months until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.
- The times of the Gentiles being filled are at the end of the trumpets sounding.
- But that 42 month time period starts at the Abomination of Desolation.
- Then we see the Rapture, the Lord's Day, and God pouring out His wrath during the next 42 months.
- Luke 21:24 and Revelation 11:2 are talking about the exact same event.

**[16] Revelation 11:2** *But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.*

- I hope you see that connection there today. Luke 21:24 and Revelation 11:2.
- Why would God allow Jerusalem to be trodden down under foot?
- Because they JEWS in Jerusalem today HATE GOD. They reject the Lord Jesus Christ.

**[17] 1 John 2:22-23** *Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.*

- So the wrath of God will be upon them the Bible says.
- WHOSOEVER won't believe on Jesus will see the wrath of God.
- It doesn't matter if they physically came from JACOB or ISRAEL.

When you study Luke 21, notice that this proves the Rapture is after the Abomination of Desolation.

- There's so much proof that the Rapture is AFTER THE TRIBULATION and before God's wrath is poured out.
- We left off in Luke 21 verse 25. Let's read this. The Abomination of Desolation just happened.
- There's the great tribulation. And then watch what happens.

**[18] Luke 21:25-27** *And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

- So Jesus Christ HIMSELF just gave us the exact order we see in Revelation again.

**[19] Luke 21:28** *And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*

- The Rapture or Resurrection is the DAY OF REDEMPTION.
- That's when you get a new body without sin. No more war within yourself to do good.
- You won't have that fleshly desire to do what's best for you all the time.
- I want you to see something else about this 42-month period of time in relation to the Rapture.

God clearly makes a distinction between the Jews in Jerusalem and the SAVED people in the Bible.

- Matthew 24, Luke 21, and Mark 13 all teach this.

- The saved people will be raptured away after the Great Tribulation.
- Their tribulation period is going to be cut short. Why? So all the saved people aren't killed on earth.

***[20] Matthew 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.***

- But, the 42 months that Jerusalem is trodden under foot isn't cut short.
- It's going to happen for 42 months. Those Jews who won't believe on Jesus are going to suffer.
- They're going to experience God's wrath for a few years. It won't be cut short for them.
- SAVED people will be rescued by God cutting short the Great Tribulation.
- How are the saved people rescued? Through the second coming of Jesus Christ.
- After the Rapture or second coming, then God's wrath is poured out on earth, on the unbelievers.

So, the 2 witnesses will be on the earth prophesying when the Great Tribulation begins.

- SAVED people who are alive at this time will see the 2 witnesses for a short period of time.
- Once the GREAT TRIBULATION is over, the sun and moon are darkened, and Jesus comes in the clouds.
- The saved people are taken up. The 2 witnesses and the 144,000 will be on Earth preaching the Gospel.
- How long will they be preaching the Gospel? Until the seventh trumpet sounds.
- Then, the Gospel isn't preached any more and Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week is almost complete.
- Now, let's go back to Revelation Chapter 11 verse 4.

***[21] Revelation 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.***

- That verse is talking about the 2 witnesses that will be left on earth for 42 months to preach.
- And just like us when we go Soul Winning, people won't like those 2 witnesses.
- They'll want them dead. The saved people are gone from the earth for most of that time.
- Imagine that. Imagine how angry people will be with those 2 witnesses. They will HATE them.
- But they are there to preach the Gospel and maybe some left will get saved.
- Revelation 11:4 is a reference back to Zechariah Chapter 4.

***[22] Zechariah 4:11-14 Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? 12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? 13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.***

- These 2 witness will bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost world.
- They will stand out like candlesticks in that period of time. Imagine how dark the world will be.
- They are the 2 anointed ones that STAND BY THE LORD during that time.
- Think about the tabernacle in the Book of Exodus. You had candlesticks there, right?

***[23] Exodus 25:31 And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.***

- This is the candlestick that is placed in the TABERNACLE.

- That's the first time that word candlestick is used in the BIBLE.
- Have you ever noticed or seen the layout of the tabernacle? See this.

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- In the Holy Place, you have a candlestick and then you have a table with SHEWBREAD.
- The word of God is represented by the BREAD. We need the word of God to LIVE every day.
- What would the candlestick do inside the tabernacle? There aren't any windows.
- It would light up the WORD OF GOD. It would light up the table with the SHEWBREAD.

**[25] Matthew 5:14-16** *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

- These 2 witnesses are obviously going to be preaching the WORD OF GOD.
- We need to be doing the same as much as we can. And what does that mean?
- We don't HIDE THE WORD OF GOD under a BUSHEL. Do you understand what that means?
- We don't pick and choose the Scripture we like and ignore the rest of it.
- We don't take out Malachi Chapter 2 because it's offensive.

**[26] Malachi 2:1-3** *And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. 2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. 3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it.*

- Yes, God HIMSELF says He will curse people, corrupt their seed, and spread dung on their faces.
- But do you ever hear that preached in church? I never have. Well, now you have.
- In other words, you don't HIDE the word of God. You love it. You get it all out there to the world.
- Preachers today are scared to preach the word of God.
- Our last church didn't like me preaching the word of God.
- The Pastor said, "Well, your sermon was very difficult to listen to. That was tough to hear."
- Why? Because I used the Scripture he won't ever touch? He's preaching a different god.
- He preaches a god that loves everyone no matter what. The God in this Bible says different.

STOP concealing the WORD OF GOD in churches!!!

- They just want to preach the parts that sound good to everyone.
- They want to put the offensive parts of the Bible under a bushel.
- SHINE THE LIGHT on the sins of this world. That's what helps us get better.
- When preachers hide certain parts of the word of God, they are ashamed of it.
- They are false preachers who are scared to offend someone with the word of God.

**[27] Luke 9:26** *For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.*

- That's Jesus speaking right there. Are we going to be ashamed of the word of God? I'm not.

- I will preach what GOD says in this Bible. If you don't like it, you better examine yourself.

***[28] Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.***

- If a preacher is ashamed of what the Bible says and won't preach it, why is he even there?
- He's not doing anyone any good. Does he even have the HOLY GHOST? He's ashamed of the Bible?
- That's what people need to wake up and see. "Oh no, the preacher said something offensive!!!"
- "He actually used the Bible in Church!!! What are we going to do with him???"
- Let's continue in Revelation Chapter 11 verse 5.

***[29] Revelation 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.***

- We're talking about the 2 witnesses. Why would the UNSAVED people on earth want to hurt them?
- Well, you tell me. When I preached the word of God in a church, the preacher didn't want me there.
- Why is that? Because I preached that women should stay silent in the church?
- I didn't make that up. The Bible is very clear. Because I preached that Elisha looked upon children and bears came out of the woods and tore the children in pieces?
- I chose the offensive parts of the Bible and his response told me everything I needed to know.
- He doesn't believe on the God of this Bible. He's made up his own god.
- And when you preach the TRUE WORD OF GOD, people won't like it. They will hate you.

But notice what the 2 witnesses have:

- FIRE PROCEEDETH OUT OF THEIR MOUTH and devours their enemies.
- If someone tries to hurt them, he will be killed by fire proceeding out of their mouth.

***[30] Revelation 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.***

- In other words, don't mess with the 2 witnesses.
- They can stop the rain. They can turn water into blood. They can send plagues as often as they want.
- We don't have that power to destroy them immediately when people hate us over the word of God.
- But we do have GOD backing us up with HIS WORD.
- Watch what Jesus says after He tells us to PREACH in Matthew Chapter 10.

***[31] Matthew 10:27-28 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. 28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.***

- He tells you to PREACH HIS WORD. And then He tells you immediately not to fear man.
- Why? Because man will immediately persecute you. And guess where it comes from first?
- From the so-called "Christians" around here. Preach the BIBLE, and they hate you.
- Doesn't that tell you something about these other churches?
- When I preach, I don't change the word of God. I don't pick and choose what I want.
- I do my best to take the entire Bible as a whole and understand it all together. God knows that.

- I don't fear any of those false preachers AT ALL. Don't ever fear man. Why? Because Jesus says so.
- He's there with you. Have no fear. Preach the word.

***[32] 2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.***

- Now, let's go back to Revelation Chapter 11 verse 7.

***[33] Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.***

- The 2 witnesses finish their testimony after 1,260 days.
- At the end of those days, the BEAST who is the ANTI-CHRIST, will make war with the 2 witnesses.
- The ANTI-CHRIST will kill the 2 witnesses.

***[34] Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.***

- Where was the Lord Jesus Christ crucified? The great city right there is JERUSALEM.
- Jesus was crucified in Golgotha or Calvary, which is a part of the great city Jerusalem.
- Notice that the current city of Jerusalem is spiritually called SODOM AND EGYPT.
- Do you see that? The current Jerusalem in this world is not good.
- It's not filled with people who love Jesus. It's filled with people who HATE Jesus.

***[35] Revelation 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.***

- The anti-Christ or beast kills the 2 witnesses.
- People of different kindreds, tongues, and nations shall see their dead bodies.
- That's probably talking about TV, Internet, web cams. They will see them from all over the world.
- And they won't bury them. They just leave them out on the street.
- How long? 3-1/2 days they will lay there dead.

***[36] Revelation 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.***

- All the people left on earth are so happy they are dead.
- Remember Moses and the plagues? The people were blaming it all on him. It wasn't him.
- These people are sending gifts to each other and having parties over the death of these 2 witnesses.
- Why? Because they were TORMENTED by God's 2 witnesses.
- Remember, they could breathe fire. Stop the rain. Cause plagues.
- The anti-Christ is most likely a HUGE HERO now, right? He just killed their enemy.
- They think everything is going to be good now.

***[37] Revelation 11:11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.***



- After the 3-1/2 days are complete, they ARISE FROM THE DEAD with the SPIRIT OF LIFE from God.
- They stand on their feet. GREAT FEAR falls upon the people who see them arise from the dead.

***[38] Revelation 11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.***

- The 2 witnesses are completely finished on earth.
- A voice from heaven says, "COME UP HITHER." They ascend into heaven in a cloud.
- Their enemies watch it all happen.

***[39] Revelation 11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.***

- We see a GREAT EARTHQUAKE the exact hour that the 2 witnesses are taken up into heaven.
- 1/10 of the city falls during the earthquake. That's a big earthquake.
- 7,000 men are killed in the earthquake. The remaining gave glory to the God of heaven.

So, that's the end of the 2 witnesses in Revelation Chapter 11.

- Who are these 2 witnesses? We don't know 100% for sure. But there are clues.
- Most likely it's going to be Moses and Elijah. Can you imagine Moses and Elijah preaching in this world?
- I would LOVE to see that one day with my own eyes. Wouldn't you?
- Fire breathing preachers. Mess with them and you get fire out of their mouths.
- Why does it look like Moses and Elijah will be those 2 witnesses?

***[40] Matthew 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.***

- Then 6 days after this we see Jesus take Peter, James, and John up into a mountain.
- And they are going to see a VISION of Jesus coming in HIS KINGDOM and what it looks like.
- That's the last verse in Matthew 16. Let's see the first verse in Matthew 17 because it continues.

***[41] Matthew 17:1-3 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.***

- Who do we see there in this VISION of Jesus coming in HIS KINGDOM?
- We see Moses and Elijah there. And remember, those 2 witnesses will be there when Jesus comes back.
- They will be there on earth at the Abomination of Desolation BEFORE Jesus comes in the clouds.
- So, that's not 100% proof that the 2 witnesses are Elijah and Moses, but it's a clue.
- What else do we see in the Bible? How did Moses die?

***[42] Deuteronomy 34:5-6 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. 6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.***

- The Bible says that the LORD buried Moses. No man buried him. No man knows where he was buried.
- This is different from anything else we see in the Bible.

**[43] Jude 9** *Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*

- What's the big deal about the body of Moses? There must be something very important there.
- Maybe it's because Moses is going to be one of those 2 witnesses. Still not 100% proof.
- What about Elijah? How did he die? He didn't die. He was taken up in a chariot.

**[44] 2 Kings 2:11** *And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.*

- Enoch also was taken up by the Lord so some people think it's Enoch and Elijah.
- But, I think there's strong proof that it's MOSES AND ELIJAH.
- What else is there? What about the miracles and signs that the 2 witnesses perform on Earth?
- What do we see the 2 witnesses doing in Revelation Chapter 11?

**[45] Revelation 11:6** *These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.*

- They have power to stop the rain. Power to turn water to blood. Power to smite the earth with plagues.
- The first plague in Exodus Chapter 7 that Moses does is turning the water to blood.

**[46] Exodus 7:20** *And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.*

- Then we see that Elijah was able to stop it from raining.

**[47] 1 Kings 17:1** *And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.*

- The book of James gives us more information on that Scripture from 1 Kings 17.

**[48] James 5:17-18** *Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.*

- It rained not for 3-1/2 years! How long will the 2 witnesses be on earth?
- 3-1/2 years. So it's still not 100% that it's Moses and Elijah because it doesn't say it directly.
- But my guess is Moses and Elijah because of the Scripture I shared with you there.
- Let's continue in Revelation Chapter 11 verse 14.
- Verse 14 starts a new paragraph. And it's clear that we're moving on from the 2 witnesses.

**[49] Revelation 11:14** *The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.*

- So again, the second woe happened with the SIXTH ANGEL AND TRUMPET sounding.
- "Behold, the third woe cometh quickly." And this will be the third woe.
- The third WOE must be very serious. And it hasn't happened yet.
- So now, we move back to the TRUMPETS and the ANGELS sounding the trumpets.
- After the sixth trumpet sounds in Revelation 9, we get this extra information between trumpets.
- Now, we're back on track with the trumpet judgements.

**[50] Revelation 11:15** *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

- Seventh angel sounds. Great voices in heaven. What were they saying?
- "The kingdoms of this world ARE BECOME the kingdoms of our Lord, and of HIS CHRIST."
- "And HE shall reign for ever and ever."
- "ARE BECOME" means this JUST NOW happened.
- Now, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of the Lord. His reign is beginning.
- The mystery of God is complete and the reign of Jesus Christ for 1,000 years is beginning.

**[51] Revelation 11:16-17** *And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, 17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*

- Now we see the 24 elders falling down on their faces and worshipping God.
- "We give thanks, O Lord God Almighty." Why?
- Because you have taken to thee great power and hast reigned.
- The THIRD WOE still hasn't happened in Revelation Chapter 11. We're still looking to see what it is.

**[52] Revelation 11:18** *And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.*

- The nations were angry. Why? Because they are going to be judged.
- People don't like to be judged. John 3:16 used to be the most popular Bible verse. Now, it's this one.

**[53] Matthew 7:1** *Judge not, that ye be not judged.*

- But people don't get the context of that verse. Read the whole chapter. Read the whole book of Matthew.

**[54] Revelation 11:18** *And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.*

- You'll see "THY WRATH IS COME" in verse 18 there.
- God's wrath is continuing to be poured out. We're at the end of His wrath but it's not over yet.

- We still haven't seen the final and THIRD WOE. What is it?
- We'll find out in the last verse, but look what it says in verse 18.

THE JUDGEMENT is shown in this verse. When does that judgement occur?

- Remember where we are on the timeline.
- The judgement comes at the end after the seventh trumpet has sounded.
- The judgement doesn't come at the RAPTURE. It's very clear right there.
- God is going to judge at the end of the world. Not at the Rapture.
- Let's look at the final verse of Revelation Chapter 11

***[55] Revelation 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.***

- The temple of God is opened in heaven.
- You get to see into the temple of God, and what's there? The ark of HIS TESTAMENT.
- Remember, the ark of the testament was always in the MOST HOLY PLACE.

***[56] Exodus 26:34 And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place.***

- That tabernacle and the ark of His testament are a picture of what we see in heaven with the temple of God.
- The ark of the testament is right there in the temple of God in heaven today.
- What's the last part of verse 19 say?

***[57] Revelation 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.***

- The final woe is lightnings, voices, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.
- You might just read over that and say, "Yeah, that isn't that bad."
- But remember, this is the THIRD AND FINAL WOE. Lightning, thunder, earthquake, and great hail.
- This will be a storm like the world has never seen before.

After Revelation Chapter 11, we see that Jesus Christ is born in Chapter 12.

- This is a key to understanding that Revelation Chapter 12 tells us the entire story again.
- Revelation 1 through 11 gives us details but then Chapter 12 starts over again.
- We get more details on what's happening.
- When Jesus is born, that's a queue that we're moving back in time.

The 7 trumpets of God's wrath that we see in the first half of Revelation match up with the 7 vials that are poured out in the second half of Revelation.

- So, if we want to learn more about this THIRD WOE at trumpet 7, we look to the SEVENTH VIAL.
- Let's see what Revelation Chapter 16 says about the SEVENTH VIAL.

***[58] Revelation 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.***

- And you'll see how the seventh vial matches up perfectly with the seventh trumpet.
- A voice comes and says, "It is done." You see similar in Revelation Chapter 11 that we just studied.

**[59] Revelation 16:18** *And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.*

- Do you see that? It matches perfectly with the seventh trumpet.
- "Voices, thunders, lightnings, great earthquake."
- "So mighty an earthquake and so great," the Bible says.
- I've never been in a huge earthquake but I felt a smaller one.
- And it scared me. It was only a 4.1 earthquake that lasted for 10 seconds.
- But I could feel the power coming through the ground.
- And that's nothing like that final great earthquake.
- We've had big earthquakes on earth, but the Bible says you haven't seen anything like this one.

**[60] Revelation 16:19** *And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.*

- Jerusalem is divided into 3 parts. The cities of the nations all fall. God's wrath is being completed.
- And you don't want any part in the finishing act of God's wrath.

**[61] Revelation 16:20** *And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.*

- That's pretty serious. Every island is gone. All the mountains are not found.
- Do you think that WOE might be scary? Oh yeah.

**[62] Revelation 16:21** *And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.*

- Great hail comes out of heaven that weighs a talent. How much is that in pounds?
- From what I've read, a talent is about 75 pounds. Think of a 75 pound HAIL stones coming down.
- There's not much that's going to protect you from 75 pound hail stones.
- That's amazing. I don't want any part of that. And yet, what happens?
- "Men continue to blaspheme God." They still won't turn to God and believe what He says.
- That's amazing. Let's humble ourselves before God and make sure we're saved.

You don't want to go through God's wrath. Just believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Put all your trust and confidence on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you're saved eternally.
- You'll be watching those WOE's from heaven.
- And you don't want to be watching your family and friends go through that either.
- So preach the GOSPEL to them. Make sure they know it.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 12

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 12."

- We just finished up the first half of the Book of Revelation.
- We know that the book is cut in half by what we'll see in Chapter 12.
- But we also know that Chapter 11 makes it clear that the 1,000 year reign of Jesus begins in that Chapter.

**[3] Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

- That's CRYSTAL CLEAR that the reign of Jesus Christ on this earth is beginning.
- That 1,000 year period called the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ is beginning.
- Once that reign is over, Satan is loosed, conquered, thrown into hell.
- Then we see the GREAT WHITE THRONE judgment after that happens.
- And we haven't went over any of that yet because it's in the second half of the Book of Revelation.

We know that Revelation Chapter 12 starts over because you're going to see the BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST.

- Revelation Chapter 1 through 11 are in perfect chronological order.
- It's very clear because the book uses terms like "AFTER THIS" which gives order to the book.
- It's not jumping back and forth in Revelation 1 through 11 like some preachers teach.
- They are very confusing. The Bible is very clear that Revelation is cut in half.
- Revelation 1 through 11 are in chronological order.
- Start over in Revelation Chapter 12 and then chapters 12 through 22 are in chronological order.
- And you'll see how the book is cut in half because everything makes perfect sense with what we've learned in the first 11 chapters.

So, some preachers teach that the VIALS happen AFTER the trumpets.

- Hopefully you have your Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week timelines with you so you can see this.
- The Bible is teaching that the TRUMPETS and VIALS happen at the same time.
- The vials don't happen at a later period of time. They are happening with the trumpets.
- For example, the first trumpet occurs with the first vial. Second trumpet with second vial.
- And so on all the way through all 7 trumpets and all 7 vials.

We've looked at this before in Revelation sermons, but I want you to see this again.

- There's 100% proof that the all the trumpets don't happen and then the vials happen at some later time.
- Revelation Chapter 16 proves this over and over again.
- So remember, we just saw in Revelation 11, that verse still on the screen, that JESUS is ruling.
- When the SEVENTH TRUMPET sounds, "The kingdoms of this world ARE BECOME the kingdoms of our Lord, and of HIS CHRIST."
- All 7 trumpets are finished in Revelation 11:15. Jesus starts HIS REIGN on EARTH.

Now, let's look at Revelation Chapter 16 verse 10.

- If you look on your timeline and find VIAL #5, you'll see Revelation 16 verse 10 as a reference for that vial.

- Notice what this SCRIPTURE says.

***[4] Revelation 16:10-11 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.***

- What does it say there? "The fifth angel poured out HIS VIAL upon the seat of THE BEAST."
- Who is the beast? The beast is the ANTI-CHRIST. It's not JESUS CHRIST. It's the ANTI-CHRIST.
- Verse 10 says, "AND HIS KINGDOM WAS FULL OF DARKNESS."
- At Trumpet 7, the KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD belong to JESUS.
- But at the fifth vial, it's still talking about the KINGDOM OF THE ANTI-CHRIST.

So this proves 100% without a doubt that the fifth vial happens BEFORE the seventh trumpet.

- Do you see that today? And look, that's not the only proof. You'll see as you study.
- There's absolutely NO WAY that the vials happen after all the trumpets are complete.
- Jesus doesn't lose control of HIS KINGDOM and HIS KINGDOM isn't darkness.
- Let's go to verse 1 of Revelation Chapter 12.

***[5] Revelation 12:1-2 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.***

- Remember, this is the APOSTLE JOHN seeing all of these things.
- He was caught up in the SPIRIT to heaven and watched all of these things.
- He sees a GREAT WONDER IN HEAVEN. It's a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet.
- She has a CROWN WITH TWELVE STARS UPON HER HEAD.
- And she's with child, which means she's pregnant.
- She cries out, she's in labor, and she's going to have the child.

***[6] Revelation 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.***

- John sees another wonder in heaven who is this great red dragon.
- He has seven heads and ten horns. He has seven crowns upon his heads.
- We learn a little later in this chapter that this GREAT RED DRAGON is SATAN.

***[7] Revelation 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.***

- There's a lot going on in all of these verses so far to this point. We're going to talk about all of this.
- But for now, Satan stands there waiting to devour the CHILD who is about to be born.

***[8] Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.***



- So, this child of this woman is OBVIOUSLY 100% JESUS CHRIST. There is no one else this can be.
- He is to RULE all nations with a rod of iron.
- There are 4 verses in the Bible that talk about ruling with a rod of iron.
- You see one of them on the screen now, Revelation 12:5. Here's Scripture from Revelation Chapter 19.

***[9] Revelation 19:11-13 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.***

***[10] Revelation 19:14-16 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.***

- The BIBLE tells us clearly that JESUS CHRIST is the ONE who will RULE with a rod of iron.

***[11] Psalm 2:7-9 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.***

- This is clearly talking about the ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, Jesus Christ.
- "THOU SHALT BREAK THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON." I want to read Revelation 12:5 again.

***[12] Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.***

- The last part of the verse says that this child is caught up unto God, and to HIS THRONE.
- Jesus Christ is was caught up unto God and TO HIS THRONE.
- We see this at the end of the book of Mark, end of Luke, and start of Acts.

***[13] Mark 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.***

***[14] Luke 24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.***

***[15] Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.***

- So, we're 100% sure that JESUS CHRIST is being born in Revelation Chapter 12.
- This means we've gone back in time from the end of the world in Revelation Chapter 11.
- We've started over chronologically. It's very obvious.
- With that said, I want to go back to verse 1 and 2 of Revelation Chapter 12.

**[16] Revelation 12:1-2** *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

- When we first read this verse, you might have been thinking: "WHO IS THIS WOMAN?"
- Well, most people would think it's MARY because she's the earthly mother of Jesus.
- After studying the Bible, though, and especially the Book of Revelation, I don't think it's Mary.

Revelation Chapter 12 is tough because the Bible is using symbology.

- For example, in verse 1, a woman can't literally wear the SUN as clothing.
- She isn't going to stand on the entire moon and the entire moon be under her feet.
- She isn't literally going to have a crown with 12 stars from the sky.
- As we continue studying Chapter 12 today, I think it becomes clearer who this woman might be.
- Let's continue in verse 3.

**[17] Revelation 12:3** *And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*

- Satan is the red dragon. He has 7 heads and 10 horns in this symbology.
- Satan doesn't actually have 7 heads and 10 horns just like the woman doesn't actually wear the sun.
- The great red dragon has seven crowns upon his 7 heads.

**[18] Revelation 12:4** *And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

- "AND HIS TAIL DREW THE THIRD PART OF THE STARS OF HEAVEN."
- Stars in the Bible are often referred to as angels. Stars of heaven = angels of heaven.

**[19] Revelation 9:1-2** *And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.*

- A star or an angel falls from heaven unto the earth and that angel is given the key to the bottomless pit.
- That angel's name is Abaddon or Apollyon. Notice he is an angel from heaven. He's referred to as a star.

**[20] Psalm 148:2-3** *Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. 3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.*

- STARS are ANGELS many times in the Bible.

**[21] Revelation 1:20** *The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.*

- The seven STARS are the ANGELS of the seven churches. And remember, angels are messengers.
- Revelation 12 is using SYMBOLOGY as you've seen. So it's not talking about actual stars from the sky.

**[22] Revelation 12:4** *And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

- SATAN drew a third part of the STARS of HEAVEN. Those are all of HIS ANGELS fallen from heaven.
- The devil took a third of all the angels with him when he rebelled against God.

**[23] Jude 6** *And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*

**[24] 2 Peter 2:4** *For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

**[25] Matthew 25:41** *Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*

**[26] Luke 10:18** *And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*

**[27] Isaiah 14:12-15** *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.*

- Revelation 12:4 is talking about Satan and his angels being cast out of heaven to the earth.
- Satan could still go back to heaven as the BOOK OF JOB tells us.

**[28] Job 1:6-7** *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. 7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*

- Obviously, Satan could still enter into heaven.
- Satan and his angels are cast out of heaven before Jesus Christ is born but not permanently.
- And then what do you see in Revelation 12:4?

**[29] Revelation 12:4** *And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

- SATAN stands there and waits for the child to be born. He wants to devour the child as soon as its born.
- Who does that sound like from the Bible? Who wanted baby Jesus dead as quickly as possible?
- It was one of Satan's minions. KING HEROD.

**[30] Matthew 2:2-3** *Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. 3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.*

- King Herod and all Jerusalem were troubled because SCRIPTURE was coming true and they didn't like it.

**[31] Matthew 2:7-8** *Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.*

- King Herod wanted Jesus brought to him as soon as they found him.
- Satan was behind that. King Herod was Satan's little minion.

**[32] Matthew 2:12-13** *And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. 13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.*

- The story of King Herod seeking to kill baby Jesus is just like Revelation 12:4.
- Jesus is a threat to all the evil and wickedness of this world.

**[33] Revelation 12:5** *And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

- So again, this is the BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST. So, we're moving in chronological order of things now.

**[34] Revelation 12:6** *And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.*

- So, this number of 1,260 days shows up again.
- We just talked about this number in Revelation Chapter 11.
- 1,260 days divided by 30 days per month is 42 months or 3-1/2 years.

That's half of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week. The woman flees into the wilderness. She has a place prepared of God.

- They will feed her there for 3-1/2 years. Are we currently in the first or second half of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week?
- We started over in Revelation Chapter 12, right? So we're now in the first half of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.
- What happens in the first half of the 7-year period of time? THE TRIBULATION.
- Because of tribulation, the woman flees into the wilderness. She already had JESUS.
- So, we're moving in order. We see the tribulation lasting 3-1/2 years in verse 6 there.

**[35] Revelation 12:7-8** *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

- During the tribulation, the ARCHANGEL MICHAEL and HIS ANGELS will fight against SATAN and HIS ANGELS.
- Where are they fighting? Revelation 12:7 tells us that they fight in heaven. It's MICHAEL against SATAN.

- That's 2 angels fighting each other. It's Michael's angels versus Satan's angels.
- I want to get something straight today. MICHAEL is not JESUS. The Seventh Day Adventists teach that.

If Jesus were fighting SATAN, it wouldn't be a fight. IT WOULD HAVE NEVER STARTED.

- You MUST understand who JESUS CHRIST is and stop letting false preachers teach something different.
- Understand right now what Jesus can do.
- Jesus could look upon Satan and HE would burst into 1 trillion little pieces. It wouldn't be a fight!!!
- Jesus is not MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL. Satan doesn't get to match up against JESUS.
- It's not a match. Do you know who JESUS is? HE IS GOD ALMIGHTY. Understand that today.
- JESUS created SATAN. Jesus is THE CREATOR. He is not God the Father but HE IS THE SON OF GOD.

**[36] Job 26:7-10** *He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing. 8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. 9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it. 10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.*

**[37] Job 26:11-14** *The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof. 12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud. 13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent. 14 Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?*

- "GOD HAS FORMED THE CROOKED SERPENT." Do you think Satan is a match for Jesus Christ?
- Do you think there's any contender that could go up and face JESUS CHRIST?
- Jesus doesn't have a power struggle. He's all powerful.

**[38] Jeremiah 10:12-13** *He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion. 13 When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.*

- Jesus isn't less than God the Father. JESUS IS GOD. He is equal with God the Father.
- But YES, HE SUBMITS TO GOD THE FATHER in all things. But understand Jesus is ALL POWERFUL.

**[39] Matthew 28:18** *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

- Jesus doesn't have anyone that's a match for HIM. So don't act like JESUS is MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.
- If that were true, there wouldn't have been a fight.

**[40] Matthew 22:29** *Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*

- Don't make an error like Jesus says right there?
- He says, "You err because you don't know the POWER OF GOD."
- Understand the POWER of JESUS CHRIST. He has ALL POWER AND ALL AUTHORITY in heaven and earth.
- GOD THE FATHER entrusted that power to HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST. Jesus is equal with God.

**[41] John 5:18** *Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.*

- I went off there for a minute on the POWER OF JESUS CHRIST.
- I get sick of hearing that Satan is some kind of match for Jesus. What a joke. HE IS NO MATCH.
- Jesus isn't a created angel. Jesus isn't a creation. HE IS THE CREATOR. HE IS GOD.
- The evil religions and false preachers in this world like to bring Jesus to some lower point.
- Wow, I would NEVER take that chance. Jesus Christ is GOD. Understand that.

**[42] Revelation 1:8** *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

- I'm sick of false religions like Jehovah's Witness and Mormons changing JESUS CHRIST into something less.

**[43] Colossians 1:15-17** *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

- HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS. HE IS BEFORE ANYTHING WAS CREATED.
- He is not a creation. He is the CREATOR. "ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIM."
- Let's go back to Revelation Chapter 12.

**[44] Revelation 12:7-8** *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

- Notice that it says their place was not found ANY MORE in heaven.
- When SATAN and HIS ANGELS are kicked out of heaven for good, the TRIBULATION begins.

**[45] Daniel 12:1** *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

- There's a time of trouble SUCH AS NEVER WAS the Bible says. That's tribulation.

**[46] Revelation 12:9** *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

- When SATAN and all HIS angels are cast out of heaven, is that a good thing?
- Well, it's a good thing for heaven. Is it a good thing for those still on earth?
- Satan probably isn't going to be too happy. Do you see how that leads to TRIBULATION?
- It all makes perfect sense. When Tribulation arrives, the people of the earth will have trouble.

But what happens directly after the GREAT TRIBULATION?

- God shortens the time of the great tribulation and saves HIS PEOPLE from off the earth.

- How? With the LORD'S DAY. With the Rapture.
- So, you see a quick summary of the birth of Jesus Christ, tribulation, great tribulation, and now watch.

**[47] Revelation 12:10-11** *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

- NOW IS COME SALVATION. That's a picture of the RAPTURE for those left on Earth.
- Many are killed but they overcome death by the BLOOD OF THE LAMB. They are saved.
- I haven't forgotten about the identity of the woman. We're going to learn who she is.

**[48] Revelation 12:12** *Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

- There you go. When Satan is cast out of heaven, the HEAVENS REJOICE. He's gone finally!!!
- But WOE to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea. The devil is ANGRY with great WRATH.
- Why? Because he knows that he only has a short amount of time.
- That sounds exactly like the TRIBULATION. And it all matches up perfect with the timing.
- 3-1/2 years is not a lot of time for Satan.

**[49] Revelation 12:13** *And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.*

- When the tribulation begins, who is being persecuted? The entire earth.
- The Bible just said, WOE TO THE INHABITERS OF THE EARTH AND OF THE SEA!!!"
- Satan doesn't just persecute the Jews, Israel, the Saved People at the beginning of the tribulation.
- This is a clue to who the woman is. He's persecuting all of the people of the earth to start.
- He doesn't care if you're saved or unsaved at the beginning of the tribulation.

**[50] Revelation 12:14** *And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.*

- This woman is representing all the inhabitants of the earth.
- She is fleeing from the tribulation. She is nourished for a TIME, and TIMES, and half a time.
- Do you remember from past sermons that a TIME is 1 year, TIMES is 2 years, and half a time is half a year?
- The inhabitants of the earth will be fleeing from the face of the serpent during the tribulation.
- Daniel 7:25 speaks about the ANTI-CHRIST. Remember, the anti-christ will be a HUMAN.

**[51] Daniel 7:25** *And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

- For 3-1/2 years, the anti-christ will be given power by Satan. That is the tribulation.



**[52] Daniel 12:7** *And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.*

- So, you see 3-1/2 years again there in Daniel 12:7.
- And we know Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week is a period of 7 years because of the days we're given in some of the prophecies within the Book of Daniel.

**[53] Revelation 12:15** *And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.*

- The devil brings a FLOOD, which represents GREAT TROUBLES for all people on earth.

**[54] Psalm 18:4** *The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.*

- Floods in the Bible are used to symbolize troubles.

**[55] Psalm 93:3** *The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.*

**[56] Isaiah 59:19** *So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.*

- The enemy will come in like a flood the BIBLE SAYS.
- Satan is trying to kill everyone and send them to hell. He doesn't care if they're saved or unsaved.
- The saved HAVE an answer to the trouble. They overcome the trouble. And how is that?

**[57] Psalm 93:4** *The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.*

- You overcome the FLOODS OF TROUBLES from Satan through the LORD ALONE.
- The Lord is high and mightier than ANY TROUBLES Satan can give you.
- Let's continue in Revelation Chapter 12 verse 16.

**[58] Revelation 12:16** *And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.*

- The earth helps the woman who represents the people on earth. God is helping.
- So the DEVIL or the DRAGON sees that he's not killing as many as he wants.
- If you were the devil and running out of time, and it's not quite working out how you wanted:
- WHO ARE YOU GOING TO TARGET NEXT? You're going to stop going after everyone and hit the most important. He's going to go after those he hates the most.
- So, what happens next? Here's the last verse of Revelation Chapter 12.

**[59] Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

- So, during the tribulation, you'll see Satan switch his focus from all people to the SAVED people.
- The saved people HAVE the testimony of JESUS CHRIST.
- Satan re-directs his energy to THE SAVED people. Do you see that?
- He was angry with the woman. He couldn't kill her off completely. So he re-directs his energy.
- Does all of this match up with our timeline and how all of this is going to happen?

In the next chapter, we're going to see the Abomination of Desolation.

- So, in Chapter 12, we haven't yet reached the Abomination of Desolation.
- It does summarize the tribulation, great tribulation, and rapture but not in detail.

Watch this as I go back over what we just learned in Revelation Chapter 12.

- You have a woman who is pregnant with the SAVIOR and represents all the people, all humans.
- You see Satan who rebels and takes 1/3 of the angels in heaven with him.
- You see Satan waiting to devour the child as soon as HE's born.
- This woman gives birth to Jesus Christ who is the SON OF MAN. He is human.
- The woman flees into the wilderness for 3-1/2 years representing the TRIBULATION.
- There's war in heaven and Satan and his angels are cast out forever from heaven.
- Satan is ANGRY. He persecutes all the inhabitants of the earth.
- He's not getting as far as he wants and doesn't have much time left.
- So then he focuses on the SAVED people only.

Now, let's look at the TIMELINE CHARTS for Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.

- We know Jesus Christ is born before any of this happens.
- We see the seals representing the tribulation.
- Seals 1 through 4 are targeting which groups of people?
- You see the Anti-Christ coming to conquer in Seal 1. Is it only a select group of people?
- No, it's all people he's coming forth to conquer.
- Then you see world war. You see famine. You see death.

**[60] Revelation 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.**

- In seal 4, death is coming to a fourth part of the entire earth. It's not a specific group of people.
- The first 4 seals are ALL PEOPLE of the earth. It's not just saved people.
- But, in the FIFTH SEAL, what do you see?

**[61] Revelation 6:9-11 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**

- So the fifth seal is just the SAVED PEOPLE who are being persecuted now.
- This matches with Revelation Chapter 12 perfectly.

To finish out this sermon, we MUST figure out who this woman is in Revelation 12:1.

- This woman is clothed in the sun and the moon is under her feet.
- She has a crown of 12 stars upon her head and she's pregnant with OUR SAVIOR. Who is she?
- If you remember, this woman is representing all inhabitants of the earth.
- Who is she? Most people argue Mary the mother of Jesus OR they argue that she represents ISRAEL.

It's pretty clear to me that it's not Mary because she doesn't represent all inhabitants of the earth.

- It's also pretty clear to me that it's not Israel.
- FALSE PREACHERS teach that it's Israel because they believe in a PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE.
- They think we can be raptured away at any time.
- Then, only the unbelieving Israel are left. So they say only Israel will go through the tribulation.
- That means the woman MUST represent ISRAEL.
- They use this SCRIPTURE to back up their false view.

***[62] Genesis 37:9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.***

- They see the sun, the moon, and the stars in the verse and say, "SEE!!! She represents Israel."
- That makes no sense. This is JOSEPH'S DREAM. The sun is Jacob or Israel. The moon is his mother.
- The eleven stars are the other 11 brothers who represent the tribes of Israel.
- No matter what, the dream doesn't match up with the woman in Revelation Chapter 12.
- It's not just ISRAEL who is going through tribulation.
- The BIBLE says over and over it's the entire EARTH.
- "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth!!!" The Bible doesn't say WOE TO ISRAEL ONLY.

If it's the entire earth that is going through tribulation to start, who is this woman?

- Let me give you a hint with some SCRIPTURE.

***[63] Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.***

- All of mankind come through EVE. She is the mother of all living.
- Jesus is called the SON OF MAN many times in the Bible.

***[64] Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.***

***[65] Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.***

- All sons of men come from EVE who is the MOTHER OF ALL LIVING.
- Jesus is a man who is God. Do you see how the pregnant woman is EVE?
- She represents all living upon the earth. She doesn't represent ONLY the saved people.
- The saved and the unsaved come from EVE. Cain came from Eve. Abel came from Eve.

- Jesus is called the SEED OF THE WOMAN.

**[66] Genesis 3:14-15** *And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

- Notice where it says in verse 15, I will put enmity between thee and the woman.
- That's SATAN AND EVE. We see that in Revelation Chapter 12.
- There will be enmity between SATAN'S SEED and HER SEED.
- That's enmity between Satan and Jesus Christ who is HER SEED.
- Jesus is the SEED of the WOMAN who is EVE. He is the SON OF MAN.
- Her seed will BRUISE SATAN'S HEAD. And Satan shall BRUISE HIS HEEL.

In other words, the woman in Revelation 12 is EVE the mother of all living.

- After studying the SCRIPTURE, I have no doubt that it's Eve. It can't be anyone else.
- ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH will go through tribulation.
- Then, the devil targets the SAVED and starts killing them in Seal 5.

You might ask, "SATAN HAS SEED? Satan has children?"

- Genesis 3:15 is saying SATAN has seed. Yes, the Bible says Satan has children.
- His children are the rejected people in this world. God rejected them. They are Satan's children.
- And a lot of those are the false preachers in false churches just like the PHARISEES.

**[67] John 8:42-45** *Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.*

- Jesus calls the religious Jews at that time the children of the devil.
- He says "YE ARE OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL."

**[68] 1 John 3:10** *In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

- Do you see "AND THE CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL" in that verse?

**[69] Matthew 23:15** *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.*

- Obviously, the devil has children. They are the ones looking to send people to hell through religion.
- They are the ones who are rejected like the homosexuals in Romans Chapter 1.
- Anyone who is rejected by God is a child of the devil who is the picture of being sent to hell.
- The SAVED people are only saved through JESUS CHRIST. We only overcome through JESUS CHRIST.

***[70] Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.***

One more thing about the woman before we close out this sermon.

- In Revelation 12:1 we see that the woman has a crown of 12 stars.
- I think those 12 stars represent the tribes of Israel. That's more proof the woman herself isn't Israel.
- That's important because PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE false teachers say the woman is ISRAEL.
- They think only ISRAEL goes through the tribulation. Where does the Bible say that?

***[71] Revelation 6:3-4 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. 4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.***

- The seals are obviously the tribulation. No one should argue that.
- The second seal says, "To him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth."
- Does it say to take peace from ISRAEL? If it did, I would say the woman represents ISRAEL.
- But the Bible doesn't say that. The woman represents the HUMANS on earth.

What do the 12 stars represent then? There's 12 tribes of ISRAEL.

- Why are they important? Because they were chosen to bring GOD'S WORD to this world.
- That's why ISRAEL is so important. They were chosen to bring GOD'S WORD.

I hope this helps explain Revelation Chapter 12 very clearly.

- I hope you see how Revelation 12 starts over chronologically.
- And I hope you see how the order so far matches the timeline perfectly.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 13

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 13."

- In Revelation Chapter 12 we saw EVE, the mother of all living, with child.
- We saw the birth of Jesus Christ. We see the great dragon waiting to devour Jesus Christ.
- We all know that's never going to happen, though, he's going to try.
- Then we see Satan and his angels kicked out of heaven forever.
- Satan is angry and the tribulation begins.
- We see Satan targeting the entire earth in the tribulation.
- And then we see this at the end of Chapter 12 verse 17.

**[3] Revelation 12:17 *And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.***

- So we learned that SATAN is now going after SAVED people.
- The saved people have the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- With that quick review, let's go into Revelation Chapter 13 starting in verse 1.

**[4] Revelation 13:1 *And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.***

- John stands upon the sand of the sea. He sees a beast rise up OUT OF THE SEA.
- The beast has seven heads and ten horns. Upon the ten horns are ten crowns.
- Upon the seven heads are the name of BLASPHEMY. Blasphemy is lies against God and HIS WAY.
- Blasphemy is a FALSE GOSPEL as an example. Blasphemy is anything that causes harm to God's WAY.
- So remember, John sees a beast rise up out of the sea.

**[5] Revelation 13:2 *And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.***

- Notice what this verse says about the BEAST that is seen coming up out of the sea.
- The beast is like unto a leopard, his feet was as the feet of a bear, his mouth as the mouth of lion.
- So we see a leopard, a bear, and a lion.
- "And the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."
- We know the dragon is Satan. This beast is the anti-christ. He gets his power from Satan, the dragon.

I want to take a few minutes to look at the animals mentioned here.

- The anti-christ is like unto a leopard. That doesn't mean he's a leopard but like unto a leopard.
- In the Bible, a leopard is referred to as swift. And a leopard is fierce.

**[6] Jeremiah 5:6 *Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, and a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased.***

- This verse from Jeremiah Chapter 5 is speaking about the Babylon captivity.
- King Nebuchadnezzar took over JUDAH if you remember.
- "A LEOPARD SHALL WATCH OVER THEIR CITIES." The leopard is watching over the people.
- We also see a LION in that verse that SLAYS the people. The lion is king of all animals.

***[7] Hosea 13:6-8 According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me. 7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them: 8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them.***

- Notice the LEOPARD in verse 7. It's observing the people again. So a leopard is an observer.
- It's very good at watching things. Have you ever watched a cat?
- They are observant, patient, good at watching.

***[8] Habakkuk 1:8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat.***

- There the leopards are called swift. So you have observant and swift from the leopard.
- And the anti-christ is like unto a leopard.
- A bear and a lion are both fierce. And watch what David says before he slews Goliath.

***[9] 1 Samuel 17:34-36 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: 35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. 36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.***

- When you have God with you like young David there, a lion and a bear are no match.
- The lion and bear come to destroy the sheep. That's what they symbolize here in Revelation Chapter 13.

***[10] Proverbs 28:15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.***

- But watch the Scripture from the Bible that tells us more about the anti-christ.
- We go to the book of Daniel Chapter 7, which we haven't yet studied.
- We've studied Daniel 1 through 5 to this point, but we'll get there.

***[11] Daniel 7:1-2 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. 2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.***

- We see Daniel having a dream and visions. He wrote the dream in the book of Daniel.
- He sees four winds of the heaven striving upon the great sea.

***[12] Daniel 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.***



- So here we see FOUR BEASTS versus a single BEAST like we see in Revelation Chapter 13.
- It says that these 4 beasts were diverse or different from each other.
- This should ring a bell in your head about the 4 rulers and kingdoms that we've already studied in Daniel.

Do you remember Daniel's dream from Daniel Chapter 2 with the great image?

- He sees a great image in King Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

***[13] Daniel 2:31-34 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. 32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, 33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. 34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.***

- So we see a head of gold, a chest and arms of silver, a belly and thighs of brass, and legs of iron and feet part iron and part clay.
- Then we also see a STONE, A ROCK cut out without hands that destroys the image.

We find out that King Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom of Babylon is this head of gold.

- Then we find out the Medes and the Persians are the chest and arms of silver.
- The Grecians or Greeks are the third kingdom of brass.
- And we know that the Romans are the fourth kingdom of iron and part clay.
- And we also know that JESUS IS THE ROCK that comes and destroys the great image.

With that said, we see similarities of this great image in Daniel Chapter 7 that we were just reading.

- Let's go back to Daniel Chapter 7 and continue reading.
- Remember, FOUR GREAT BEASTS come up out of the water.
- Remember, we're going to tie all of this back in to the BEAST we see in Revelation Chapter 13.

***[14] Daniel 7:4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.***

- So, we see this first beast like a lion with eagle's wings. Keep in mind this is a LION.
- A man's HEART was given to it. Remember when King Nebuchadnezzar lived in the wilderness like a beast.
- He ate grass. He lost his mind. He lived like an animal.
- At the end, a man's heart was returned to him and he started acting human again.
- The first beast here is King Nebuchadnezzar and the BABYLONIAN KINGDOM.
- Babylon was the greatest kingdom and had the greatest king with Nebuchadnezzar.

***[15] Daniel 7:5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.***

- This is the MEDES and PERSIANS kingdom. The beasts represent rulers and kingdoms.
- And notice the Medes and Persians are represented by a BEAR. So we've seen a lion and a bear so far.

***[16] Daniel 7:6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.***

- This is the Grecian KINGDOM. And notice they are represented by a LEOPARD.

***[17] Daniel 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.***

- This is the ROMAN empire, which as in power when Jesus Christ came at HIS FIRST COMING.
- So we see a fourth beast there DIVERSE FROM ALL THE 3 OTHER BEASTS.
- In Daniel Chapter 2, the bottom of the image is the Roman empire. The feet have 10 toes.
- Here we see that the beast has 10 horns. These represent kings and kingdoms in the ROMAN empire.
- So, Daniel Chapter 2 and Daniel Chapter 7 are talking about the same kingdoms.
- Do you remember the patterns we talked about in the Book of Daniel? Chapter 2 and 7 go together.

***[18] Daniel 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.***

So, you see this fourth beast 10 horns and this little horn comes up and speaks great things.

- This fourth beast is a picture of the anti-christ and his kingdom upon earth.
- Watch this as we move further down in Daniel Chapter 7.

***[19] Daniel 7:20-22 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. 21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; 22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.***

- So this same little horn COMES UP INTO POWER. His mouth spoke very great things.
- His look was more stout than his fellows. This same horn MADE WAR WITH THE SAINTS.
- And this same horn PREVAILED AGAINST THE SAINTS. Does that sound familiar?
- Maybe not yet, but look what we'll see in verse 7 of Revelation 13.

***[20] Revelation 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.***

- The horn that comes up upon the HEAD OF THE KINGDOM is the Anti-Christ.
- Do you see how a HORN upon a head would be the leader of a KINGDOM?
- That's what this means in Daniel.

***[21] Daniel 7:23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.***

- This is the ROMAN EMPIRE, but it's also a picture of the ANTI-CHRIST'S KINGDOM.
- How do we know this? Well, which kingdom was in power when Jesus came the first time?
- The ROMAN EMPIRE. When Jesus comes back the second time, the anti-christ's kingdom will be in power.

- Do you see how that goes together perfectly?

**[22] Daniel 7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.**

- The heads and horns represent kings. One king will subdue three of the other kings.
- I wanted you to see that the beast, the heads, the horns represent KINGDOMS AND KINGS.
- I wanted you to see all of that as so you can understand Revelation Chapter 13.
- Let's go back to Revelation Chapter 13 and read verse 1 and 2 again and see if this makes more sense.

**[23] Revelation 13:1-2 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.**

- This beast represents the great KINGDOM of the anti-christ and the anti-christ himself.
- His kingdom is ruling over the entire world similar to the Roman empire.

**[24] Revelation 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.**

- One of the HEADS of the beast or the KINGDOM is wounded to death.
- That's the Anti-Christ himself. The person is wounded, dies, and is healed and comes back to life.

**[25] Revelation 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?**

- We know the anti-christ dies and comes back to life because people are worshipping him now.
- They say, "WHO IS LIKE UNTO THE BEAST? WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH THIS MAN?"
- If he wouldn't have died and come back to life, they wouldn't raise him to that level.
- Why am I saying this? Because some preachers teach that the anti-christ didn't die and come back to life.
- The Bible is the authority. Let's see what the Bible says.

**[26] Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.**

- So, we studied that already in Revelation Chapter 11.
- But, do you see where it says that THE BEAST ascendeth out of the bottomless pit?
- That's because he was dead and went to hell. And he came back out of the bottomless pit.
- That's pretty strong right there. That's why he will fool most of the people. They worship him.
- "Nobody is like him!!!" they'll be saying.

**[27] Revelation 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.**

- The parts I want you to see is the part that says, "THE BEAST THAT THOU SAWEST WAS, AND IS NOT; AND SHALL DESCEND OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT."
- And the other part at the very end that says, "They behold the beast THAT WAS, AND IS NOT, AND YET IS."
- In other words, HE WAS which means he was living. IS NOT means he was dead. AND YET IS means he's living again.

**[28] Genesis 42:13** *And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.*

**[29] Genesis 42:32** *We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.*

- "IS NOT" right there means that they think Joseph is dead.
- Obviously, the beast is killed and comes back to life. That's why all the people worship him.
- That's why they are amazed with him. He comes back to life.
- He is trying to mimic the LORD JESUS CHRIST. He's trying to deceive the world.
- Back to Revelation Chapter 13 verse 5.

**[30] Revelation 13:5** *And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*

- The anti-christ comes into power. The world wanders after him the Bible says in verse 4.
- In verse 5 they worship the beast. They don't see anybody like him because he came back from the dead.
- He speaks great BLASPHEMIES against God ALMIGHTY. Power is given unto him to continue 42 months.
- Now we see 42 months again. That's 3-1/2 years, right?
- We know there are only 2 half's to the 7 year period of time.

Which half is the ANTI-CHRIST going to reign?

- You can take a look at your timeline because it's written on there.
- You'll see Revelation 13:5 as a reference. You'll also see Daniel 7:25 as a reference.

**[31] Daniel 7:25** *And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

- You see the anti-christ speaking words against God. He's going to persecute the saints.
- He's going to change times and laws and those times and laws are given into his hand for 3-1/2 years.
- Or, a time, times, and the dividing of time.
- So, is he going to be in power the first 3-1/2 years or the second?

Please keep in mind that in Revelation 12 we see the anti-christ persecuting the entire earth.

- People that he's persecuting aren't going to want him in power, right?
- Then, he switches to just persecuting the saved people, the saints.
- And that happens at seal 5 during the tribulation. Then, we see the abomination of desolation.
- That's when he enters into the temple and begins to reign in his kingdom.

Let's find proof within Revelation Chapter 16 that the anti-christ rules during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.

- We actually used this same verse to prove in the Revelation Chapter 12 sermon that Jesus Christ isn't ruling when the vials are being poured out.
- You might remember this verse. Revelation 16:10.

***[32] Revelation 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,***

- Does the fifth vial happen in the first or second half of the timeline?
- It's in the second half and the verse right there says "HIS KINGDOM WAS FULL OF DARKNESS."
- So, obviously, the anti-christ is ruling in his kingdom during the second 3-1/2 year period.
- He shows up at the beginning of the tribulation, but he isn't in power yet.
- If you look on your timelines, you'll see that the anti-christ is in power at the Abomination of Desolation.
- This all starts to make sense and comes together perfectly.
- Then, the anti-christ continues in power 42 months.

So, what other proof is there that the ANTI-CHRIST is in power during the second 3-1/2 year period of time?

- I'm sure you remember the 2 witnesses from Revelation Chapter 11.

***[33] Revelation 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.***

- We know that they are in the second half of the 3-1/2 years because they are shown in Chapter 11.
- Remember Chapters 1 through 11 go through the entire 7-year period.
- We're obviously in the second half if we're in Chapter 11.

***[34] Revelation 11:7-8 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.***

- The anti-christ who returned from the dead at an earlier time will now KILL the 2 witnesses.
- He is still in power in his kingdom because it's called SODOM and EGYPT spiritually.
- And the people rejoice over God's 2 witnesses being killed.
- So we know the anti-christ is in power and he's a hero for those wicked people who are left on earth.
- Then, we can also see where the ANTI-CHRIST loses all of his power.
- This happens in Revelation Chapter 19, which is towards the very end of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.
- It's at the Battle of Armageddon. Watch this.

***[35] Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.***

- Now, he's definitely lost everything. He's thrown into the LAKE OF FIRE. It's over for him.
- So, when Revelation 13 says the anti-christ continues in power for 42 months, it's the second half.
- We left off in verse 5 of Revelation Chapter 13. Let's move to verse 6.

**[36] Revelation 13:6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.**

- The anti-christ is put in power. As soon as he gets the power, he opens his trashy mouth.
- And what's he do? He blasphemes God, the name of God, his tabernacle, and all them that are in heaven.
- Let's see how big his kingdom is in the next verse.

**[37] Revelation 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**

- The anti-christ makes WAR with the saints. The great tribulation starts when the anti-christ takes power.
- HE GOES AFTER THE SAINTS and he's killing them. He's overcoming them during the great tribulation.
- "AND POWER WAS GIVEN HIM OVER ALL KINDREDS, TONGUES, AND NATIONS."
- So, he's ruling over the entire world. Every kind, every language, every nation.
- That's a ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT. Do you see that?

When this happens, this MAN who is the ANTI-CHRIST, is doing exactly what SATAN wants.

- Remember, Satan is angry. He's mad. We learned this in Revelation Chapter 12.

**[38] Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

- The dragon goes to make war with the saved people on the earth.
- Now, we see that the ANTI-CHRIST is given power, has a great kingdom on earth, and is going to fulfill exactly what Satan wants.
- So, it's very obvious that SAVED PEOPLE are left on the earth at this time, right?
- The rapture hasn't yet happened because the people who have the testimony of Jesus Christ are still there.
- You see that, right? Revelation 13:7 says that he's going to make WAR WITH THE SAINTS.

So, which saints is this talking about? SAINTS are SANCTIFIED by the blood of Jesus Christ.

- What I'm getting at is how can the Pre-Tribulation Rapture be true?
- Remember, the PRE-TRIBULATION false preachers and teachers say that all the saints are TAKEN UP in the Rapture BEFORE the tribulation.
- So, do you see everything on the timeline there? According to them, all the SAINTS will be gone.
- So, who in the world is the DRAGON and the BEAST going to make war with?
- Is it just going to be those few who are getting saved afterwards? No, that's too easy.
- Obviously, the rapture doesn't occur before the tribulation begins.
- The Rapture happens AFTER THE TRIBULATION just like Jesus says in Matthew Chapter 24.

Now, look, the Pre-Tribulation false preachers have an answer for this.

- They create these FALSE DISPENSATIONS or DIVISIONS to fit their man-made teaching.
- What they teach is not in the Bible. Let's read Revelation 13:7 one more time.
- Why? Because I want you to see how the false preachers take this verse and twist it.

**[39] Revelation 13:7** *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

- The false preachers say, "WELL, the anti-christ can't OVERCOME the saints like us."
- And I say, listen, you've PUFFED yourself up too much. Creflo Dollar preaching.
- "You're all little gods who can overcome SATAN HIMSELF. You can overcome the ANTI-CHRIST."
- "You are POWERFUL." Hey, I've heard it all in the false churches. That's why so many people go there.
- They want to feed that pride and arrogance. They want to be puffed up by some false preacher.

So, what they do about this verse on the screen?

- They say, "This verse is talking about the tribulation saints. It's not talking about us."
- "We are the church age saints. Nothing can overcome us. But the tribulation saints are weaker."
- "And that's why the tribulation saints can be overcome."
- I laugh at that. They don't even hear what they're saying.
- There is no difference in the saints. We're all SAVED by the blood of Jesus Christ.

I don't see the Bible saying there's a CHURCH AGE SAINT and a TRIBULATION SAINT.

- They make all of this stuff up, and it's pure trash. It's a fairy tale. I'm sick of it.
- I listened to all that trash from a man named Doug Stauffer who writes books and sells them.
- That's your first warning of a false preacher. He's one that writes books about the Bible and sells them.
- They like to profit from God and the Bible. They like to profit off of people who are sincere.
- They like to deceive those people and lead them in the wrong direction.
- THERE IS NO CHURCH AGE WITHIN THE BIBLE.
- That's a fairy tale made up by man so that the Bible fits their false teaching.

The false CHURCH AGE preachers can't understand that the SAINTS can be overcome in the FLESH.

- The saved people can't be overcome in the SOUL/SPIRIT, but they can in the flesh.
- They also can't understand that the SPIRITUAL ISRAEL is the one that will be saved.
- They think it's ALL PHYSICAL CHILDREN of Israel. They got wrong too.
- If you try to find CHURCH AGE in the Bible, you won't find it.
- It was invented by man in the late 1700's, 1800's, or early 1900's. They all fight about who invented it.
- So, the phrase CHURCH AGE is not Biblical.
- We talked about when we talked about the 7 churches in Revelation 1, 2, and 3.
- Here's what you do see in the Bible.

**[40] Ephesians 3:21** *Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

- Does it say: "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout the CHURCH AGE?"
- No, it says: THROUGHOUT ALL AGES. The church has existed from the beginning.
- Everyone who believes on Jesus Christ is a CHRISTIAN and part of the church throughout all ages.
- The church age didn't begin at some fairy tale time made up by man.
- How do we know this? Because the Bible says so.

**[41] Acts 7:38** *This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:*



- There's a CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS when Moses was leading the children of Israel.
- The made up church age didn't start at some later time. They make up false teaching that sounds good.
- Then they change SCRIPTURE around to fit into their false teaching. It doesn't work that way.
- The CHURCH exists in ALL AGES the Bible says.
- The false preachers then like to go to SCRIPTURE in Matthew and say, "SEE!!! Told you."

Now, do you remember what Revelation says?

- Revelation 13:7 says the beast will make war with the saints and overcome them.
- The book of Daniel Chapter 7 verse 21 and 22 says this.

***[42] Daniel 7:21-22 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; 22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.***

- He prevailed against them. He overcame the saints. The only way he can do that is PHYSICALLY.
- He can't overcome them spiritually. Why? BECAUSE GOD IS WITH THEM SPIRITUALLY.
- Here's the scripture in Matthew that the CHURCH AGE PRE-TRIBULATION FALSE preachers use.

***[43] Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.***

- That's where they say, "See, the tribulation saints are not the church age saints because of this verse."
- No, all it means is NO ONE will ever OVERCOME the church or the saints spiritually.
- PHYSICALLY, DUH, things overcome the SAINTS all the time. Saved people have DIED in this world.
- Yep, that's a fact. SAVED PEOPLE HAVE PHYSICALLY DIED. Wow. Would you believe that?
- But in their fairy tale world, the CHURCH AGE SAINTS (THEM) CAN'T BE OVERCOME.
- They've listened to CREFLO DOLLAR and KENNETH COPELAND too much.
- THE GATES OF HELL in that verse does not equal SATAN or the devil. God is in charge of hell.

But watch this BECAUSE those same CHURCH AGE false preachers use Revelation Chapter 2 to talk about the church age, right?

- That's their proof about all the different churches and the CHURCH AGES.
- Well, what about Revelation Chapter 2 verse 10?

***[44] Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.***

- That is one of their so-called CHURCH AGES right there. That's the church at SMYRNA.
- They say that's a church age. That verse says, "THE DEVIL SHALL CAST SOME OF YOU INTO PRISON."
- "Be faithful unto DEATH." So obviously, the devil is going to kill some of them.
- That's a physical death. That's not the GATES OF HELL coming upon them. They're going to heaven!!!
- But physically, he took their life on this earth. Is that hard to understand? No.
- False preachers make everything hard to understand.
- If a preacher teaches dispensations and the church age, run the other direction.

- Let's continue in verse 8 of Revelation Chapter 13.

**[45] Revelation 13:8** *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

- "ALL THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH WILL WORSHIP HIM" except who?
- Except the people who are written in the BOOK OF LIFE OF THE LAMB SLAIN.
- "From the foundation of the world" is talking about the names being written in the book from the foundation of the world.
- The reprobates and rejected people will worship the anti-christ. The Bible says so.
- And remember, the saved people will be on the earth when the anti-christ is in power for a short period of time.
- At the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, the anti-christ takes power and the great tribulation begins.

**[46] Revelation 13:9** *If any man have an ear, let him hear.*

- That means what was just said is very important to hear. This entire book is very important to hear.
- In other words, open your ears and hear what's being said in the BIBLE.

**[47] Revelation 13:10** *He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*

- The anti-christ will lead people to captivity and not freedom.
- He will kill with the sword and will be killed with the sword who is the word of God.
- Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.
- In other words, know that JESUS will take care of the BEAST and the dragon.
- Be patient and have faith that GOD will prevail through all of this.

So, we see so far that the beast is the anti-christ.

- He rises to power through the first half of the tribulation.
- His kingdom is going to be like Babylon, like the Medes/Persians, like Greece, and like the Roman empire.
- That's why you see him pictured as one beast like a leopard, bear, and lion.
- His kingdom is going to be world wide, every nation, every tongue.

He comes into power at the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION.

- And he's going to use that power to persecute the SAINTS or the SAVED PEOPLE who have been SANCTIFIED by the blood of Jesus Christ.
- And he will overcome the saints physically. He'll persecute and kill them.
- Now, let's continue and see what happens. Something new comes in verse 11.

**[48] Revelation 13:11** *And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.*

- Now, we see ANOTHER BEAST. And you might say, "One was enough." But now there's another one.
- So we have the dragon who is Satan, the first beast who is the anti-christ, and who is this second beast?
- He has two horns like a lamb. He looks just like a lamb. But he speaks as a dragon.

- So he looks nice and acts nice, but his words are like a dragon who deceives and speaks blasphemy.

**[49] Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**

- Jesus is warning us right there about false prophets. These are the worst.
- We might think they're good people, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
- Don't let someone's kindness trick you. The Bible warns of this over and over again.
- False churches do this all the time. False preachers do this. It's very easy to do.

When you go into a church, if everyone acts like you're God, you really like that.

- That's your flesh wanting and loving the attention these people are giving you.
- It's good to be kind to others and nice, but you have to watch out for those people who will deceive you.

**[50] Romans 16:17-18 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.**

- This happens all the time. There are false prophets or false preachers all around us today.
- USE SCRIPTURE to ensure they aren't deceiving you.
- AVOID THEM if they aren't preaching SCRIPTURE properly.

**[51] 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.**

- The Bible warns us directly over and over again to watch out for false preachers and prophets.
- Most people will love them. That's how you know I'm not a false preacher. Most people hate me.
- Just kidding. Well, not really. How do you know a false preacher? THE GOSPEL. Do they get it right?
- Do they twist Scripture? Do they teach a works based salvation? That's a false gospel.
- They might have crosses all over their buildings but they aren't christian.
- But they act like these new false christians who love everyone no matter what.

So, in other words, this second beast will look like a sheep but inward is a ravening wolf.

- Who is this second beast? You already have the first clue. He's a false preacher or false prophet.
- Revelation Chapter 19 tells us who he is.

**[52] Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**

- This second beast is THE FALSE PROPHET. So you have the dragon who is Satan.
- The first beast who is the anti-christ and the second beast who is the FALSE PROPHET.

What are some comparisons to this false prophet who will be popular?

- Joel Osteen. Extremely false preacher. Everybody loves him. I don't. I hate the guy with a passion.
- He tells all his followers that God owes them and He's going to repay them with money.
- Billy Graham is another good comparison. REPENT OF YOUR SINS to be saved. Bible doesn't say that.
- Martin Luther King Jr is another good comparison. He denied that Jesus Christ was resurrected.

Rick Warren is another. Let's all UNITE together Rick Warren says. They are all ISRAEL lovers who hate JESUS.

- Paula White I shouldn't even mention because she's too far out there.
- Joyce Meyer is a false preacher that everyone loves. False churches love Joyce Meyer.
- Kyle Idleman is a false preacher who keeps rising higher and higher. Everyone loves him.
- Do you see how they creep into the churches and people can't even see it? WAKE UP PEOPLE.
- The false prophet will be someone that claims to be CHRISTIAN. Do you see that? Very deceiving.

***[53] Revelation 13:12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.***

- He's going to have power like the first beast. He's going to lead more people to worship the first beast.
- So, they might not have believed the anti-christ but the false prophet is going to lead them there.
- Those people are going to trust more of what this false prophet says than what SCRIPTURE says.
- Do you see how this world is already setup to go after the false prophet? People already do that.

***[54] Revelation 13:13-14 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.***

- How does this false prophet deceive people? HE DOES MIRACLES. So watch out.
- False preachers don't teach that. Instead, they usually talk people into believing they do miracles.
- Like slapping people with their coat jackets, knocking them backwards, and healing them.
- Some punch people and heal them.
- I don't think Jesus, Peter, Paul ever punched someone in the Bible to heal them. But it's entertaining.
- So people love that. They get entertainment and they get to be healed. Can't beat that in a false church.

The false prophet tells all his followers they should make an image to the beast.

- That false prophet will be: "Hey, no one has died, went to hell, and ascended out of hell but the Savior."
- This MUST be the SAVIOR. Worship HIM NOW!!! That's what's going to happen.
- It's going to be very convincing, and that's why you need to know your BIBLE.
- God wrote everything down so we can learn this, study this, and be ready.

So, we now see people going AFTER the false prophet who in turn deceives them to worship the ANTI-CHRIST.

- Wouldn't you call that a FALLING AWAY from God? The whole world except the SAINTS will worship him.
- Revelation Chapter 13 is talking about a FALLING AWAY from God. That reminds me of 2 Thessalonians.
- In Revelation Chapter 13, we haven't seen the RAPTURE yet. We started over in Chapter 12.
- Now, watch what 2 Thessalonians says in Chapter 2 starting in verse 3.

***[55] 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth***

***himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.***

- In other words, the RAPTURE doesn't come until the anti-christ is put in power.
- A falling away happens first. The anti-christ will oppose and exalt himself above God.
- People will think they're following God when they aren't. Look at the churches today.
- They actually think they're following God but everything they teach isn't what GOD says.

"LOVE EVERYONE NO MATTER WHAT" is an example of that. It sounds good. Everyone believes it.

- Why? Because they aren't studying the SCRIPTURE. God HATES people. God rejects people.
- If that sounds foreign to you, then you need to look a little closer at what you're learning in church.
- The ANTI-CHRIST will be very convincing that he is God. Don't fall for it.
- Don't be deceived. Change your mind now and believe what GOD says in this Bible.

***[56] Revelation 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.***

- This image comes to life through the false prophet. It's going to speak and cause people that don't worship the image to be put to death.
- You can imagine something like that with our technology today and even better in the future.
- THE SETTING UP OF THIS IMAGE OF THE BEAST is very important to understand.

That should trigger your mind that this is the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION.

- And this happens directly in the MIDDLE of the 7-year period.
- This is when the Anti-Christ is coming into power. The false prophet sets up this image.

***[57] Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)***

- That means this false image is going to be standing in the HOLY PLACE in Jerusalem.
- If the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION is directly in the middle of the 7 years
- And the ANTI-CHRIST rules in his kingdom for 3.5 years
- This means the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION is that point where the ANTI-CHRIST comes into power.
- Do you see that today?
- Satan, the Anti-Christ, and the False Prophet will be working together to bring the anti-christ into power.

***[58] Revelation 13:16-17 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.***

- The false prophet is going to cause all people not in the Book of Life to receive a mark IN their right hand
- Or, IN their foreheads. Notice it says IN. It doesn't say ON like the corrupted bible versions.
- Devices are already being implanted in people.

When I was in college in the year 2000, we had a biomedical engineering department already working on that.

- The devices are so small that you can barely see them. They're tiny. Like a grain of rice or smaller.

- And they're getting smaller every day. This could be something like that.
- Remember, it says that the image will know whether or not you worship the beast.
- This could be technology that makes that happen. We can do things today that would blow your mind.
- They can inject these tiny sensors into your body to measure things and report back.
- And that's old technology in the year 2020. It's not that difficult any more.

If you don't take the mark, you won't be able to buy or sell unless you take the mark of the beast.

- Tell that to most people today and they would take the mark of the beast for toilet paper.
- The corona virus alone would make people take the mark of the best for a piece of toilet paper.
- Would you take something into your body or take a mark so you can purchase everything?
- Well, you better be careful in the future when that happens.

A lot of people don't use cash any more. I don't. I use a credit card. What if it's something different?

- I use a credit card because it's easier and you get cash back rewards.
- You can track everything you buy and track your budget much easier with a credit card.
- And something similar might happen in the future with the MARK OF THE BEAST.
- When they get rid of all currency, that's a clue that it might be happening.

***[59] Revelation 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.***

- So, you get more information about this mark.
- The number of the beast is the number of man. That number is 666.
- So, that number isn't just for the beast. It's also the man's number too.

And here's how I think about the number 666 and what it means.

- Think of it this way. You have a BODY, a SPIRIT, and a SOUL. That's 3 things, right?
- Well, before you're SAVED, you aren't yet complete.

***[60] Colossians 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:***

- Until you're saved by JESUS CHRIST, you aren't complete.
- And remember, this is just a good way to think about the number 666.
- You don't have the HOLY SPIRIT until you're saved. So you're missing 1 of the 3.
- You're 2/3 or 2 out of 3. What's 2 divided by 3. It's 0.666 repeating.
- Once you get the Holy Spirit, you're 3 out of 3. You're 1 now.
- So, the number of man before SAVED is 0.666 or 666.
- Hope that helps you remember that.
- We'll keep going with Revelation Chapter 14 next sermon.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 14

[2] The title of the sermon today is “REVELATION CHAPTER 14.”

- Before we start today, I want to go over a quick summary of the Book of Revelation.
- This will help you understand where we are in Revelation so we don’t get lost.

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1 <sup>st</sup> Half Revelation Chapter	Summary	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Revelation Chapter
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Century After Jesus Christ Ascended 7 Churches in Asia	12
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6	Seals are Opened / Tribulation	13
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	Babylon	17
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	Armageddon	19
	Great White Throne Judgment	20
	New Heaven and New Earth	21
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- Please understand that this summary is a very general overview.
- It’s very difficult to summarize everything in each chapter in a few words.
- So, there’s definitely more in each chapter than what you see in this chart.
- BUT, you will see a general overview of what happens in each chapter.

All we need to do to understand where are is look for Revelation Chapter 14.

- You know that we’re in the second half of Revelation so look to the far right column.
- We saw the anti-Christ and the false prophet during tribulation and then the abomination of desolation.
- The anti-Christ takes power in his kingdom. The great tribulation begins.
- And we all know what happens after the tribulation ends.

**[4] Matthew 24:29-30** *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

- So we know that AFTER THE TRIBULATION the second coming of Jesus Christ will happen.
- At the second coming of Jesus Christ, the RAPTURE or RESURRECTION will take place.



- But, if you look to the summary table again, we see that Revelation Chapter 7 matches up with 14.
- So, if we look to Revelation Chapter 7, we can see what happens before the RAPTURE takes place.
- And I hope you remember this from the Revelation Chapter 7 sermon.

***[5] Revelation 7:3-4 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. 4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.***

- So, directly BEFORE the rapture takes place, the 144,000 are sealed in their foreheads.
- And why are they sealed? So they aren't hurt by God's wrath that will be coming AFTER the Rapture.
- So, the 144,000 are sealed and then what happens in Revelation Chapter 7?

***[6] Revelation 7:9-10 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.***

- In the first half of Revelation, this is the RAPTURE in Chapter 7 verse 9.
- We know this because a few verses down in Chapter 7 we see this.

***[7] Revelation 7:13-14 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.***

- The people who are raptured from the earth will have made it through the GREAT TRIBULATION.
- They show up in heaven immediately. This elder asks, "Where did all these people come from?"
- That's to show us that this is the RAPTURE. He says they came out of great tribulation.
- Satan, the anti-Christ, and the false prophet will be persecuting and killing the SAINTS.
- Those who make it without being killed will be RAPTURED and come out of GREAT TRIBULATION!

So, you see that Revelation Chapter 7 goes with Revelation Chapter 14.

- We saw in Revelation Chapter 13, last chapter, the TRIBULATION and THE GREAT TRIBULATION.
- So, using Chapter 7 and our timelines, what do you think happens next?
- We should see the 144,000 being sealed because that's the same order as Chapter 7.
- With that said, let's start there in Revelation 14 verse 1.

***[8] Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.***

- So, we see the 144,000 right here. This is a HUGE CLUE that Revelation is divided in half.
- We see the same events and the same order between Chapters 1 through 11 and 11 through 22.
- Revelation 1 through 11 gives us a great overview of the entire 7-year period.
- In Chapters 11 through 22, we get even more detail for Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week and beyond that 7-year period.
- We see a lamb standing on Mount Sion and the 144,000 are there with him.
- They have the FATHER'S NAME written in their foreheads. That is the SEAL OF GOD.

- We see that SAVED people will have that same mark from Revelation Chapter 3.

***[9] Revelation 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.***

- The seal of God which is his name written in your forehead will happen.
- Watch this within the very last chapter of Revelation.

***[10] Revelation 22:1-4 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.***

- So, the 144,000 will be sealed with this BEFORE the Rapture takes place.
- This seal protects them from GOD'S WRATH.

***[11] Revelation 14:2-3 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: 3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.***

- John hears a great voice from heaven. It sounds like many waters and great thunder. That's a strong voice.
- He hears the voice of harpers harping with their harps. These harpers are SINGING A NEW SONG.
- And they're doing it directly before the throne of GOD ALMIGHTY and the four beasts, and the 24 elders.
- NO MAN could learn that song but those 144,000.

Just a note before we continue on SINGING A NEW SONG.

- God loves for us to sing to HIM. He doesn't say listen to music. He says to sing it to HIM.
- What's that mean? That means God must love to hear you sing to HIM.
- In Revelation Chapter 5, we see this:

***[12] Revelation 5:8-10 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.***

- So we see that the elders have harps themselves and they sing a new song before the throne of God.
- Then we see this in Revelation Chapter 15. Remember, we're on Chapter 14 today.

***[13] Revelation 15:1-3 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. 2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the***

***number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. 3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.***

- We see the saints having the harps of God standing on the sea of glass singing the song of Moses.
- So, God loves singing as you can see.

***[14] Psalm 33:2-3 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. 3 Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.***

- God loves you to sing and play instruments. PLAY SKILLFULLY HE SAYS. God loves instruments.

***[15] Psalm 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.***

***[16] Psalm 96:1-2 O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. 2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.***

***[17] Psalm 144:9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.***

- There are different types of harps. One type has 10 strings.

***[18] Psalm 149:1 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.***

***[19] Isaiah 42:10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.***

- In other words, we are to SING TO THE LORD. That's how we praise HIM. We give it all we have.
- You might say, "Well, I can't sing. I sound like a broken record."
- And I say, "Oh well, I do too." But I won't stop singing to the Lord. He commands us to sing to HIM.
- Do any of the SCRIPTURE I just read say to only SING if you're a good singer?
- "Thou shalt sing unto the Lord ONLY IF YOU'RE A GOOD SINGER." No, it doesn't say that.
- So who cares what you sound like. Sing it out.
- If you're a bad singer, the people around you should get louder and drown you out. Just kidding.

But listen, I'm tired of FALSE CHURCHES telling people you can't use instruments.

- They say you can't be happy in Church, you can't dance around, you can't praise the LORD.
- Well, guess what? GOD SAYS YOU CAN and last time I checked, which is now, God says you can.

***[20] 1 Samuel 18:6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.***

- Singing, dancing, tabrets or tambourines, JOY, instruments of music. God loves that.

- God NEVER tells someone to stop singing, dancing, playing MUSIC to HIM. NEVER does He say that.

**[21] 2 Samuel 6:14-15** *And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.*

**[22] 1 Chronicles 13:8** *And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.*

- Do you see that right there? WE NEED TO SING WITH ALL OUR MIGHT TO GOD every time.
- Why? Because HE LOVES PRAISES!!! And this helps us too, or He wouldn't command us to do it.
- So, churches that teach you can't dance to God, sing to God, play instruments to God are DIRECTLY going up against God.
- I hope you see that today. And we could do an entire sermon or two on music, dancing, and instruments.

We went over the 144,000 in detail in Revelation Chapter 7, but I want to refresh your memory.

- In Revelation 14 verse 1 you'll see that your Bible says the 144,000 are standing on Mount Zion.
- Do you remember where MOUNT ZION is located? Let's see.

**[23] Hebrews 12:22** *But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,*

- MOUNT ZION is "THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM, THE CITY OF THE LIVING GOD."
- I'm sure you remember the song we sing: "Marching to Zion." We're marching to the heavenly Jerusalem.
- Since the 144,000 are in heaven with Jesus and in Revelation to this point we haven't seen the Rapture.
- So, remember where we are on the timeline. We're almost to the Rapture, but we aren't there yet.
- We see the 144,000 in HEAVEN with Jesus. Before the Rapture, how do you get to heaven?

We can take right now as an example. The rapture hasn't happened.

- How do people get to heaven right now? The people who are in heaven right now had to die, right?
- You can know 100% for sure that the 144,000 are people who have died prior to the RAPTURE.
- These are MEN who are virgins, 12,000 from each of the PHYSICAL TRIBES OF ISRAEL.
- They aren't 144,000 Jews like false preachers say. Remember, JEWS come from JUDAH.
- And in the Kingdom of Judah, there were a few different tribes but not all tribes of Israel.

You might ask, "How do you know they are male virgins?" We'll see in just a minute.

- The 144,000 are not people who are alive when the RAPTURE happens.
- So, you have 144,000 men singing in HEAVEN. That will be amazing to hear. That's going to be loud.
- Let's continue in Revelation 14 verse 4.

**[24] Revelation 14:4-5** *These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

- They were not defiled with women. That means MALE virgins. They follow the LAMB.

**[25] Matthew 4:19-22** *And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.*

- The disciples left everything and FOLLOWED Jesus. We need to FOLLOW JESUS.
- Do you have to follow after Jesus all your life to be saved? No, you don't. BUT YOU SHOULD.
- To be saved, it's "WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH ON ME HATH EVERLASTING LIFE." That's what Jesus says.
- But you should be a follower of Jesus. The 144,000 followed Jesus wherever He went.
- Those 144,000 are male virgins, 12 thousand from each of the 12 tribes.
- That means they are SAINTS or SAVED male virgins from the 12 PHYSICAL TRIBES OF ISRAEL.
- Since most of the 12 tribes were lost, that means these are most likely OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS.

**[26] Revelation 14:6-7** *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*

- John sees an angel fly through heaven having the everlasting GOSPEL to preach to those on earth.
- Why is this? Well, we see the 144,000 standing there and the ANGEL brings the everlasting GOSPEL.
- Think about this. The 144,000 are being prepared to be sent to earth. They get the seal to protect them.
- Why do they need protection? God's wrath is going to be poured out on those people left on earth.
- The rapture will happen soon so all the SAINTS or SAVED will be leaving earth and coming to heaven.

When that happens, there won't be anyone left to preach the GOSPEL. So, the 144,000 will be sent.

- And you'll also have the 2 witnesses but there will be a lot of people left on earth.
- But that's the PURPOSE OF THE 144,000. They are to go to earth and preach the GOSPEL.
- People can still be saved while God is pouring out HIS WRATH on earth.

Some false preachers use Revelation 14:6 as proof that there are different GOSPEL's within the Bible.

- They say there are multiple GOSPEL'S. These are the dispensationalists.
- DISPENSATIONALISTS like to call it "Rightly Dividing the Bible."
- So they divide it up into all these different divisions. I've studied all of that myself. It's trash.
- They like to say that there's a Gospel of Peace, Gospel of Grace, Gospel of The Kingdom.
- They say that Jesus Christ preached a different GOSPEL than the APOSTLES.
- They come up with all kinds of trash. THERE'S ONE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE.

**[27] Galatians 1:6-9** *I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*

- When these false preachers PREACH ANOTHER GOSPEL, LET THEM BE ACCURSED.

**[28] 2 Corinthians 11:4** *For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

- There's ONE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST within this BIBLE.
- And yes, it's the Gospel of Grace, the Gospel of the Kingdom, the Gospel of Peace.
- All of those DESCRIBE the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They aren't different GOSPELS.
- So, if JESUS CHRIST preached a different GOSPEL than Paul, what does that mean?
- That would mean Paul is saying that JESUS CHRIST is accursed. That's HERESY.
- That's why I won't go to a CHURCH that teaches dispensations they learned in SEMINARY.

"You must rightly DIVIDE the Bible," they say.

- I call SEMINARIES DEVIL SCHOOLS. It's a bunch of "SMART" people who know everything.
- Let me show how to recognize a church that believes in DISPENSATIONS.

Here's what I found from Calvary Baptist Church in Lagrange, Kentucky.

- Hey, they are a Soul Winning Church. They are a little weak on the Gospel.
- Their Bible Way to Heaven never tells someone to BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- Their statement of faith says this:

**[29]**

We believe the sixty-six (66) books of the Bible do not merely contain the words of God, but are the words of God. Therefore, we accept and embrace every word as essential and important. These beliefs rest entirely upon its contents and those contents being properly interpreted and rightly divided.

- That's a screenshot from their website. Notice at the very end what it says: "RIGHTLY DIVIDED."
- That's a trigger word in my memory because Doug Stauffer wrote about teaching people HOW TO RIGHTLY DIVIDE their Bible.
- That's a church that believes in dispensations within the Bible. DIVISION. And the Bible does say this:

**[30] 2 Timothy 2:15** *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

- So, what they do is take that VERSE and make that verse MORE IMPORTANT than any.
- They say, "SEE, YOU HAVE TO RIGHTLY DIVIDE THE WORD OF TRUTH."
- That's right. You do. But they forgot the RIGHTLY part of DIVIDE. They start making up HERESY.
- Here's what else you see on their website further down the page.

**[31]**

6. We believe that salvation in this current dispensation is wholly of grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9).

- Do you see now? Do you see where it says "SALVATION IN THIS CURRENT DISPENSATION."



- What they are saying is salvation is different in the CHURCH AGE than other ages.
- That's trash. The Bible NEVER says salvation is different in different ages.
- Abraham was saved in the EXACT SAME WAY that WE ARE SAVED TODAY.
- Again, there's no such thing as CHURCH AGE SAINTS and TRIBULATION SAINTS.
- I just hope a church like that WAKES UP and sees the LIES in DISPENSATIONS. It's a fairy tale.

**[32] 1 Corinthians 15:1-4** *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

- That is the GOSPEL. Jesus died for our sins, and it's written in THE SCRIPTURES it says.
- That includes the OLD TESTAMENT. The entire Bible are THE SCRIPTURES.
- The Book of Isaiah was used by Philip to preach the GOSPEL to the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts Chapter 8.

**[33] Acts 8:26-28** *And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. 27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, 28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.*

- This Ethiopian Eunuch is reading the BOOK OF ISAIAH called ESAIAS in the New Testament.

**[34] Acts 8:29-31** *Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.*

- This ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH wants to learn the book of ISAIAH.
- Watch what this says next because you'll see THE GOSPEL in the Book of ISAIAH.

**[35] Acts 8:32-34** *The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: 33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. 34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?*

- If the GOSPELS are different in different AGES, then why is Philip preaching the GOSPEL from the Book of Isaiah?
- These CHURCH AGE FALSE PREACHERS annoy me very badly. READ THE BIBLE.

**[36] Acts 8:35** *Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.*

- JESUS IS THE SAVIOR. If you aren't preaching that all men are saved through HIM, you aren't preaching the GOSPEL.
- There aren't different GOSPELS. That is THE GOSPEL.



**[37] Acts 8:36-37** *And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*

- The GOSPEL is found throughout all ages from the BEGINNING OF TIME UNTIL ETERNITY.
- It's the SAME GOSPEL from the beginning of time until eternity.
- That's why REVELATION CHAPTER 14 that we're studying right now calls it what?
- What's Revelation 14 verse 6 call the GOSPEL? It's the EVERLASTING GOSPEL.
- It's eternal. It never changes. It's not different. It's the same GOSPEL yesterday, today, and forever.

**[38] Acts 10:43** *To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.*

- Does that say only the New Testament Church Age saints receive salvation through BELIEVING ON JESUS CHRIST?
- No, it doesn't. It says that ALL PROPHETS God has given witness to from the beginning.
- "That THROUGH HIS NAME WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM shall receive remission of sins."
- That includes that Ethiopian Eunuch, Abel, Noah, Moses, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Rachel, Joshua, Boaz.
- Ruth, Salmon, Rahab, Jeremiah, Daniel, Malachi, John the Baptist, Peter, Paul, Martha, Mary.
- EVERYONE YOU SEE IN HEAVEN IS SAVED THE EXACT SAME WAY. Through Jesus Christ ALONE.
- GOD ALONE saves the people who BELIEVE ON HIM. Through faith we are saved.

So, in other words, these DISPENSATIONALISTS teach that Jesus taught another GOSPEL than Peter and Paul.

- Paul taught that we're saved by grace through faith.
- But Jesus taught a works based salvation. Seriously? That's HERESY. Understand that today.
- Jesus didn't teach different than the APOSTLE PAUL. If He did, you can bet what Jesus taught is right.
- And Jesus didn't teach a works based salvation. He teaches a FAITH BASED SALVATION.
- ALL THE PROPHETS IN THE BIBLE taught the same thing. FAITH IN GOD saves you.
- Grace means you don't deserve it. NO ONE DESERVES IT!!! King David sure didn't earn HIS WAY.
- And King David sure didn't claim to make it on his own. EVER.

**[39] Psalm 18:2** *The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.*

**[40] Psalm 18:35** *Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.*

**[41] Psalm 116:13** *I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.*

- King David knew it wasn't HIS GOODNESS. He says it many times that SALVATION IS OF GOD. Not me.
- I could show you probably 50 verses from PSALMS that tells us the GOSPEL.
- The prophet Isaiah says this:

**[42] Isaiah 12:2** *Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.*

- Jonah says this:

***[43] Jonah 2:9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.***

- They all trusted on the LORD to save them. That's all it takes for anyone of any time to be saved.

***[44] Habakkuk 3:18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.***

- Habakkuk didn't rejoice in his works, in HIMSELF, for salvation. It's GOD who gives salvation.
- He says, "I will joy in the GOD OF MY SALVATION." He knew he was saved. He didn't have to wait.
- With all that said, let's go back to Revelation Chapter 14 verse 8.

***[45] Revelation 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.***

- So remember, the ANTI-CHRIST just entered into the temple in JERUSALEM and sits on the throne acting like he is GOD.
- That is the abomination of DESOLATION. That's what that means.
- BABYLON represents a false god. JERUSALEM has a false god today. They HATE Jesus Christ.
- That great city JERUSALEM on earth is fallen because she made all nations drink of the wrath of her fornication. The ANTI-CHRIST has conquered it and has taken over. It's fallen.
- FORNICATION represents people worshipping a false god.

***[46] Revelation 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,***

- Now John sees a third angel that's going to give a warning about worshipping the BEAST.
- So, the first angel has the everlasting gospel to preach.
- The second angel tells us that Babylon is fallen. And now we see the third angel.
- Let's see what happens if ANY MAN worships the beast and his image and receives the mark of the beast.

***[47] Revelation 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:***

- This is AN IMPORTANT verse to understand. If anyone worships the beast, they are rejected.
- They will be thrown into hell FOREVER and TORMENTED in the presence of the ANGELS and THE LAMB.
- What does that mean to the false preachers in this world? JESUS CHRIST is God and is THE LAMB.
- He's going to watch those evil and wicked people and false preachers BURN IN HELL.
- Is that not what that says? Am I being too harsh? No, I'm reading and studying the Bible with you.
- You need to make sure you see that today. And you need to see the others I'm about to read.

***[48] Psalm 139:8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.***

- GOD is in control of hell, and HE WILL watch the evil and wicked people burn in torment.
- And again, the false churches today will say: "Hey, that's not my god that does something like that."
- And they're right. They don't have the God within the BIBLE. They made up their own to fit their religion.

***[49] Matthew 13:41-42 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.***

- That's JESUS CHRIST that throws the people into hell. HE CASTS THEM INTO A FURNACE OF FIRE.
- Let's continue in Revelation Chapter 14 verse 11.

***[50] Revelation 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.***

- So, the Catholics teach that purgatory is a type hell that is just a temporary place.
- The Bible NEVER says there's a purgatory or a temporary hell. Where do they get this stuff?

And then you have the false preacher Billy Graham who said this:

- "I have often wondered if hell is a terrible burning within our hearts for God, to fellowship with God, a fire that we can never quench."
- So, Billy Graham turns hell into a good thing. It's a fire burning for God inside of us.
- He makes up everything. That was years and years after he started.
- I guess he got bored and started making up his own views and not using SCRIPTURE. He's a joke.

Then you have some denominations that say hell just means you no longer exist.

- Or hell is not really that bad. Or, there's an end to the punishment in hell. It's just a short period of time.
- Or some false teachers like Origen in the early 200's taught that people are cleansed in hell.
- Then, they can make it into heaven once they've been through hell.
- Where does the Bible says any of that? I sure don't see it.

Do you know what I see? I see Revelation 14:11 on the screen.

- And that tells me that the SMOKE OF THEIR TORMENT ascendeth up FOR EVER AND EVER.
- They have no rest day or night. Some of them argue that just means the smoke continues forever.
- Those people make me laugh. They are a joke. They change the WORD OF GOD into a lie.
- They won't get away with that, and they'll be burning in hell FOREVER.

***[51] Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.***

- This tells you that the beast and false prophet have already been there for 1,000 years.
- This is after the 1,000 year reign of JESUS CHRIST. They are already in hell.
- And then it says they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. How long is that?
- Hell is not temporary. It's an eternal fire that never stops.

***[52] Jude 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.***

- ETERNAL FIRE that Scripture right there says.
- Jesus HIMSELF says this in Matthew Chapter 25.

**[53] Matthew 25:46 *And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.***

- He says EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT. Is Jesus lying right there? The Catholics say He is.
- These other denominations say that He's lying. The Jehovah's Witness say Jesus is a liar.

**[54] Revelation 14:12 *Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.***

- Here is the patience of the saints. This is a war in this life. There's a war within you.
- Keep the commandments. Do your best. It takes patience. It takes work.
- But most of all, KEEP THE FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST. Don't give up. Build your faith.
- And always understand that you're SAVED. Without that understanding, you don't have FAITH.
- Once you have FAITH, your foundation is BUILT ON JESUS CHRIST. Patiently build your faith.

**[55] Revelation 14:13 *And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.***

- So, remember where we are in the timeline.
- We're almost at the RAPTURE. The DRAGON, FIRST BEAST, and SECOND BEAST are persecuting the saints.
- The GREAT TRIBULATION is upon them.
- But this verse says, "BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD FROM HENCEFORTH."
- Why? Because they are about to enter into the LORD'S REST. They're going to heaven.
- There's NOTHING better than that.
- God's given you a gift that turns the worst thing (death) into the greatest thing (heaven).
- Now, watch what happens next. We know the Rapture is soon.

**[56] Revelation 14:14 *And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.***

- Here's JESUS CHRIST COMING IN THE CLOUDS. This is the RAPTURE. He has a golden crown in his head.
- Some false preachers argue that this isn't Jesus because it says, "LIKE unto the Son of Man."
- Well, Revelation Chapter 1 uses the same words and no one argues that's not Jesus. Watch this.

**[57] Revelation 1:13-15 *And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.***

- Do you see where it says "LIKE unto the Son of man." Well, let's continue and see if this is Jesus.
- Because this is the same wording used in Revelation Chapter 14 and people say it's not Jesus.

**[58] Revelation 1:16-18** *And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

- End of argument. We see JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF coming in the clouds in Revelation Chapter 14.
- This is the Rapture. We see the Rapture in Revelation 7 and Revelation 14.
- How do we know this is the Rapture? Let's keep going and you'll see.

**[59] Revelation 14:15** *And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.*

- So, we see this ANGEL cry out and tells JESUS to thrust in HIS SICKLE and REAP THE EARTH.
- And you might say, "Well, why is the angel telling Jesus what to do?" Well, here's why.
- It's GOD THE FATHER giving the angel the cue for Jesus to reap the earth.
- Remember, Jesus Christ the SON OF GOD submits to God the Father.

**[60] Matthew 24:36** *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

- KNOWETH right there means to make known in my opinion. There's arguments over this.
- But to me, this means that GOD THE FATHER will make known when Jesus should reap the earth.
- And I think Revelation 14:15 supports that perfectly.
- Yes, Jesus knows when it's going to happen, but God the Father is giving the order.
- But also notice that the Rapture is compared to a harvest. That should remind you of this in the Gospels.

**[61] Matthew 13:30** *Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.*

- So God allows us all to grow together here on this earth at this time.
- They're going to gather together the tares first and get them ready to burn.
- Remember, when the ANTI-CHRIST is gathering HIS KINGDOM. They're all coming together.
- They are united. They're being gathered together so they can be burned in hell at the end.
- But God says, "GATHER THE GOOD STUFF INTO MY BARN. Those are my people."

**[62] Revelation 14:16** *And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.*

- So, there is the rapture. Now, what happens after the RAPTURE.
- We can expect to see GOD preparing to pour out HIS WRATH on this earth, right?

**[63] Revelation 14:17-18** *And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.*

- So there's 2 more angels here that are preparing God's wrath.
- The first angel in this verse is gathering the clusters of the vine of the earth. The grapes are ripe.

***[64] Revelation 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.***

- And you might be like, "What does this mean?" This is God preparing to pour out HIS WRATH.
- It's not an actual WINEPRESS. Watch what the last verse says.

***[65] Revelation 14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.***

- God doesn't actually take VINES from the earth, throw them in an actual winepress, and blood comes out.
- That's not what the last 4 verses here mean. It's a picture of what God is preparing to do.
- He's gathering all of the wicked together to pour out his wrath.
- He's not actually going to gather all the remaining people on earth, put them into an actual HUGE winepress, crush them like grapes, and then all their blood is going to pour out.

Notice it says BLOOD came out of the winepress by the space of a 1,600 furlongs.

- One furlong is 1/8 mile. So, that's 200 miles up to the horse bridle.
- God is telling us there are a lot of wicked unbelievers.
- That's a lot of blood being poured out of the winepress.
- Jesus HIMSELF tells us that most people will go to hell. This all makes sense.

So, this is a picture of what's going to happen.

- After the RAPTURE, God is going to pour out HIS WRATH on the unbelievers.
- And the Bible gives a great illustration of what it's going to be like.
- It's going to be like God gathering all of them up into a great winepress and SMASHING them like grapes.
- That's what the Bible says. Would you like to be thrown into a HUGE CRUSHING machine?
- No, that's why this image is given to us. It's to put the fear of God into you.
- All you have to do is TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST to save you, and you won't be crushed like that.
- How do I know 100% for sure that's what this is talking about?
- Look to the very next verse in the Bible: Revelation Chapter 15 verse 1.

***[66] Revelation 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.***

- Do you see that? All of this goes in perfect order on the timelines you have.
- You can see that Revelation Chapter 1 through 11 is in order and Chapter 11 through 22 is in order.
- They match up perfectly. Most people have tons of problems understanding Revelation Chapter 14.
- I hope you see that it's not difficult to understand once you know the order.
- That's why God gave us the first half of Revelation. He makes the second half easier to understand.
- I hope you're seeing this today.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 15

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 15."

- If you remember, God was preparing to pour out HIS WRATH at the end of Chapter 14.
- We saw the Rapture happen in Revelation Chapter 14 and then God preparing to pour out HIS WRATH.
- That continues in Revelation Chapter 15.

**[3] Revelation 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.**

- John now sees a great and marvellous sign in heaven.
- SEVEN ANGELS having the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES. And these plagues are the WRATH OF GOD.
- God doesn't pour out HIS WRATH on the saved.

**[4] 1 Thessalonians 5:5-7 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.**

**[5] 1 Thessalonians 5:8-10 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.**

- Notice that verse 9 says that "GOD HATH NOT APPOINTED US TO WRATH."
- So, we know we already saw the RAPTURE in Chapter 14.
- God is not pouring out HIS WRATH on all of the saved believers. The rapture happens first.

I want to make something very clear today when it comes to the order of events in Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.

- The tribulation is not God's wrath being poured out.
- When seal #1 comes, that's not God going forth to conquer.

**[6] Revelation 6:1-2 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. 2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.**

- That's an imitation of Jesus Christ who is called the anti-Christ.
- When seal #2 comes, it's not God pouring out HIS WRATH.

**[7] Revelation 6:3-4 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. 4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.**

- If we keep going, the third seal and the fourth seal are not God pouring out HIS WRATH.
- The first 5 seals are the TRIBULATION and it's not from God. How do we know this?
- It's very easy and simple to see this and understand this when we get to the FIFTH SEAL.



***[8] Revelation 6:9-10 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?***

- This 100% tells us that the FIFTH SEAL is not God pouring out HIS WRATH.
- Why? Because the SAVED people are being killed.
- That's not God killing HIS OWN PEOPLE with HIS WRATH.
- And then those MARTYRS ask God how much longer will it be before you avenge us?
- So obviously, God's wrath hasn't started yet in the first half of the 7-year period.

The anti-Christ is coming into power during the first half.

- When we hit the middle of the week or the 3-1/2 year mark, the ANTI-CHRIST is now in power.
- The GREAT TRIBULATION begins and the anti-Christ targets God's people and continue to kill them.
- Then we see the RAPTURE after the TRIBULATION. Then we're going to see God's wrath being poured out.
- So, we see this EXACT SAME ORDER in the first half of Revelation, Chapters 1 through 11.
- And then we see the same order in the second half of Revelation, Chapters 12 through 22.

And the order of events that we see TWICE in the Book of Revelation, matches the rest of the Bible.

- Matthew Chapter 24, Mark Chapter 13, Luke Chapter 21, 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 and 5.
- They all show the exact same order of events. The Book of Daniel also gives us the order.
- There are 2 COMINGS of Jesus Christ in the Bible: the first already happened when He came to earth.
- His second coming will happen when He comes in the clouds on the Lord's Day at the RAPTURE.

The PRE-TRIBULATION FALSE PREACHERS teach that the Rapture isn't the second coming of Jesus Christ.

- They use 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 verse 17 as their RAPTURE Scripture.
- And say that the RAPTURE doesn't count as the SECOND COMING of Jesus Christ.
- But watch what 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 says starting in verse 15.

***[9] 1 Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.***

- This is talking about the RAPTURE. Notice it says, "That we which are alive and remain unto THE COMING OF THE LORD."
- Let's look at the very next verse as verse 15 is obviously talking about the RAPTURE.

***[10] 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.***

- The BIBLE itself calls the RAPTURE the "COMING OF THE LORD."
- But the false preachers say that the Rapture doesn't count as a coming of the Lord.
- They say God would never pour out HIS WRATH during the Tribulation on the saved believers.
- But the problem is, they get that wrong. God isn't pouring HIS WRATH during the Tribulation.
- That's the dragon, the first beast, and the second beast causing the problems.

- Remember that the DRAGON or SATAN gets kicked out of heaven for good.
- He's angry, he's wroth, and he is the one that is causing the troubles on earth during the tribulation.

The Tribulation is the first 5 seals within the Book of Revelation.

- They obviously don't last for a period of seven years. The timing given in the Bible is very obvious.
- God gives us the correct order and sequence of events over and over many times in the Bible.
- First, it's the TRIBULATION. Then the Rapture happens after the tribulation.
- Then, God pours out HIS WRATH. That's it. It's very simple. Tribulation, Rapture, God's wrath.
- So, again, we just the RAPTURE in Revelation Chapter 14 and now we see God's wrath.

So, we saw in verse of Revelation Chapter 15 that the angels have these vials filled up with plagues.

- We saw the 7 TRUMPETS of God's Wrath in the first half of Revelation.
- We've already shown in past sermons that the TRUMPETS AND VIALS line up perfectly.
- But, we're going to see that even more in Revelation Chapter 16.
- So, in Chapter 15, we aren't going to see God's wrath poured out yet.
- He's preparing HIS WRATH to be poured out in the next Chapter. So, this chapter prepares us for that.
- Let's start again in Revelation Chapter 15 verse 1 and see how this all builds up to the 7 vials.

***[11] Revelation 15:1-2 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. 2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.***

- We see the SAVED PEOPLE in verse 2 who achieved victory over the beast and now have the harps of God.
- Those are all the people who came out of GREAT TRIBULATION. Do you see that?
- They are now there in heaven. They gained victory over the BEAST and HIS IMAGE.
- They made it through the GREAT TRIBULATION without dying and made it to heaven.
- You see the same thing in Revelation Chapter 7.
- This multitude of SAINTS show up in heaven from the RAPTURE.
- So here in Chapter 14, they have HARPS and let's see what happens next.

***[12] Revelation 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.***

- Now, those SAINTS are singing the SONG OF MOSES and the SONG OF THE LAMB.
- So, the words to the SONG OF THE LAMB are given to us.
- "Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are thy ways. Thou King of Saints."
- Deuteronomy Chapter 32 contains the SONG OF MOSES. Deuteronomy 31 tells us it's coming.

***[13] Deuteronomy 31:22 Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.***

- In this chapter of Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people that he knows they won't continue to obey God.

***[14] Deuteronomy 31:27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?***

- So, in order to help them remember, MOSES writes a song.
- That tells you that MUSIC is great to remember. That's why we sing psalms and hymns.
- The psalms and hymns that we sing teach proper BIBLE doctrine. If they don't, we don't sing them.
- The last verse in Deuteronomy Chapter 31 says this:

***[15] Deuteronomy 31:30 And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.***

- Then, when we go to Deuteronomy Chapter 32 verse 1, we see the words of the SONG OF MOSES.

***[16] Deuteronomy 32:1-3 Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: 3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.***

- These are the first words of the song. Notice it says, "My doctrine shall drop as the rain."
- The SONG OF MOSES is filled with PROPER BIBLE DOCTRINE or teaching.
- That's what we should be singing all the time.
- We don't need weak and fake "GOD LOVES EVERYONE" music.
- Do you want to see the difference in the SONG OF MOSES and the current fake "Christian" music?
- Let's see what the SONG OF MOSES says and compare it to so-called "CHRISTIAN" music today.

***[17] Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.***

- So far so good. There's nothing negative so far. GOD IS ONLY POSITIVE according to KLOVE.
- But, let's keep going and see what else is there. The song goes all the way down to verse 43.
- I won't go over all of the verses, but I'm going to read you a few verses of this song.

***[18] Deuteronomy 32:5-6 They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation. 6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?***

- Look, the song is going negative pretty fast. Why? So people will fear God. Sing this song and remember it.
- That's the whole point of this song. Does anyone sing anything like this song today? NOPE.
- Let's keep going and you'll see what I mean.

***[19] Deuteronomy 32:15-16 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. 16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.***

- Jeshurun there is another name for the children of Israel.
- He says that you got comfortable, you forsook God, and lightly esteemed HIM. Sounds just like today.
- They went after strange gods. Just like churches today. This song won't sound like their false god.

**[20] Deuteronomy 32:19** *And when the LORD saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.*

- So the Lord GREATLY HATED them because they went after other gods that were NOT HIM.
- You have all these churches today proclaiming to use the Bible but nothing they say is within the Bible.
- They say GOD LOVES EVERYONE no matter what. Well, this SONG OF MOSES says different.

**[21] Deuteronomy 32:20** *And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.*

- This generation HAS NO FAITH. A single ounce of faith is when you PUT ALL YOUR TRUST on Jesus Christ.
- Salvation is not of works. YOU ARE SAVED (past tense) once you put your trust on JESUS CHRIST.
- Churches today teach their followers that they MUST OBEY GOD and do all these wonderful works.
- They teach that YOU MUST be baptized, you MUST come to church, you MUST be a good person.
- If you do all these great things all your life, then you'll be saved. Well, guess what?
- That's the exact opposite of FAITH. "Children in whom is NO FAITH." This is just like today.
- And we have this song of Moses in the Bible today to remind us.
- But then you get these DISPENSATIONAL false preachers that teach Deuteronomy is not for us.

**[22] Deuteronomy 32:21-22** *They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. 22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.*

- The ONE TRUE GOD is a jealous GOD. He gets jealous and HE GETS ANGRY.
- And you don't want to make HIM jealous or angry. His jealousy and anger is righteous.
- Verse 22 there is the first time the word HELL is used in all the Bible.
- And notice this song is mentioned in REVELATION when God's wrath is being prepared.
- This song talks about the WRATH OF GOD.
- False preachers say, "God wouldn't ever do anything to punish you or hurt you."
- Well, that's proved wrong on just about every single page of the Old Testament, but watch this.

**[23] Deuteronomy 32:23-24** *I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them. 24 They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.*

- If you reject God, HE WILL REJECT YOU. It's that simple. He will throw you into hell.
- Do you see what this song teaches? Compare that to the false "CHRISTIAN" songs on the radio.
- This false CHRISTIAN god is some other god. I want you to see this today.
- Moses want his people to know these things and learn this song.

**[24] Deuteronomy 32:25** *The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.*

- Both the young man, the virgin, the baby, and the man of gray hairs.
- If you go after some false "CHRISTIAN" god, the one true God doesn't care who you are.

- He says that He will destroy you and your children. That's the ONE TRUE GOD.
- And you should read and learn the entire song in Deuteronomy Chapter 32.
- I'll leave you with one more verse.

***[25] Deuteronomy 32:39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.***

- Do you see the nature of God? That is JESUS CHRIST!!! He is God.
- God the FATHER, God the SON, and God the HOLY SPIRIT don't disagree. They all agree perfectly.

He says, "DON'T MESS WITH ME. There's NO ONE who can deliver you out of my hand."

- "I KILL. I GIVE LIFE. I WOUND YOU. AND I HEAL YOU. There is none other like me."
- Songs help you remember words much easier.
- And this is the SONG OF MOSES that we see in Revelation Chapter 15.

Much of God's wrath can be seen in Deuteronomy Chapter 32.

- You'll see fire being thrown to earth and beasts being sent to destroy them.
- Remember the locusts and the horses during God's wrath?
- So, we see why the SONG OF MOSES is mentioned in Revelation Chapter 15.

And remember this SONG is being sung in HEAVEN before God's wrath is poured out.

- So, it MUST be a very important song. We need to know it. We need to understand GOD.
- The SEVEN VIALS OF GOD'S WRATH are coming up soon. God gets angry. God has great wrath.
- Why does He get angry? Because He's given us so much. He wants to give us eternal life.
- And people are stiff-necked and won't accept the greatest gift in existence.
- It's free, and people HATE GOD. That's why God has anger and wrath. He created them.
- We also see Moses singing in Exodus Chapter 15.

***[26] Exodus 15:1-3 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. 2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. 3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.***

- Notice it says, THE LORD IS A MAN OF WAR. Mankind has forced God to be a man of war.

***[27] Matthew 10:34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.***

- If you haven't seen this yet, you better get on God's side today. When He speaks, you better listen.
- God doesn't make false threats. He doesn't talk big and not follow through.
- So, do you see how God loves music and songs so you can remember HIS TRUE NATURE?

The entire BOOK OF PSALMS is a song book. All PSALMS are filled with Bible doctrine.

- You can't go wrong when you sing the PSALMS unless you change the words like the corrupted versions.
- Let's continue in Revelation Chapter 15 verse 4.

**[28] Revelation 15:4** *Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.*

- This verse sounds a lot like the SONG OF MOSES in Deuteronomy Chapter 32.
- We need to fear the Lord and glorify HIS NAME. He only is HOLY.
- "For all nations shall come and worship before thee."
- So, we see a great connection between the Old Testament and New Testament in Revelation 15.

**[29] Psalm 86:8-9** *Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works. 9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.*

- You've heard me say this over and over again, but the Old and New Testament fit together perfectly.
- God doesn't change HIS NATURE between the Old and New Testament.
- Exodus, Deuteronomy, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Psalms, and Isaiah can be found in Revelation Chapter 15.
- Notice again what it says at the end of verse 4. Let's read that again.

**[30] Revelation 15:4** *Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.*

- "FOR THEY JUDGMENTS ARE MADE MANIFEST."
- You will see the judgment of God upon the wicked very soon is what this verse means.
- You're going to see God's wrath upon the UNSAVED WHO REJECTED GOD. Should you be happy for that?
- Well, let's see. Should you be happy for the judgment of God when He pours out HIS WRATH?
- Should you be sad and upset at God for destroying the UNSAVED PEOPLE who rejected God?
- Well, let's go back to the last verse in the SONG OF MOSES in Deuteronomy Chapter 32.
- I want you to see how all of this ties together perfectly.

**[31] Deuteronomy 32:43** *Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.*

- You should REJOICE, O YE NATIONS with all of the saved people.
- God will get the VENGEANCE on all of those people. Do you see that? You shouldn't be sad.
- You should be rejoicing because you should know that everything God does is good.
- "Well, that's not fair. That was some of my family down there." Well, they had a choice just like you.

You might think that sounds mean, but God says to REJOICE. God is patient with all of them.

- God gives them chances over and over and over and over again.
- People who won't accept Jesus can't come into heaven. It's that simple. Instead, they get God's wrath.
- They follow after SATAN versus GOD. They get WRATH.
- You should REJOICE when God pours out HIS WRATH.
- So, is your mind correct with GOD? Would you rejoice for that? If not, you better get to the BIBLE.
- You need to increase your FAITH and TRUST God's way. His way is always better than yours.

The people left on EARTH for God's wrath DESERVE God's wrath.

- You need to understand that God repays people perfectly.



- There's an example in the Book of Revelation that I want you to see that shows how God repays.

**[32] Revelation 16:4-6** *And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.*

- So, we're coming up on Chapter 16. We're almost there. You see the THIRD VIAL being poured out.
- The rivers and fountains of water become BLOOD.
- The angel says that God's judgment is righteous. Why would turning the water into blood be righteous?
- It tells us why right there in verse 6.
- "For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets." So now, what do they get?
- They get blood to drink. God says, "You wanted to spill the blood of my people. Have blood to drink."
- "FOR THEY ARE WORTHY" of this judgment verse 6 says.
- In other words, don't feel bad for those people. They are evil and wicked people.

**[33] Revelation 16:7** *And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.*

- So understand that GOD'S JUDGMENTS are always deserving. "True and righteous are they judgments."
- Remember that those same people left on earth still won't change their mind after what they've seen.
- So, look, they deserve what they get. And you should REJOICE in God's wrath on those people.
- God completely destroys all of the wickedness and evil left on this earth.

**[34] Revelation 15:5-6** *And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: 6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.*

- After the SAINTS sing the songs, John looks and he sees THE TEMPLE OF THE TABERNACLE.
- The temple of the tabernacle of the testimony is opening in heaven.
- Do you remember when we talked about the tabernacle and the candlestick?
- This is talking about the TEMPLE being opened and SEVEN ANGELS coming out of the temple.

In the Book of Exodus we see God giving Moses instructions to build the tabernacle.

- And you see that God gives Moses very specific instructions.
- You'll see the tabernacle, ark, mercy seat, shew bread table, candlestick, curtains, vail, altar, and more.
- When you're reading through that, you'll probably be saying, "Wow, that's a lot of detail."
- Why is God giving us all of that detail? It's because it's patterned after the TABERNACLE IN HEAVEN.

**[35] Hebrews 8:1-3** *Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. 3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.*

**[36] Hebrews 8:4-5** *For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: 5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was*



***admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.***

- Moses makes the tabernacle after the pattern that God showed him in the mount.
- So, the tabernacle of the Lord, the feast days of the Lord are all a shadow of things to come.

***[37] Colossians 2:16-17 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.***

- For example, the PASSOVER feast is a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ being the PASSOVER LAMB.
- The feast of first fruits is a foreshadowing of the RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ.
- Pentecost is the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- The Blowing of the Trumpets is a foreshadowing of the TRIBULATION and TROUBLES coming.
- The Day of Atonement is a foreshadowing of the RAPTURE.
- The tabernacle that Moses built is patterned AFTER the tabernacle in heaven.

The tabernacle, altar, and all the vessels were created by the hands of man, right?

- The temple in heaven is not made by hands of man. Watch this Scripture from Hebrews Chapter 9.
- All of this should start to come together for you.

***[38] Hebrews 9:19-22 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, 20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. 21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.***

- So, all of that was done by man. Built by man, sacrifices of animals by man, blood sprinkled by man.
- "WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION." But, do you think the animal blood forgave sins?
- No, of course not. The Bible says so in Hebrews Chapter 10.
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***[39] Hebrews 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.***

- The animal sacrifice was a FIGURE showing they knew God and HIS SACRIFICE to come.
- I want to continue where we left off in Hebrews Chapter 9. Verse 23.

***[40] Hebrews 9:23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.***

- So, we're seeing the things on the earth are patterned AFTER the things in heaven.

***[41] Hebrews 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:***

- Do you see where it says the HOLY PLACES made by HANDS are figures of the true?
- So, when Moses and the children of Israel build the tabernacle, it's a figure of what's in heaven.
- JESUS CHRIST doesn't enter into the holy place that is on earth to forgive us of our sin.

**[42] Hebrews 9:25-26** *Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.*

- Jesus suffered ONCE for all sin of all time. HIS SACRIFICE forgives sin of those who trust in HIS SACRIFICE.
- It's not your sacrifice of good works all your life. YOUR SACRIFICE doesn't forgive sin.
- Animal sacrifices don't forgive sin. YOUR WORKS don't earn you a spot in heaven.
- "Well, I sacrificed all my life and gave to the poor and did all these wonderful works."
- "God will let me into heaven." No, it doesn't work like that. Trust on the sacrifice Jesus made.

When Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose again on the third day, HE entered into the tabernacle.

- And He offered HIS blood for us. He is the sacrifice.
- So, did Jesus enter into the temple in the earthly city of Jerusalem?
- No, He entered into the HEAVENLY tabernacle and that's the same one we see in Revelation 15.

**[43] Hebrews 9:27-28** *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

- ONE TIME CHRIST was offered to bear the sins of all who accept HIM as their Savior.
- So, the temple being built in the Bible is a picture of the tabernacle in heaven. That's it.
- The blood of the animals is a picture of the lamb of God being sacrificed.
- The blood of Jesus Christ was sprinkled on the mercy seat in HEAVEN. Not on earth.
- HIS BLOOD provides the forgiveness of sin.
- So, I wanted you to see that comparison of earthly things to heavenly things.
- Let's continue and re-read verse 6 in Revelation Chapter 15.

**[44] Revelation 15:6** *And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.*

- The 7 angels come out of the temple with the 7 plagues.
- They are clothed in pure and white linen and they have a golden girdle about their chest.

**[45] Ezekiel 44:17** *And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.*

- That verse from EZEKIEL is giving the instructions to the priests.
- They are to be clothed in pure linen or cloth with no wool.
- Here's a commandment from the Book of Deuteronomy.

**[46] Deuteronomy 22:11** *Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together.*

- Why do you think that is? Most people are like "WHATEVER I wear what I want."
- This is a PICTURE of what's worn there in the temple in heaven.

- You can see this when the 7 angels come out of the temple wearing PURE WHITE LINEN.
- That's why I think it's hilarious that some churches teach that women will go to hell for wearing pants.
- What about the same people who wear garments with mixed fabrics? What about that?
- God tells us HIS RULES. If we had to follow all of them to make it to heaven, we'd be in big trouble.
- That's the entire point of the Bible. YOU CAN'T FOLLOW THE WHOLE LAW. You've already failed.

Then you see in Revelation 15:6 that the angels have golden girdles on their chests.

- Do you remember who else in the Bible wore a golden girdle upon HIS CHEST?

***[47] Revelation 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.***

- Jesus Christ wore a golden girdle in heaven. PAPS is equal to the chest or breasts.
- So, keep in mind that the angels are coming out of the heavenly temple with the 7 plagues.
- It's almost time for God's wrath to be poured out.

***[48] Revelation 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.***

- ONE of the four beasts that surround the throne of God give SEVEN GOLDEN VIALS to the SEVEN ANGELS.
- I want to remind you what those FOUR BEASTS look like from Revelation Chapter 4.

***[49] Revelation 4:6-7 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.***

- And we know those 4 beasts are SERAPHIMS because they have one FACE and 6 wings.
- CHERUBIMS have 4 faces and 4 wings. Seraphim's are described in the Book of Isaiah.

***[50] Isaiah 6:1-3 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.***

- These seven golden vials are FULL OF THE WRATH OF GOD. Those are powerful vials.
- ONE of the 4 beasts or living creatures or SERAPHIMS hand the 7 vials full of God's wrath to the 7 angels.

At the end of Revelation 15:7 we see it stress that "GOD lives forever and ever."

- The Bible tells us that OUR GOD IS A LIVING GOD. He's not wood, stone, iron, brass, silver, or gold.
- He's not some fairy tale made up god that's not living. He's not TV, sports, homes, cars, money.
- He's not someone who ever DIES. He is the living GOD!!! And He's our God. He is powerful.
- All you have to do is take the AMAZING GIFT that He wants you to have. HE HAS THE POWER over death.
- He's showed you enough in your life that you know He's there. If not, you need to open your eyes.

**[51] Deuteronomy 5:26** *For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?*

- Moses heard the VOICE OF THE LIVING GOD. He wrote it down for you and I for evidence.
- Do you think Moses is a liar? Do you think the Holy Ghost is a liar. I sure hope you don't.

**[52] 1 Samuel 17:36** *Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.*

- Don't defy the armies of the LIVING GOD. That's dumb.
- And David said that right there BEFORE it happened. And he was right.

**[53] Psalm 42:1-2** *To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. 2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?*

- Your soul should THIRST for the LIVING GOD. Love Him. Obey Him. He loves you and takes care of you.

**[54] Jeremiah 10:10** *But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.*

- God isn't dead. HE'S ALIVE FOREVER. Understand that. He's not some fake dumb god like all the others.
- This is THE LIVING GOD within this BIBLE.

**[55] Matthew 16:16** *And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

- Isn't great to know that OUR GOD is alive. He's in control of everything.

**[56] 2 Corinthians 6:16** *And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

- If you have the HOLY SPIRIT today within you, you're saved. He's not leaving you EVER.
- He's alive within you. He dwells in you, He walks with you. HE IS YOUR GOD, the LIVING GOD.

**[57] Hebrews 12:22-24** *But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*

- It's going to be amazing to walk into heavenly Jerusalem the city of the LIVING GOD.
- Hey, look, it's an actual place in heaven. It's not a fairy tale. It's there right now, today.
- Your name is written in heaven and it can't be removed once you've BELIEVED ON JESUS CHRIST.
- You can count on that today BECAUSE your GOD is the LIVING GOD. There are none other.
- All other false gods are dead now or they will be dead. SATAN will be dead in the future.

- He will be in the LAKE OF FIRE for eternity. Let's go back to Revelation 15 verse 8.

**[58] Revelation 15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.**

- God's glory is so great that smoke fills the temple. God's power is so great that smoke fills the temple.
- NO MAN could enter into that temple until the SEVEN PLAGUES from the SEVEN ANGELS were fulfilled.

**[59] Isaiah 6:3-4 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. 4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.**

- This is talking about the GLORY OF THE LORD in heaven. THE HOUSE WAS FILLED WITH SMOKE.

**[60] 1 Kings 8:11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.**

- If you think about smoke, it's sort of like a cloud too.
- Pass through clouds in an airplane and it's like thick smoke.
- SMOKE IS SO STRONG that you have to get away. It's very powerful.

So, in Revelation Chapter 15, we see that God's wrath is almost here.

- Why does God pour out HIS WRATH? He does it to only those who aren't saved.
- It's only to those who HE HAS WARNED over and over and over again.
- They deserve HIS WRATH. He gave them life. They ignore HIM.
- They go up against HIM their entire life. And it's time for pay back God says.

Do you really think God would make threats and not follow through with it?

- A weak leader does just that.
- They set rules and consequences for those rules, but they don't follow through.
- What do you think happens? The rules NEVER get followed. That leader is a joke.

If I set serious rules at home with serious consequences, and my kids break them, what do you think happens?

- If I am a weak leader, I'll just ignore what happened. Then, they'll break the rules more often.
- They learn they can get by with so they start breaking more rules. I never hand out the punishment.
- That's a weak leader. A STRONG LEADER hands out the punishment immediately.

**[61] Proverbs 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.**

- Betimes means in a timely manner. Hand out the punishment immediately.
- If I tell my children to do something, and they yell, "NO!!!" what do you think would happen?
- I will follow the Bible to the best of my ability, and I will not spare the punishment. Why?
- Because I will correct my children so they don't end up doing something stupid and hurting themselves.

In the Old Testament, the punishments were very harsh for breaking God's rules.

- God HIMSELF just set the rules. The people saw the miracles that God did. They saw HIS POWER.

- They ignored HIS rules. That's like my children yelling NO right in my face. It won't end up good.

***[62] Numbers 15:32-35 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day. 33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. 34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. 35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.***

- The man is put to death because he did work on the Sabbath day.
- Does that sound serious to you? That's why God put these examples in the Bible.
- God had just told them the seriousness of HIS COMMANDMENTS. He's not joking.
- GOD IS NOT A JOKE of a leader. HE IS THE STANDARD FOR LEADERSHIP. He is the almighty GOD.

And in the Church, God sets rules for HIS CHURCH. He doesn't tolerate certain sin within HIS CHURCH.

- He says in 1 Corinthians Chapter 5 that you should kick certain people out that commit certain sin.
- If they are sorry for their sin and stop doing these things, they are welcome back.
- If not, though, they can't come back. God is a serious leader.

***[63] 1 Corinthians 5:11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.***

- If we don't keep God's commandments for HIS CHURCH within a CHURCH, then why are we here?
- This is God's Church. What's happening to all the others? They aren't God's Church!!!
- They don't understand how serious God is about HIS RULES.

Fornicators are people living together that aren't married.

- Marriage is between a man and a woman. Everything else is fornication.
- No fornicators are welcome in God's Church. That's the consequence that GOD set.
- Covetous. Don't want what other people have. Be happy with what you have. If not, God says you're out.

Hey, look, I'm not the one that says this. God does. Do you see that?

- A railer is one who insults other people and uses bad language for no reason.
- A drunkard is an alcoholic. God says to kick them out of the Church.
- And look, we're talking about SAVED PEOPLE who fall into these sins.
- Why is God so serious about this? Because those people have the Holy Spirit living within them.
- An extortioner is not welcome in God's church. That's using your power unmorally to gain from others.

***[64] 1 Corinthians 5:12-13 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? 13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.***

- God tells us to judge each other within the CHURCH. Help each other. Don't do it in a bad way.
- The Bible tells us to put away the SAVED PERSON that is now doing wicked things like fornication.
- So, look, God is a serious God and you don't get away with anything. God sees all.

***[65] Jeremiah 23:23-24 Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.***

- God is not far away. He's close. He's everywhere. He sees everything. Understand that right now.
- That's why God's wrath is justified on the people who HATE HIM and REJECT HIM.
- How knows everything about them. You can trust God knows who deserves HIS WRATH.

With that said, I hope this study on Revelation 15 has helped today.

- We'll see God's wrath being poured out in the Revelation Chapter 16 sermon.

Let's pray.



## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 16

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 16."

- In the last chapter, Revelation Chapter 15, we saw the 7 vials full of the wrath of God.
- One of the 4 beasts gave the 7 angels the 7 vials.
- And then we see the temple in heaven filled with smoke from the glory of God.
- No man can enter into the temple UNTIL the 7 plagues from the 7 vials are fulfilled.
- So, we got a short introduction to the 7 vials in Chapter 15.
- Now, in Chapter 16, we're going to see all 7 vials of God's wrath being poured out.
- So, keep in mind as we start Revelation Chapter 16, the 7 angels have already been given the 7 vials.

**[3] Revelation 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.**

- A great voice comes out of the temple giving commands to the 7 angels to pour out the 7 vials.

**[4] Revelation 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.**

- There's the first VIAL of God's wrath.
- Previously we learned that the 7 trumpets of God's wrath line up perfectly with the 7 vials.
- The trumpets of God's wrath are in Revelation Chapter 8, Chapter 9, and Chapter 11.
- Trumpets 1 through 4 are in Revelation Chapter 8
- Trumpets 5 and 6 are in Chapter 9 and Trumpet 7 is in Revelation Chapter 11.

The trumpets and the vials are NOT the exact same thing, obviously.

- But they line up with each other and are poured out concurrently with the 7 trumpets.
- The order of events in the first and second half of Revelation prove that the trumpets and vials line up.
- All we have to do is put the trumpets and the vials side by side and you can see they line up perfectly.
- So, this means the trumpet judgement takes place and the vial is poured out.

Just as we did in the Revelation Chapter 14 sermon, let's do a quick overview of the entire Book of Revelation.

- In Revelation Chapter 1, we see the Apostle John in the Isle of Patmos. That is an actual island.
- You can see this in the map on the screen there. You see the island Patmos out in the Mediterranean Sea.

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- In Chapter 1, John is writing the Book of Revelation in the first century after the death of Jesus Christ.
- In Revelation Chapter 2 and 3, we see John writing LETTERS to the 7 actual churches in Asia.
- These are ACTUAL CHRISTIAN churches at that time. You can see their locations on the map.
- Those 7 literal churches no longer exist. They do not represent CHURCH AGES. That's false doctrine.

Do you remember that JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF gives us the order of events in the Book of Revelation?

- He tells John to write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the hereafter.
- In other words, write the things from the past, the present things, and the future things.

***[6] Revelation 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;***

- Chapters 1, 2, and 3 cover the past and the present.
- When we hit Chapter 4, this begins to cover future events.
- It's very obvious and clear when you start studying this.
- Watch what the first verse in Revelation 4 starts out with.

***[7] Revelation 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.***

- AFTER THIS. So obviously this is the HEREAFTER phase or the future events in Revelation.
- The 7 churches are not future events and future church ages.
- And that verse on the screen is definitely not the RAPTURE.
- It's JOHN ALONE being caught up to heaven in the SPIRIT to witness what's going to happen.
- And then John is writing all of this down for us to see in the Book of Revelation.

In Revelation Chapter 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, we see all of the FUTURE events in chronological order.

- You'll see the TRIBULATION or the first 5 seals being opened. This happens in Chapter 6.
- This is not God's wrath being poured out and that's very clear.
- Then you'll see the sun and moon being darkened and you know that's the DAY OF THE LORD.
- This is the SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST. He comes in the clouds.

On the Day of the Lord, the RAPTURE happens. This happens in Revelation Chapter 7.

- You'll see a large multitude of people SUDDENLY showing up in heaven. That's the rapture.
- In Revelation 8, 9, 10, and 11 we see God's wrath being poured out with the 7 trumpets.
- So, in summary, we see TRIBULATION, the Lord's Day, and then God's wrath being poured out.
- When the SEVENTH TRUMPET sounds, the kingdoms of this world ARE BECOME the kingdoms of our Lord.

***[8] Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.***

- With that said, let's look at the overview chart again.
- And remember, this is a VERY ROUGH overview chart.

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1 <sup>st</sup> Half Revelation Chapter	Summary	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Revelation Chapter
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Century After Jesus Christ Ascended 7 Churches in Asia	12
2		
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4		
5		
6	Seals are Opened / Tribulation	13
7	Rapture / Resurrection	14
		15
8	Trumpets and Vials / God's Wrath	16
9		
10		
11		
	Babylon	17
		18
	Armageddon	19
	Great White Throne Judgment	20
	New Heaven and New Earth	21
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- So, Revelation 1 through 11 are in order. We start over in Chapter 12. Then we're in order again.
- And notice where we are on the right side of the chart. We're at Chapter 16.
- We're going to see God's wrath being poured out with the SEVEN VIALS.
- Then, we'll see God's wrath continue with the destruction of Babylon.
- Then the Battle of Armageddon, the Great White Throne Judgment, and then finally what do we see?
- A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH in the final 2 chapters of the Book of Revelation.

So, in the Book of Revelation, we see the TRIBULATION covered twice.

- We see the Day of the Lord, the Second Coming of Jesus, the Rapture all covered twice.
- We see God's wrath being covered twice.
- Remember, to learn the Book of Revelation, cut it straight down the middle. 1-11 and 12-22.
- When you do that, you'll see that the trumpets of God's wrath and the vials of God's wrath line up.
- And remember, we're looking at the vials of God's wrath in Chapter 16 today.

VIALS are VIALS because something is being POURED OUT upon something.

- First vial is poured out UPON the earth.
- Second vial is poured out UPON the sea.
- Third vial poured out UPON the rivers and fountains of waters.
- Fourth vial is poured out upon the sun.
- Fifth vial is poured out upon the seat of the beast.
- Sixth vial is poured out upon the great river Euphrates.
- Seventh vial is poured out INTO the air.
- So, the trumpets and the vials are NOT the exact same thing OR they wouldn't be different.
- A trumpet does not equal a vial and a vial does not equal a trumpet.

With that said, let's look at your Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week charts and find the trumpets and vials.

- They are in the SECOND HALF of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.
- We're going to compare the trumpets and the vials.
- Trumpet 1 is in Revelation 8:7 and Vial 1 is in Revelation 16:2.

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TRUMPET 1	VIAL 1
Revelation 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast <u>upon the earth</u> : and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.	Revelation 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial <u>upon the earth</u> ; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

- The first trumpet and vial is God's wrath being poured out upon the earth.
- It's VERY clear that both are God's wrath upon the earth.
- With the trumpet, the third part of trees are burned up. ALL green grass is burnt up.
- With the vial, a noisome and grievous sore upon all men who have the mark of the beast ON EARTH.
- You see them both being poured out UPON THE EARTH. But you see that they are different judgements.

We've went over the trumpet judgements in detail, but as we compare each trumpet and vial, I want to go over each vial in detail.

- With the first vial, we see SORES. Noisome and grievous SORES upon man.
- Noisome is hurtful, destructive, injurious, offensive to the smell or other senses, disgusting.
- Grievous is afflictive, painful, causing grief and sorrow, distressing, great and atrocious, irritating.
- Hurtful and destructive. We've seen SORES throughout the Bible that give us more detail.

**[11] Exodus 9:9-11 And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. 10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast. 11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.**

- They couldn't STAND before Moses because of the BOILS. This isn't good. It's nasty. It stinks.

**[12] Deuteronomy 28:27 The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.**

- Does that sound fun to you? It cannot be healed. It doesn't go away.
- Notice what word EMERODS sounds like in our English today. HEMORRHOIDS.
- Satan afflicted Job with BOILS because Satan told God that he knew he would turn his back on him then.
- Look, one of the worst things you can get is SORES and BOILS all over your body.

**[13] Job 2:7-9 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes. 9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.**

- Job scrapes himself. Think of how nasty that is. Hey, this is in the Bible so you need to see it.

- His wife is saying, "Hey Job, look at yourself. You're nasty. You still retain your integrity?"

***[14] Isaiah 1:6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.***

- This is serious stuff that's going to happen in the first vial. You don't want any part of that.
- How do you avoid it? Simply believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as YOUR ONLY SAVIOR.
- Nobody else can save you from these things but JESUS CHRIST.
- When I was studying SORES for this sermon, I came upon this Scripture and this is a warning for women.

***[15] Isaiah 3:16-17 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: 17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.***

- God says, "Hey, you want to walk around all prideful, arrogant, having a high opinion of yourself?"
- "You want to look like that and dress like that? Okay, here's what I'll give you."
- "I'll smite you with a scab from your head all the way down to your secret parts."
- Does that sound like fun to you? Don't go walking around like that. Like you think you're something great.
- Watch what else God says in this warning. Continuing in verse 18.

***[16] Isaiah 3:18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,***

- I think their round tires like the moon had something to do with them wearing this moon ornament on their shoes.
- This showed they were above the common people. They were from the moon, a higher place.

***[17] Isaiah 3:19-23 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, 20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, 21 The rings, and nose jewels, 22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins, 23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails.***

- In other words, you don't have to dress up and look all fancy with all your ornaments.
- Hey, look at what the Bible says. Do you see the penalty God can give you for that?
- Don't take a chance. God will do what He says. Have some fear of God within you.
- Watch what happens in verse 24.

***[18] Isaiah 3:24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.***

- The scabs, the boils, the sores will be BURNING. That's what you'll have instead of beauty.
- And to get some relief from the burning, watch what you'll welcome because of these SORES.

**[19] Luke 16:20-21** *And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.*

- The sores will hurt so bad that you'll desire for dogs to come and lick the sores on your body.
- So, the SORES that we see in the first vial are no joke. You don't want any of that.
- Remember, the first trumpet and vial is different but they are both UPON THE EARTH.
- Now, let's move to the second trumpet and the second vial and compare those.

**[20]**

TRUMPET 2	VIAL 2
Revelation 8:8-9 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast <u>into the sea</u> : and the third part of the sea became blood; 9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.	Revelation 16:3 And the second angel poured out his vial <u>upon the sea</u> ; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

- Now, we see that the second trumpet and second vial are affecting the SEA.
- It's obvious so far that the trumpets and vials go together. First the earth. Now the sea.
- It looks like the trumpet is first because fire is cast into the sea.
- A third part of the sea becomes blood. Third of the sea creatures die. Third part of ships destroyed.
- And then the vial is poured out upon the sea and the ENTIRE SEA becomes as blood.
- EVERY LIVING SOUL dies in the sea. Every human on ships and boats DIE.
- So, you can see how the trumpet is probably first and it hits 1/3 part of the sea.
- Then the vial finishes off the rest of the sea. Imagine the entire sea becoming BLOOD. Everything dies.

**[21] Exodus 7:21** *And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.*

- Imagine the STINK if 100% of sea life dies and all humans on the ocean at the time die too.
- We can't even imagine how many things that would be. The entire world will stink so bad.
- I don't want to be here for that. You don't either.

Again, all of this is proof that the Book of Revelation is cut in half and the events repeat.

- You can clearly see the trumpets and vials are following each other perfectly.
- The trumpets are not the vials. They are different. But we're seeing how they go together.
- And it's not just the trumpets and vials that are proof Revelation is cut in half.
- You see tribulation repeated, the rapture is repeated, God's wrath is repeated.
- Let's move to the THIRD trumpet and THIRD vial.

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TRUMPET 3	VIAL 3
Revelation 8:10-11 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part <u>of the</u>	Revelation 16:4-6 And the third angel poured out his vial <u>upon the rivers and fountains of waters</u> ; and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters

<p><u>rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;</u> 11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.</p>	<p>say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.</p>
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- So now we see that TRUMPET 3 and VIAL 3 are poured out upon the rivers and fountains of waters.
- Do you see how these are all matching perfectly? I'm not making this up as you can see.
- First was the earth, second was the sea, now the rivers and fountains of waters.
- With the third vial, it's not just the SEA it's also the rivers and fountains of waters are turned to blood.
- So now, ALL WATER upon the earth has been turned to blood. That's all they have to drink now.
- They don't have WATER to drink ANY MORE. Is this fair? Oh yeah, it's fair.
- Why? Verse 5 and 6 of Revelation Chapter 16 tells us this.

**[23] Revelation 16:5-7** *And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. 7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.*

- The angel says that this is a righteous judgement. Why?
- Because they shed the blood of saints and prophets. THEY ARE WORTHY TO DRINK BLOOD.

**[24] Deuteronomy 32:43** *Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.*

- God pays back. God gets vengeance for you. You don't do it. God does it. He does it with VIAL #3.

**[25] Isaiah 49:26** *And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.*

- This is the TRUE NATURE of God. He will repay. He's not this mellowed out false Jesus like the world says.
- He's THE living God, and He sees everything. He knows everything. He's not lazy. He doesn't get tired.
- He doesn't mellow out. He IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER.
- Let's look at the fourth trumpet and fourth vial.

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TRUMPET 4	VIAL 4
<p>Revelation 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part <u>of the sun</u> was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.</p>	<p>Revelation 16:8-9 And the fourth angel poured out his vial <u>upon the sun</u>; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.</p>

- The FOURTH trumpet affects a third part of THE SUN, the moon, and the stars.



- The FOURTH vial is poured out upon THE SUN. So obviously the trumpets and vials are different.
- But they are related and are happening concurrently with each other.
- With the trumpet, the 1/3 part of the sun, moon, and stars no longer give their light.
- 4 hours of the day is complete darkness. 4 hours of the night is complete darkness.

But what do we see with the FOURTH VIAL?

- We see it being poured out upon the sun. Power is given to SCORCH MEN WITH FIRE!!!
- He's burning people with FIRE. They blaspheme the name of God. They repent not to give God glory.
- They STILL won't admit that GOD IS GOD. They hate God. Do they deserve this? Yes they do.
- PRAISE GOD that He's taking care of this evil and wicked people. He's paying them back.
- The SUN scorches these people with BURNING FIRE. They "were SCORCHED with GREAT HEAT."
- They would rather have that than change their mind and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Why is that? They have stiffened their neck and hardened their heart to God.

**[27] 2 Chronicles 30:8 Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.**

- King Hezekiah of Judah sent that out in a letter to all of Israel and all of Judah.
- Don't you PRAY that we had a leader like that in this world? We don't have one in this world today.

**[28] Acts 7:51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.**

- That's Stephen in the Book of Acts preaching before they killed him.
- He's trying to help them. He's trying to tell them the truth, and they kill him. Same with Jesus.
- But watch what Job says.

**[29] Job 9:1-4 Then Job answered and said, 2 I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God? 3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand. 4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?**

- You can't stiffen your neck and harden your heart against God and prosper. You will fail.
- You can't go up against God no matter how hard headed you might be. You will lose.
- So, give it up. Admit you can't win. And turn all of that over to God. He'll take care of it. It's simple.
- Now, let's look at the FIFTH TRUMPET AND FIFTH VIAL.
- And keep in mind that the FIFTH TRUMPET is the FIRST of THREE WOES.

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TRUMPET 5	VIAL 5
Revelation 9:1-2 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great	Revelation 16:10-11 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of <u>darkness</u> ; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

furnace; and the sun and the air were <u>darkened</u> by reason of the smoke of the pit.	
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- Now, we see darkness in both the FIFTH TRUMPET and the FIFTH VIAL.
- All this smoke comes out of the bottomless pit. The sun and air are darkened the Bible says.
- The FIFTH VIAL says that the BEAST'S KINGDOM is full of darkness. God did that. Turned it to dark.
- The angel pours out his vial upon the seat of the beast or his throne and his kingdom is full of darkness.
- They gnaw their tongues for pain. Do you understand how much pain that's going to be?
- But yet, they continue to blaspheme God. Why? Because of their great pain and their SORES.

COMPLETE DARKNESS IS NOT A JOKE. Try living in complete darkness. Not good.

- But they still won't change their mind. Their hearts are hardened like Pharaoh's heart was hardened.
- And remember, those locusts out of the bottomless pit will be after them and stinging them in darkness.

I want to take a few minutes to make sure you see the importance of Revelation 16:10.

- Some false teaching tells you that the trumpets all happen first and then all the vials happen after that.
- But, that CANNOT BE TRUE when you look at Revelation 16 verse 10.

***[31] Revelation 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,***

- The part of that verse I want to focus on is "AND HIS KINGDOM WAS FULL OF DARKNESS."
- Whose kingdom? It says, "HIS KINGDOM." That is the ANTI-CHRIST. He is ruling on EARTH.

***[32] Revelation 13:3-5 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.***

- That's when the ANTI-CHRIST comes into power. It's 3-1/2 years into Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.
- We know the BEAST is ruling during the second half because of the FIFTH VIAL.
- So, when we look at Revelation 16:10, what do we see?

***[33] Revelation 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,***

- The vial is poured out on the SEAT OF THE BEAST and HIS KINGDOM was full of darkness.
- This tells you 100% for sure that the kingdoms of the earth have not yet become Jesus Christ's kingdoms.
- We're at VIAL NUMBER 5, right? And the BEAST is still ruling in his kingdom of darkness on the earth.
- What happens at TRUMPET 7, though? We read this earlier.

***[34] Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.***

- At the SEVENTH TRUMPET, the kingdoms of this world ARE BECOME the kingdoms of JESUS CHRIST.
- It's very clear and easy to see that right there. At the seventh trumpet, JESUS CHRIST is now reigning.
- It won't be the BEAST'S KINGDOM once the seventh trumpet sounds. You see that, right?

So, how can the VIALS happen AFTER the TRUMPETS? They can't.

- The fifth vial says the BEAST is still reigning. He isn't reigning after the seventh trumpet.
- That means 100% without a doubt that the FIFTH VIAL happens BEFORE the seventh trumpet.
- So, anyone who says that the all the vials happen after all the trumpets is teaching a false doctrine.
- Revelation 16:10 is proof that the vials don't happen AFTER all the trumpets are completed.

It's very easy to see that Revelation Chapter 12 jumps back in time with the birth of Jesus Christ.

- That's the CUE for us to know that we're going to hear the prophecy again with different details.
- I also think Revelation 10 verse 11 is another hint that Revelation is split into 2 halves.

**[35] Revelation 10:10-11 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. 11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.**

- THOU MUST PROPHECY AGAIN. This means a second time.
- That little book has different details of what's going to happen.
- And then you can easily see how the trumpets and vials match up very well with each other.
- 1<sup>st</sup> trumpet and vial is poured out upon the earth.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> is poured out upon the sea, 3<sup>rd</sup> upon the rivers, 4<sup>th</sup> upon the sun, 5<sup>th</sup> is darkness.
- Let's see if the SIXTH TRUMPET and SIXTH VIAL match up.

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TRUMPET 6	VIAL 6
Revelation 9:13-15 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in <u>the great river Euphrates</u> . 15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.	Revelation 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon <u>the great river Euphrates</u> ; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

- Now we see the SIXTH TRUMPET are loosing the four angels in the great river Euphrates.
- They are loosed so they can go out and SLAY THE THIRD PART OF MEN that are left alive.
- The sixth vial is poured out upon the great river EUPHRATES and the water is dried up.
- The angels that are bound in the EUPHRATES RIVER right now will be loosed.
- And then the water is dried up with the FIFTH VIAL. Do you see the connection there?
- This isn't a coincidence in the Bible. This goes together perfectly.

We've talked about the identity of those 4 ANGELS before, but remember that ANGELS ARE SPIRITS.

- You can't see SPIRITS unless God opens your eyes. He does that sometimes in the Bible.
- But those 4 angels are right there today in the Euphrates waiting for this moment in Trumpet 6 and Vial 6.

- Euphrates came out of the GARDEN OF EDEN from the beginning.

**[37] Genesis 3:24** *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

- God placed these CHERUBIMS or ANGELS or living creatures at the EAST of the Garden of Eden.
- And remember, Cherubim's have 4 faces and 4 wings. The 4 faces cover all directions.
- They guard the way of the TREE OF LIFE.
- Genesis 3:24 doesn't tell us there are 4 but there are more than one. Yes, I think there are 4 of them.
- But keep in mind that a CHERUBIM has 4 faces. So they are covering every way and every direction.

**[38] Revelation 16:12** *And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.*

- Notice at the end of verse 12 on the right side of the screen it says:
- "That the way of the kings of the east might be prepared." The water is dried so they can pass over.
- We'll see exactly what that means and why they need to pass over the river.
- Let's see what else happens with the fifth vial. Let's continue in verse 13 of Chapter 16.

**[39] Revelation 16:13** *And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.*

- The Apostle John sees THREE unclean spirits that look like frogs come out of the mouths.
- One unclean spirit comes out of the mouth of the DRAGON. Whose the dragon? SATAN is the dragon.
- One unclean spirit comes out of the mouth of the BEAST. Whose the beast? The ANTI-CHRIST.
- And then one unclean spirit comes out of the mouth of the FALSE PROPHET.
- What are these THREE unclean spirits and what are they going to do?
- Let's see what they are and let's see what they do. Next verse, verse 14.

**[40] Revelation 16:14** *For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

- Those 3 unclean spirits are the spirits of devils that work miracles.
- They go out to the kings of the earth and whole world and they gather them to the BATTLE.
- What battle are they gathering together for? Remember, we're on the SIXTH VIAL.
- We're coming up to the end. We're almost to the SEVENTH TRUMPET AND SEVENTH VIAL.
- These unclean spirits are gathering all the evil leaders together to battle the LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- They actually think they have a shot, which is really sad.
- THAT GREAT DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY. That's going to be the DAY OF THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON.

**[41] Revelation 16:15** *Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*

- So we've seen that the people have been gathered for God to pour out HIS WRATH.
- Now, we see it all accumulating to THIS GREAT Day at the Battle of Armageddon.
- That day at that BATTLE Jesus will come like a thief. There will be saved people AFTER the Rapture.

- “Blessed is HE that watcheth, and keepeth HIS GARMENTS. That’s Jesus Christ protecting you.
- You don’t want to be naked without JESUS CHRIST, or you will be ashamed.
- When Jesus acts, He’s going to do it quickly.

**[42] Revelation 22:7 *Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.***

- He gives these WARNING throughout the entire Bible. In other words, get it together right now.
- Be prepared RIGHT NOW and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Then you don’t have to worry about it.

**[43] Revelation 16:16 *And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.***

- The 3 unclean spirits went forth to gather the kings of the world together for battle.
- Verse 16 says, “HE GATHERED THEM TOGETHER.” I’m not exactly sure who HE is right there.
- But we do know the 3 unclean spirits are gathering the people together to battle JESUS CHRIST.
- Maybe the HE means SATAN or the Anti-Christ.

But I want to show you something about the “BATTLE” of ARMAGEDDON. It’s not really a battle.

- So, we as MEN refer to it as the BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON. God knows it’s not a battle for HIM.
- The Bible says that they are gathered together into a place called Armageddon.

**[44] Revelation 19:19 *And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.***

- The BEAST, the kings of the earth, and all their armies are gathered together to make war.
- They want to fight the Lord Jesus Christ and all of HIS ARMY.
- So, we’re getting ready to see this HUGE BATTLE, right? Let’s see what happens in the next verse.

**[45] Revelation 19:20 *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.***

- Well, that wasn’t very exciting. I was ready to hear about this GREAT BATTLE like we see in the movies.
- NOPE, no battle for Jesus. He is all powerful. You MUST understand that. There is no battle with Jesus.
- Jesus shows up. He wins. There is no battle. Do you see a battle there? It’s not there.
- The beast and the false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire. No struggle. Just thrown into hell.

**[46] Revelation 19:21 *And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.***

- Jesus didn’t have a battle. Jesus SLEW the remaining people who were with the beast.
- It’s over. It’s done. NO BATTLE. The battle of Armageddon isn’t a battle. It’s a gathering of the wicked.
- Let’s continue in Revelation Chapter 16 verse 17.
- Keep in mind that Armageddon doesn’t happen until Chapter 19.
- But the people are starting to be gathered together to “BATTLE” Jesus Christ.
- That starts to happen with the SIXTH VIAL being poured out.

- Now, let's compare the SEVENTH TRUMPET with the SEVENTH VIAL.

**[47]**

TRUMPET 7	VIAL 7
Revelation 11:15-19 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. 16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, 17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. 18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. 19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were <u>lightnings</u> , and <u>voices</u> , and <u>thunderings</u> , and an <u>earthquake</u> , and <u>great hail</u> .	Revelation 16:17-21 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. 18 And there were <u>voices</u> , and <u>thunders</u> , and <u>lightnings</u> ; and there was a <u>great earthquake</u> , such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And there fell upon men a <u>great hail</u> out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

- With the SEVENTH TRUMPET, we see the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord.
- With the SEVENTH VIAL, we see the angel say: "IT IS DONE." They are finished with the vials.
- With both the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet and the 7<sup>th</sup> vial, we see lightnings, voices, thunders, a great earthquake.
- And you see GREAT HAIL with both the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet and the 7<sup>th</sup> vial.
- Do you see how ALL 7 trumpets and all 7 vials go together perfectly?
- This is how we know for sure that they happen together with each other.

We see the JUDGMENT come upon GREAT BABYLON in Revelation 16.

- We see all the details of Babylon falling in Revelation Chapter 17 and 18.
- But all of that happens with the 7<sup>th</sup> vial. You can see that in Chapter 16. It gives us a quick overview.
- Let's look at a little more detail starting in verse 17.

**[48] Revelation 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.**

- A great voice out of the temple of heaven saying, "IT IS DONE."
- That reminds me of Jesus crying out, "IT IS FINISHED" when He died on the cross.
- The angels are finished pouring out the vials but everything isn't finished yet.

Same thing when Jesus died on the cross. His work that He came to do on earth was finished.

- He died on the cross for you and I, but He wasn't finished. His soul went to hell.
- He took all the sins of the whole world onto Him. He arose on the THIRD DAY from the dead in HIS BODY.



- The GOSPEL is the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Some false preachers try to minimize the burial and resurrection.

- They'll say, "The only important thing was the death of Jesus because He said it is finished."
- No, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST.
- You need to believe everything about Jesus Christ. He died, He was buried, He rose again.
- HE IS THE SAVIOR. HE IS THE ONLY SAVIOR. You aren't the savior. I'm not the savior.
- And YOU must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved.

When the seventh angel says, "It is finished." There's obviously more that must happen.

- The Book of Revelation doesn't end when the angel says, "It is finished." Period. END OF BOOK.
- When Jesus died on the cross and said, "It is finished." The Bible didn't end.
- He hadn't rose again at that point. He wasn't finished. His work that He came to do was finished.

***[49] Revelation 16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.***

- The greatest earthquake this world has ever seen is yet to come.
- This comes when the 7<sup>th</sup> vial is poured out.

***[50] Revelation 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.***

- We see Babylon falls. The great city is divided into 3 parts. The cities fall.
- The wrath of God is upon BABYLON. We get more details in Chapter 17 and 18 of this fall.
- In Chapter 18, we learn how long it takes for BABYLON to fall. It takes ONE HOUR.
- Thousands of years the men and women on earth have built all these things on EARTH.
- In one hour, people watch BABYLON burn to the ground.

***[51] Revelation 18:18-19 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! 19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.***

- In one hour she is made desolate. Going back to Revelation Chapter 16 verse 20 and 21.

***[52] Revelation 16:20-21 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.***

- This is a very serious SEVENTH VIAL. God saves the GREAT HAIL for the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet and 7<sup>th</sup> vial.
- 75 pound hail stones coming down upon the world. You don't want any part of that.

Let's pray.



## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 17

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 17."

- At the end of Revelation Chapter 16, we see the seventh angel pouring out the 7<sup>th</sup> vial.
- The final judgment shown there from God is GREAT HAIL coming out of heaven.
- Let's start there in verse 1 of Revelation Chapter 17.

**[3] Revelation 17:1** *And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:*

- So we see one of the 7 angels which had the 7 vials coming to John and talking to him.
- The angel says, "Come here, John. I want to show you something."
- "I'm going to show you the JUDGMENT of the GREAT WHORE that sitteth upon many waters."
- Later in this CHAPTER, we're going to see exactly what all of this means. But, let's keep going for now.
- Next, the angel is going to tell John more about this great whore.

**[4] Revelation 17:2** *With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*

- FORNICATION within the Bible is described as a picture of a relationship outside of marriage.
- God uses fornication the way we know it to describe HIS CREATION going after strange gods.
- Fornication is when you go after someone you aren't married to.
- God is your creator and you go after a false god who didn't create you.
- Here's the first time the word FORNICATION is used in the Bible.

**[5] 2 Chronicles 21:11** *Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah thereto.*

- This is talking about the King of Judah named JEHOAM or JORAM.
- He was the son of King Jehoshaphat who was a good king of Judah.
- But this King Jehoram married Athaliah who was the daughter of the wicked King Ahab of Israel.
- When the Bible talks about high places, it's usually talking about places of worship for false gods.
- God HATES the worship of a false god. HE HATES IT!!! He relates it to sexual fornication and whoredom.

**[6] 2 Chronicles 21:12-13** *And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, 13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which were better than thyself:*

**[7] 2 Chronicles 21:14-15** *Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods: 15 And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.*

- Hey look, it's not something small to worship the wrong god.
- It's not something small to put other things in your life above god.
- Who said it's not a small thing to do that? Not me. GOD SAID IT.
- And He didn't just say it once. He says it over and over and over throughout the Bible.

**[8] Revelation 17:2 *With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.***

- So we see this GREAT WHORE and she has committed fornication.
- She's led them to the worship of a false god. The inhabitants of the earth do the same thing.
- It's called being DRUNK WITH THE WINE OF HER FORNICATION.
- When God opens your eyes and you see the truth in this world, when you see the false god worship in the so-called "Christian" churches:
- You see that the people are drunk. They don't understand what they're even doing.

Why are you still supporting a church with a false preacher who tells you that you can lose your salvation?

- You're walking around like a drunk who can't understand anything.
- Hey, look, I was one of those drunkards worshipping a false god in a false church.
- I know what it feels like. "LOVE EVERYONE NO MATTER WHAT."
- "Don't use the word whore because it's not nice. Forgive everyone no matter what."
- "LOVE, LOVE, LOVE. We love everyone here." It's so fake it's not even funny.

Hey, wake up YOU DRUNKS!!! God doesn't love everyone no matter what. Where's the SCRIPTURE for that?

- HE HATED KING JEHOAM. He made his bowels fall out of his body.
- He sent a great plague to King Jehoram's people: the wives and the children.
- I can hear the drunkards now in the false churches: "Hey, that's not very nice. That's not my god."
- "My god would never do anything like that." What Bible are you reading, drunks???

**[9] John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***

- FOR GOD SO LOVED (past tense) the world. The Bible never says God loves everyone no matter what.
- YES, He has loved (past tense) every single person that He gave life to in this world.
- Yes, at one time, God loves Satan who He created. He wasn't evil in the beginning.
- But now, GOD HATES SATAN. He'll spend eternity in hell.

And the same goes for other people. God doesn't love people by sending them to hell.

- The people He sends to hell are the people HE HATES. Understand that today.
- Throwing someone in hell sure isn't an act of love and JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF tells us that most people will be going to hell.
- And the Book of Revelation also tells us that Jesus will be there watching those people burn in hell.
- The so-called "Christian" churches made up their own god that allows them to do whatever they want.
- "My god loves me no matter what I do." Hey, give me some SCRIPTURE on that one. It's not there.

So again, we have this GREAT WHORE that causes people throughout the earth to commit fornication.

- They are worshipping a false god, and YES, it is their fault.
- “Well, I’ll just blame it on that great whore one day and then God will let me into heaven.”
- Yeah, God doesn’t accept ANY EXCUSES within the Bible. NONE. EVER. Not one excuse.

***[10] Revelation 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.***

- Look, John is now carried away in the SPIRIT into the wilderness.
- Why? So the angel can show John this woman sitting upon a scarlet colored beast.
- Why do you think he’s colored the same as blood? He’s killed God’s people.
- The beast is full of blasphemy and has seven heads and ten horns.

Just a side note: John is carried away in the SPIRIT!

- According to the false pre-tribulation rapture teachers that MUST be another RAPTURE.
- They say Revelation 4:1 is the RAPTURE because John is carried away in the spirit.
- Well, what about Revelation 17:3 then? Oh, that one doesn’t fit their man made teaching.
- There’s other instances in Revelation when John is carried away in the SPIRIT?
- Why? So God can show John these things so he can write them in the Book of Revelation.

***[11] Revelation 17:4-5 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.***

- You see more about this woman. She’s clothed in royal clothing and all decked out with expensive things.
- The cup in her hand is full of abominations AND the filthiness of her fornication.
- What’s an example of an abomination within the Bible that goes right along with fornication?

***[12] Leviticus 18:22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.***

***[13] Leviticus 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.***

- That FILTHINESS the Bible calls it is happening all over the world today and especially in this country.
- Let’s get this straight today: IT’S FILTHY, NASTY, AND WICKED because GOD says so.
- I don’t care if you don’t like that. I don’t care if that hurts your feelings. GOD SAID IT’S FILTHY.
- What else is related to this abomination and fornication?

***[14] Deuteronomy 7:25-26 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God. 26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.***

- Graven images of any false gods shall be burnt with fire.
- You know the cross that all over the so-called “Christian” churches today? That’s a graven image.
- Where does the Bible say to use a cross as the image that represents CHRISTIANS? Where?

- Hey, open your eyes. It's not in the SCRIPTURE. Everything we need to know is within the SCRIPTURE.
- That's not there. WAKE UP DRUNKARDS!!! That's what God is saying today.

"You want to bring any abomination into your house?" God's saying that to you.

- "You want to do that?" He says. "You'll be a cursed thing like it."
- You can say whatever you want today. "You're being too difficult, Josh."
- Oh no, I'm not. God says right there: "You shall utterly detest it and shall utterly ABHOR it."
- "IT IS A CURSED THING." Any abomination? You need to hate it, God says.
- But not the "Christian" churches around here. "LOVE EVERYTHING ALL THE TIME."

Joel Osteen. "I love everyone." And he has about 52,000 in attendance each week.

- It's a sad thing. He says the opposite of the Bible and those people don't open their Bible.
- They're like Kenneth Copeland. Their entire Bible is highlighted, but they don't read it.
- They don't hear it. They don't understand it. SEEK AFTER GOD and HE WILL OPEN YOUR EYES.
- Hey, don't get upset at me today. I used to be one of those people. I'm trying to wake you up.
- We all need to see the truth TODAY. Not tomorrow. Not later. RIGHT NOW.

**[15] Deuteronomy 12:31** *Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.*

- GOD HATES ABOMINATIONS. He hates false god worship. What else does He hate?

**[16] Deuteronomy 23:17-18** *There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. 18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.*

- He hates fornication. He hates WHORES. He hates SODOMITES. He calls them DOGS.
- He calls them filthy beasts in the Bible. Filthy animals.
- "DO NOT BRING THEM INTO MY HOUSE!!!" GOD SAYS.
- But what to the devil churches do around here? They bring them in and act like it's okay.
- It is for their false god. That isn't God's house. It's the house of a false god.
- With all that said, I'm going to show you a comparison of SCRIPTURE now.
- Let's compare Revelation 17 verse 1-4 with Revelation 21:9-12.

**[17]**

Revelation 17:1-2 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Revelation 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

- So, in Chapter 17, we see a great whore. In Chapter 21, we see the BRIDE, the Lamb's wife.
- Notice how the verses are very similar except one is a whore and one is a bride.
- There's a huge difference in the two. One is FILTHY and one is PURE.

**[18]**

Revelation 17:3-4 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

Revelation 21:10-11 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

- John is carried away in the spirit in both sets of SCRIPTURE there.
- One is nasty and filthy and one has the GLORY OF GOD.

**[19]**

Revelation 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Revelation 21:12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

- Then we see both have names written on them. One is the mother of harlots and abominations.
- The BRIDE has the names of the 12 tribes. If we kept reading, we would see the names of the 12 apostles.

So, we see that a whore and a bride are opposite. The whore is something we're supposed to flee from.

- FLEE FORNICATION. Get away from it the Bible says. Don't even come close to it. RUN THE OTHER WAY.
- The Bride, though, is the legitimate partner that we love with all that we have.

**[20] Isaiah 62:5 For as a young man marieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.**

- We don't rejoice over a whore. But we do rejoice over a pure and spotless BRIDE.
- The bride is the heavenly JERUSALEM clothed in white which is the righteousness of saints.

**[21] Revelation 19:7-8 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

- The BRIDE will include all the saved people. FUTURE EVENT. The church isn't the bride yet.
- The marriage supper hasn't taken place yet. The bride represents the saved people. But not yet.
- We'll see that in Revelation 19 when we study it verse by verse. The bride is a future event.

False preachers today will say that the bride is the church right now. No, it's not.

- A bride isn't a bride until the wedding day. Is it not? THE BRIDE IS THERE ON THE WEDDING DAY.
- This bride represents all of the SAVED people in Revelation 19.
- Let's keep going in verse 6 of Revelation Chapter 17.

**[22] Revelation 17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.**

- This woman is drunken with the BLOOD OF SAINTS and of MARTYRS of JESUS CHRIST.
- This sight that John sees is an amazing sight and he wonders with great admiration.

***[23] Revelation 17:7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.***

- The angel is now going to tell John more about this mystery woman and the beast that carries her.
- That beast has 7 heads and 10 horns. That should sound familiar from Revelation 13.

***[24] Revelation 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.***

- Let's see what the angel says about this woman and beast.

***[25] Revelation 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.***

- We know the beast is the ANTI-CHRIST.
- He's going to die from a deadly wound, go to hell, and then ascend out of hell.
- Do you remember that? The world will marvel and start following him and worshipping him.
- That's what it means when it says, the beast that WAS, and IS NOT, and yet IS.
- He was alive, he died, and he's alive again.

We did an entire sermon on the Book of Life, which you see there in verse 8.

- And remember, all names are written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world.
- Names are removed from the Book of Life when they are rejected by God.
- If a person is saved, the name is NEVER removed from the book of Life.

***[26] Revelation 17:9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.***

- So now, the angel is going to tell us what the image of this woman represents.
- The seven heads are seven mountains. The woman sits on those 7 mountains.
- Let's talk about what this might represent as we don't know 100% for sure.
- Keep in mind that this entire chapter is about BABYLON THE GREAT.
- And notice that BABYLON THE GREAT is the MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS of the earth.

So, many, many people believe that ROME and the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH represents this great whore.

- And yes, it makes perfect sense with this chapter as I want to show you some things that match.
- Do you remember the great image in Daniel Chapter 2? We talked about this in Revelation Chapter 13.
- At the top was Babylon. We also see Rome at the bottom of the image.
- So Rome is connected with Babylon.

The woman, right there in verse 9, is sitting on 7 mountains.

- The city of Rome is called the city of 7 hills. That's what ROME is known as. Matches pretty well.
- Then you look at the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. They believe wine is actually the blood of Jesus.
- It doesn't represent the blood of Jesus. They believe they are actually drinking HIS blood.

***[27] "Recalling these words of Jesus, the Catholic Church professes that, in the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest."***

- So, a miracle happens every time they partake in communion.
- They are actually eating the body of Jesus and the drinking the blood of Jesus.
- No, they're actually eating bread and drinking alcoholic wine.
- They've been MADE DRUNK with the wine of her fornication.
- They love alcohol. We did a movie at a Catholic event and everyone is drinking alcohol and getting drunk.
- That's why some people love their Catholic religion. They get to be a drunkard and no one cares.

***[28] Galatians 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.***

- The Bible says the opposite of that. OPPOSITE of the Bible = ABOMINATION.
- God hates drunkenness. Some people convert to Catholic so they can drink and not feel guilty.
- Why? Because they LOVE alcohol and love getting drunk.
- The Roman Catholics call the priests and pope FATHER.
- They tell you that it's okay to call the priests your father. "Oh yeah, it's a sign of respect."

***[29] Matthew 23:9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.***

- That's Jesus Christ speaking. Is it okay to call a priest your father? The Roman Catholics say, "Yeah!!!"
- Jesus Christ COMMANDS you to not call ANYONE your FATHER upon this earth.
- If you have a dad, you call him DAD. You don't call him FATHER either.
- Or, I am getting that SCRIPTURE right there wrong? "CALL NO MAN YOUR FATHER UPON EARTH."
- So, NO!!! It's not okay to call someone your FATHER. God is your FATHER who is in heaven.
- Again, opposite of the Bible = ABOMINATION.
- The POPE wears a dress. ABOMINATION. Look at this image of POPE BENEDICT.

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- He's wearing a dress. He thinks he is God. Look at him sitting between their fake cherubim's.
- How do people not see all of this? THEY ARE DRUNKEN!!! WAKE UP.

The Roman Catholics believe that the priests forgive their sins.

- The Bible says that JESUS alone forgives your sins. GOD ALONE forgives sin. Not some man.
- You see them wearing scarlet, purple, gold everywhere, jewels, and riches from their false religion.
- Look at this altar inside of a Catholic Church. Gold everywhere. Statues. Graven images.

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**[32] Titus 1:11** *Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.*

- You could pay to have your sins forgiven. TV preachers still teach this today.
- "One can have the temporal effects of sins reduced via 3 paths: Penance, Prayer, and Almsgiving."
- In the middle ages, the Pope took money to forgive sins.
- The Bible says that believing on JESUS CHRIST forgives you of your sin.

Then you have the subject of fornication within the Roman Catholic Church.

- The Catholic religion says that their PRIESTS can't be married. What's the Bible say about church leaders?

**[33] 1 Timothy 3:1-5** *This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)*

- THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE. One that ruleth his own house well. Having HIS CHILDREN in subjection.
- If you aren't married and you don't have children (MORE THAN 1), how can you prove you can rule well?
- So, you have all these priests that aren't married and don't have any children.
- According to the Bible, you aren't supposed to be leading a church.
- And again, the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH does the opposite of the Bible. ABOMINATION.

**[34] 1 Corinthians 7:2** *Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.*

- So again, the Roman Catholic Church is filled with fornication. False god worship but actual fornication.
- They molest children, women, nuns, other men. They are sick and nasty. They don't follow the Bible.
- They have a works based salvation. You can't be saved unless you do all these works.

According to the Roman Catholic Church, these 4 activities can be done so a plenary indulgence can be gained:

- In other words, these plenary indulgences can restore you and forgive you of your sin.
- And look, they say you can ONLY do one of these ONCE a day to gain this indulgence.
- Reading or listening to sacred SCRIPTURE for at least half an hour. Not the King James Bible, though.
- Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist for at least half an hour. 29 minutes won't work.
- Exercise of the stations of the Cross. They made a series of images depicting Jesus. Stare at them.
- You can recite the Rosary and repeat after me prayers.

You can also gain an indulgence for your sin by listening to the Pope give you a blessing on TV.

- "OH NO!!! I missed the Pope's blessing on TV. I sure am glad we have You Tube."
- Taking part in a religious ceremony can lead to you being forgiven of sin.
- Take 3 full days of spiritual retreat and your sins can be forgiven.
- This isn't a joke. What about baptism? They do infant baptism.
- The Bible clearly says you must believe in order to be baptized.
- They sprinkle water. The Bible clearly says you go down into the water and up out of the water.

**[35] Mark 1:9-11** *And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. 10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: 11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

- "Nah, it's too much work to put someone under the water and lift them up out of the water."
- Why is that? Think about it. The POPE doesn't have enough muscle to lift anything.
- He's a man that wears a dress and does no physical work at all. He can't baptize someone like that.
- I'm not joking either. THE POPE IS AN ABOMINATION. Understand that today.

Their works based salvation is the BIGGEST ABOMINATION they have.

- The BIBLE SAYS OVER AND OVER again that you aren't saved by works. The law doesn't save you.
- The TOWER OF BABEL is a picture of a works based salvation.
- Those people at BABEL were going to make their own way to heaven.
- That's exactly what the Catholics have created. They don't follow the Bible.
- The Bible way to heaven is very simple. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH adds all these works to being saved.

The word BABEL and BABYLON is highly related. All those with a works based salvation are BABYLON.

- If your church adds ANYTHING to FAITH for salvation, they are a part of BABYLON.
- You have to be baptized. BABYLON. You have to speak in tongues. BABYLON.
- You have to repent of your sins daily or whenever you sin or you lose salvation. BABYLON.
- Hey, this isn't a joke. If your church says you can lose everlasting life, BABYLON.
- This means your church says the opposite of JESUS CHRIST.

**[36] John 3:36** *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

- When you choose to listen to your church over the words of JESUS CHRIST, BABYLON.
- You don't want to be a part of Babylon. The APSOTLES CREED? That didn't come from the APOSTLES.
- They make people repeat this stupid prayer. Part of it is this:
- "I believe in the HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH." People say this over and over and over again.
- Other religions that came from the Catholic Church just change that blank.
- "I believe in the Holy Presbyterian Church." This must be some new Bible. I haven't seen that Scripture.
- John Calvin and Martin Luther were from the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.
- You can see all of these works based salvations in all the so-called "Christian" churches around here.

So, this great WHORE that we see in Revelation Chapter 17 is the MOTHER OF ALL ABOMINATIONS.

- The Roman Catholic Church is the biggest false church there is today.
- It has the most members throughout so-called Christianity today.
- They've given the word CHRISTIAN a horrible, horrible, horrible NAME!!!

I asked a little girl at Clear Creek Park if she knew how to get heaven.

- I didn't know she was Catholic. I told her believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and He saves you.
- I told her that it's JESUS ALONE because that's what the Bible says.

- She says, "Well, it takes some other things too." I said, "Well, that's not what JESUS says."
- "And Jesus is God. He's the boss. A religion isn't the boss. JESUS sets the rules."
- It's sad that people are being taught the opposite of the Bible.
- You can see that clearly, but yet, we stay in these false churches and give them our offering.
- Your church says: "You can lose salvation." Jesus says, "You can't lose salvation."
- And you continue to go and support a church? We have to wake up. WE MUST WAKE UP.

So yes, Rome is highly connected to Revelation Chapter 17.

- The Roman Catholic Church is at least a part of BABYLON and these abominations.
- Some people believe the Pope will be the anti-Christ or the false prophet. Could be.
- I have no idea NOR does anyone else know 100% for sure in this world today.
- I just wanted you to see the connection there. Let's go back to Revelation Chapter 17.
- This woman is the MOTHER OF ALL ABOMINATIONS.
- All false churches are included in that. All works based salvations are included there.
- They are ABOMINATIONS!!! Understand that today and come over to the FAITH ALONE salvation.

**[37] Revelation 17:9-10** *And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. 10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.*

- There are 7 kings. FIVE ARE FALLEN. ONE IS, which means the SIXTH. The other is not yet come.
- That would be the SEVENTH and when he comes, the seventh king, he must continue a short space.
- So, we see 7 kings here. Who are all 7 kings? I don't know who all 7 are, but I know one of them.
- The next verse tells us for sure.

**[38] Revelation 17:11** *And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.*

- So we see that the BEAST or anti-Christ that was and is not is one of the seven kings.
- We're now talking about the BEAST and not the great whore on the beast.
- And he also is the EIGHTH KING. What does all this mean? I think it means that the anti-Christ was alive.
- He was one of the 7 kings. He dies from the deadly wound for a few days.
- That's when the seventh king must continue for a short space. And then the ANTI-CHRIST comes back.
- And he is the EIGHTH KING. That makes sense with what we know from the Bible.
- So, this beast was one of the seven kings, he dies, he comes back, and he is also the EIGHTH king.

**[39] Revelation 17:12-13** *And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*

- If you remember from Revelation Chapter 13, we talked about the beast.
- The beast is the anti-Christ but the beast also represents all the kingdoms of the anti-Christ too.
- This is going to be a united world government and a united world religion.
- YOU MUST WORSHIP THE BEAST. Remember that?
- And remember, the Roman Catholic religion wants a one-world religion.
- The Pope gathers with other religious leaders and prays together trying to unite all of them together.

We see 10 kings or world leaders or rulers of nations.

- They don't have a kingdom as yet verse 12 says, but they receive power as kings 1 HOUR with the beast.
- Notice it says that they have ONE MIND and shall give their power and strength to the beast.
- They all have one mind. They get together and make sure they are always united together.
- It's sort of like all the liberal governors during the China virus pandemic.

Kentucky residents can't go to Tennessee because they have a Republican governor.

- Andy Beshear is a hero somehow because Kentucky now has 213 deaths and Tennessee has 184 deaths.
- Tennessee's death rate is much lower because they have a greater population too.
- Kentucky's death rate from the virus is almost double Tennessee's.
- And Beshear is blaming Tennessee for everything at the start. Now, whose the hero?
- So, you're going to have all these rulers uniting all over the world and enforcing all the same rules.
- You must get the China virus vaccine. YOU MUST BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP THE BEAST.

So, we see 2 things in Revelation Chapter 17.

- First, we see this great whore that represents a global false religion.
- Second, we see this beast that represents a global ruler.
- And remember, the false prophet is going to help the beast setup this global false religion.
- So, the false prophet is highly related to the great whore that sits upon the beast.

***[40] Revelation 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.***

- So, we see all these rulers of the world coming to make war with Jesus Christ.
- But keep in mind that the ANTI-CHRIST doesn't come into power until the middle of the 7-years.
- At the Abomination of Desolation, the BEAST takes power.
- The other kings rule an hour and then they give all their power to the BEAST.
- And then he continues for 42 months reigning over the earth.
- The so-called battle or war with Jesus is at the end of the 42 months after God's wrath.
- You should remember this from Revelation Chapter 16.

***[41] Revelation 16:12-14 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.***

- So, we see that this battle won't happen until the seventh vial is poured out.
- We know that the seventh vial is at the very end of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.
- At the sixth vial, they are preparing for battle. There are still other kings on earth.
- They are all united and going to come against the Lord Jesus Christ for battle.
- You'll see JESUS coming on a white horse in Revelation Chapter 19.

***[42] Revelation 19:11-14 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire,***

***and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.***

- Hey, listen, you don't want to be on the other side of that war.
- Are you talking about fear? You should fear when you see Jesus coming on a white horse after you.
- The ones who are with HIM according to Revelation Chapter 17 are called, chosen, and faithful.

***[43] Revelation 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.***

- So we saw earlier in the chapter that the whore is sitting upon many waters.
- This verse tells us that the many waters are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.
- So now, we're back to talking about the great whore that represents BABYLON.
- And we know it's going to include the entire world.

***[44] Revelation 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.***

- The ten horns are the ten kings. Those 10 leaders don't love these wicked people.
- They're going to HATE the whore. The wicked persecute the wicked. They don't help each other.
- They make them desolate and naked. They will eat their flesh and burn them with fire.

***[45] Revelation 17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.***

- So God puts this into their heart. Remember, it's mostly all evil people left on the earth at this time.
- The RAPTURE has already happened. God's wrath is being poured out.
- God put this in the hearts of those 10 kings to fulfill his will. The evil get what they deserve.
- GOD USES EVIL PEOPLE TO FULFILL HIS WILL ALL THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE.
- It happens over and over again. READ THE BIBLE and notice all of those times when you read it.
- 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2 even talks about this exact instance that matches up with Revelation 17.
- 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2 is talking directly about the anti-Christ and the people left on earth.

***[46] 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.***

- God can make it where you can believe a lie. The Bible says so right there.
- He puts things in the hearts of people. He did it to the EGYPTIANS.
- The EGYPTIANS loved the children of Israel, and then they turned on them. Remember that?
- At the time of Joseph, the children of Israel were loved by the EGYPTIANS.
- Then, it all ended. Why was that?

**[47] Psalm 105:23-25** *Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. 24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies. 25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.*

- That was God's plan. The people in Egypt had turned to evil. So God uses them in his plan.
- Verse 25 says that HE TURNED THEIR HEART to hate his people.

**[48] Revelation 17:18** *And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.*

- So, that's the last verse of Revelation Chapter 17. We learn that the woman is that great city.
- She represents that GREAT CITY OF BABYLON which reigns over the kings of the earth.
- So, we talked about Rome and the Roman Catholic Church. Most likely, they are just a part of it.
- They aren't going to rule over the entire world or earth. But they do represent the false church.
- They are a part of BABYLON guaranteed, 100% without a doubt.
- But think about all the other false churches too.

Some people believe the whore represents JERUSALEM because Jerusalem has 7 hills or mountains too.

- The earthly Jerusalem is going to be a part of this too.
- But remember that it's already been destroyed and trodden under foot.
- So, I don't have a choice for which great city the whore represents.
- The Bible doesn't give the name of an actual city on earth right now.
- But I can tell you this: you better look closely at the United States of America.

For a long time, the United States has been the world leader. It's starting to change a little now.

- But we're still the leader for false CHRISTIANITY. That's 100% for sure.
- Our country sends out the greatest number of missionaries all over the world.
- I know several missionaries. They don't have the GOSPEL right. So, what are they preaching?
- Many of them are doing it for themselves so they can travel the world.
- They don't even preach the Gospel.

You have to ask yourself: "WHY AM I DOING THIS? WHY AM I HERE TODAY?"

- If it's for any other reason but FOR GOD, then you have the same problem.
- "Well, I'm here to make someone else in my life happy." My kids are here because I made them.
- But I know them, and they would be here anyway because they love God.
- Missionaries don't know the GOSPEL. They aren't getting people saved.
- But they allow churches to feel good about themselves sitting in church every Sunday and NEVER preaching the GOSPEL.
- "Well, we support a missionary and they go preach the gospel too." That's not what God said to do.

The United States of America is a part of BABYLON too.

- We spread FALSE GOSPELS all over the world today.
- That's the NUMBER ONE filthiest abomination ANYONE could ever do.
- In this world today, the USA is the modern day Babylon.
- Just like King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, the Persians and Medes, the GREEKS, and the ROMANS.
- We're just falling in line with all the other filthy trash that has filled this world.

So, if the Bible says one thing CLEARLY and someone says another, would you agree that's evil?

- Let me read you a law from the Bible and then a list of countries that follow this law.
- And look, this is just one small example. There are hundreds and hundreds of examples.

***[49] Leviticus 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.***

- According to God, homosexuality is punishable by death.
- I didn't misinterpret that verse. I didn't twist that verse. I didn't create some false dispensation.
- Jesus didn't come to destroy the law. He didn't do away with this law.
- The governments should be following the law of God.
- Let's see which countries follow this. Here's a map of today's world.
- The countries in dark red put homosexuals to death.

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- The big ones you see there on the map are 3 countries: Saudi Arabia, Iran, and some of Somalia.
- These are all MUSLIM countries with a false god. But they don't allow that ABOMINATION.
- They stand up for what they believe more than any so-called CHRISTIAN will today.
- Leaders of churches today won't even stand up. It's a sad thing. Let's be different.
- Let's be like the BRIDE and be pure in JESUS CHRIST. And not like the filthy WHORE of false religion.

Let's pray.



## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 18

[2] The title of the sermon today is “REVELATION CHAPTER 18.”

- In Chapter 17, we saw the great whore sitting on a scarlet colored beast.
- We know the beast to be the ANTI-CHRIST because he was, and is not, and yet is.
- The anti-Christ dies from a deadly wound and comes back to life.
- So he was living, he died, and then he lives again. He comes back from the dead.
- The whore that is sitting on the beast represents BABYLON.

**[3] Revelation 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

- This woman represents all the abominations of the earth and is called BABYLON THE GREAT.
- This is all FALSE RELIGION. Non-Christian religions included.
- AND all of the false “Christians” today with a works based salvation.
- The false Catholic religion is a part of this great whore called Babylon.
- SALVATION only comes through Jesus Christ and nothing else.
- At the end of Revelation Chapter 17, we see this:

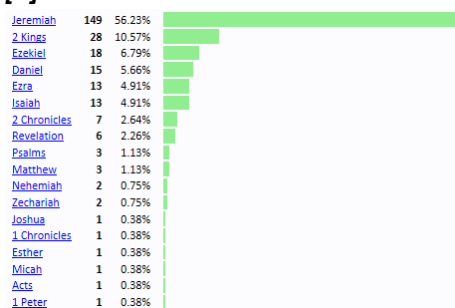
**[4] Revelation 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.**

- BABYLON is that great city and is a multitude of false religions coming together.
- They reign over the kings of the earth. BABYLON THE GREAT, the mother of harlots and abominations.
- If you have a false god today, you’re a part of BABYLON. You don’t want to be on that side today.

So, let’s learn more about Babylon today so the Book of Revelation makes perfect sense.

- In the Bible, you can search for BABYLON, Babylon’s, Babylonish, and Babylonians.
- And you can learn a lot by going through all of those verses on BABYLON.
- You’ll find 307 matches in 265 verses so there’s a lot of information about BABYLON.
- Here’s what the chart looks like for those 265 verses:

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- The Book of Jeremiah has 149 verses with Babylon words. Revelation has 6. Jeremiah dominates there.
- The first time any Babylon related word is used in the Bible is the Book of Joshua.

**[6] Joshua 7:20-21** *And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: 21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.*

- We see a BABYLONISH garment in the verse. So we know Babylon existed at the time of JOSHUA.
- BABYLON was the capital city of the Kingdom of Babylon. This is what some people think it looked like.

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- This isn't from the Bible, but many history experts estimate that Babylon was the largest city in the world.
- Some people believe that Babylon existed for about 1,200 years. The Bible agrees, approximately.
- We see Babylon existed at the time of Joshua, which is around 1500 BC to 1400 BC.
- Then, we see the end of BABYLON with BELSHAZZAR in the Book of Daniel.
- Do you remember the hand writing on the wall? That was the last King of Babylon.
- This was around 500 to 600 BC. So, Babylon is at least 1,000 years old according to the Bible.

So, we know that BABYLON was destroyed and no longer existed during the time of DANIEL.

- When the Book of Revelation was written by JOHN, we know Babylon did not exist.
- But, I want you to see that JEREMIAH prophesies about Babylon.
- Jeremiah says that Babylon would NEVER be inhabited again.
- Jeremiah Chapter 50 and 51 tells us about this prophecy, which is BEFORE it happened.

**[8] Jeremiah 50:35-37** *A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men. 36 A sword is upon the liars; and they shall dote: a sword is upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed. 37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.*

- The Chaldeans are the Babylonians. Verse 1 in Chapter 50 says so. Watch what the very next verses say.

**[9] Jeremiah 50:38-40** *A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols. 39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. 40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.*

- Jeremiah prophesies that NO MAN shall abide there or dwell therein. Wild beasts and owls will live there.
- Do you think anyone lives there today? Here's what the city of Babylon looked like in 1932.

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- Here's what some of the brick structures looked like in 2016.

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- So, it doesn't exist as a city any more and no one lives there just like Jeremiah said a long time ago.
- Remember, a prophet from God is only a prophet if everything they say comes true.
- So, was Jeremiah a prophet? OH YEAH HE WAS. Everything he says comes true.

**[12] Isaiah 13:19-20 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. 20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.**

- The prophet Isaiah said the same thing. "It shall never be inhabited." That was it.

Some people say that the actual city of BABYLON is going to be re-built for the Book of Revelation to come true.

- I don't think Babylon will ever be re-built. Babylon is about 56 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq.
- It's directly next to the Euphrates River. Babylon translates to "the gate of the gods."
- Saddam Hussein was trying to rebuild Babylon, but that was stopped when he was killed.
- Some people think that the actual city of BABYLON must be rebuilt for end times prophecy.
- They somehow think Revelation is talking about that exact CITY.
- But the Bible is very clear that BABYLON represents different kingdoms throughout history.

**[13] 1 Peter 5:13 The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.**

- We're in New Testament now. The actual city of BABYLON had been destroyed by that time.
- No one was there and there definitely wasn't a church there.
- That proves that PETER is talking about a different city that represents BABYLON.
- Same thing as the Book of Revelation. They are like BABYLON because they worship false gods.

Just like we learned in the Book of Daniel with the different kingdoms.

- BABYLON, Medes and Persians, GREEKS, and ROME.
- Most likely, 1 Peter 5:13 is talking about the church in ROME or BABYLON.
- The Book of ROMANS is written to the church in ROME. They were surrounded by false gods.
- Romans Chapter 1 talks about the nasty people around there. It was like Babylon there.

So, Revelation Chapter 17 and 18 are NOT talking about the actual ancient city of Babylon.

- Remember, Revelation is in chronological order from Chapter 1 through 11.
- And then again in order from Chapter 12 through 22.
- So, in Chapter 18, we're seeing the wrath of God being completed.
- One of the last things God does at the end of the 7 years is destroy BABYLON.

Think of this: BABYLON with King Nebuchadnezzar was a WORLD EMPIRE. It ruled the world.

- The Medes and Persians were a world empire.
- The GREEKS were a world empire. The ROMANS were a world empire.
- Think back to the TOWER OF BABEL, which was built somewhere in BABYLON.
- That was a gathering of all the people together. God told them to spread out. They didn't.

- So, He comes down and confounds their language and forces them to spread out.
- But they were all gathered together as ONE. Remember that? That's what BABYLON represents.
- It's a ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT that is united as one throughout the world.

We don't have that ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT today that rules over everyone else.

- But, when the ANTI-CHRIST comes, he will setup that one world government again.
- It's going to be like BABYLON when King Nebuchadnezzar was ruling.
- But, what's the country that's MOST LIKE Babylon in this world today?
- The United States of America. We are seen as the most powerful country in today's world.
- That's changing, though, AND we're not ruling over the entire world.
- You have the Chinese and Russians that are right up there with the United States.
- But, we're pretty close to BABYLON as we have power all throughout the world.

So, if Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week started any time soon, you could guess that the USA is BABYLON.

- If it doesn't begin for another 500 years, we'd have to see what happens to AMERICA.
- If the USA goes away before Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week begins, we would know it's not BABYLON.
- So, again, BABYLON represents a UNITED NATION throughout the world.
- "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." UNITED NATIONS. One world government.
- In Peter's time, that would have been ROME. In our time, that would be the United States.
- We are the number one world power that has turned away from God.
- With all that said, let's start there in Revelation 18 verse 1.

***[14] Revelation 18:1-2 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.***

- In this SCRIPTURE, we see another angel come down from heaven with GREAT POWER.
- His glory lightens the earth. He cries out, "BABYLON THE GREAT IS FALLEN."
- It's a habitation of devils, every foul spirit, and every unclean and HATEFUL bird.
- If you use the United States as an example, you could say we started out okay.
- BUT, as we go on, we're falling away from God. And that leads to total destruction.
- Is that not what this country has become? Not 100% of people!!! But it sure is filled with wickedness.

***[15] Revelation 18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.***

- Delicacies are anything that delights you or pleases you.
- We are in the land of pleasure here. In our churches, we won't preach anything that offends.
- We don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. We're like spoiled brats here that get everything we want.
- Every day our lives are filled with pleasure. If we want something, we go get it.
- "I want some ice cream." Okay, let's go get it.
- "I want this. I want that. It's not fair if I don't get what I want."
- All the other nations get pretty much whatever they want from us. We send money everywhere.
- All nations have DRUNK of the wine of the wrath of HER FORNICATION.

**[16] Jeremiah 51:7 *Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.***

- The merchants of the earth are WAXED RICH through this BABYLON.
- Think about that. The UNITED STATES is just like that. We buy everything from other countries now.
- We don't make hardly anything here any more.
- Even if we do make things here, the other countries own the businesses.
- GE APPLIANCES in Louisville is now owned by HAIER, which is a CHINESE company.
- It's everywhere. We've made the merchants of the earth RICH.

**[17] Revelation 18:4 *And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.***

- This appears to be the VOICE OF GOD coming from heaven to the people in BABYLON.
- God NEVER said you wouldn't have to deal with living in BABYLON. "COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE."
- Don't partake of HER SINS. Don't be like this great whore who fornicates against God.
- Why? Because you don't want any part of the plagues God is going to give BABYLON.

To me, that's talking about right now too and not just in the FUTURE end times for the saved people in BABYLON.

- If God sent the China virus as a judgement, which He probably did, do you think He can keep it from you?
- Are you giving Him a reason to keep it from you? Are you living separately from BABYLON?

**[18] 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.***

- You don't have to follow the ways of this world. You don't have to watch the nasty movies and TV shows.
- You don't have to take drugs. You don't have to be a drunkard. You don't have to worship a false god.
- "Well, all my friends are at that false church. And I don't want to lose them."
- So, you'd rather lose God? You'd rather have all the plagues that BABYLON THE GREAT will receive?
- What is that really saying? GOD ISN'T GOD TO YOU. God isn't your GOD. You are your GOD.
- Why? Because making yourself happy is number one. NOT GOD. Don't you want to make HIM happy?
- God says to BE SEPARATE from all the sin. Don't join in just so you have some friends.

**[19] Matthew 25:31-33 *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.***

- God WILL SEPARATE US. Make the decision today to be saved BUT also make the decision to serve God.
- Joshua said, "Make your choice right now. Not tomorrow. NOW."
- "CHOOSE THIS DAY. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
- If you choose to serve the Lord, don't worry, people will stay away from you.
- I've already seen it in my life. The Bible says it will happen. JESUS says it will happen.

**[20] Luke 6:22 *Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.***

- Hey, you don't need all the friends of this world. Do you not believe you have GOD as your friend?
- Do you not believe that one day when you reach heaven, you'll have millions waiting for you to arrive?
- BE YE SEPARATE RIGHT NOW. Not later. NOW.
- Revelation 18 verse 4 says the same thing. COME OUT OF HER so you don't receive the same plagues.

**[21] Revelation 18:5 *For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.***

- In other words, BABYLON won't be saved. Her sins have reached unto heaven and they aren't forgiven.
- BABYLON is the home of false gods. Those false gods can't save anyone. Those false gods don't forgive sin.

**[22] Revelation 18:6 *Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.***

- If you separate yourself from BABYLON, you will be persecuted. UNDERSTAND.
- If you aren't getting any persecution in your life because of JESUS, then you need to stop and think.
- Why are you not being persecuted for JESUS CHRIST? Are you not saying anything about JESUS?
- "Reward her even as she rewarded you." God will reward BABYLON with HIS WRATH.
- "Double unto her DOUBLE according to her works." She's going to get double.
- Remember, you need to read Jeremiah 50 and 51 about BABYLON.

**[23] Jeremiah 50:15 *Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.***

**[24] Jeremiah 50:29 *Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.***

- Do you remember the DUAL FULFILLMENT PROPHECY we've talked about.
- Jeremiah Chapter 50 already happened, but it's also talking about the FUTURE PROPHECY TOO.
- It matches perfectly with Revelation Chapter 18.

**[25] Psalm 137:8-9 *O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us. 9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.***

- Do you see that today? "O DAUGHTER OF BABYLON" is talking about the evil people.
- You came out of BABYLON. Evil, wicked, nasty people. You don't want to be a part of that.
- DRUGS, ALCOHOL, FORNICATION, ADULTERY, LIARS, BLASPHEMOUS. Don't want any of that.
- Those things should make you sick, or at least should start to make you sick.
- I don't want any drugs in my body. I don't want any alcohol in my body.
- I don't want to share my body with anyone but my wife who God gave me.

Don't lie to people. Don't make things up and say, "God said that." That's BLASPHEMY.



- God says, "He loves everyone no matter what. God's love is unconditional."
- Do you know how many preachers say that today? It's amazing. The Bible never says that.

You should be happy when all of that is DESTROYED BY GOD once and for all.

- That's why you need to pull all of the people you love up and away from that stuff.
- GOD WILL REPAY. You don't want them there when God repays.
- When God repays, if you're saved and on God's side, you will be happy when those evil and wicked people are DASHED against the stones.
- "HAPPY SHALL HE BE, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones."
- That's talking about all the CHILDREN OF BABYLON. Read ISAIAH Chapter 13 when you get home today.

***[26] Isaiah 13:16-18 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. 17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. 18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.***

- That's talking about BABYLON. The MEDES and PERSIANS conquered Babylon.
- "They shall have no pity on the fruit of thy womb; their eye shall not spare children."
- GOD SAYS repeatedly in the BIBLE that HE WILL REPAY. You don't think Babylon deserves that?
- You don't think God is a just GOD who repays, who rewards?

***[27] Deuteronomy 7:10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.***

***[28] Isaiah 59:18 According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.***

- There are hundreds of verses about God's vengeance.
- He sees everything. He doesn't forget. He's everywhere.
- So, if you want to do bad to people and think you'll get by with it, THINK AGAIN.
- If you've done bad in your life to people, you need to ask God to forgive you.
- Think about what you've done. I have. It's not good, and I'm sorry for all those things.
- It's actually a very sad thing. So, let's fix it now the only way we can: THROUGH GOD.
- But God also repays good too. He sees that too in your life.

***[29] Proverbs 13:21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.***

- So get away from sin. GET AWAY FROM BABYLON. Stay close to God all day every day.
- You can do so through constant prayer, Bible reading, and telling others about God.

***[30] Revelation 18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.***

- If you want to glorify YOURSELF and live DELICIOUSLY, so much torment and sorrow you will receive.
- That's what BABYLON is going to receive. And all those people from BABYLON.
- The people will suffer, and they will suffer on different levels too.



- They might all be going to hell, but some will suffer more than others. GOD SAYS SO.
- The evil person says, "PSSHH, whatever. I SIT A QUEEN. I won't see any torment or sorrow. Yeah, right."
- So they say they won't see anything like that. GOD SAYS DIFFERENT. Who do you think is right?

**[31] Revelation 18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.**

- God sure doesn't take very long to accomplish what He wants.
- He gives us all time because He's patient with us, but when His patience runs out, WATCH OUT.
- "Therefore shall her plagues come in one day." In one day, death, mourning, and famine.
- "SHE SHALL BE UTTERLY BURNED WITH FIRE."
- God is the judge. AND HE IS STRONG!!! So watch out. Separate yourselves from that. You want no part.
- I want to show you how closely related Revelation 18 verses 7 and 8 are to Isaiah 47 verses 7 through 10.

**[32] Isaiah 47:7-8 And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. 8 Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:**

**[33] Isaiah 47:9-10 But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. 10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.**

- Hey, we have to wake up and pay attention to how we think within ourselves.
- Are we always putting ourselves first? "That sayest in thine heart, I AM, and none else beside me."
- "I'M THE MOST IMPORTANT!!! Who are you, God? IT'S ME. I'M HERE. WHO ARE YOU, GOD?"
- Hey, that's evil if you ever think like that. "I am the important one here. Not you, God."
- That's what we're saying when we put other things before God. It's true.
- "I won't lose anything. God's not going to do anything to me." That's arrogant and proud right there.
- GOD WILL REPAY YOU. GOD WILL MAKE YOU DESOLATE IN A MOMENT. Then you'll know.
- Don't let it get to that point. HUMBLE YOURSELF. Do you want to be proud and arrogant?

**[34] Jeremiah 50:29-30 Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel. 30 Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD.**

**[35] Jeremiah 50:31-32 Behold, I am against thee, O thou most proud, saith the Lord GOD of hosts: for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee. 32 And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.**

- I've been proud in my life. NO MORE. I didn't think anything could touch me.
- That's how you think when you're younger and you don't know GOD.
- "WHATEVER, I'LL DO WHAT I WANT and NO ONE WILL STOP ME." Have you ever thought that before?

- Well, let me tell you this, you forgot about God. HE WILL STOP YOU. That's what we need to understand.
- It's best in your life to get to know God as soon as you can so you aren't an idiot like I was.
- Can you start to see what BABYLON is all about? I used to be there. I was a part of Babylon.
- And only through the GRACE OF GOD did He bring me back to HIM. And I thank Him for that. I didn't do it.
- He did it. And if you're saved right now. You didn't do it. HE DID IT. Thank HIM for that.

***[36] Revelation 18:9-10 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.***

- So remember, BABYLON will represent an ACTUAL PLACE in Revelation.
- It could be the United States. It could be somewhere else.
- When this happens, the United States might now even exist.
- It seems like it's getting much closer, and it could be the United States.
- GOD DESTROYS BABYLON right here in this SCRIPTURE.

The people who depended on her in life are going to be sad. "There goes all our money."

- "There goes all the fun and entertainment in our life. OH, it's a sad day!!! Look at her burn."
- They will be sad. Not because of her burning. Because they're going to lose something for themselves.
- It's selfishness in every way possible. ALAS, ALAS, that great city BABYLON, that MIGHTY CITY.
- She's burning. The smoke is rising. They don't want to get close to that any more.
- IN ONE HOUR thy judgement is come. In one hour BABYLON will be destroyed.

***[37] Jeremiah 51:8-9 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. 9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.***

- Babylon is in trouble. She's helped us our entire life. She's made us rich.
- But she's in trouble now, so I'm out of here. Have you ever had that in your life?
- When your so-called friends forsake you when you get some trouble from the world?
- "I stood up against HOMOSEXUALS, friend. Are you going to stand with me?"
- "Are you going to be there for me, friend?"

Imagine asking a PASTOR to stand up with you against homosexuals. GOD SAYS to stand against them.

- The Pastor says, "Sorry buddy, not today. I'm not going to look bad. I'm not going to lose offering."
- That's what happened right there in that SCRIPTURE. "Let us go. Let me out of here. I'm not helping you."
- "This is all about me!!! You didn't know that." Yeah, your so-called friends will disappear.
- That's why I don't need any friends. FRIENDS in this BABYLON today will forsake you in a minute.
- What you need today is GOD? Why? Listen to this.

***[38] Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

- You might say, "Well, I don't really have any friends." What's God say?
- Be happy with what you have FOR GOD SAYS: "I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE NOR FORSAKE THEE."

- Your other so-called friends? Yeah right, "SEE YOU LATER BUDDY." They'll run when you need help.

**[39] Deuteronomy 31:8** *And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.*

- God doesn't stand behind you. All you asked of your friends was to stand behind you if you needed it.
- You don't have to ask God to stand behind you. When the fight comes to you, HE STEPS IN FRONT.
- He goes out before you and fights. And He doesn't lose the fight. Since He does that, should you fear?
- NO!!! He says right there, "FEAR NOT, NEITHER BE DISMAYED." Hey, I got this, GOD SAYS.
- So don't worry about the friends from BABYLON. You don't need those type of friends.

**[40] Revelation 18:11** *And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:*

- Why do they weep? It's amazing. Because no one buys their STUFF any more.
- They don't care that the people are BURNING. They just want the money from their stuff.
- So, we have to be careful with this virus. I don't believe it's as bad as people say.
- But hey, people are dying. It's not us. But do we care? Or, do we want our money more?
- Are we weeping over the CHINA VIRUS because we're losing money, or because people are dying?
- You have to think about that. And yeah, the crooked politicians will take advantage and lie.
- But, let's have some compassion and care about others more than MONEY.

**[41] Revelation 18:12-13** *The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, 13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.*

- So there's a list of all the things that aren't being bought any more because BABYLON is burning.
- SLAVES aren't being sold any more. You might say, SLAVES? The world doesn't have slaves any more.
- Oh yeah right. Little girls are stolen and sold to work as prostitutes. You talking about sick?
- There are SLAVES being sold all over the world RIGHT NOW. Children are stolen and sold as slaves.
- KIDNAPPING doesn't even carry the death penalty any more. It's okay to KIDNAP children.

**[42] Exodus 21:16** *And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.*

- If you try to steal a child, you should BE HUNG right in the middle of downtown wherever you are.
- Notice what else you see at the end of verse 13. THE SOULS OF MEN are being sold.
- People sell their souls to the devil all the time.
- When you decide priorities in your life, anything other than GOD at the top is selling your soul to SATAN.
- You better start to understand what GOD FIRST really means.
- It's not you first. It's not your family first. It's not your children first. It's not sports first.
- It's not alcohol first. It's not your job first. It's not your hobbies first. It's GOD FIRST.

What do you do first each day? That's a good way to learn how to put God first?

- When you wake up, what do you do first? Does it have something to do with God?
- Do you pray to God first? THANK YOU GOD for allowing me to live today. Thank you, God.

**[43] Revelation 18:14** *And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.*

- Think of the things you love the most in this world.
- I hear a lot of preachers talking about FOOD all the time.
- "OH HOW I MISS THE RESTAURANTS AND THE FOOD. I want to eat again at my favorite restaurants."
- Stop making FOOD your God in this world. Preachers need to get rid of those guts.
- I think they're starting to see what that SCRIPTURE means by a tiny amount.

Think about the things that you just got to have in this world. You can't live without them.

- "I can't lose my Taco Bell. I love Taco Bell. Oh, I just love those Chalupas with extra sour cream."
- "Oh, I love my chocolate. I love it so much I hide it all so my Dad can't find it and eat it."
- "Oh, I love gambling. I love my beer. I have to have it when I get home from work. It helps me relax."
- "Oh, I hurt so bad that I HAVE TO HAVE my pain pills. I love my TV shows on NETFLEX. I got to have it."
- "I love my fancy clothes. I would never get caught out in public looking like that."

Think of all those things that people GOTTA HAVE in this world.

- What's that SCRIPTURE say at the end there?
- "AND THOU SHALT FIND THEM NO MORE AT ALL." They're gone. It's not temporary.
- "Well, I need my milk. I love milk. Do you believe Whole Foods is limiting the milk I can have?"
- Hey listen, we don't need those things. We'll be just fine.
- Now, if we lost the word of God, then we would be in trouble.
- Do you think God might be humbling everyone just a bit with this virus? WAKE UP PEOPLE.

**[44] Deuteronomy 8:3** *And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.*

- Hey, you won't die if you don't get everything you want.
- I'm not going to die if I don't get milk every day. I love milk. SO WHAT!!! It's just milk.
- Now I will die if I don't have the word of God. I need it every single day.
- "I study the word of God every single day for hours upon hours, and I can't live without it."
- That's what we need to get to. WE MUST HAVE IT TO LIVE. Not all that other trash.

**[45] Revelation 18:15-16** *The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!*

- Do you remember how John marveled when he saw the great whore in the previous chapter?

**[46] Revelation 17:6** *And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*

- Revelation 18 verse 15 and 16 is telling us why. We all would marvel because BABYLON is beautiful to us.

***[47] Revelation 18:16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!***

- When we see someone clothes in fine linen, purple, scarlet, decked with gold, precious stones and pearls:
- We will marvel because all of those things come from God. The heavenly city will have all those things.
- We admire those things. BUT DO WE LOVE THEM MORE THAN GOD?
- No, you can't admire anything more than God. And it can't even be a close race.
- You must be willing to give all those things up for God. THEN, one day you'll be clothed in those things.

***[48] Revelation 18:17-18 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, 18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!***

- So again, this GREAT CITY BABYLON will fall from the greatest to NOTHING.
- How long does it take? ONE HOUR. That's it.
- Every shipmaster, all ships, the sailors, and everyone in the sea around BABYLON will watch it burn.
- THE SMOKE WILL ARISE. And they will look at each other and say, "What city was ever like that city?"
- "That's a great city and look now. She's burning down in one hour."
- God took the actual BABYLON out already. It's no longer inhabited any more.

***[49] Isaiah 34:9-10 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. 10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.***

- But one day, THE BABYLON OF REVELATION will be turned to burning pitch.
- We watched a short movie about SODOM AND GOMORRAH. Did you know it's still there?
- The proof of it being destroyed with brimstone is still there.
- You can take a piece of that brimstone and light it with a match. It spews out.
- It turns into this thick substance that looks like blood. That's what PITCH is in that Scripture.

BABYLON will be turned into that and the dust into brimstone. The entire land will turn into that.

- From generation to generation it shall lie waste. NONE SHALL PASS THROUGH IT EVER AGAIN.

***[50] Revelation 18:19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.***

- This chapter continues to repeat the same things over and over again.
- This is showing you how much the people LOVED that city. They were made rich through that city.
- That's why countries want to ally up with the United States. They want to get rich.
- It's true. It's all about the money. PEOPLE LOVE MONEY.
- "IN ONE HOUR SHE IS MADE DESOLATE."
- Again, from this beautiful place to this thick blackish and reddish PITCH. Like tar running everywhere.
- This beautiful BUT WICKED and FILTHY place.

- People can look beautiful on the outside but nasty on the inside.

**[51] Matthew 23:25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.**

- The same thing goes for that GREAT WHORE BABYLON. John admired her. She is beautiful on the outside.
- But on the inside where it counts the most BY FAR, she is filthy, nasty, and wicked.

**[52] Revelation 18:20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.**

- This is GOD still speaking. Does He say you should mourn for that wicked BABYLON?
- Those people are BURNING. God says, "REJOICE OVER HER THOU HEAVEN!!!"
- "Ye holy apostles and prophets: REJOICE!!!" Why would we rejoice?
- "BECAUSE GOD HATH AVENGED YOU ON HER." God repayed that wicked BABYLON for you.
- You'll be in heaven when that happens. Be ready to rejoice when you see this.

Won't it be awesome to wait for those words from God? You'll know the SCRIPTURE.

- You'll see Babylon burning. You'll be waiting for those words to come from God.
- "REJOICE OVER HER, THOU HEAVEN!!!" And you'll be there rejoicing because wickedness is gone.

So, when a child molester dies from the Corona Virus, I'm not sad.

- When a serial rapist dies from the Corona Virus, I'm not sad.
- When an evil and wicked person who hates God dies from the Corona Virus, I'm not sad.
- I REJOICE because WICKEDNESS is gone from this earth and is headed to hell.
- Churches today would kick me out for saying something like that.
- God will repay them because they teach the opposite of what GOD SAYS.
- Let me shows you what God says we should do:

**[53] Isaiah 44:23 Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.**

- When GOD does something, HIS PEOPLE will SHOUT AND SING!!!
- When God throws someone into hell, WE SHOULD SHOUT AND SING!!!
- Why is that? GOD DID IT. What God does is always good. Understand that today.
- BABYLON today teaches you the opposite. The false churches teach you the opposite.
- You should be happy, Josh, that someone was thrown into hell.
- Well, who did it? The false churches will tell you Satan did it. Oh no, Satan didn't do it.
- GOD DID IT. God runs heaven and hell. NOT SATAN.

SHOUT FOR JOY when God does something.

- If God sent the CORONA VIRUS, then I shout for joy. If not, then I don't shout for joy.
- If God wants to do something, I'm right there with GOD.
- If He wants to punish me, I'm right there with Him.
- I know whatever He does is the best that could ever happen. TRUST GOD.



**[54] Jeremiah 51:48-49** *Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD. 49 As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.*

- Hey, I'm going to sing for the destruction of Babylon when I'm in heaven.
- And I hope to see all of you there standing together as we sing for it as it burns. GOD DID IT!!!

**[55] Revelation 18:21** *And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.*

- This great angel picks up a HUGE STONE and casts it into the sea.
- Do you know what a TSUNAMI looks like? That angel casts that stone. You're standing on the beach.
- That stone hits way out in the water. All the water suddenly recedes from the shore and out into the sea.
- There's dry ground for miles. The water just takes off away from you because it's being pulled back.
- And then GOD releases it all and it comes flying in a HUGE WAVE right at you.
- Hundred foot tall waves come crashing into BABYLON.
- The waves calm, recede back into the sea, and nothing is left. BABYLON is gone forever.
- "AND SHALL BE FOUND NO MORE AT ALL."

**[56] Jeremiah 51:63-64** *And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: 64 And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.*

- Isn't the BIBLE awesome? Do you see how it's all connected? It's amazing.

**[57] Revelation 18:22** *And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;*

- NO MORE. The voices of harpers are gone. Musicians gone. The sound of people working is gone.
- THE PEOPLE ARE NO MORE. The life within that great city BABYLON is no more.
- God gives and God takes away. It's gone. AND WE REJOICE!!!

**[58] Isaiah 24:8-10** *The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth. 9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it. 10 The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.*

**[59] Jeremiah 7:34** *Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.*

**[60] Jeremiah 25:10** *Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.*

- Do you want to be a part of that? Do you not want to hear gladness any more?



- Do you want to end up suffering in hell? Is that where you want your family and friends?
- I don't understand why people want to reject God. It's very difficult. You can't make people listen.
- That's why we can only pray to God for our friends and family and hope that they'll listen.
- Don't miss your chances to tell people about JESUS CHRIST.

**[61] Revelation 18:23** *And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.*

- It's not a sad thing to get rid of liars and deceivers. FALSE PREACHERS. They need to leave NOW.
- If there were only BIBLE PREACHERS around, we wouldn't have to fight with these false preachers.
- I PRAY TO GOD THAT HE TAKES OUT ALL THE FALSE PREACHERS!!!
- Why? They're talking people into believing their lies. They're sending people to hell.
- "And to hell with them," I say. I will rejoice when God takes them out. STOP DECEIVING the people.

**[62] Revelation 18:24** *And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.*

- Within that GREAT WHORE OF BABYLON is found the blood of prophets, saints, and martyrs.
- Those people have killed GOD'S PROPHETS and SAINTS.
- The people who are trying to spread God's word are killed.
- The false churches around here today will silence anyone who doesn't speak their false doctrine.
- YOU AREN'T SILENCING ME!!! Only GOD will silence me. And I welcome that whenever He wants.
- I pray that GOD takes the voices away from those false preachers. TAKE THEM OUT.

**[63] Psalm 139:21-24** *Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? 22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

- Why don't you join with me today in praying against the evil false preachers in this area?
- Why don't we pray that people will see the truth in the Bible and seek that out?
- Why don't we pray that GOD would open their eyes today, right now?
- Please God, if it's your will today, please open the eyes of the people in this county today.

**[64] Jeremiah 2:34** *Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.*

- Today, we pray against all those false preachers sending people to hell today.
- People are trusting in these false preachers who represent BABYLON. And I'm sick of them.
- "STOP TAKING THE BLOOD OF THE SOULS OF THE POOR INNOCENTS!!!"
- Anyone who approves of killing poor innocent babies is SICK. God, please open their eyes today.
- And if it's not your will for their eyes to be opened, please take those people out.
- We don't need people who MURDER innocent babies.
- With whatever God does, I REJOICE!!! When God takes out BABYLON once and for all, I REJOICE!!!

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 19

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 19."

- In Revelation Chapter 17 and 18, we learned about BABYLON and her destruction.
- The destruction of Babylon happens in ONE HOUR.
- Now, let's see what happens in Revelation Chapter 19.

**[3] Revelation 19:1-2 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: 2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.**

- So we see that GREAT WHORE mentioned here again who is BABYLON THE GREAT.
- Do you remember this? She corrupted the earth with her fornication.
- Babylon represents this false world religion and all false religions throughout the world.
- That especially includes the false religions within so-called CHRISTIANITY.
- The world can call whoever they want CHRISTIANS, but God is the one who actually matters.
- Who does GOD call a CHRISTIAN? It's the one who have trusted in HIM to save them completely.

So, notice there in verse 1 that you see "AND AFTER THESE THINGS."

- After what things? Directly after BABYLON is destroyed these things are happening in Chapter 19.
- So, we see the phrase AFTER THIS or AFTER THESE THINGS constantly in the Book of Revelation.
- This tells us directly that these things are happening in chronological order.
- Remember, Revelation Chapter 1 through 11 are in order. We start over in Chapter 12.
- And then Revelation Chapter 12 through 22 are in chronological order.

We see in verses 1 and 2 that the people in heaven are very happy that GOD has taken judgement on Babylon.

- BABYLON has corrupted the earth. She has killed God's servants.
- So, the saved people in heaven, MUCH PEOPLE, are saying: "ALLELUIA!!!"
- The word ALLELUIA is only found in Revelation Chapter 19, and it's there 4 times.
- The word ALLELUIA comes from the HEBREW Hallelujah. But it means: "PRAISE YE JAH!" J-A-H. JAH.
- Yah, Yahweh. Yah or Jah is an abbreviation for Yahweh or Jehovah.

**[4] Psalm 68:4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.**

- So, think about the word HALLELUJAH. At the end of Hallelujah, the last 3 letters are J-A-H.
- Alleluia in Revelation Chapter 19 is the same thing. The word means PRAISE YE THE LORD.
- I want to show you how connected the New Testament is to the Old Testament.

**[5] Psalm 104:35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.**

- Do you see the last part of that verse? "PRAISE YE THE LORD." Praise is HAWLAL is Hebrew.

- And “ye the Lord” is YAW. Together, they sound like HALLELUJAH. Or Praise ye the Lord.
- So now you know what ALLELUIA and HALLELUJAH means.
- The word HALLELUJAH is not in the Bible. It simply comes from the Hebrew words.
- But notice where that phrase is derived. Look at that verse closely. What’s happening?
- “Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more.”
- When BABYLON is destroyed in Revelation 19, they SAY ALLELUIAH or PRAISE YE THE LORD!!!

**[6] Revelation 19:3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.**

- This is talking about everlasting hell for the wicked. The wicked are all those who won’t believe on Jesus.
- Does it say: “Her smoke rose up for a short time?” No, it says FOREVER.
- The word HELL is found in the Bible 54 times. It’s a place of everlasting torment.
- FIRE AND BRIMSTONE. Smoke. Why is there smoke? Because something is BURNING.

**[7] Deuteronomy 32:22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.**

- You see FIRE from God’s ANGER. That fire burns unto the lowest hell.
- And where is it located? “THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE MOUNTAINS.” Think how low that is.
- The center of the earth is where hell is located. The Bible says so. And it’s a fire. It’s hot there.
- Hell is where both your body and soul is destroyed by God.

**[8] Mark 9:43-44 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.**

- When you go to hell, it’s not a temporary place. It says, “The fire that NEVER shall be quenched.”

**[9] Luke 16:23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.**

- It’s not a fun place. It’s not a temporary place. FIRE. BURNING. TORMENT.
- That’s why you see SMOKE RISING up for ever and ever in Revelation 19 verse 3.

**[10] Revelation 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**

- The people who receive the mark of the beast, will go to hell FOR EVER AND EVER.
- Amen and HALLELUJAH. They’re gone. They are in torment forever. The evil is gone.

**[11] Revelation 19:4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.**

- We see these 24 elders and the 4 beasts that surround the throne falling down and worshipping God.
- AMEN AND ALLELUIA. We see them throughout the Book of Revelation doing this same thing.

**[12] Revelation 19:5** *And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.*

- A voice comes out of the throne, saying, "PRAISE OUR GOD, ALL YE HIS SERVANTS."
- The voice is coming from the throne. We have the same God as that voice coming from the throne.
- That's JESUS CHRIST speaking from the throne. God the Father is the GOD OF JESUS CHRIST.

**[13] John 20:17** *Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.*

- Jesus calls HIS FATHER "MY GOD" all the time throughout the Bible.
- Jesus cried out on the cross as He dies: "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me."

**[14] Revelation 3:12** *Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

- That's Jesus Christ speaking right there from the throne. He says, "My God" in that verse 4 times.
- He is seated right there at the right hand of the FATHER on the throne.
- He commands all the people in heaven to PRAISE OUR GOD. And what happens? Let's see.

**[15] Revelation 19:6** *And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*

- The people do what JESUS commands because they know God. In one accord, a great multitude.
- As the voice of a HUGE NUMBER OF WATERS and MIGHTY THUNDERINGS. Imagine that.
- Saying, "ALLELUIA!!! For the Lord God OMNIPOTENT reigneth."

And that's the only time you'll see the word omnipotent in the entire Bible.

- OMNI means ALL. OMNIPOTENT is ALL POWERFUL. God has unlimited power that never ends.
- He speaks and creates worlds. Not one thing EVER in existence has any power over Him AT ALL.
- Satan doesn't have ANY power to go up against God. And no man has that power.
- All of creation combined from the beginning can't go up against God. HE IS ETERNAL.
- God is all powerful, all present, and all knowing. That's omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient.
- OMNIPOTENT is the only one of those 3 spelled out directly in the Bible.
- But the others do come from SCRIPTURE. We know God is all powerful, all present, and all knowing.
- I'll show you with one SCRIPTURE for all of these and you can find many, many more.

**[16] Psalm 115:3** *But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.*

**[17] Psalm 147:5** *Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.*

**[18] Psalm 139:7-8** *Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.*

- Keep that in mind. God is all powerful, all knowing, and everywhere.

- You can't hide anything from God. You can't out smart God. You can't get away from Him.
- So just give it up and join HIS SIDE. Because no matter what you do, He's not going away.
- You can ignore Him all you want, BUT He's still there. And He always will be.
- In heaven, on earth, and in hell HE IS THERE. He is God. Understand what that means.
- So, these people in heaven yell out and praise God. "THE LORD GOD REIGNS FOREVER!!!"

**[19] Revelation 19:7 *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.***

- Notice where we are in the timeline of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week. We're in Revelation Chapter 19.
- The tribulation has already happened. The rapture has already happened.
- God's wrath has been poured out with the 7 trumpets and 7 vials. BABYLON has been destroyed.
- And NOW, what time has come? "FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB IS COME."

**[20] Revelation 19:8-9 *And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.***

- So, we're seeing that there will be a MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB. And people are going to be invited.
- Imagine that MARRIAGE SUPPER. This is one that God is throwing. Hope you're invited.
- Believe on JESUS CHRIST, and that is your invitation. You'll be there. If you won't believe, you won't be.

Many false preachers today say that the RAPTURE happens before the tribulation begins.

- They say that we MUST be raptured up to heaven before the 7 years begins. Why?
- "BECAUSE we must be in heaven for 7 years celebrating the MARRIAGE and having SUPPER."
- They say, "We must go up to heaven to celebrate the marriage supper of the lamb."
- And then, "We'll return with Jesus Christ in Revelation Chapter 19." That's what they teach.
- I'm sorry, but the Bible doesn't say that anywhere.
- Just because it makes sense to you doesn't mean it's true. It better match what God says.

Revelation Chapter 12 through 22 are CLEARLY in chronological order.

- That's why the Bible says AFTER THIS, AFTER THESE THINGS. It's giving us the order.
- Now, get this straight in your head today. We're at Revelation Chapter 19.
- It's VERY clear that BABYLON has just been destroyed.
- And it's very clear that the seventh vial already happened.
- In Revelation Chapter 16, the 7 angels pour out the 7 vials. It's in perfect order.

Then we see Babylon the Great in Revelation Chapter 17.

- Then we see BABYLON being destroyed in Revelation Chapter 18.
- You'll see terms being used like "AFTER THESE THINGS" which shows you all of this is in order.
- In this chapter, Revelation Chapter 19, the first verse says AND AFTER THESE THINGS.
- So, how in the world do the pre-tribulation rapture teachers say things like:
- The marriage supper happens before the tribulation and before God's wrath?
- It's very clearly AFTER all of those things. It's after the tribulation, after the Rapture, after the vials.
- This chapter is 100% proof that the marriage supper happens AFTER all those things and not BEFORE.

Do you know what these false preachers use as their proof that the marriage supper is before Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week?

- They don't use the Bible at all. They say that JEWISH WEDDINGS are 7-Day weddings.
- The 7-Day weddings matches well with the 7-Year period of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.
- So, because of JEWISH TRADITION, we're going to be raptured and at the marriage supper for 7 years.
- "We're going to be celebrating the 7-year wedding according to Jewish tradition."
- So, the Bible never says that. There are no 7-day JEWISH weddings in the Bible.
- People won't accept clear teaching and order of events from the Bible because of a JEWISH TRADITION.

***[21] Titus 1:13-14 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; 14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.***

- That's why I preach like this. THE BIBLE IS TRUE. "This witness is TRUE."
- "REBUKE THEM SHARPLY," the Bible says. Don't choose JEWISH FABLES over the truth in the Bible.
- Don't believe MAN-MADE teaching like the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. It doesn't match the Bible.

***[22] Mark 7:13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.***

- So, the WORD OF GOD says ONE THING. You say, "Oh, no, it can't be that because of Jewish tradition."
- What are you doing when you say that? "Making the word of God of NONE EFFECT."
- "I'm not going to listen to the Bible," that's what they're saying. "What does God know?"
- They have no fear of God. No understanding of the WORD OF GOD!!! Do you realize who God is?

So, remember, there are JEWISH weddings in the Bible, but they aren't seven days. They're one day.

- Do you know who had a 7-day wedding in the Bible? There's only one 7-day wedding in the Bible.
- It happens in JUDGES CHAPTER 14. This is SAMSON'S WEDDING to a Philistine. It's a 7-day marriage feast.

***[23] Judges 14:3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.***

- All of this takes place WITH THE PHILISTINES. This isn't a JEWISH WEDDING FEAST.

***[24] Judges 14:10 So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.***

- This is when Samson gives the Philistines the riddle. The Philistines threaten Samson's wife and her family.

***[25] Judges 14:17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.***

- Notice, it's a 7-DAY PHILISTINE MARRIAGE SUPPER. There are no 7-day Jewish marriage suppers.
- So again, they are making things up and following a Philistine tradition. FALSE GODS.
- Let's go back to Revelation Chapter 19 verse 7 for a second.



**[26] Revelation 19:7 *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.***

- The LAMB'S WIFE hath made herself ready. How do you make yourself ready to stand in front of God?
- You better have the righteousness of Jesus Christ. If Jesus is the groom, He's ready. He's righteous.
- How does a groom and bride make themselves ready for each other in this life?
- They should both be PURE. They should be virgins without blemish.

**[27] Revelation 19:8 *And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.***

- That's why a BRIDE wears a WHITE WEDDING DRESS. This shows she is pure for her groom.
- And God doesn't recommend that. HE DEMANDS THAT for the bride and groom. BE PURE.
- We'll only be wearing white through the RIGHTEOUSNESS of Jesus Christ. He gave us that righteousness.

**[28] Revelation 19:9 *And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.***

- This angel is telling John what to write here in the Book of Revelation.

**[29] Revelation 19:10 *And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.***

- So, here we see that SOME angels are HUMAN. They aren't all living creatures or beasts.
- Notice where John falls to worship this angel.
- He says, "Oh no, don't do that, John. I am they FELLOWSERVANT and of they brethren."
- He says, "I have the testimony of Jesus Christ." The angels that are living creatures aren't saved by Jesus.
- This human angel says, "I am of your fellow brethren." So we see that there are HUMAN angels.
- We see that all throughout the Bible. Angels are messengers of God.
- Angels from God constantly rebuke people to not worship them but worship GOD ONLY.

We don't worship false preachers who act as if they are God. You better be careful about that.

- For example, I've heard a preacher COMMAND God in prayer. He commanded God to do something.
- "I command you, God, to heal these people of everything today."
- That's no joke. Don't fall asleep with preachers. Watch what they're saying.
- What comes out of their mouth MATTERS. That's why you need to know the Bible. Test it with the Bible.

Can you imagine ELIJAH commanding God to do something? Paul? Moses? John the Baptist?

- There's no example of anyone telling God what to do. You can ask Him. You can make a request.
- But don't expect God to do everything you want Him to do. You don't command God.
- Let's see what happens next in verse 11.

**[30] Revelation 19:11 *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.***

- You see HEAVEN open. A white horse comes out of heaven. There's a man sitting on the horse.
- HIS NAME IS FAITHFUL AND TRUE. He is the judge, and He is a man of war.

**[31] Exodus 15:3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.**

- We know this is the Lord Jesus Christ upon this horse. We find out for sure in the next couple of verses.

**[32] Revelation 19:12-13 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.**

- We know Jesus is the WORD OF GOD. His vesture is dipped in blood. He has MANY crowns.

**[33] John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**[34] John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

- So, 100% without a doubt, the man on that horse is GOD HIMSELF, Jesus Christ.
- JESUS Christ is THE WORD OF GOD. Jesus isn't the actual words, but HE IS THE WORD OF GOD.
- He wrote them. The Bible came from the WORD OF GOD. Understand that today.

Yes, I raise the BIBLE and put it on a pedestal. I don't worship the actual BIBLE.

- False preachers don't like that. "Well, you put too much emphasis on the Bible." That's what they say.
- Why? Because they don't like the Bible. They like to make up whatever they want.
- They like to make themselves out to be God.
- I worship the WORD OF GOD who wrote the Bible. And I trust HIS WORDS.
- I want you to see that JESUS is THE WORD OF GOD. The words in the Bible are HIS WORDS.

**[35] Revelation 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.**

- GOD on the throne tells John to write: these words are TRUE AND FAITHFUL. Now, watch this.

**[36] Revelation 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**

- Jesus, who is sitting on the horse, is called FAITHFUL AND TRUE. Just like the words. THE WORD OF GOD.
- If you want to get to know God, that's why you need to read HIS WORDS. That's HIM.
- That's why He gave us the Bible. When we read and study it, we get to know HIM and who He is TRULY.
- When you see Jesus coming on a white horse, it's not to make peace. It's war time.

**[37] John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.**

- Jesus came to the earth in HIS FIRST COMING to save the world. He didn't come to make war.

- The Jews fall at that stumbling block. They think the true Messiah is coming to PHYSICALLY conquer.
- And that's why their being setup to believe the ANTI-CHRIST is the true Messiah.
- Jesus came the first time to SPIRITUALLY CONQUER. "I'm here to save you SPIRITUALLY."
- "I'm here to give you eternal life." But this time in Revelation, Jesus is coming to make war.
- He's been patient. He's done everything He can do for these people. And now He's angry.
- NOW HE'S COMING FOR THESE EVIL PEOPLE THAT ARE LEFT HERE ON THE EARTH.
- They were gathering together for war against Him. He says, "You want war? You got it."

**[38] Revelation 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.**

- This is the saints coming with Jesus from heaven and clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
- So, they are riding upon white horses. You better get to learning how to ride a horse.
- God has millions of angels in HIS army, He has a great multitude of saints in HIS ARMY.
- But guess who is in HIS ARMY? JESUS CHRIST, and He can stand alone as the CAPTAIN.

**[39] Revelation 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

- Out of HIS MOUTH goes a sharp sword WHICH IS the WORD OF GOD.

**[40] Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

- JESUS will rule the earth with a ROD OF IRON. He treads the winepress of the FIERCENESS and WRATH.
- He's not some easy going feminine Jesus that wears a dress and has long hair.

**[41] Psalm 2:7-9 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.**

- That's talking about JESUS CHRIST right there in the Book of Psalms. "BREAK THEM with a ROD OF IRON."

**[42] Lamentations 1:15 The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty men in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: the Lord hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a winepress.**

- So, Jesus is coming on this white horse and He has an army of saints with Him.
- But, listen, He doesn't need the army of saints to win. He's done it before on His own. He is God.

**[43] Isaiah 63:3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.**

- God is a God of love. His love never goes away IF you believe what He says.

- If not, He will be a God of wrath to you. You need to fear Him because He is real and serious.

**[44] Revelation 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

- That's JESUS CHRIST. He is KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS. He is the ALMIGHTY GOD.
- Some false religions who claim to be Christian still don't see this. They believe their prophets.
- They even go door to door proclaiming to be the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.
- The Jehovah's Witness go door to door proclaiming themselves to be Christian.
- But Jesus isn't God Almighty to any of them. Well, that verse right there says different.

**[45] Revelation 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;**

- So you have all these BIRDS or FOWLS that fly in the midst of heaven.
- This angel is saying, "COME and GATHER together!!! It's supper time!!!" What are they eating? Let's see.

**[46] Revelation 19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.**

- So, we see Jesus and an army from heaven coming for a battle.
- There's going to be this great slaughter of kings, captains, mighty men, and their horses.
- The birds are getting ready to eat. They're going to clean it all up when the slaughter is finished.
- This is the BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON. And this is how Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week ends.

**[47] Revelation 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.**

- It's sad because the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies think they have a chance.
- All they need to do is realize the Bible is the TRUTH, and read it. They don't have a chance.
- The beast is the ANTI-CHRIST. He has ruled and reigned on the earth now for 42 months or 3.5 years.
- The kings of the earth begin to prepare for this battle at the SIXTH VIAL.
- Remember, the Euphrates is dried up to prepare the way of the Kings of the East.

All of their armies are ready for battle. And that isn't everyone left on earth. Some aren't fighting.

- God promises in Genesis Chapter 8 to NEVER destroy all the people on earth ever again.
- So, yes, there's still going to be people left on earth AFTER this battle.
- So, we see the 2 sides gathered together for battle. Now, let's see what happens in this battle.

**[48] Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**

- We see the BEAST and the FALSE PROPHET are taken and cast into a LAKE OF FIRE.
- "Hey, where's your leaders? Oh, there they are. You're cast into the lake of fire." That's it.

- This isn't much of a battle AT ALL. When Jesus Christ is there, it's over.

**[49] Revelation 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.**

- The remnant of people that are left are then slain with the sword of JESUS CHRIST.
- Yeah, He takes them all out with the SWORD, which is the WORD OF GOD. He is God.
- HIS WORDS can take them all out. I don't see any mention of the saints fighting on their horses.
- They just come along with Jesus. He acts. He speaks. It's over. Do you see any fighting?
- "And all the fowls were filled with their flesh." NO WORK involved on your part.

Even the fowls take care of the bodies. Salvation is not of works. TRUST JESUS. It's over. You're saved.

- So, when you're on one of those white horses and you see these GREAT BARBARIANS on the other side:
- They're growling and snarling out you. "I'm coming for you."
- Jesus Christ is there with you, are you going to have any fear?
- No, you can laugh because you know better. Same thing today. Jesus says, "I'm with you."

**[50] Jeremiah 42:11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.**

**[51] Haggai 1:13 Then spake Haggai the LORD'S messenger in the LORD'S message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD.**

**[52] Haggai 2:4-5 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts: 5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.**

- God says to HIS PEOPLE over and over again, "FEAR NOT, I AM WITH YOU."
- And you might say, "Well, that's all Old Testament." Well, let's see what Jesus says.

**[53] Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

- Jesus says, "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS." Don't be scared to tell people the truth about Jesus.
- He says, "GO!!! Teach them. I gave you understanding. You now understand. Now, go teach others."
- "Teach them to observe ALL THINGS whatsoever I have commanded you." That's why this church is here.
- We can give people the Gospel, get people saved through JESUS CHRIST, and then teach them.
- We're going to teach the Bible here. That's how we fulfill this commandment from Jesus.
- And we understand that JESUS is with us ALWAYS. Is he here right now? YES, HE IS here right now.

**[54] Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.**

- Do you believe what Jesus says? I do. I know He's here right now, and He's helping us learn.

- For that, Jesus, we thank you today, and we can't wait to be on those white horses one day beside you.
- We know you don't need us to fight, but we will any time you ask us.

To close today, let's do a quick summary of what we know so far in the Book of Revelation.

- We know that Jesus isn't coming back any time right now. He isn't coming back tonight.
- We're happy for that BECAUSE there's people left that we know that haven't accepted Jesus.
- We're happy for friends, family, and neighbors because they have more time to accept Jesus.
- The first thing that happens is the TRIBULATION begins. The tribulation is not a 7-year period.
- The tribulation BEGINS the 7-year period but then ends during the 7-year period of time.
- There is no SCRIPTURE in the Bible that says the tribulation is 7-years.

***[55] Matthew 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:***

- This SCRIPTURE says AFTER THE TRIBULATION, the sun is darkened, the moon is darkened.
- Well, that doesn't happen in Revelation 19, does it? We finished the entire Chapter.
- It doesn't happen anywhere BUT in Revelation Chapter 6. That's the ONLY PLACE in Revelation.
- So, these false pre-tribulation Rapture teachers make no sense AT ALL.
- After reading and studying the Book of Revelation verse by verse, we know this:

The tribulation is first and it lasts about 3-1/2 years. That's what you'll with the first 5 seals.

- The anti-Christ goes forth to conquer. There's war, famine, disease throughout the earth.
- The anti-Christ begins to reign and rule on the earth BEFORE the Rapture.
- The BEAST is the anti-Christ and takes power at the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION.
- This happens right in the MIDDLE of the 7-year period. Right at 3-1/2 years the anti-Christ takes power.
- At that time, the GREAT TRIBULATION begins. The anti-Christ begins to kill SAINTS.
- God shortens the great tribulation for the sakes of HIS SAVED PEOPLE.

After the tribulation, the sun and moon is darkened and Jesus comes in the clouds.

- All of the saved people are gathered together in the clouds with Jesus. That's the Rapture.
- Then, after the Rapture, God's wrath is poured out with the 7 trumpets and 7 vials.
- The anti-Christ is reigning during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 7-year period when God's wrath is being poured out.
- Jesus is now going to rule and reign on earth.

After the trumpets and vials are finished, the Battle of Armageddon takes place.

- And that's we learned about today in Revelation Chapter 19.
- Since Jesus is now REIGNING and RULING on earth with a rod of iron, we see the 1,000 year reign.
- We refer to this as the MILLENNIUM or 1,000 year period of Jesus ruling on earth.
- Then, we'll see the GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT next in Revelation Chapter 20.
- So, remember, Tribulation first. Rapture next. God's wrath. Battle of Armageddon. Millennium.
- Great white throne judgement. New heaven and a new earth. That's the order according to God.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 20

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 20."

- In Revelation Chapter 19, we saw things that happen directly after Babylon is destroyed.

***[3] Revelation 19:1-2 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: 2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.***

- The multitude in heaven are praising God for judging and destroying Babylon.
- Remember, whatever God does is good. When God throws people into hell, we rejoice.
- If you want to question God's actions, you don't understand God.
- "Well I feel so bad for those people because they're going to burn in hell."
- Well then maybe you should dedicate YOUR LIFE to helping save people from hell.
- But instead, the same people who feel so bad about it won't do anything about it.
- So, yes, they get thrown into hell because they won't believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Then, in Revelation Chapter 19, we see this.

***[4] Revelation 19:11-13 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.***

- The armies which were in heaven follow Jesus and they are also on white horses.
- Jesus is the word of God. He's going to rule the nations upon earth with a rod of iron.
- He is the KING OF KINGS and the LORD OF LORDS!!!
- We saw the fowls getting ready for a great feast of human flesh.

***[5] Revelation 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.***

- The beast and the false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire in Revelation. The beast = antichrist.
- The rest of the people there going up against Jesus are slain and the fowls eat their flesh.
- With that quick summary, let's start there in Revelation Chapter 20 verse 1.

***[6] Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.***

- We know from last chapter that the antichrist and the false prophet have already been thrown into the lake of fire.
- But what about Satan who is called the old serpent, the dragon, Lucifer, son of the morning?
- He isn't yet in hell. That means right now he isn't in hell. In Revelation 20, though, that will change.
- Satan isn't reigning over hell like so many in this world believe today.



So, this angel comes down from heaven having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

- We know that this angel is not Satan. Satan doesn't possess the keys to hell which is the bottomless pit.
- We know this because Revelation Chapter 9 tells us exactly who this angel is and gives us his name.

***[7] Revelation 9:11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.***

- Some false preachers teach that Abaddon or Apollyon is Satan. It's very easy to see that this isn't Satan.
- All you have to do is finish reading the Book of Revelation and especially Revelation Chapter 20.
- God is pouring out his wrath in Revelation Chapter 9 with the first woe of smoke and locusts.
- The locusts come out of the bottomless pit. This is coming from God. Not Satan.

***[8] Revelation 20:1-2 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,***

- Satan is not the angel of the bottomless pit. He doesn't have power over hell. He doesn't run hell.
- God runs hell. He is the king over hell and his angel of the bottomless pit is named Abaddon or Apollyon.
- This angel comes down FROM HEAVEN, he has the keys to hell and a great chain in his hand.
- He takes hold on the dragon, that old serpent, the devil, Satan, and bounds him with that great chain.
- Obviously, Abaddon or Apollyon is stronger than Satan. Why? Because he's doing God's will.
- God provides that strength. He shows us that throughout the Bible. We are weak. He is strong.

One of the most important things to see here is that Satan cannot be Abaddon or Apollyon.

- Many people will still say that they are the same. But Satan doesn't take himself and bound himself up.
- Abaddon takes Satan and bounds him for one thousand years. Notice it's not for eternity. 1,000 years.
- And also remember that the antichrist and beast were already thrown into the lake of fire.

***[9] Revelation 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.***

- Abaddon takes Satan and casts him into the bottomless pit. He is sealed up for 1,000 years.
- And Satan is going to be suffering in torment for 1,000 years. He's not reigning in hell.
- Once the 1,000 years are complete, Satan is going to be let loose for a little season.
- Please remember that Abaddon or Apollyon is not Satan. He is one of God's angels who destroys.
- Abaddon means DESTRUCTION. And you'll see angels within the Bible that cause destruction.
- And they aren't evil and fallen angels. They go out and kill during war. They cause destruction.
- Abaddon or Apollyon works for God and you can clearly see this in the Bible.

We also see that Satan is cast into the bottomless pit for 1,000 years. I want to focus on the bottomless pit.

- Hell is in the center of the earth and this is the bottomless pit.
- We see in Revelation 19, that the beast or antichrist and false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire.
- And notice that they are CAST ALIVE into the lake of fire. The antichrist and false prophet are human.
- They have a body, spirit, and soul. They are thrown ALIVE into the lake of fire. BODY AND ALL.

- Satan is a spirit. He is a fallen angel and angels are spirits. He is sent to the bottomless pit or hell.
- In the bottomless pit of hell, you don't see people in their bodies or flesh and bones.
- The lake of fire is also hell, but you'll notice that BODIES are also thrown into the lake of fire.
- We'll see more on this as we study Revelation Chapter 20.

***[10] Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.***

- Now, in verse 4, we've moved into talking about the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ.
- During this time, the saved people will rule and reign with Jesus Christ. Judgment will be given unto us.
- Yes, there will be thrones and saved people sitting on the thrones ruling and reigning with Jesus.
- We will not be like Jesus in the sense that HE IS GOD. Jesus is THE KING. We are not.

Notice that the souls of them that were beheaded for Jesus who is the word of God, will live and reign with Jesus.

- This will last for 1,000 years. This is important that you see the souls of them that were beheaded.
- These people will be there in the 1,000 year period in the new and glorified bodies.
- But this doesn't mean that it's ONLY the ones who are beheaded.
- In other words, it shouldn't be your goal to be BEHEADED for Jesus.
- Don't try to make it happen so you can rule and reign with Jesus for 1,000 years.
- Seeing the souls of them who were beheaded reigning PROVES the pre-tribulation rapture is false.

***[11] Revelation 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.***

- This is VERY IMPORTANT Scripture to understand for future prophecy.
- Again, this proves the pre-tribulation rapture false. THIS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION.
- The first resurrection is the rapture when Jesus comes in the clouds and gathers all his saved people.
- If you're saved, you're sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ, and you're called a saint.
- If you're saved before the rapture, you will get a new and glorified body. You will be immortal.
- You will be eternal. You will have a spiritual body just like Jesus did when he arose from the dead.
- And he was the first to have this new and glorified spiritual body. He ate and drank in his new body.
- Again, the first resurrection is the rapture and all the saved will be present at the rapture.

***[12] 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: 13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.***

- At the rapture or first resurrection, Jesus comes WITH ALL HIS SAINTS. It's all of them.
- It's not a limited number. It's not just some of them. All of the saved will be in the clouds with Jesus.
- Let's take a look at what happens at the RAPTURE with respect to who is resurrected.
- The rapture is the first resurrection that is talked about in Revelation Chapter 20 verse 5.

**[13] 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14** *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

- Right now, there are bodies that are sleeping with their souls in heaven.
- Right now in heaven, Jesus is the only one with a new and glorified body.
- Saints don't have a glorified body until the first resurrection or rapture takes place.
- Verse 14 says to sorrow not about those who have already died because God will bring them too.
- If you die before the rapture, God is bringing you with him to meet the others in the air.

**[14] 1 Thessalonians 4:15** *For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

- If you're alive and remain unto the rapture, you will not prevent the ones who have died already from coming too.
- That means the souls who are beheaded for the cause of Jesus Christ will be there at the rapture.
- That means all of the Old Testament saints like Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Elisha, Joshua, Rahab, Sarah.
- They will all be there too. I can't wait to see that. Can you say: "BEST DAY OF MY LIFE?"

**[15] 1 Thessalonians 4:16** *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

- At the first resurrection or rapture, the dead in Christ shall rise first.
- They will get a new and glorified body first. They will rise and be with the clouds with Jesus first.

**[16] 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18** *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

- So the dead rise first and then the alive are caught up together with them in the clouds.
- BEST DAY EVER. Comfort one another with these words.
- We don't cry when a saved person leaves because we'll never see them again.
- We cry because we're going to miss them so much until this happens. But we know we'll see them again.
- The Bible gives us the order of the resurrections in the Bible.
- The rapture is called the first resurrection, but what about the resurrection of Jesus?
- Are there other resurrections? How many? 1 Corinthians Chapter 15 answers these questions.

**[17] 1 Corinthians 15:20-22** *But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

- Notice that verse 21 clearly tells us that this SCRIPTURE is talking about the resurrection of the dead.
- CHRIST was risen from the dead FIRST and he is called the FIRSTFRUITS.
- We all die in Adam because of sin. All of sin. We all die to sin. But in Christ, all shall be made alive.

**[18] 1 Corinthians 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.**

- Now, we're going to see the order of how the resurrection's happen.
- CHRIST is the firstfruits. If you remember the feasts and holy days, JESUS AROSE on the firstfruits.
- Once you get this all down, the Bible is amazing. It all goes together perfectly. Old and New Testament.
- Christ is the firstfruits. Afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. This is the rapture.
- This Scripture proves the rapture is the first resurrection which is the COMING OF THE LORD.

**[19] 1 Corinthians 15:24-26 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.**

- Jesus is going to reign for 1,000 years until the last enemy is destroyed.
- There's going to be a second resurrection. This will be at the end AFTER the 1,000 year reign.
- I'll prove this to you with more SCRIPTURE, but here's the order of the resurrections.
- #1 Christ is the firstfruits. He arose from the dead. He possessed the first new and glorified human body.
- #2 The first resurrection is the rapture when all the saints are gathered and given new glorified bodies.
- #3 The second resurrection is after the 1,000 year reign and who are these people?
- These are the people who are saved after the rapture but before the 1,000 year reign ends.
- There are NO MORE resurrections. The Bible doesn't teach that but yet false preachers do.

That's it. Very simple and easy to understand. Christ the firstfruits. First resurrection is the rapture.

- Second resurrection is after the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ.
- Yes, there will be people who will be saved after the rapture and during the 1,000 year reign of Jesus.
- There are no other resurrections of the dead when it comes to a new and glorified body.
- For example, Enoch didn't die, was buried, and then received a new and glorified body.
- He was translated into heaven and he hasn't received a new and glorified body.
- If so, he would have been the firstfruits which is blasphemy. He died before Jesus Christ.
- Same thing with Elijah. He didn't receive a new and glorified body. Same with Lazarus.
- Same with the saints that walked around when Jesus died on the cross.

**[20] Matthew 27:50-53 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; 52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.**

- These saints were not resurrected in new glorified bodies. They died again. This was a great miracle.
- This miracle was done to show 100% for sure that was the SON OF GOD who died on that cross.
- And notice this says MANY BODIES of the saints which slept arose BUT NOT ALL.
- This is not the resurrection of the saints. The first resurrection is at the rapture.
- Same thing with all the others who were raised from the dead in the Bible. They died again.
- They aren't going from mortality to immortality.

According to the Bible, there are only 3 resurrections in which one goes from mortality to immortality.

- 1 Corinthians Chapter 15 is very clear. There are only 3 resurrections.

- #1 The resurrection of Christ. He is the firstfruits. #2 The rapture is the first resurrection.
- #3 The second resurrection is after the 1,000 year reign of Christ. That's it.
- When other people have been raised from the dead, they were not in a new glorified body.

***[21] 2 Kings 13:20-21 And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. 21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.***

- There was a dead man being buried right there.
- When the dead man touched the bones of Elisha, he was raised from the dead. That was a miracle.
- The man was NOT in his new glorified body. Understand that now.
- That only happens at one of the 3 resurrections that the Bible talks about.
- 1) Christ the firstfruits, 2) the rapture, 3) after the 1,000 year reign.

Some false preachers and religions teach that the Old Testament saints have been resurrected.

- This is very important to understand so you NEVER fall for anything like this.
- They weren't resurrected with Jesus Christ. He is the firstfruits. No one else was bodily resurrected.
- The next resurrection is at the rapture. The rapture hasn't happened yet.
- What does that mean? Have any of the Old Testament saints like King David been resurrected?
- Some false preachers say, "Oh yes! They have all been resurrected." The Bible doesn't say that anywhere.

***[22] Acts 2:29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.***

- Acts Chapter 2, which is AFTER THE RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ, says that David is in his tomb.
- The body of King David is in his tomb and Acts 2 is after Christ's resurrection but before the rapture.
- The Scripture right there proves 100% without a doubt that King David hasn't been bodily resurrected.
- King David's soul is in heaven, but his body is buried right now UNTIL the rapture takes place.

At the rapture, all people of all time who are saved will be bodily resurrected that day.

- We'll see Adam and Abel that day. We'll see Noah, Seth, Enoch, Gideon, Samson, David, Saul, Solomon.
- We'll see Eve, Sarah, Ruth, Hannah, Rahab. We'll see family and friends from the past who believed.
- When Jesus died, YES, some saints were resurrected and they walked around Jerusalem.
- But they were not in their new and glorified bodies. That would have been before Jesus arose.
- Those saints who walked around that day died again. They were not immortal.
- I want to show you more proof that there have been no other resurrections at this time than Jesus Christ.
- The Bible specifically calls out two babbling idiots by name. Watch this.

***[23] 2 Timothy 2:15-17 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;***

- Now, let's see why the Bible says they are vain babblers. They are ungodly. Their word eats as a canker.
- They are Hymenaeus and Philetus. The Bible uses their names. They are false preachers.

**[24] 2 Timothy 2:18** *Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.*

- So, the Bible tells us exactly why they are called vain babblers. They teach that the resurrection is past.
- And realize where we are in the Bible. We're in 2 Timothy. Jesus has already been resurrected.
- The rapture has not yet happened. In other words, the first resurrection HAS NOT happened.
- Christ has already been resurrected. That's it right now. Next is the rapture. Then after the 1,000 years.
- At the rapture, are the saved, the unsaved, or both resurrected bodily? It's only the saved at the rapture.
- Now, when you read the book of John, you'll see this. I don't want you to be confused here.

**[25] John 5:28-29** *Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

- Remember, we have 3 resurrections. Jesus is the first resurrection. The saints at the rapture is the second.
- And then there's a third resurrection after the 1,000 years. So, which one is this talking about?
- "ALL THAT ARE IN THE GRAVES SHALL HEAR HIS VOICE." It's talking about people left in the graves.
- But it's talking they that have done good and they that have done evil. Both good and evil will rise.
- Obviously, this isn't talking about Jesus and this isn't talking about the rapture.
- It MUST be the resurrection that takes place after the 1,000 years at THE END.

**[26] 1 Corinthians 15:23-24** *But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.*

- Then cometh THE END. After the 1,000 years, Jesus delivers up the kingdom to God.
- The SCRIPTURE right there is focusing on the resurrections. 1) First, 2) after, 3) then it says. THREE.
- You have to stop and think about what's going to happen according to the Bible.
- When the rapture takes, ALL people who have ever been saved will be resurrected with glorified bodies.

After the rapture, the world doesn't just end and everything is over. There are still people living.

- God then pours out his wrath after the rapture. Some will be saved after the rapture.
- There will be people left on earth after the rapture. We'll reign and rule with Jesus for 1,000 years.
- Other people will live and die during that time. There will be saved and unsaved who die.
- With all that said, NOW let's go back to Revelation Chapter 20 and see if this makes more sense.

**[27] Revelation 20:5** *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

- The dead in this SCRIPTURE will live again. This means this is talking about saved people who die after the rapture or the first resurrection.
- We know it's not talking about the unsaved who die because they NEVER live again.
- They will be resurrected, but they are dead and will never live. How do we know this? John Chapter 5.



**[28] John 5:28-29** *Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

- At the end, Jesus says there's a resurrection of LIFE and a resurrection of DAMNATION. That's not life.
- Later in Revelation Chapter 20, you'll see how this is correct and all of this fits together perfectly.
- During the third and final resurrection after the 1,000 year reign, the living and dead will be resurrected.
- So, I know we're not getting through this very quickly but we're going back to verse 4 in Revelation 20.

**[29] Revelation 20:4-5** *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

- The people who are killed or martyred for Jesus during the tribulation are part of the first resurrection.
- The Bible clearly says so right there. "THIS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION." Very important to see.
- If the rapture were before the tribulation, how would the souls of them who had not taken the mark of the beast DURING THE TRIBULATION be part of the rapture?
- Clearly, they were killed BEFORE the rapture takes place.

**[30] Revelation 6:9-10** *And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*

- At the fifth seal, we see the souls under the altar that were slain for the word of God.
- At the sixth seal we see the sun and moon being darkened.
- You know? The sixth seal comes after the first seal because we can all count in order.
- We know when the sun and moon is darkened we know that Jesus will soon be coming in the clouds.
- He comes when the sun and moon are darkened AFTER THE TRIBULATION.
- He comes to gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
- The rapture happens after the tribulation when Jesus comes in the clouds.

The saints who are killed during the tribulation WILL BE a part of the rapture. They will rise bodily.

- How can the rapture happen BEFORE the mark of the beast is given out during the tribulation?
- The mark of the beast is given out DURING the tribulation.
- The saints who refuse the mark of the beast are killed but are part of the rapture or first resurrection.
- I hope you see how this 100% proves that the pre-tribulation rapture is 100% false.
- YET, false preachers are teaching that the rapture is pre-tribulational.
- I'm sick of it. It's a lie. It's a man made teaching that needs to disappear. Stop teaching it.
- Let's continue in verse 6 of Revelation Chapter 20. This should make perfect sense now.

**[31] Revelation 20:6** *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*



- The first resurrection occurs at the rapture. The dead in Christ shall rise first.
- Then those that are alive and remain will be caught up together in the clouds with Christ.
- In other words, you want to be saved before the rapture takes place.
- Those people will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Christ 1,000 years.
- Notice it says, "On such the second death hath no power." What is the second death?
- We're going to see what the second death is in this chapter.

**[32] Revelation 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.**

- The second death is when death and hell are cast into the lake of fire.
- If you're saved at any time, you will NEVER take part in the second death.

**[33] Revelation 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.**

- And we know those that overcometh believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**[34] 1 John 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?**

- Once you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you will never be hurt of the second death.
- You should be very happy for that right now. You don't have to worry about it. Let's continue. Verse 7.

**[35] Revelation 20:7-8 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.**

- Once the thousand years are over, Satan will be loosed from the bottomless pit.
- He's going to deceive the nations once again. So, he's only NOT deceiving the nations when he's in the pit.
- Is he in hell right now? No. That means he is deceiving the nations right now. I'm sick of being deceived.
- And you should be sick of it too. That's why I love the word of God.
- When Jesus says that he's coming back AFTER THE TRIBULATION, I believe what he says.
- Jesus isn't deceiving us. Satan is deceiving us. The rapture can't take place before the tribulation.

The world is deceived. The world has lost its mind. Nothing makes sense to me any more.

- It's not okay to attack a police officer and then blame it on that police officer when something happens.
- Andy Beshear can't claim to be a Christian and then approve of murdering innocent babies.
- Don't give God a bad name Andy Beshear. God will get you. Understand that warning from God.

Then we have the sodomites and the transgender who want to add themselves as a "RACE."

- If you reject sodomites and transgenders, the world will begin to call you racist.
- That's called losing your mind. God has turned them over to a REJECT mind. You make no sense.
- You chose to change your gender, and now you want to act like you're a new race.
- No, when you're born, you don't get a choice of your race. That's pretty clear in my mind. It's the truth.
- If you want to say you didn't get a choice in surgery, then I can't talk with you. You don't make any sense.
- That's deception. We reject no one because of their race. But sodomites are not a race. That's a choice.
- So, the devil deceives the entire earth, the four quarters of the earth in all directions.

We see God and Magog here in verse 8. Satan is going to gather them together to battle.

- And there's going to be a great number who will join in again with Satan.
- This blows my mind. Satan is the great deceiver. And when he's let loose he'll deceive once again.
- Jesus will be reigning and ruling and people won't believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- But he's let loose to fulfill a purpose. God is in control and God let Satan loose.

Now, when is this taking place according to the Bible? It's AFTER the 1,000 years. Is that clear?

- Verse 7 says, "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed."
- "And shall go out and deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog."
- False preachers say that the battle of Gog and Magog is happening before the thousand years.
- I just laugh. That's called little to no faith. The Bible is very clear. It's after the thousand years.
- The battle of Gog and Magog will not happen for at least 1,007 years from right now.
- When you study "Gog and Magog," you only find it one other time in the Bible. It's in Ezekiel.

**[36] Ezekiel 38:1-2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,**

- Revelation Chapter 20 clearly refers to Ezekiel Chapter 38.
- That means we should study Ezekiel 38 to better understand Gog and Magog.

**[37] Ezekiel 38:3-4 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:**

- God is going to put hooks in their jaws, and he will bring them forth. That's strong.
- In Ezekiel Chapter 38, you will see things described as they will be after the 1,000 year reign of Jesus.
- After we finish Revelation Chapter 20, I highly recommend you read Ezekiel 38. It will make more sense.

**[38] Ezekiel 38:9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.**

- Do you remember Revelation 20 verse 8 said they will be like the sand of the sea?
- This says, "Thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land." Many people with thee.

**[39] Ezekiel 38:11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,**

- People will be dwelling safely during that 1,000 year reign. Satan is let loose, and things go wrong.
- This all goes perfectly with Revelation Chapter 20 and the rest of the Bible.
- When Jesus rules and reigns on earth for 1,000 years, there won't be war any more. There will be peace.

**[40] Micah 4:3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

- Again, people will be dwelling safely. This goes perfectly with Ezekiel Chapter 38.

***[41] Ezekiel 38:15-16 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: 16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.***

- All of the saved people are the KINGDOM OF ISRAEL. This is spiritual Israel. God's people are Israel.
- You are a citizen of the nation of Israel. You will be ISRAEL.
- People will come up against you after Satan is let loose. And you should be ready.
- You should know this because we're studying it right now or at least 1,007 years before it happens.
- Towards the end of Ezekiel Chapter 38, we see this:

***[42] Ezekiel 38:22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.***

- God gathers the evil and wicked together and rains fire and brimstone upon them.
- IF we go back and continue Revelation Chapter 20, we should expect to see this. And watch.
- Remember, in verse 8 of Revelation 20 we just saw that God gathered them together for battle.

***[43] Revelation 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.***

- Battle over. Fire comes down from heaven and devours them.
- You don't have to be ready to physically fight. The wicked always believes it's a physical fight.
- They are fleshly. You don't need to train for 1,000 years to be a great warrior ninja like in the movies.
- God takes care of it. He always fights the battles. You need to remember that.

***[44] Ezekiel 39:6-7 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD. 7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.***

- There you see fire again. Matches Revelation 20 perfectly. Do you see what God says right there?
- He says, "I will not let them pollute my holy name any more." PRAISE GOD FOR THAT!!!
- When God destroys Gog and Magog, his name will not be polluted any more.
- Oh how everything inside of me right now cannot wait for that to happen.
- I am so tired of people teaching blasphemy against God. "Well God said this. Well God said that."
- If it's not in the Bible, he didn't say it. He didn't say you must be baptized to be a member of his church.
- He didn't say that all the church members must vote and decide whether you can be a member.
- We need to get rid of all the man-made trash and focus on what God says.

***[45] Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.***

- Look, the rapture is going to be a great day for all of us because we get to be with Jesus forever.
- But I'm not sure which day will be better. I'm thinking, "Hey, I might have messed up."
- "I said the best day ever would be the rapture. But I'm not sure now."
- The devil will be cast into the lake of fire and will be tormented FOREVER. He's not coming out.
- The beast or antichrist and false prophet are already there, and none of the 3 are ever coming out.
- That means the nations will NEVER be deceived again. Now that's a GREAT DAY. Thank God!!!
- Oh, how I'm looking forward to that day.

Let's do a quick recap of the timeline of events in Revelation. I want you to see this so you know where we are.

- Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week or 7-year period starts with the tribulation. Then the rapture or first resurrection.
- Then God's wrath is poured out. Babylon is destroyed. We see the battle of Armageddon.
- Then Jesus Christ rules and reigns for 1,000 years here on earth.
- Then the devil is loosed for a little season. He deceives the nations on earth.
- Then we see the battle of Gog and Magog. And again, Gog and Magog aren't much of a battle for God.

So, there are going to be different types of people on earth during the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ.

- At the rapture or first resurrection, all of the saints prior to the rapture will be given new glorified bodies.
- Those people will first go to heaven for about three and a half years and then return with Jesus.
- They will be on white horses with Jesus leading during the Battle of Armageddon. They return to earth.
- When you get your new glorified body, you went from mortal to immortal. You can't be killed.
- You will have flesh and bones just like Jesus when he arose from the dead. Your body will be spiritual.
- You need to understand this, and I hope first Corinthians Chapter 15 makes more sense now.

***[46] 1 Corinthians 15:42-45 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.***

- You're going to go from a natural body like this to a spiritual body. You will be immortal. Understand?
- And yes, you will be flesh and bones. You will eat and drink in your body. Jesus proved all of that.
- Besides people who have this glorified body, there will be others living during the 1,000 year reign.
- There's going to be people just like us right now: saved, flesh and blood, and not in a glorified body.
- These will be people are saved after the rapture takes place.
- There's going to be people who make it through God's wrath and there will be new people born.
- You have 1) people who are in their new glorified bodies, 2) saved people like us right now, 3) unsaved people in their bodies just like unsaved people right now.

We'll be ruling and reigning with Jesus Christ but people won't believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

- And you and I will be like: "Why won't you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ?" Same thing today. Why?
- God gives everyone the choice. People will be born. People will have the choice.
- They might not like the people in their glorified bodies. We will be ruling and reigning over them.
- When Satan is let loose, the devil will deceive them and talk them into fighting. That's what happens.

***[47] Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.***

- Now, we're going to see the Great White Throne judgment.
- God is sitting on this great white throne. There will be no place found for the wicked any more.

***[48] Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.***

- Now we know what this means. THE DEAD are the unsaved. The entire Bible teaches this over and over.

***[49] Luke 15:24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.***

- The dead are judged at this great white throne judgment. Not the living. Not the saved.
- I get tired of hearing people in false religions say that we'll all be judged at the great white throne.
- Did you read Revelation Chapter 20? This is after the rapture. This is after the millennium.
- I've already been to heaven. I've already been given a new and glorified body. Can you not see that?
- This is for the dead. "THE DEAD WERE JUDGED." That's what the Bible says. I didn't make it up.
- The dead will be judged according to their works. You don't want to be judged by your works.
- If you think you're getting into heaven by your works, you're in trouble. Get that out of your head.

***[50] Revelation 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.***

- This is a bodily resurrection. Remember what John Chapter 5 said earlier.
- The saved will be resurrected to life. The dead will be resurrected for this judgement to damnation.
- The sea gave up the dead. There's many, many people who are buried in the sea.
- The earth and sea gives up the dead bodies. Death and hell delivers up the soul of the dead.
- And then all the dead are judged according to their works. Notice, the living aren't judged.
- It's simple: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."
- You aren't judged for heaven or hell.

***[51] Revelation 20:14-15 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.***

- Hell is re-located to the lake of fire. The current hell doesn't include physical bodies.
- Now, once the physical bodies are resurrected, they are thrown into the lake of fire.
- Death and hell is the same thing. Death and hell are cast into the lake of fire at this point.
- This is the second death. If your name isn't in the Book of Life, hell is the destination.
- Your name is in the Book of Life if you have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. It's written in heaven.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 21

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 21."

- Let's do a quick recap of last chapter, Revelation Chapter 20.
- At the beginning of the chapter, we see Satan thrown into the bottomless pit.
- An angel named Abaddon in Hebrew or Apollyon in Greek bounds Satan and casts him into hell.

***[3] Revelation 20:1-3 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.***

- Satan is thrown into hell while Jesus rules and reigns on earth for 1,000 years.
- Once the thousand year period is complete, Satan is let loose out of hell for a little while.
- We see that the saints or saved people rule and reign with Jesus for those 1,000 years.
- If you remember, we learned about the resurrections. Jesus was the first to receive a resurrected body.
- At the rapture, the people who are saved before then will get a newly resurrected body.
- After the thousand years are complete, Satan is loosed out of his prison for a little while.

***[4] Revelation 20:7-8 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.***

- When Satan is loosed, he's is going to deceive the nations just as he always does.
- When he's not in hell, he is deceiving the nations. Right now, he's deceiving the nations.
- He's going to deceive them again at the end of the thousand years.
- He's going to bring them all together for the battle of Gog and Magog.
- And it's going to be a huge number of people that go up against Jesus and his saints.
- Let's see what happens in the battle.

***[5] Revelation 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.***

- Battle over. Fire comes down out of heaven from God. Devours them. Battle complete.
- This reminds me of other times God has reigned down fire from heaven.

***[6] Exodus 9:23-24 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. 24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.***

- God doesn't play any games. He is a CONSUMING FIRE!!! We need to do what he says to do.
- There is no power struggle. If you want to fight with God, you have no idea what you're doing.



**[7] Leviticus 10:1-2 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. 2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.**

- Those 2 men were the son of Aaron. They were children of Israel.
- God says, "I didn't command you to offer strange fire and incense upon MY ALTAR."
- There went out fire from the Lord and devoured them.

**[8] Numbers 11:1 And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.**

- People complained. God got angry and consumed them with fire. Don't mess with God.
- God says, "Josh, you need to preach. But God, I want to go somewhere else."
- Nope, I'm not playing that game any more. That's a dangerous game.
- When God calls us to do something, we need to shut our mouths, stop complaining, and do it.
- You don't want that consuming fire coming after you. Thank God that he is patient with us.
- Watch what God tells Jeremiah. God calls Jeremiah to go preach.

**[9] Jeremiah 1:5-7 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. 6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. 7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.**

- God says, "Hey Jeremiah, I chose you to go preach to the nations."
- Jeremiah says, "I cannot speak for I am a child." God says, "Maybe you didn't hear me."
- "For thou SHALT GO to all that I shall send thee and whatsoever I command thee thou SHALT SPEAK."
- Jeremiah did what God asked. Jeremiah spoke the words of the Lord as he commanded him to do.
- God didn't have to reign down fire on Jeremiah. God chose him because he knew he would do it.

What about you? God has a job for you. He says for you to go preach the Gospel. He's called you to do it.

- What are you going to say? "God, I can't do that. I'm not a good speaker. God, I just don't know enough."
- Maybe you didn't hear what God said. Jesus commands us to go out and preach the Gospel.
- He didn't give any exemptions. He's talking to you. Do you want fire from God?
- Where else does God reign down fire upon people?

**[10] 2 Kings 1:9-10 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down. 10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.**

- God says to go out and preach the Gospel. When you do, you're doing what he says to do.
- Elijah was doing what God said to do. They were mocking Elijah. "THOU MAN OF GOD."
- Elijah says, "You want to mock me? You want to make fun of me?"



- "If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven." And guess what? Fire came down!!!
- In other words, go do what God says and don't worry about these other people mocking you.
- Don't worry about these people making fun of you. Just do what God says. He takes care of the rest.

**[11] Psalm 97:1-3 The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. 3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.**

- That's what happened in Revelation Chapter 20 at the battle of Gog and Magog.
- Also in Revelation 20, we see Satan cast into the lake fire to never come out. PRAISE GOD!
- It's going to be a great day when that old serpent and that old deceiver is burning for good.
- Then we saw the great white throne judgement. All other people will be resurrected that day.
- The dead or the unsaved will be resurrected for judgment. The saved will be resurrected with a new body.
- And those are people who are SAVED at some point after the rapture.

Jesus is the first fruits or the first one who has been resurrected with a new glorified body.

- Then the saved at the rapture are given a new body. Those reign with Christ for 1,000 years.
- This is the FIRST RESURRECTION. The rapture is the first resurrection.
- After the 1,000 years, the second resurrection happens. All the dead are resurrected. Why?
- They are going to be judged at the great white throne judgment.
- Why? There will be great levels of punishment in the lake of fire which is hell.

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<b>The First fruits</b>	<b>The First Resurrection</b>	<b>The Second Resurrection</b>
Who? Jesus Christ	Who? All Saved Prior to Rapture	Who? All Saved After the Rapture
When? His Resurrection	When? At the Rapture	When? After the Thousand Years

- With that said, let's start there in Revelation Chapter 21 verse 1.

**[13] Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.**

- After all of the unsaved are cast into the lake of fire, we see a NEW HEAVEN and a NEW EARTH.
- There is no more unrighteousness left. It's all gone. Satan is gone for good. Evil is gone for good.
- The heaven and the earth as it is know today will not be here. It will pass away.
- The earth isn't going away, but it will be made new. It won't be like it is right now.
- For example, at the end of verse 1, the Bible says that "there was no more sea." There won't be a sea.

**[14] Isaiah 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.**

**[15] 2 Peter 3:12-13 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

- Do you believe what that says? The heavens and the earth will melt with heat.
- Everything will burn up. Does that mean your car is important?
- "Well, everything will burn up BUT MY beautiful car or MY house or MY money or MY buildings!"
- If everything is going to burn up, why are we so worried about building up earthly riches?
- We shouldn't care. We should be building riches with God as God never passes away.

***[16] Colossians 3:1-4 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.***

- Let's set our eyes on things above. That's helping other people make it to heaven.
- There is nothing more important than that. Help your friends. Help your family.
- Help a stranger make it to heaven. Don't you want to live? Don't you want life? I sure do.
- I want to appear with CHRIST. He is our life. LIFE only comes through "THE" Savior Jesus Christ.
- If you want life, you better go directly to Jesus and ask him for it. He is the one who gives it out.

***[17] Revelation 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.***

- So, we saw in verse 1 that there is no more sea on the new earth.
- We see that there's a NEW JERUSALEM coming down from God out of heaven.
- We also know that hell is in the center of this earth right now. The Bible teaches that. It's hot there.

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- The center of the earth is about 4,000 miles from here. It's over 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit.
- I haven't been there, but that's what so-called science today teaches us. It's hot.
- Well, when the new earth is here, we saw that people from hell are cast into the lake of fire.
- In other words, this new earth won't have or need a hell. Hell is relocated to the lake of fire.
- Jesus talks about OUTER DARKNESS 3 times in the book of Matthew. Here's one.

***[19] Matthew 25:30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***

- The center of the earth is not OUTER darkness. But the lake of fire will be OUTSIDE the new earth.
- That's a difference in the new earth from this one right now. There won't be any evil left here.

***[20] Revelation 21:3-4 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.***

- Listen, this is a great chapter in the Bible. It's amazing. We've been through all of Revelation in detail.
- Much of it is filled with tribulation, war, death, famine, sickness.
- We see God's wrath being poured out. This stuff is serious. BUT FINALLY, we see good news here.

- God is coming down to dwell with us. "BEHOLD, the tabernacle of God is with men."
- And it won't be a tabernacle that is built with our hands. It won't be a replica. This is the one.
- God is the only one who can wipe away all tears. No more crying. No more death. No more sorrow.
- No more pain. All of that is gone. It's passed away.

***[21] Isaiah 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.***

- The previous earth will not be remembered. This place will not into our mind. We will forget.
- So, let's not allow our family, friends, and strangers to be forgotten.
- And they won't be if they will simply believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- You can help get them to this new earth. Hey, the job God gave you is the most important job.

Some people might say: "Well, I think the President of the United States is the most important job."

- Please. Winning souls to Jesus Christ is the greatest office on earth. And God's giving that office to you.
- Next time someone asks you what you do for a living tell them: "I WIN SOULS TO CHRIST."
- "Has anyone ever told you how to get to heaven? Do you have a few minutes? It's important."

***[22] Revelation 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.***

- GOD SAYS, "Behold, I make all things new!!!" This new earth will be amazing and new. I can't wait.
- Hey, it's coming no matter what you think or believe. God said so. Do you want to be a part of that? I do.
- I don't want to miss that. People say, "Oh, I can't miss this new movie. I have to see it."
- Well, guess what I don't want to miss? I sure don't want to miss this new earth.

No crying, no heartache, no pain, no deception, no lies, no stealing, no house alarms, no car alarms.

- No chains, no racism, no murder, no sodomites, no death, no driving on the wrong side of the road!
- No hell. It's gone into outer darkness. No wicked earthly Jerusalem with a false god that does nothing.
- What that verse says is TRUE! "Write for these words are TRUE and FAITHFUL."
- We don't get to this point of NO SORROW until the new heaven and new earth come.

For example, at the rapture, some of your family might not make it. You will be sorry.

- You will think to yourself, "Why didn't I do more? Why didn't I tell them more? You will cry."
- But when the new heaven and earth get here, there will be no more tears.
- They will be remembered no more. So, you better remember them right now. Time is running out.

***[23] Revelation 21:6-7 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.***

- God, from the throne, tells John: "IT IS DONE." There's no going back now.
- God is THE ALPHA. God is the OMEGA. He is the beginning. He is the end. I'm so glad we have a good God.
- He says, "If you thirst right now, I'll give you something better than water."
- He says, "I'll get rid of your thirst forever. I'll give you water from the FOUNTAIN OF LIFE." And it's free!
- You can have EVERLASTING LIFE right now the Bible says. He's telling you again right there.

In verse 7, God says, "he that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be HIS GOD, and he shall be my son."

- You might say, "Well, what do I need to do to receive this water from the fountain of life? I want that."
- Well, it says right there: "He that overcometh." What does that mean?
- False religions like the Church of Christ will tell you that you have to be good the rest of your life.
- They'll say that's what "HE THAT OVERCOMETH" means. No, it doesn't. The Bible tells us what it means.
- We don't get to make up our own views and say that our religion represents God.
- Let's see what God says, "HE THAT OVERCOMETH" means. Let's see.

***[24] 1 John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?***

- OUR FAITH overcomes. When you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you're saved.
- That means you are an overcomer. You've won against the world. The world is against God.
- When you join God's side by simply believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, you win. You overcome!
- At the moment you believe on Jesus to save you, you are born again! You are born of God.

You can't overcome the world by doing good works. The entire Bible teaches good works don't save you.

- But yet, the people who say they represent God teach the opposite. They are vipers and serpents.
- God says, "If you believe on me, I will be your God and you will be my son."
- So, the only thing you MUST do to receive everlasting life right now is change your mind and believe that Jesus is THE SAVIOR.
- "Hey Jesus, I call upon you to save me. I want to be saved. I believe you're the one who can do it."
- Once you do that, if you mean it, you're saved my friend.
- You don't have to come up here and get on your knees. You don't have to bow down to a graven image.
- The moment you change your mind God saves you. He becomes your FATHER. You become his child.
- But what about the other side? Let's say you just won't do it. You just won't give up. Well, let's see.

***[25] Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.***

- The second death is when those people right there get thrown into the lake of fire. That's hell.
- This is an important verse to understand. There's a lot of bad things on that list.
- ABOMINABLE. That's sodomites. MURDERERS. Whoremongers. Sorcery. Idol worship. False god worship.
- Those are bad things. You might say, "I'm not on that list." And I say, oh yes you are on that list.
- Do you see what else is on that list? "ALL LIARS." We've all lied. We've all done some of those things.
- For example, I've put my job above God before. I've put sports above God. That's idolatry.
- I've been fearful. For most of my life I've been "UNBELIEVING."

King David had Uriah murdered. King Solomon worshipped false gods. Rahab was a harlot.

- King Saul murdered himself. Noah got drunk. Samson murdered himself. Peter denied Jesus 3 times.
- All of them that I just mentioned are in heaven right now because the Bible says so.
- But don't act like you aren't on that list. We've all messed up many, many times.
- Those who believe have been forgiven of those sins, but I will not forget that I committed those sins.

- I don't deserve to go to heaven. What that verse is telling us is that we deserve the LAKE OF FIRE.
- All of us. I probably deserve the lake of fire more than you do.
- BUT I KNOW 100% without a doubt that Jesus Christ has saved me.

***[26] John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.***

- I know because on believe on the Son of God. I know Jesus will save me. I have everlasting life.
- I don't glory in myself, but I do glory in Jesus Christ. He is amazing. I thank Him for saving me.
- That's why I'm here right now. I want to tell him thank you by working for him the rest of my life.
- I don't want another day to go by without me working for him. I want to do what he needs.
- What about you? Why are you here? Is it for Jesus? Are you ready to work for Jesus? He needs us.
- Working for Jesus doesn't save you, but I want to show you something important.
- We learned what OVERCOMETH means, but watch what happens for the person who overcometh and works for God.

***[27] Revelation 2:26-27 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.***

- So yes, believing on Jesus is MOST IMPORTANT but working for him is important too.
- But you MUST first believe on Jesus to save you. THEN, you can go do good things for Jesus.
- If you're faithful to Jesus, you will be given power over the nations. You will be a ruler over the nations.
- So, look, you have a chance to do great things for God right now. Not later. It starts right now.
- Or, you can just be happy with squeaking into heaven and leaving everyone else behind.
- What's your choice? Hey, we can do this together. You're not alone. You need help with someone?
- Hey, I'm here. Say something. See the people sitting in here? They're here too. You aren't alone.

***[28] Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

- And there's somebody with you MUCH greater than all of us combined. Jesus is here.
- He says, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE NOR FORSAKE THEE." You might be worried what people will think of you.
- You might be worried what your friends might say about you. Who cares? You have Jesus with you.
- Doing good works will get you rewards in heaven. Don't let people on earth bother you or scare you.
- Don't be fearful. Let's get this done for the sakes of your family, friends, and strangers.

***[29] Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.***

- When you do what God says, you earn heavenly rewards. They don't burn up.
- When you study this Bible, you're earning heavenly rewards. Understand that.
- When you win a soul to Christ, God knows. HEAVEN REJOICES. I can hear God now.
- "That man, that woman, my servant, just brought another one of my children home."
- There's a party in heaven! Don't you want to cause some celebrations in heaven? I sure do.

God sees everything. He knows what you're doing. Don't have dead faith. Do something for God.

- Do something for others. Tell them the truth within the Bible.
- Being saved takes faith alone. After you're saved, you should get to work for God.
- If you don't, you don't lose everlasting life. You just aren't doing anything to gain rewards in heaven.
- You're not helping others. You've decided to take your gift and not share it with anyone else.
- You have the gift. But you aren't getting anything else in heaven. Why would you want to do that?
- Share the greatest gift with others. Tell them how to get that own gift for themselves.
- You will mess up. You will sin. That doesn't mean you aren't saved. Don't let false preachers take your joy.

**[30] Revelation 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.**

- We're moving into a new topic within this chapter. The rest of Revelation Chapter 21 talks about this.
- The Lamb's wife or THE BRIDE is going to be the topic the rest of the chapter. The Lamb of God is Jesus.
- An angel comes over to John and says, "Come here, I will show you the bride."
- Now, we're going to learn about the BRIDE of Jesus Christ. Let's continue.

**[31] Revelation 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,**

- The angel just said, "John, I'm going to show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." What does he show John?
- He carries John away in the spirit so he can show him the bride. He shows him THE HOLY JERUSALEM.
- He shows John that GREAT CITY. So, who is the bride of Jesus Christ? The new Jerusalem from heaven.
- Maybe I have mental block because false preachers teach that the bride is the New Testament Church.
- I don't see that. Did I miss that right there? I don't think so. Why would someone preach that?
- It's pretty clear. The bride is the HOLY JERUSALEM.

Did you know certain Baptist denominations are so arrogant that they'll say that only people who are members of the Baptist Church will be a part of the bride of Jesus Christ?

- Look at the part of the verse after the first comma there on the screen.
- Does it say, "And shewed me that great Baptist Church, the holy Baptist Church?"
- Nope, sure doesn't. That's why they make you get baptized into their church.
- They think that's the only way you're going to be the bride of Jesus Christ. A church isn't the bride.
- Dispensationalists strike again. They say, "Only the CHURCH AGE saints are part of the bride of Christ."
- There is no church age. The Bible says there is a church throughout all ages.
- Moses had a church in the wilderness. But the dispensationalists think they ALONE are the bride of Christ.
- That's called being proud and thinking more of yourself than you ought.

**[32] Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

- It's very clear that the BAPTIST CHURCH isn't the bride of Christ. What a joke.
- Same thing with the HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH. What a joke. The bride is Holy Jerusalem.
- Not the one on earth right now. It's not holy at all. The Holy Jerusalem is from heaven.
- But the Holy Jerusalem will have saved people within it. And it's not just this "New Testament Church."



- Understand that false preachers will say it's just the church age saints from after Jesus died to now.
- We can easily prove this wrong by continuing in Revelation Chapter 21.

**[33] Revelation 21:11-13** *Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.*

- The names of the 12 tribes of Israel are written on it.
- Does that sound just like the New Testament church? Sure doesn't to me. We're going way back.
- We see 12 gates, 12 angels at the gates, names of the 12 tribes.
- On the east side of the city there are 3 gates. North has 3 gates. South has 3 gates. West has 3 gates.
- We can see which names of the 12 tribes are on each side of the city in Ezekiel Chapter 48.

**[34] Ezekiel 48:31-34** *And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi. 32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan. 33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun. 34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.*

- So we get many details from the Old Testament. But I love the next verse in Ezekiel Chapter 48.

**[35] Ezekiel 48:35** *It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.*

- The name of the city that we will live in on the new earth will be "THE LORD IS THERE." Awesome.
- Let's keep going in Revelation Chapter 21.

**[36] Revelation 21:14** *And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

- The 12 gates have the names of the 12 tribes and the 12 foundations have the names of the 12 apostles.
- You might ask? Well, what are the names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb?
- We see Judas Iscariot as one of the 12. Will his name be on one of the foundations? I don't think so.
- It's Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, Lebbaeus, Simon, and Matthias.
- Some people fight over this and say Matthias wasn't chosen by God and that Paul will be there.
- The twelfth is Matthias. Paul was chosen by Jesus to be an apostle later on.
- Matthias is the replacement for Judas Iscariot. The Bible says so in Acts Chapter 1.

**[37] Revelation 21:15-16** *And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. 16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.*



- The city is square in length, breadth, and height. 12,000 furlongs equals 1,500 miles.
- The city is 1500 miles wide, 1500 miles long, and 1500 miles high. That's a big city.
- The height of the United States is approximately 1500 miles.
- So, you could say from the bottom tip of Texas to the top of North Dakota is about 1,500 miles.
- The heavenly Jerusalem will be that wide, that long, and that high. We must need that height.

**[38] Revelation 21:17** *And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.*

- The wall around this great city is 144 cubits. A cubit is about 18 inches or a foot and a half.
- So the wall will be around 216 feet high. That's high. That angel is a man.

**[39] Revelation 21:18-20** *And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. 19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; 20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.*

- The walls are made of jasper which is a precious stone. The city is pure gold like clear glass.
- The foundations of the wall have precious stones everywhere.
- There's 12 different precious stones mentioned there. God loves the number 12.
- Now, remember, we're still describing the bride of Christ, the holy Jerusalem.
- So far, have you noticed the word BAPTIST anywhere? Or Catholic? Or any denomination?
- Did you see the "CHURCH OF CHRIST" mentioned? Do you see a cross at the top of the city? Nope.

**[40] Revelation 21:21** *And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.*

- I can't wait to see this amazing city. Each gate is made of one pearl.
- The streets are pure gold like clear glass.

**[41] Revelation 21:22-23** *And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*

- No temple is required. GOD IS THE TEMPLE. God is the tabernacle. We won't need light.
- God's glory is the light. This is another difference in the new earth and this earth. No sun. No moon.

**[42] Revelation 21:24-26** *And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. 26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.*

- All of the saved nations will walk in the light of this beautiful Jerusalem and the light is from God's glory.
- Notice, there will be KINGS OF THE EARTH. Those are going to be saved Kings.
- They will bring their glory and honor into this great city.
- The gates will not shut because there will be no enemies! There is no night. The light is always shining.

- Remember, we'll all have new glorified bodies.

**[43] Revelation 21:27** *And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

- Nothing evil is allowed into this HOLY JERUSALEM. Nothing. No abominations. No lies.
- Only those who are saved will enter into this HOLY CITY. You don't want to miss this.
- Your name needs to be written in the Lamb's book of life in heaven.
- You can have it written in there for good by simply believing on the Lord Jesus Christ to save you.
- That's it. There is no other requirement.

Now, I want to take a closer look at who is within this city. Is it only the New Testament saints?

- These false preachers, especially the Baptists, will say that this only for church age saints.
- Seriously. It's just like the Jehovah's Witness who say they are the 144,000. It's ridiculous.
- All the people who are a part of this city are all the saved of all time. There is no one left out of this.

**[44] Revelation 21:24** *And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.*

- Do you see it says, "WHICH ARE SAVED shall walk in the light of it?"
- We see this in Revelation Chapter 19.

**[45] Revelation 19:7-8** *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

- The Lamb's wife is arrayed in the fine linen which is the righteousness of saints.
- It doesn't say the righteousness of Baptists only from the church age.
- SAINTS ARE SAVED BELIEVERS. If you're saved right now, you're a saint. You're sanctified. SAVED.
- There are Old Testament saints, New Testament saints, saints from the thousand year reign.
- SAINTS are from all ages of all time. It's really that simple.
- The saved will inhabit that city which is the bride of Christ. Is it only the children of Israel?
- Is it only the Gentiles from the New Testament fake Church Age?

**[46] Ephesians 2:19-22** *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

- The Scripture right there is talking about Jews and Gentiles. The circumcision and the uncircumcision.
- Anyone who is saved is no longer a stranger or foreign but fellow citizens.
- Yes, this is talking about CITIZENS in the heavenly Jerusalem. It mentions the foundation of the apostles.
- Revelation Chapter 21 just talked about the foundation of the apostles.

THE CHURCH isn't mentioned in Revelation except for the 7 literal churches in Chapters 2 and 3.

- I'm telling you this because there is FALSE TEACHING saying only the New Testament Church Age saints get to dwell in this city.
- Do you see that in Revelation Chapter 21. It's obvious that it's all saints of all times and of all ages.

**[47] Hebrews 11:8-10** *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

- Abraham was looking for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.
- He was looking for the NEW JERUSALEM that HOLY CITY.
- Hebrews Chapter 11 proves that the city isn't just for the New Testament Church.

**[48] Hebrews 11:16** *But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.*

- That's talking about Abraham and all the Old Testament saints. That city is for them too.
- The tribes of Israel are written on the walls. Do you see the craziness in these religions? It's ignorance.
- "FOR HE HATH PREPARED FOR THEM A CITY." Who? The Old Testament saints. It's clear.

**[49] 1 Corinthians 14:38** *But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.*

- Yes, I'm going to preach against this ignorance of the CHURCH AGE. But I will not argue with them.
- "If any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant." All I want people to see is the truth. "IT IS WRITTEN."
- One more thing as we close. CHURCH is CONGREGATION. Church hasn't just existed since Acts 2:38.
- The Book of Acts proves this immediately and clearly.

**[50] Acts 7:37-38** *This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. 38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:*

- End of argument. THE BIBLE tells us that there was a church in the wilderness all the way back to Moses.
- Some fairy tale New Testament Church Age doesn't exist. Get over it.
- Stop teaching false doctrine. The pre-tribulation rapture is a false teaching.

Let's pray.

## SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 22

[2] The title of the sermon today is "REVELATION CHAPTER 22."

- I want to do a quick summary of what's happened over the past few of chapters in Revelation.
- In Revelation 19, we see Jesus coming on a white horse with the armies from heaven.
- This is the Battle of Armageddon. Jesus speaks. He wins the battle.

- The beast or antichrist and false prophet, who are humans, are thrown into the lake of fire.
- In Revelation 20, we see Satan bound and thrown into the bottomless pit or hell.
- We see the thousand year reign of Jesus Christ on this earth with the saints or saved.
- We talked about the resurrections and their order.

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<b>The First fruits</b>	<b>The First Resurrection</b>	<b>The Second Resurrection</b>
Who? Jesus Christ	Who? All Saved Prior to Rapture	Who? All Saved After the Rapture
When? His Resurrection	When? At the Rapture	When? After the Thousand Years

- After the thousand years, Satan is let loose out of hell for a little while.
- He deceives the nations. There is the battle of Gog and Magog. Satan's side goes up against God's side.
- Fire comes down from heaven and devours Satan's side at Gog and Magog.
- The devil, that old serpent, the dragon, Lucifer, the son of the morning is thrown into the lake of fire.
- After that, all of the rest of the people are resurrected bodily.
- The unsaved or the dead are judged at the great white throne judgment. The saved are not judged.
- Death and hell are cast into the lake of fire.

In Revelation Chapter 21, we see a new heaven and a new earth.

- The new earth has no sea. Hell isn't in the center of the earth any more.
- Hell is now the lake of fire in outer darkness. It's no longer within the earth. It's outside the new earth.
- There is nothing that is wicked or corrupt in the earth any more.
- All of the saved will live there in resurrected and glorified bodies. There is no sun or moon.
- There is no night. God's glory lights the entire new earth.

We learned that the bride is this new city, the Holy Jerusalem from heaven.

- Within this city is all saints of all time. This isn't just for the New Testament fake Church Age saints.
- The new city isn't just for the Baptist denomination like many of them teach.
- The bride is the holy Jerusalem with all the saints of all time and all ages.
- The city is beautiful. 1500 miles square in all dimensions.
- And how do make sure you don't miss out on this new heaven and new earth?
- "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."
- At the end of Revelation Chapter 21 we see this.

**[4] Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

- Won't that be great. We can't even imagine how amazing that will be. God will be there.
- No evil, no pain, no sorrow, no crying, no lying, no stealing, no murder, no crime.
- Only the saved that are written in the Book of Life will be there.
- Your name can be written in the Book of Life permanently to never be erased right now.
- All you have to do is ask God to save you right now. Say Jesus I believe you are THE SAVIOR.
- I believe you are the only one who can give me everlasting life right now. Please save me now.
- Say it within yourself and God takes care of the rest.
- With that said, let's start there in verse 1 of Revelation Chapter 22. Last chapter in Revelation.

**[5] Revelation 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.**

- So we're still talking about that great city, the holy Jerusalem.
- The angel shows John a pure river of water of life. It's clear as crystal and comes out of God's throne.

**[6] Psalm 46:4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.**

- We know there's a river of water of life in this heavenly city. What is this river of water of life?

**[7] John 7:37-38 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

- When you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, rivers of living water will flow out of your belly.
- Does that mean water is actually going to flow out of your belly? Let's see what the Bible says.

**[8] John 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)**

- The rivers of living water are likened to the HOLY GHOST. You're sealed with the rivers of living water.

**[9] Revelation 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.**

- The only way to the LIVING fountains of water is through Jesus Christ.
- Allow Jesus to wipe all of those tears away. He is the only one who can.

**[10] Psalm 36:9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.**

- Do you see how the entire Bible begins to make sense with the Book of Revelation?
- We've been through Revelation now and this book helps you understand the rest of the Bible.
- When you get it right, everything goes together perfectly. Let's continue in verse 2 of Revelation 22.

**[11] Revelation 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

- There's a tree of life on both sides of the river. There's more than one tree of life in heaven.
- This type of tree bares 12 different fruits. It's a different fruit every month.
- You don't have to wait for this tree to be in season. You don't have to wait for the fruit.
- That's an amazing tree. It's always yielding fruit and it's different every month.
- The leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations. There will be different nations in the new earth.

**[12] Revelation 22:3-4** *And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.*

- All the bad will be gone. There will be no more curse. GOD WILL DWELL THERE WITH US.

**[13] Deuteronomy 27:26** *Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.*

- When we sin, we curse ourselves. We earn the penalty of death when we break God's law.
- But once we reach this new heaven and new earth, there will be no more curse.

**[14] Revelation 21:4** *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

- All of that's passed away. The curse is passed away. It's gone. THANK GOD!!!
- In verse 3 of Revelation Chapter 22, notice that it says "HIS SERVANTS SHALL SERVE HIM."
- We are to serve God at all times. When we get to heaven, we will serve God.
- You might think, "Well, that's not my heaven. I want to be on a beach. I want to be in Bora Bora."

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- Yeah, that looks pretty nice to me. Do you see how clear the water is? I love that.
- But we aren't going to be just relaxing and playing all the time in heaven or on the new earth.
- We're going to be serving God. And that's not a bad thing.

Some of the most enjoying times in my life come when I'm serving God.

- For example, I love to be here in church with all of you. I would rather be no other place.
- Except right there in Bora Bora. Just kidding. Seriously, though, we never stop serving God.
- And that should be an absolute joy to us. For example, I love reading and studying the Bible now.
- It's tough, if not impossible, to find a friend outside of here that wants to talk about the Bible.
- But we might as well get better at serving God right now. You will enjoy it.
- You'll understand that you have a purpose in this life. God gave you purpose. You'll love it and enjoy it.

So, you might think it's better to just stay here on earth and do what you want.

- "Why would I want to go to heaven so I have to serve the Lord. I don't want to do that."
- If you ever think something like that, just remember that you have no idea what you're thinking.

**[16] 2 Corinthians 5:8** *We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*

- Listen, there is nothing better than to be present with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- I would much rather be present in heaven right now serving God in heaven than to be here on earth.

**[17] 2 Corinthians 5:9** *Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.*

- In other words, WE LABOR no matter if we're here on earth ABSENT from Lord or whether we are in heaven PRESENT with the Lord.
- We'll have work to do in heaven, in the thousand year reign of Christ on this earth, and in the new earth.
- And it's going to be amazing working together with all of you for God Almighty.
- It's not bad to work. Work gives you a purpose. People who don't work towards something will get down.
- For example, I like to exercise and work towards a goal. I like to lift weights and work towards something.

If you think something like, "Great, I'm going to have to work in heaven" that's the flesh speaking.

- People who love the Lord want to work for the Lord. They want to do what HE needs done.

**[18] Proverbs 19:15 *Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.***

- When you get out of work, the Bible says you will be cast into a deep sleep. Don't want to stop working.
- An idle soul shall suffer hunger. The Bible is true. We never stop working for God.

**[19] Proverbs 21:25 *The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.***

- The slothful have something better to do than get to work.
- To the slothful, fun is far more important than work.

**[20] Ecclesiastes 10:18 *By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.***

- If you have a home, take care of that home. Through idleness of the hands, the house droppeth through.
- If you'd rather be slothful, the house will rot and drop through.
- Clean it up. Take care of it. Get up and move. Get outside and clean the outside of it. Fix the problems.
- Stop being lazy the Bible says. "Well, I don't have time." But you're watching TV? You don't need TV.

**[21] Romans 12:11 *Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;***

- We need to be FERVENT in SPIRIT. Be hot and excited about serving the Lord. There's nothing better.
- And you might as well get good at it, because you will be serving the Lord a long, long time.
- Yes, we all get lazy from time to time because we're in this body. We have to fight that, though.
- We will not be bored in heaven. We will have work to do. People are working right now in heaven.

**[22] Revelation 22:4 *And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.***

- In the new heaven and new earth, we will see God the Father's face. That's talking about HIM.
- And his name shall be in their foreheads. Here's proof that this is talking about the FATHER.

**[23] Revelation 14:1 *And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.***

- GOD is 3 persons in ONE GOD. God the Father, THE SON OF GOD, and the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit.
- Together they form one GOD, but also, each one on their own is fully God.
- When we see GOD THE FATHER'S face, this is new!!! We won't see it until the new heaven and new earth.



- This doesn't happen in the Bible AT ALL until Revelation Chapter 22.

People have seen the face of JESUS who is the SON OF GOD. Jesus is not the Father or the Holy Spirit.

- If he were, the entire Bible wouldn't make any sense at all.
- People, like the modalists and the oneness Pentecostals, can't read the Book of John and believe it.

**[24] John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.***

- The entire book of John proves the SON OF GOD is not the Father. That's just the first verse.

**[25] John 1:18 *No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.***

- There's another one in the first chapter. Obviously, they are different.
- Why? Because people have clearly seen JESUS CHRIST. He came to earth and lived here.

**[26] John 1:32-34 *And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.***

- The Holy Spirit comes down from heaven to JESUS CHRIST the SON OF GOD.
- The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are in those Scriptures right there.
- JOHN bare record that that man right there is THE "SON" OF GOD!!!

These oneness Pentecostal heretics will say, "Oh yeah, he is the Son but he's also the Father."

- What Bible are you reading? John 1:1 says Jesus was WITH God and he was God.
- To be WITH someone means there is another one there. MORE THAN ONE. Plural. He was with God.
- They believe that the Father became the Son of God and then the Son of God became the Holy Spirit.
- They believe God just switches between different modes all the time.
- Well, I'm at church now so I'm in preacher mode. I go home, and I'm in Dad mode.
- I go to work, I'm in the engineer mode. I'm one person in different modes. That's what they believe.
- Well, the Bible clearly tells us hundreds and thousands of times that the SON OF GOD is not the Father.

**[27] 1 John 5:6-7 *This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.***

- The Holy Spirit bears WITNESS. He is a witness. There are 3 witnesses in heaven. End of argument.
- The Father is God. Jesus, the Son, is God. The Holy Spirit is God. Three persons in ONE GOD.

**[28] 1 Corinthians 15:24 *Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.***

- IN THE END, we're in the end in Revelation Chapter 22. JESUS delivers the kingdom to God.
- So remember, Jesus rules and reigns for 1000 years on earth. The Father isn't down here on earth yet.

- Once the 1000 years are finished, the Son of God delivers the kingdom to the FATHER. Different persons.

***[29] 1 Corinthians 15:25-27 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.***

- This all matches the Book of Revelation perfectly. Jesus reigns until ALL ENEMIES are put under his feet.
- Death will be destroyed. Hell will be moved to outer darkness in the lake of fire. No more death.

***[30] 1 Corinthians 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.***

- THE SON OF GOD will be subject HIMSELF unto the ONE who put all things under HIM.
- Jesus Christ is under God the Father. Jesus submits to the will of HIS FATHER.
- When you see the words of the Bible, FAITH is simply believing what they say.
- I didn't make up God's nature. It's in the Bible from Genesis Chapter 1 to Revelation Chapter 22.
- And we're talking about it because we are in the last chapter of the Bible, and it's there.
- We will see God the Father's face once there is a new heaven and new earth AND NOT until then.
- Let's continue in Revelation Chapter 22 verse 5.

***[31] Revelation 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.***

- There's another difference in this new heaven and new earth. We won't need the sun.
- GOD gives us the light. God will be living there with us.
- Notice it says, "And they shall reign for ever and ever." Jesus is under the Father but He reigns!!!
- We are under Jesus, but we reign forever and ever. So, we'll work but we'll reign!!!

If you think about the new heaven and the new earth, THIS is God's goal. No pain, no suffering, no curse.

- When he created Adam and Eve, they were perfect. In their flesh, though, they messed up. CURSED.
- Well, in this new heaven and new earth, we'll all be in our perfect bodies given to us by God. No more sin.
- We will be able to see GOD THE FATHER'S face for the first time. I can't wait for that!

***[32] Revelation 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.***

- The Bible says, "These words are faithful and true." THIS IS THE TRUTH.
- The angel speaking with John tells him these things. Notice it says HIS SERVANTS. We are God's servants.
- These things within the Book of Revelation will soon be done. It will be here before you know it.
- And do you know what I'm happy about? We're all going to be there together.

***[33] Revelation 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.***

- Jesus will be here quickly. When a child grows up, it goes fast. It's quickly done and over.
- But not really. It took years, but it seems so fast. JESUS WILL COME QUICKLY.

- We want to be blessed and keep the sayings of the prophecy of this book.
- The Book of Revelation has become very clear to us. We went through verse by verse. It's not difficult.
- That's why I can't listen to pre-tribulation rapture false preachers. I don't want to lose the blessing.
- We need to KEEP THE SAYINGS of the prophecy of this book. We can't support lies.

***[34] Revelation 22:8-9 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.***

- John is amazed with this angel who is showing him all of these things.
- He's so amazed, he falls down to worship this angel. Not a good idea at any time.
- "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."
- THIS ANGEL tells John to not worship him. He says, "For I am thy fellowservant."
- "I am of thy brethren the prophets." In other words, this angel is a man.
- I want to take you back to where we first meet this angel in Revelation Chapter 21.

***[35] Revelation 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.***

- This is one of the 7 angels which had the seven vials full of the 7 last plagues.
- Remember, the 7 vials are full of God's wrath. Well, this angel is a man. In Revelation 21, we see this too.

***[36] Revelation 21:17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.***

- This same angel measures the wall of this holy city according to the measure of a man, which is the angel.
- Are all angels human? No but some of them are. Other angels are living creatures or beasts the Bible says.
- An angel is a messenger. This man is bringing a message to John. He is a messenger. He serves God.
- This angel, though, is human. John falls down to worship. He says, "Oh no, don't do that. Worship God."
- Did you know Catholics bow down, get on their face, and worship the Pope who is a man.
- That Pope doesn't say, "Oh no, don't do that." He loves it. He wants more worship.
- He sits on a throne and wants to be like God. He's evil and wicked. There is no other conclusion to that.

Did you know what the word POPE comes from the Latin word papa which means FATHER?

- Seriously, the Catholics want you calling all of their priests FATHER. The word POPE means FATHER.

***[37] Matthew 23:9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.***

- That's pretty easy to understand to me. But the people who profess to be the closest to God, denies God.
- POPE is in direct CONFLICT with the word of God. Jesus spoke those words right there.
- Never bow down and worship any man. Worship God alone. Get away from the false religions.
- Do you know what's really funny? You'll love this. The Catholics say Peter was the first Pope.
- Let's see how Peter reacts when a man bows down to worship him.

**[38] Acts 10:25-26** *And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. 26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.*

- The Catholics call Peter the first Pope but he sure didn't accept a man worshipping him.
- That's the funny thing. They make up all their own rules. It's a joke of a religion.
- 100% without a doubt, it's a religion endorsed by Satan and for Satan.
- When God shows up in the Bible, though, God never tells someone not to worship him.

**[39] Joshua 5:13** *And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?*

**[40] Joshua 5:14-15** *And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? 15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.*

- That was Jesus. A man. A sword in his hand. Captain of the Lord's host. Where he stands is HOLY.
- The ground sure isn't holy where the Pope stands. Let's continue in Revelation Chapter 22.

**[41] Revelation 22:10** *And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.*

- The angel continues speaking with John. DO NOT SEAL THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK. Why? It's time.
- In other parts of the Bible, God seals up the prophecies so we don't understand and see.

**[42] Revelation 10:4** *And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.*

- The mystery of the seven thunders is not revealed to us. One day, we'll know what they said. But not now.

**[43] Daniel 8:26** *And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.*

**[44] Daniel 12:4** *But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*

**[45] Daniel 12:9** *And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.*

- So clearly God seals things up until it's time for us to understand.
- Daniel didn't understand. He didn't need to understand at that time.
- But here in Revelation Chapter 22, the angel tells John to NOT SEAL UP the sayings of this book.
- Obviously, Revelation should be much easier to understand than Daniel. And it is easier.
- But, we can use Revelation to help us understand the Book of Daniel. Revelation is very clear.
- That's why we're doing this first. And then we can understand the Old Testament much better.

- Why would we do that? The Book of Revelation tells us why in the very first verse.

**[46] Revelation 1:1 *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:***

- God wants to SHOW US or REVEAL things to us. That's what REVELATION means. It's very clear.
- The angel tells John, "THE TIME IS AT HAND." That means you and I better know this. The time is here.

**[47] Revelation 22:11 *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.***

- We're only righteous through the blood of Jesus Christ. If you want to be filthy, let him be filthy.
- I don't why you would want to be filthy in front of your creator. Just give it up and allow Jesus to save you.
- If you want to be ignorant of the Bible, let him be ignorant. I don't want to be ignorant of the Bible.

**[48] 1 Corinthians 14:38 *But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.***

**[49] Psalm 73:22 *So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee.***

**[50] Isaiah 56:10 *His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.***

- I don't want to be like that any more. I've had enough of that in my life. I don't want to be a dumb dog.
- Some preachers won't touch the Book of Revelation. We will not be like that. We'll take everything.

**[51] Revelation 22:12-13 *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.***

- Jesus says this again, "BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY!" He just said the same thing in verse 7.
- In other words, you better be ready. He's coming quickly. He will provide rewards based on your work.
- Do you think I tell you to get to work because of some other reason?
- No, I tell you get to work for God because he sees what you do and he rewards you for what you do.
- I don't. You don't reward me. I'll work on things at home you'll never see. But God sees it.
- You don't have to do work in front of other people so someone sees what you're doing. God sees.
- How does he see everything? He's God. He is ALPHA AND OMEGA. He is the first and the last.
- You might think that your work for God is going to fail so you never start. Well, hear this today.

**[52] 1 Corinthians 3:8-9 *Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.***

- When you do work for God, you're working with God. God is right there with you.
- Do you think God fails? No, he can't fail. He won't fail. So what are you scared of? You won't fail.
- God rewards you for the things you might perceive as a failure.
- For example, when someone slams the door in your face, you think it's a failure. But not to God.

**[53] Revelation 22:14** *Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.*

- The first act of obedience towards God is believing on the Lord Jesus Christ to save you.
- Then, you have faith, you're saved, and then you receive the SPIRIT OF GOD.
- Walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh. This is how you do his commandments. You get a choice each day.
- Remember, anything that isn't done in faith is sin.

**[54] Romans 14:23** *And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*

- You can't do good without first having FAITH. The first step of faith is believing Jesus is "THE" Savior.
- If you don't have the SAVIOR, you don't have right to the tree of life. You won't have eternal life.
- And watch what Revelation Chapter 22 verse 15 says next.

**[55] Revelation 22:15** *For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*

- If you don't have faith in and on Jesus Christ, your sins aren't forgiven.
- Since I believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, I'm no longer a dog like I once was.
- I don't want to be a dog to Jesus. I don't want to be a whoremonger or a murderer.
- I don't want to worship a false god. I want to get it right. I don't want to be a liar.
- I don't want to take the word of God and twist it to match some man made false doctrine.
- God knows that I simply want to do what He says. I don't care about anything else. What does God need?

**[56] Revelation 22:16** *I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*

- JESUS SAYS, "I sent that angel." Why? To testify unto you these things IN THE CHURCHES!!!
- Where? IN THE CHURCHES. So, do we need to be teaching the Book of Revelation in the churches?
- Yes, we do. Most preachers won't teach it because they won't take the time to study it.
- To them, it's not important. I invited a pastor for dinner and to talk about Revelation.

I said, "Hey, let's talk about your view of the pre-tribulation rapture and why you think it's true."

- No response. Not even, "Well I can't make it." Just no response.
- Doesn't care if he continues to preach a false church age pre-tribulation rapture.
- Let me tell you this. JESUS CARES what you're preaching. You might not. But Jesus does.
- We better get this right. If you don't know Revelation, you shouldn't be preaching in a church.
- If you won't put in the work to learn Revelation, then you shouldn't be preaching.
- Jesus is the ROOT and OFFSPRING of David. He is the bright and morning star.

**[57] Revelation 2:26-28** *And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star.*



- For those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and keep his works to the end, those people will not only be saved but they will RULE OVER THE NATIONS.
- "And I will give him the morning star." They will receive the MORNING STAR who is Jesus Christ.

***[58] Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.***

- HEY!!! ARE YOU LISTENING!!! If not, wake up. I want to read this again. It's important you hear this.
- God says, "If you hear right now, COME." He's saying come to me right now. He's calling out for you.
- He says, "Hey, you've studied my Book of Revelation. You're reading it right now. I know you must care."
- He says, "I'm calling for you right now." All you have to do is put your trust on Jesus to save you.
- It's a free gift. It's the greatest gift ever. "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life FREELY."

***[59] Romans 3:24-26 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.***

- The entire Bible from front to back tells us the same thing. Believe Jesus is the Savior and he'll save you.
- It doesn't take anything else. The churches have twisted all the Scriptures. Believe Jesus. Not man.
- Jesus says, "COME." He's calling you right now. Just tell him in your heart that you want to be saved.
- As we head to the end of Revelation Chapter 22 and the entire book of Revelation, hear this warning.

***[60] Revelation 22:18-19 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.***

- This is a GREAT WARNING to unsaved people. A saved person has everlasting life that cannot be lost.
- For every non-believer and that includes a lot of false preachers, "DON'T MESS WITH GOD'S WORDS."
- Don't try to change them around. Don't try to make up your own false doctrines.
- Don't teach that you can lose everlasting life. If you add to the Book of Revelation, you'll never be saved.
- If you take away from the words in Revelation, you'll never be saved. It's not a joke. It's truth.

Some false preachers will even try to use this exact warning to teach you can lose everlasting life.

- They'll say, "SEE!!! If you're saved and have everlasting life then your name can be removed from the Book of Life."
- They say, "Obviously, you can lose salvation. DUH. It says so right there."
- No it doesn't. A saved person cannot lose everlasting life because Jesus said so.
- This just means you need to study the BOOK OF LIFE within the Bible.

There's not one instance of a person's name being ADDED to the Book of Life.

- All names are written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world.
- Why? Well, you're given life so your name is in there. When God rejects you, then your name is removed.
- And one way to get rejected by God is to take the words away from the Book of Revelation.
- Another way is to continue to reject God all your life. Then God can reject you. Proverbs Chapter 1.



- When he gets sick of the rejection, he'll remove your name out of the Book of Life.
- And it's not coming back again. When God removes a name, it's gone for good.
- Your name isn't added to the Book of Life when you're saved. It was already written there.

***[61] Revelation 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.***

- Overcoming means believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- When you do, Jesus says, "I will not blot out your name."
- That means the warning in Revelation 22 is not to believers who have already received everlasting life.
- If you are truly saved, you won't mess with God's words. You won't create your own new translation.

So, please see that the warning is this:

1. Add to the things in Revelation, and God will add the plagues that are written in this book to you.
2. Take away from the words in Revelation, and God will remove your part out of the Book of Life.

***[62] Revelation 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.***

- We see it again. JESUS IS COMING QUICKLY. We've got work to do.
- For your unsaved friends and family, aren't you glad you've got more time? We better get to it.
- EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS. We need more time, but nothing is better than Jesus coming.
- When it's time, understand that there is no better time. Whatever God does, we rejoice.
- With God, you can always know that whatever he decides to do is the best decision.

***[63] Revelation 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.***

- Understand what you have with God's grace. You don't deserve it. I don't deserve it.
- But we're so glad we have it. Without his grace, we'd all be headed to that lake of fire.
- With that, our detailed study of the Book of Revelation is complete.

Let's pray.

## THANKS FOR READING THIS BOOK OF REVELATION BIBLE STUDY



We wanted to thank you here at True Words Christian Church for reading this Bible Study on the Book of Revelation.

God will bless you greatly for reading and studying the Book of Revelation. Now, you should keep the sayings of the Book of Revelation.

Don't ever let anyone change the words of the Bible and what they actually say.

***Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.***

I hope this Bible Study has opened your eyes to the order of end times events.

Now, you will be ready for what lies ahead. If this doesn't happen in our lifetime, teach this to your friends, family, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and strangers.

***Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.***

Thanks again for reading and studying the Bible. God needs more of us out there spreading the truth. Please see the True Words Christian website for many additional Bible studies and sermons.

We hope to see you one day at Church. If we don't see you at Church, we'll see you in heaven or in the clouds at the second coming of Jesus Christ.

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