

Chronicles of the End Times Revisited

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Oracles of God

Chronicles of the End Times

Introduction

God's judgment and vengeance are initialized. His timing for the events of the End is established, the consequence of which culminates in the annihilation of earth, heavens, and all wickedness, in both man and the demonic world.

Hear what the Bible says about these things, "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before the throne, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not

found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”¹

Such is God’s judgment, after which He will dispose of the corrupted earth and heavens. “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?”²

What could be more terrifying? Even so, there is hope, for some, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

But will you be included? Do you meet God’s proviso for holiness? Unfortunately many false teachers slabber out grave error, saying “God is a God of love and will not do this. They are wrong and they lie. Jesus said, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he

¹ Revelation 20:11-15.

² 2 Peter 3:9-12.

who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still. **Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.**³

And about these things, remember that no one but God knows the day and hour, not even the angels of heaven.⁴ But He does reveal much about End Times, both their nature and timing. You can learn what He says herein.

Events of the End

While seventy-five complex topics describe the events of the end, they can be summarized in seven words:

**Tribulation
Harvest
Wrath
Armageddon
Millennium
Judgment
Destruction**

The rest of the Introduction defines these seven words and characterizes their ghastliness. And through

³ Revelation 22:10-12.

⁴ Matthew 24:36.

pursed lips I add, this is not rhetoric. The angst of these terrifying events is unfathomable; its torments, real and eternal.

The Seven Words

1. Tribulation

God Almighty will convene a Tribulation Summit wherein first (as it should be) He will be worshipped by all ⁵ heavenly hosts for the Awesomeness of His Being. During that meeting a scroll which defines the end of the earth will be seen in His mighty right hand. Subsequently the Lamb of God will take that scroll and, after also being worshipped by all heaven and earth, will begin breaking its seals. This initiates the Tribulation and unleashes unimaginable havoc. All peace will be taken from earth, famine will emerge, and more than two billion people will die under the assault of Death and Hades, riders released at the fourth seal.

And while the terror of the five riders rampages earth, other things are also in motion: the Restrainer is taken out of the way; the Son of Perdition (antichrist) is revealed; and God's Two Witnesses begin their 3 ½ years of ministry on the earth. All this is during the first

⁵ Revelation 4:1-11; 5:1-14.

half of Daniel's Seventieth Week ⁶ in which the earth is given over to the Man of Sin, the champion of mankind's hate-filled sinful flesh.

The rampage of Antichrist is on-going throughout the first half of the Tribulation, including the other things foretold by the Lord Jesus. "All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved." ⁷

This is horror beyond words. And yet, it is still only the first half of the Tribulation. But alas, the scene shifts, and second half begins, about which the Lord said, "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. ⁸ For it is here that evil's star character, the beast from the bottomless pit, appears. This is a terrible, powerful creature who

⁶ Daniel 9:24-27.

⁷ Matthew 24:8-13.

⁸ Matthew 24:21-22.

possesses⁹ the Man of Sin, kills God's Two Witnesses, and begins his war on the saints. His fury and hatred defies description. He is on his way to the lake of fire and seeks to murder, torture, and destroy everyone he can on his way there.

Yet, in spite of his power and wickedness, at the end of the battle of Armageddon he and the false prophet will be sent to their eternal destination: they will be cast alive into the Lake of Fire forever.

2. Harvest

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION...

Whoa! Understand, plainer words cannot be spoken.

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Immediately after (NOT BEFORE!) the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a

⁹ As in "demon possession" so often discussed in the Bible.

¹⁰ This word, straight from the mouth of the Lord Jesus Himself, says that it will be immediately after the seven years of Tribulation that the Great Gathering (some erroneously call it *rapture*) will take place.

great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together (Harvest/Gather) His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ¹¹

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹²

3. Wrath

The long-dreaded Wrath of the Lamb follows next, so we go back to the Lamb opening the seals on the little book.

“I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and

¹¹ Matthew 24: 29-31.

¹² 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" ¹³

Thus the Wrath of the Lamb is poured out in terrifying sequence as announced by seven trumpets, each with horrifying consequences. During the first four trumpets a third of the trees and grass are burn up; a third of the oceans turn to blood; a third of the water becomes poisoned, many die; a third of the sun and moon and stars were struck and did not give forth their light.

Next John said, "I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!" ¹⁴

Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened

¹³ Revelation 6:12-17. They knew that the Wrath of the Lamb was next, and it would be far more dreadful than the fury of the beast.

¹⁴ Revelation 8:13.

because of the smoke of the pit. Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months. And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon. One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.¹⁵

Are you really considering these words? How can anyone read these words and not stop right now to find out how to please such a terrifying God? And if that is

¹⁵ Revelation 9:1-12.

you, for just that purpose I wrote a concise little handbook entitled, *The Oracles of God, A Handbook: The Distilled Essence of the Word of God*. It has less than ten thousand words and tells you exactly what you need to know, do, and be to not only avoid the horror of these things, but rather, dwell with God in His love and blessing for eternity. You can order a kindle version of this handbook from Amazon for just \$2.99 and have it in seconds.¹⁶

Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. Now the number of the army of the horsemen *was* two hundred million; I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses *were* like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. By these three *plagues* a third of mankind (that is two billion of the less than six billion still left on earth) was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth and in their

¹⁶ You can also order it and any of my other books from my website and other places. These works are written for Such a Time as This.

tails; for their tails *are* like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm. But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.¹⁷

Do not be confused, this is an additional two billion who are killed by these two hundred million terrible creatures. In other words, as of this point many more than four billion people will have already been killed since the Tribulation started.

After the Wrath of the Lamb, the Wrath of God follows as seven angels pour out seven golden bowls filled with God's wrath. The first pours his bowl on earth and loathsome sores come upon all who have the mark of the beast. The second pours his bowl on the sea, and every living creature in the sea dies. The rivers turn to blood by the third. The fourth pours his bowl on sun and men are scorched with great heat. The fifth pours his bowl on the throne of the beast and darkness settled on them so deep that they gnaw their tongues in pain. The sixth pours his bowl on the Euphrates river, which dries up so that the way for the kings of the east opens for the battle of Armageddon. The seventh causes a great earthquake such as has never been

¹⁷ Revelation 9:13-21.

before, and then a loud voice announces from the throne, "**It is done!**"¹⁸

4. Armageddon

Behold, the day of the LORD is coming...¹⁹ For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Oh my, oh my!

Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half the mountain shall move toward the north and half toward the south.

Evil spirits entice the kings of the nations of the whole world to gather together in their hatred of Israel at the battle of Armageddon. Yet, to their dismay this will be the shortest, most horrifying battle ever, for the Lord Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords comes down on His great white charger and destroys the armies with the sword of His mouth.

¹⁸ Revelation 16:17.

¹⁹ Zechariah 14:1-4.

And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths. It shall come to pass in that day a great panic from the LORD will be among them. Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, and raise his hand against his neighbor's hand...Such also shall be the plague on the horse and the mule, on the camel and the donkey, and on all the cattle that will be in those camps. So shall this plague be.²⁰

5. Millennium

Messiah (the Lord Jesus) will perform a dual role during His millennial reign. He will Tabernacle with the Jewish Remnant and also Rule the nations with a Rod of Iron.

God's Word gives insight about both. Let us examine them, beginning with the Jewish Remnant, the precious reconciliation of the Jews with their beloved Messiah, which grandeur is taken up in the prophets. Do not hastily pass over these words. Think about the miracles involved in each one.

²⁰ Zechariah 14:12, 15.

Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel...Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God. ²¹

But He is very clear: "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I *am* the LORD," says the Lord GOD, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes." ²²

To look further ²³ is to see the magnificent glory of Israel unfolded in those days, including the design of the Temple, worship therein, administrative rules, and the division of the land. For certain the Messiah, the Great Son of God through whom all things were created, will again apply His marvelous creative skill and power on the earth. It is clear in Scripture that

²¹ Ezekiel 11:17-20

²² Ezekiel 36:22-23.

²³ Ezekiel chapters 40 through 48.

Jewish life will continue throughout the Millennium and into Eternity. Hallelujah!

Regarding Jesus Ruling the Nations with a Rod of Iron, we see this truth set forth four times in Scripture,²⁴ including an intriguing discussion in Revelation chapter 20. “And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”²⁵

Do you understand? The martyrs—those who would not take the mark of the beast, but rather, clung to Christ—were killed. Yet, in the end they are the first to be called back from the dead to reign with Christ a thousand years. What an excellent choice they made!

6. Judgment

²⁴ Psalm 2:9; Revelation 2:7; 12:5; 19:15.

²⁵ Revelation 20:4-6.

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before the Throne, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Note: here and only here is the judgment seat, and this is where Jesus is the Judge.²⁶

Force yourself to register the significance of those books (for they reveal not only the actions of your life, but also your thoughts and intentions—everything). And if you can begin to see this, perhaps for the first time you might realize the blessing of the blood shed by the Savior, a sacrifice that washes away the

²⁶ Revelation 20:11-15. Also see John 25:30; Acts 10:42; 17:31; 2 Cor 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1; Romans 14:10. Sadly, this is another doctrine that roots in dispensational error which argues that Jesus sits on two separate Judgment Seats, one for believers the other for the wicked. Yet here we see both at the same time, for there is only one judgment seat that is both specified and demarked in the Bible.

infidelity of your sin-filled life, that is for as many as believe, change their lifestyles, and faithfully obey Him until the end.

7. Destruction

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.²⁷

These new heavens, earth, and Jerusalem are described in Revelation 21 and 22 and in the prophets.

²⁷ 2 Peter 3:10-13.

Timing of the Events of the End

Thus we looked at a summary of End Time Events, but...

When do they occur?

We must know for they are almost upon us, and our need should drive us to God.

Then God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years...²⁸

He opened the understanding of primeval patriarchs to the movements of the heavenly bodies the same as He created them sentient beings in the first place, full of knowledge and able to talk, reason, and fellowship with God. For surely they had a glorious start.

Otherwise, no one could have known that those heavenly lights were actually, among other things, a timeclock to establish End Time events on earth eons later. Yet this they do as one of their assignments.

Here is how it works.

²⁸ Genesis 1:14.

When God delivered Israel from bondage and defined the Law—including the Sabbath, Jewish feasts, Jubilee, and all other such matters—He tied their calculations to His heavenly clock which already demarcated the signs and seasons, days and years. Thus to obey God’s instructions for the timing of the feasts and the performance of the Law, it was incumbent on the Jews look to the heavens, measure positions and count days according to the directives in Torah (the Law).

When you recognize and follow God’s Torah timeclock you will discover when the Lord was born, when He died, and the applicable Jubilee date. Yet with all these dates the elusive trigger that starts the End Time counter is not revealed. It is the missing piece of the puzzle. And the search for it takes you outside of Torah and into the rest of God’s Holy Word, which one must carefully study to find the key that unlocks God’s End Time Tapestry. But once you find that trigger, you will marvel again at how gloriously great God is, He who knows the end from the beginning. And you will delight to see, once again, that it begins and ends with the Great Lord Jesus Christ.

And once you have the trigger, you rejoice to see how the dates in the Interlinking End Time Spreadsheet Matrix virtually fill in by themselves. (This spreadsheet is shown in its entirety in the related section of my website.)

Therefore, let me simply identify the four anchor points that control the End Time Events and explain how they are determined. The four points are:

1. The date of Jesus birth, 090102 BC.
2. The date of His death, AD 032434.
3. The date of His visit to Samaria, AD 101328;
4. The date of the next Jubilee, AD 2035.³⁰

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You will see that these four events drive the rest of the End Time Events' seventy-five sub-topics, and you will see how they interlink in the integrating spreadsheet. For this, we turn to Torah and the glory of the Lord's celestial Timeclock and let God Himself define the dates for us, or perhaps more appropriately, let us use the tools He provided at creation to carefully determine the dates for ourselves, that is, with His guidance.

As we prepare for this, I wish to credit Daniel Gregg, Torahtimes Messianic Ministry, <https://torahtimes.org>, for his excellent articles, videos, and publications across a wide range of biblical topics. Daniel is a Messianic Jew and I recommend his website for all things Torah related, and happily admit I have spent hours watching and re-watching his videos and reading his articles concerning the End Times and

²⁹ Approximate date, the absolute value of which is not critical.

³⁰ Daniel Gregg, Daniel 9 series 5, video time 41:11, AD 2035.t/2036.t

accept and add to my own work his Torah-related conclusions, especially those presented herein. Thank you, Daniel Gregg.

The first and most important dates are birth and death of the Lord Jesus Christ, and both of which I derive from Brother Gregg's work, from which I now quote a portion.³¹ Let's take these two dates one at a time.

1. The date of Jesus birth, 090102 BC.

"In Rev. 12:1-2 we are given an illustration, a sign, a puzzle to figure out. A Woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and 12 stars on her head. The woman is giving birth to the Messiah, because the language used about the child connects us with messianic prophecy. The sign is in heaven. Since the child is Messiah, we rightly conclude that the woman is a virgin. So I ask, where in heaven is a woman who is a virgin that can be clothed with the sun and have the moon under its feet? The answer to this riddle is the constellation Virgo in the month of September."

Gregg goes on in an article of two thousand well-chosen words to explain using the principles of astronomy, logic, math, and the Word of God that there was only one day that the heavenly bodies could be precisely positioned to fulfill all those conditions,

³¹ Torah Times Messianic Ministry, When Was Messiah Born? The article is dated Sept. 9, 2018, Messiah's Birth Summarized.

and that date was September 1, 2 BC. His presentation was so clear and I accept it for what it is: a reiteration of God's truth. Surely that is the birth date of the Messiah as declared in the stars.

I urge you to make time to visit Daniel Gregg's website to enjoy this and many other instructive teachings.

2. The date of Jesus' death, AD 32434.

Now if that first example does not resonate with your curiosity, consider this second teaching which answers, "When did Jesus die." If your preference is video, you can watch a series of videos on Gregg's webpage on Jesus' death. It is explained by the mystery of Daniel's Seventy Weeks. But if you prefer to read, Gregg answers the question in a rigorous article of some twelve thousand words entitled "Messiah's First Coming Calculated."

Let us begin by looking at the angel's message in Daniel chapter nine.

³² "Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God, yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision

³² Daniel 9:20-27.

at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter and understand the vision."

"Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

In referencing to Gregg's work it becomes clear that the seven sevens and the sixty-two sevens until the Messiah death in fact combine to establish His death as AD 34.

But not only that, soon I will explain to you how this date also serves as anchor for Restoration of the Jewish Remnant discussed in Hosea chapters five and six, and ties directly to the last Jubilee Cycle. But we get ahead of ourselves.

3. The date of His visit to Samaria, AD 101328.

To look at a Harmony of the Gospels is to see that it was early in the Lord's first year of ministry that He went to Samaria as is discussed in John 4:4-43.³³ This visit is discussed in Chronicle 1, *After These Things*, next.

4. The date of the next Jubilee, AD 2035.

The date for the next Jubilee (point four) is also calculated by Gregg in his videos on Daniel's Seventy Weeks.³⁴

Thus, in this Introduction we have summarized the major events and their timing. We now move into the

³³ Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps and Charts, Old and New Testaments, p. 299.

³⁴ Daniel Gregg, *ibid.*

details of the End Times via Chronicles 1 through 12. After those discussions, an overall integrating spreadsheet can be viewed at <https://www.booksbyauthordarellbdyal.com/> in an assigned space directly under graphic of this book.

Now let us turn to the urgent matter of the Chronicles of the End Times, ***Chronicle 1, After These Things.***

Oracles of God

Chronicles of the End: 1

After These Things...

Turning to Revelation 4:1 (the next verse after the end of Gentiles) we read the words, “After these things...”

Wait! Wait! After what things? Let’s look.

Early in the first year of His ministry (AD 28), Jesus told His disciples He needed to go through Samaria (where Jews never went!) but did not tell them why. Yet His purpose was to initiate the Age of the Gentile church. He remained with them two days (foreshadowing its two-thousand-year duration). During those two days they came to know that He was Christ, the Savior of the world, and the Age of the Gentiles was born.

Here some background helps non-theologians: to God one day *is* as a thousand years, a thousand years as one day.³⁵ Hence the significance of His staying two days, for He was in fact defining the two-thousand-year Age of the Gentiles. Yet this truth lay

³⁵ 2 Peter 3:8.

undiscovered in John 4:4 until now, the days of the end, just as in the book of Daniel. ³⁶

But we are not left to make this connection with just the revelation of John four. We must never do that; we must always use supporting verses, for the Bible interprets itself. ³⁷ And in our case, we also have Hosea and Romans. ³⁸ Hosea foretells that Jesus would be as a lion to Judah, tearing them, going away, and returning again to His place till they confess their offense, saying, “Come, and let us return to the LORD; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us.”

You see, the tearing occurred when Jesus died on the cross. ³⁹ At that time the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, opening the Holy of Holies to Gentiles and tearing it away from the Jews for two thousand years (two days).

And then, in Romans 11:25-26 Paul ties the two days of the Age of the Gentiles to the two days until the restoration of the Jewish Remnant when he explains, “blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And then Israel

³⁶ Daniel 12:9.

³⁷ And the way to rush into error and personal opinion is to try to make a doctrinal point based on just one Bible verse.

³⁸ Hosea 5:14-6:3; Romans 11:25-26.

³⁹ AD 032434.

will be saved.” Do you see: the two days ‘with’ the Gentiles ends and the two days ‘away from’ the Jews overlap and tie together as one unit.⁴⁰ This, of course, is neither random nor accidental. It is the hand of God working out His eternal plan, and He is continuing to do so in our day.

To return to our reading, Revelation chapters two and three foretold in detail things that were to happen during the two days of the Gentile church, even giving a timeline for the ages of the seven churches therein, which history ends when the Lord vomits the church out of His mouth and into the Tribulation that follows.

Therefore the Two Days Jesus was with the Samaritans foreshadowed the two thousand years of the Gentiles, which, consequently, ends in AD 2028,

**A shockingly short four years from
now! Oh my...**

**BY NOW YOU ARE TOTALLY
AWAKE AND SAYING, STOP!
WAIT! THAT CAN’T BE RIGHT!
SURELY THAT CANNOT BE SO!**

⁴⁰ Note that the start of Gentiles’ *two days* was early in year one of Jesus ministry: the tear of Jews separation when He died AD 32/43. The 2,000 years overlap except for the duration of Jesus’ ministry.

WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?

If something like that is your reaction, I think that I shared the conclusion too hastily. After all, such profound and unexpected proclamation might be too much to process that fast. I should have found a better way to prepare you for such a devastating statement.

So let me slow down and expand the background for this startling conclusion. Let us begin with His disciples question, “When will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”⁴¹ You may need to refresh your memory by re-reading Matthew 24 and 25 wherein you will see that the things He described are actually happening and are increasingly worsening.

About them Jesus said: “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.”

Consider four things about His answer:

1) To what things does He refer? The answer is all the things described in Mat. 24:4-51, including the

⁴¹ Matthew 24:3.

Great Tribulation, the second half Daniel's seventieth week.

2) To whom does He refer? Well the fig tree has often been thought to refer to Jews. There is interesting history related to this idea. Consider: Abraham was born 1948 years after Adam was created; the Jews were established as a nation (the second time) in 1948; the duration of a generation is 80 years ⁴²; and if you add 80 years to 1948 you get 2028, the exact number at the end of the Two Days of the Gentiles.

3) To which generation does He refer? Why, those seeing all these things. So who are they? They are Jews, believers, and others living now and through the things that are happening and which will soon be breaking even more upon the earth. We may well be "that" generation.

4) And to those three points we add another: the date of the next Jubilee. Knowing that the Lord set up the timing of all things, it is reasonable that He would begin the Millennium at the holy time of the Jubilee. And the next Jubilee begins AD 2035. The significance of this is that, since the next Jubilee begins AD 2035, the seventh of seven weeks (the forty-nine years of the Jubilee) must begin AD 2028. In other words, count backwards from 2035 by seven years and you are at AD 2028, and thus another affirmation.

⁴² Psalm 90:10.

Time is Short. We must find out what we need to learn and do, and get on with doing those things. So, perhaps if I had told you all those things before I said that the Tribulation will most likely start a

Shockingly short four years from now

You might have been better able to consider that this may well happen in your lifetime.

Therefore, to return to the argument: I say the Tribulation most probably will start as early as AD 2028, **in just four years**. And I hasten to add that it is the Word of God that proclaims these things, not this author.

So to return to our reading in Revelation 4:1...

“After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me”...

But wait, let us pause one more time. Who is this “First Speaker” to whom John refers? Keep in mind that at the start of that text (Rev 1:10 and following), the apostle is saying, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying,”

**‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the
First and the Last, what you see, write
in a book and send it to the seven
churches.’**

“Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead!

But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me,

**Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.
I am He who lives, and was dead, and
behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And
I have the keys of Hades and of Death.**

This Great One is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself: He is the Mighty Speaker John heard at first! It is He who now summons John into heaven to witness and document God's great meeting to inaugurate Tribulation. Everything about this is God's doing, for He has withheld His, judgment, fury, and wrath until the appointed hour. And this meeting testifies to all of heaven (and through the Revelation given through John) and earth that the Time of the End has come.

Jesus says "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.** I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last."⁴³

And with this we return to our reading in Revelation 4, where John says,

"Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne. And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. Around the

⁴³ Revelation 22:10-13.

throne *were* twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.”

Before the throne *there was* a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, *were* four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. The first living creature *was* like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature *was* like a flying eagle. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!**

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

**You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and
honor and power. For You created all
things,
and by Your will they exist and were
created.**

And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much because no one was worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

But one of the elders said to me,

**"Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe
of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed
to open the scroll and to loose its seven
seals."**

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll, and open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us a kingdom, priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was one hundred million, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

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, I heard saying:

**"Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"**

Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever. And Jesus, the Mighty Lamb of God, prepared to open the seals.

Oracles of God

Chronicles of the End: 2

First Seal and Day One Events...

God's long-restrained judgment begins. It is a fearsome, horrifyingly awful time. It is beyond words. We must not pass over these things lightly, as if reading a newspaper. For this is the Beginning of The End.

“Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder,”

Come!

A command thundered. The rider had no choice but to obey. “And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.”

A rider on a white horse with a bow is given a crown (he did not have one; it was given as if an authorization) and he goes forth conquering and to conquer. That is what we know; that is all we know. Neither can we say whether he is man or spirit; nor do we know who he goes to conquer. We are compelled to read on.

Perhaps more light will be given, for God reveals information for a purpose.

But before we turn to the second seal, let us ask: do we already know something from God that relates to the start of the Tribulation? After all, it is God who speaks. We owe Him maximum focus. Do we know other things that will happen on Day One? And in the urgency of this thought we realize the Bible has already showed us three other things that occur simultaneously:

1. God's Two Witnesses appear. ⁴⁴

2. The Restrainer is removed. ⁴⁵

3. The antichrist is unleashed. ⁴⁶

Let us add these three amazing events to that which has been revealed so far.

1. God's Two Witnesses.

And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth...and if anyone wants to harm

⁴⁴ Revelation 11:3-13.

⁴⁵ 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7.

⁴⁶ 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12.

them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies.

**THINK ABOUT IT. FIRE FROM THEIR
MOUTHS WILL DEVOUR THEIR ENEMIES!**

And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

Here at the beginning of The End, God sends His long-promised witnesses to demonstrate that He is in control. They prophesy 3½ years as His messengers to men on earth, both good and evil. Never before has God given such power to men. No one is sure what part the two witnesses have in winning the innumerable multitude that comes out of the great tribulation, but it is right to think they will be used for good for God's saints who find themselves in the tribulation to be purified, made white, and refined, as prophesied by Daniel.⁴⁷

When the witnesses complete their ministry, God's plan for their departure from earth is for them to die at the hand of the beast. This is not a case of evil triumphing over God, rather it is the fulfillment of His

⁴⁷ Daniel 12:10.

word, which says it is appointed once for man to die.⁴⁸ So the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against, overcome, and kill them. It is likely that here, in this battle, the beast too is mortally wounded. But he is healed because he has just begun his forty-two-month reign of terror.⁴⁹

And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. Then *those* from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, **"Come up here."** And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.⁵⁰

2. The Restrainer is removed

⁴⁸ Hebrews 9:27. Two men born over five thousand years ago have yet to die, Enoch and Elijah. Now living in heaven with God, these are likely God's two witnesses, for It is appointed once for man to die.

⁴⁹ Revelation 13:3.

⁵⁰ Revelation 11:7-12.

This second astounding event alludes to biblical truth you may not yet know. Many have heard of the long-dreaded man of sin, son of perdition, Antichrist, about whom there is much discussion. But the antichrist has not yet been released for his part in the evil assigned to him, neither will he be until the restrainer (assigned by God to keep the antichrist from appearing until time) is taken out of the way. Look at what God says.⁵¹

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; **only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.**

⁵¹ 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8.

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

Here God reveals the boundaries He established. This helps careful readers avoid errors in the text. Note one such boundary is that Paul reminds the Thessalonians that he previously told them who the restrainer was. So he did not bother to tell them again, and therefore did not bother to tell us at all.

Nevertheless, the passage contains important guidance. Observe. Paul tells them, using the present tense, that they knew “back then in their present tense,” who the restrainer was. Paul went on to say that the one who restrained “during in their time on earth, Paul’s time” will continue to “restrain” until he is moved out of the way, whenever that will be. Note that it has now been two thousand years and counting, and, according to Paul’s explanation, this restrainer continues, and will continue, to restrain until he is taken out of the way in the future.

This gives readers a clue as to the nature of the restrainer. He cannot be a man, for men only live a hundred years or less. So the restrainer must be an eternal being, either an angel or the Holy Spirit Himself.

However, our point here is not to try to “figure out” who the restrainer might be. We just need to understand that he must be removed before the man of sin can be released. And that surely is going to be happening soon—if our understanding of the other events ⁵² on God’s calendar is correct.

⁵² Here we refer to the Age of the Gentiles and the restoration of the Jewish Remnant.

3. The Man of Sin is released

We have information about this evil one. In Chronicle 2 we start with just an overview, yet in even this short account you will feel like vomiting before you are done.

The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.⁵³

Oh my! Here is the thing to understand: God permits, yea, provokes this evil. The man of sin comes according to the working of Satan with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and all unrighteous deception. There is almost no limit to his malice; his span of influence covers the entire world. You will see this in stories and videos herein. And you will discover that intrigue, deception, and evil (rampant on earth for decades) unfolds a treacherous plot by the devil through human and demonic minions. All this unfolds in the first half of the Tribulation.

⁵³ 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12.

Yet the worst is still to come, for it is only in the dreaded second half of the Tribulation that the beast (evil's major and most powerful villain) appears, possesses the man of sin, and initiates his war on the saints. Oh my!

But that is not until Chronicle 5. For now, we focus on the antichrist, and if you know the Bible you will remember that he is oft-referenced in the book of Daniel. The following excerpt blends two of those references.⁵⁴

And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have become completely wicked, a fierce looking king, a master of intrigue will arise. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause great devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He shall destroy the mighty, and *also* the holy people. Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt himself in his heart...he will confirm a covenant with many for one week. In the middle of the week he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation...he shall destroy many in *their* prosperity and even rise against the Prince of princes; yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.

⁵⁴ Daniel 8:23-25; 9:26-27.

Cunning, deceit, destruction, wicked, power, murder, treachery, pride, usurpation: these words describe this vile man. He lusts for power and craves to be worshipped. He personifies evil. In a treacherous act, one encapsulating his pride and evil, he enters the temple, opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. But alas, vile man, your destiny is already determined: it is the eternal lake of fire.

We will return to his mischief soon enough.

Oracles of God

Chronicles of the End: 3

Seals Two through Five

When He opened the second seal I heard the second living creature saying, **Come!** Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

Earlier, when we pondered the first rider, we were forced to admit we knew little about him: was he man or spirit? Nor did we know who he goes out to conquer. We realized all we could do was read on, expecting that more light would be provided, for the Lord reveals such things for a purpose.

And so He increases our understanding here at the second seal. We can begin to conclude that (at least) this second rider is a spirit being, for there is no way that a natural man riding on a red horse could go out and take all peace from the entire earth, so much so that people would kill one another in great fury.

When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, **Come!** So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.”

Oh my. As with dread we watch the unfolding drama and study the emerging riders summoned before the throne of God, we now consider the rider on the black horse with scales in his hand saying “a quart of wheat for a denarius...” This shouts of dire scarcity on earth. Consider the shortage when an entire day’s wages can only purchase a single quart of wheat. Oh my. Oh My. What depth of famine does this signal?

When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, **Come!** So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

The scene worsens. At the fourth seal there is one horse and two horrifying riders, Death and Hades, riding in tandem. And now the conclusion is almost certain: all riders are spirit beings, likely from the nether world. But that isn’t even the worst part. For the

magnitude of havoc these cause is beyond comprehension. They are given power to **kill one fourth of the earth** with sword, hunger, death, and by the beasts of the earth. Given that there are more than eight billion people living on the earth today, it means these last two riders will kill more than two billion people, not counting those who die under the evil ministry of the other three riders.

Oh friends, do you grasp the ghastliness of these words? Now while you still breathe and have free choice, now is the time to repent, make Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior, and begin living a holy life. Then, and only then, will you begin to be able to do what Jesus told His disciples when He was telling them about the tribulation and end time events in Luke 21: Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.⁵⁵

When He opened the **fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying,

**How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and
avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?**

⁵⁵ Luke 21:36.

Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was **said to them they should rest a little while longer, until** both the number of their fellow servants and brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

There are straightforward things to note about this text concerning the fifth seal.

1. The conversation takes place in (during) the Tribulation.

2. The martyrs are special to God, for they were true to Him even to being willing to die for their faith.

3. God tells the fifth-seal martyrs they need to rest a little longer until both the number of **their fellow servants and their brethren**, who would be killed as they, was completed. Did you catch this? Those to be added were of the same high class of believer as those who had already been martyred for their faith.

4. This vast number of their fellow servants and brethren were going to be added to the death count of the martyrs after the Tribulation had started. That means they were on the earth and not raptured as is taught by many false prophets these days.

5. This number is far too great to be the 144,000 Jews as is taught by these same guys. And to this number some of them even try to add the extra-special group of 144,000 believers described in Revelation 14 being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And even if you add the groups together, you still only have 288,000, a number that is easy to count, which is far less than a number that is too

great to count. The o-called teachers should be beyond embarrassed by such nonsense.

Let us close this section by looking at the beauty of the passage about the firstfruits to God and the Lamb.

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred *and* forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from *among* men, *being* firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God. ⁵⁶

⁵⁶ Revelation 14:1-5.

Oracles of God

Chronicles of the End: 4

Signs in the Heavens...

Daniel Gregg, torahtimes.org, writes a marvelous analysis that establishes the birth date of the Lord as September 1, 2 BC, the Jewish New Year called the Feast of Rosh Hashanah or the Feast of Trumpets. He further proves that God certifies the date by a great sign appearing in Revelation 12:1-2. Before we look at the text, be reminded that on day four of creation God said, ⁵⁷ “Let there be lights in the heavens and let them be for signs and seasons and for days and years.” And it was so.

Therefore we should not be surprised that God Himself uses this sign to establish the birthday of His blessed Son.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. ⁵⁸

⁵⁷ Genesis 1:14.

⁵⁸ Revelation 12:1-2.

By a wonderful analysis and series of astronomical points Gregg makes the interpretation clear and certain. While outside our work, be sure to visit *daniel@torahtimes.org* For a marvelous study.

The rest of Revelation chapter twelve ⁵⁹ also applies to us.

Another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

What an amazing conflict in the heavenlies. To think that God tolerates (for a little while longer) the devil doing his evil work. But do not let this bother you. Just remember that God uses the devil as He sees fit, and

⁵⁹ Revelation 12:3-17.

that whatever God permits fits within His permissive will.

Note in passing: 1) the beast (Revelation 13) is similar to the red dragon; 2) his tail drew a third of the angels with him (so he is very powerful); 3) he hates God and is intent in destroying His Son; 4) the Child (Jesus Christ) was protected and moved up to His Father; 5) the woman (Israel) fled to a place of safety for 3 ½ years.

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the entire world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him... Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

There is great celebration in heaven when the dragon is cast down to earth. But woe to the earth.

Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times

and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. But the earth helped her, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Then the dragon begins his assault on the rest of her offspring, those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Keep in mind chapter twelve leads directly into thirteen, where the beast makes war on the saints.

And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.⁶⁰

⁶⁰ 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12.

It should be of great interest to all to see that in God's mercy He warns mankind of the coming of the end, what things to expect and how to be on the correct side of the ensuing judgments.

**Wise is the person with ears to hear
what the Spirit says to the churches.**

Oracles of God

Chronicles of the End: 5

Beast from the Bottomless Pit...

Scripture says much about the beast from the bottomless pit, whose ministry is more expansive than of antichrist, for his arena is not only on earth but also in the spirit realm. He is a foul, evil creature whose arrogance and pride may only be exceeded by his hatred for God and for man. Yet, in spite of the evil associated with the beast keep one thing in mind: God permits his evil work, because the beast is part of God's overall plan. Be sure that he will accomplish nothing more than God permits, and that in the end our Great God will get all the good out of this evil work that He desires.

As you saw in the discussion of God's Two Witnesses, the beast appears in Revelation 11:7-10 when he battles with and kills God's two mighty witnesses at the end of their ministry.

He next appears in chapter thirteen.

John is speaking, "Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and

on his heads a blasphemous name. Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of* a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. And *I saw* one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?” And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.”

“Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. **It was granted to him to make war on the saints and to overcome them.** And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” ⁶¹

This is a powerful, evil creature, is he not?

Think about it. It was granted to the beast to make war on the saints. Who gave him permission for that? The answer is that only God has the authority and power to give such approval! You may think God would never do

⁶¹ Revelation 13:1-8.

that, asking “Why would He let the beast make war on and kill the saints?” You may think this cannot be true. But you would be wrong.

Who are you to say what is right or wrong for God. Remember, Jesus tells the Lukewarm modern church that unless they repent He is going to vomit them out of His mouth. That means He will cast them out of (away from) His protection and into the Tribulation. At first you might say, He could not, He would not do that. You might wring your hands and moan, and say, “Why would He do that?”

But that is exactly what He is going to do. Why? Because He loves them. Look at the alternative: John 15:2, 6 says that every branch in Jesus that does not bear fruit God takes away...if one does not abide in Jesus, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. That is the destiny of those not bearing fruit.

You see, it is actually in love that Jesus plainly says He is going to vomit them out, and then, in the tribulation those Jesus said He loves will have a final chance to repent, change, and wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb. In other words, they are given the opportunity to not worship the beast or take his mark, but instead, to die as martyrs and win a martyrs crown and be with the Lord forever. Hallelujah! What a great

trade. They will rejoice for eternity for having another chance.

Given that, let us return to the narrative of Rev. 13:11-18 and agonize through more of the beast's destruction of the saints.

Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has

understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number *is* 666. ⁶²

Here is a second beast (we call him the false prophet) who also is wickedly powerful. Even so, remember that God permits this ministry as part of His judgment of evil and wickedness in both man and devil.

To wrap up the story of the beast, his final appearance in Revelation seventeen, Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness.

Here you see that the beast is (with God’s permission) involved in the devil’s program on earth in the hidden mysteries in his kingdom’s evil.

John reports, “And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. And

⁶² Revelation 13:11-18.

on her forehead a name *was* written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.”

“But the angel said to me, ‘Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and ten horns’.”

Let the angel’s message settle into your hearts. He said he was going to “tell John the mystery.” And John wrote down all the angel said, and that was, once again, enough to explain to us all we needed to know about the mystery of the woman and the beast that carries her. And note, all the information John was given was recorded and given to us. Therefore, we too, have enough information to understand this complete mystery—that is, if we seek the Lord for understanding, and wait before Him until He unfolds the mystery to us.

Now that is what you are told to do; and that is what you should do. Right? Oh, and by the way, you need would need to keep seeking the Lord until He reveals the truths of this passage to you—whether that takes a day or say, maybe six months.

Oh, and one more thing. Let me add a personal anecdote I think you might chuckle about. When I was a young sailor, a pup in the Lord, I had found the joy of attending a church full of people who were filled with the joy of the Lord. I was also going to a Friday night Bible study taught by a Christian businessman named Burnett. I was having the grandest time being among true believers, people who really knew and loved the Lord Jesus. At Burnett's we were studying the book of Genesis, and I remember a conversation with him at the refreshment table one night after the evening's study.

I ventured (ahem, with all my new-found religious jargon and Bible knowledge) that I thought it might be great to study the book of the Revelation next, because I'd heard some exciting things about it.

With wisdom and gentleness Burnett said something like this, "Yes Darell, the Revelation is a great book." And then he casually added, "You know, when God had the translators put it as the last book in the Bible He probably thought that would be good place for it. That way new believers could first learn the sixty-five books that come before it. If they would do that the Revelation would probably be easier to assimilate."

And that, my friends, was the end of that "great idea."

I think that story came to mind because of the tongue-in-cheek advice I gave you about the angel's message to John in Revelation 17. You can do exactly what I said (that is, wait before the Lord to understand what a passage means) but unless your heart and spirit are full of the wisdom of many thousands of hours meditating in God's Word, there is a good chance you do not yet have the background to be able to complete such a study, which is the reason the Lord puts teachers in the church to help His children progress in the knowledge of His Word.

The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and

King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful’.”

“Then he said to me, ‘The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, tongues. And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth’.”⁶³

Before we leave the beast, there are a other observations about him and the antichrist. Notice the explanation about the beast’s seven heads. They are said to refer to seven mountains (earth’s seven continents) and seven kings. The seventh king, which will only continue for a short time, is the antichrist, whose ministry’s duration is only three and one-half years.

Then the angel unfolds a previously unknown mystery: he explains the beast is the eighth king and is one of the seven. But how is this interpreted? It’s explained by understanding that at the mid-point of the seven-year tribulation the beast from the bottomless pit

⁶³ Revelation 17:1-18.

possesses the antichrist and the two become one. Thus the eighth king becomes one of the seven.

Then, as a last point, we look at the ten horns. They are ten kings with no kingdoms as of yet but who will be part of the forthcoming one-world government that has been developing behind the scenes for decades now.

We will revisit these things in Chronicle 9 following.

Oracles of God

Chronicles of the End: 6

Multitude from the Tribulation...

We saw the preamble to this event in *Chronicle 5* where the beast makes war on the saints and kills many. We do not have specific information as to who this multitude is other than that they are of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues—but this we know, some of them are of the Lukewarm modern church which Jesus vomits out to end the age of the Gentiles. These He loved, and here in the tribulation they are given another chance for eternal life.

Here's a profile of what happens to them after death at the hand of the beast.

A great multitude which none can number of all nations, tribes, tongues, and peoples stand before the throne and before the Lamb. Clothed with white robes and with palm branches in their hands, they cry out with a loud voice, “Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb...” They are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. The Lamb will shepherd and lead them

to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.⁶⁴

But that's not all. We see them again as they joy in worshipping God...

And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true *are* Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You* alone *are* holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."⁶⁵

And finally once again in a magnificent blessing,

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands.

⁶⁴ Revelation 7:9-17.

⁶⁵ Revelation 15:2-4.

And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. ⁶⁶

What a blessing from the Lord Jesus Christ who told the Lukewarm modern church before He vomited them out that “Those He loves He rebukes and chastens.” Beware to those foolish sooth-sayers that noisily proclaim, “For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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It is a shame that these don’t understand the word or ways of God. “For whom He loves He rebukes and chastens”—for their good! Likewise, those teachers err when they mistake the corrective pain of the tribulation for the terrifyingly horror of the wrath of the Lamb of God and God Himself. It is true: God did not appoint His believers to His Wrath, but He often used the Rod for His stubborn children who will not obey Him otherwise.

If you are fortunate enough to meet them, ask the Martyrs if the second-chance given them by the love of

⁶⁶ Revelation 20:4-6.

⁶⁷ 1 Thessalonians 5:19.

God was worth the short-term pain and terror of the tribulation. And you will hear their affirming shouts of YES, GLORY TO GOD, HALLELUJAH FOR EVERMORE!

Oracles of God

Chronicles of the End: 7

Wrath of the Lamb...

The seventh seal has been opened. An incredible silence in heaven for a half hour has passed. It is time! God restrained his fury until now. But no more. His wrath is about to shake earth and heaven. No wonder the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the mighty men, the commanders, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" ⁶⁸ They know the terror that follows.

The seven angels who stand before God are given seven trumpets, and the wrath of the Lamb begins...

The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

⁶⁸ Revelation 6:15-17.

One third of the trees on earth were burned up! And all the grass! These are not just words. One third of the trees on earth, and all of the grass! Envision that! This is not the time to have the mark of the beast emblazoned on you. This is not the time to have been a one of the “clever ones,” too wise to heed the warnings of the prophets who cried out daily “Repent, seek God while you may!”

Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

We have no other words, no further understanding. Something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea and one third of the sea became blood: **One third of the sea!** Oh my! And one third of the creatures in the sea died, and one third of the ships were destroyed.

This is not just talk. It is going to happen. And it will get even worse before it ends.

Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of

the star is Wormwood.⁶⁹ A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter. And many died from the water.

Oh my, it just goes on and on.

Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

We already made it plain: God's power is so much greater than the devil or beast that compared to God, they are but vaporous shadows.

And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice,

Woe, woe, woe

to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"⁷⁰

⁶⁹ Vine, W. E., e-Sword, *apsinthos* (G894) (Eng., *absinthe*), a plant both bitter and deleterious, and growing in desolate places, figuratively suggestive of "calamity."

⁷⁰ Revelation 8:1-13.

Now we are warned: we have seen nothing yet! It gets worse. What can the three Woes be? There is no way to describe this but to say what was said. This is a terrifying revelation. Who would dare modify God's words?

Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

Let us pause here for a theological update. At this time in Chronicle 7, the tribulation is over. All believers are gone from the earth. Here's why they are gone...

Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of

the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.⁷¹

We are now in the Wrath of the Lamb. There are only two kinds of people left on the earth: Those with the Mark of the Beast, and those with the Seal of God on their foreheads.⁷² This interruption was necessary because the locusts from the bottomless pit were instructed to torment all men who don't have the seal of God on their foreheads, that is, those who have the mark of the beast.

And the locusts were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. **In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.**

The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. They

⁷¹ Matthew 24:29-31. Also see Revelation 14:14-16; and discussion in Darell Dyal's *God's Transparent Mysteries, Mystery number 5. Caught Up Together*.

⁷² In other words, the remnant of the Jews. Revelation 7:3.

had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months. And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

Oh my! Are you feeling the horror of these things? And it seems that the next Woe is even worse if that is possible.

Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.⁷³

Oh my! Before this sixth Trumpet there are probably less than six billion people left on the earth. (Remember, Death and Hades already killed two billion at the Sixth Seal, and many others have died

⁷³ Revelation 9:13-21.

other ways.) But here are orders to kill another third, some two billion more.

And the description of the woe continues.

Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

Look at the description of these “horses” and riders. They are not men, but spirit beings who will kill an average of one thousand people each.

But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.⁷⁴

⁷⁴ Revelation 9:20-21.

Their reprobate minds are so full of hatred for God that, even at this late stage, they choose eternal death rather than repentance.

And so we have reviewed the wrath of the Lamb of God as poured out on the wicked of the earth, those who hated and murdered the saints who served God with all their hearts. Jesus said, “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.”

But the review of the Wrath of the Lamb concludes with two passages.⁷⁵

But in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

"The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

You see, this is the “wrath” they correctly say, “God did not appoint us to wrath.”⁷⁶ Certainly He did not. But to

⁷⁵ Revelation 10:7 and 11:15-19.

⁷⁶ When they misquote 1 Thessalonians 5:9.

serious correction—when absolutely necessary—God has always used with those He loves. Severe correction, if humbly received, is very, very, very much better than the alternative, that of being separated from God forever.

Oracles of God

Chronicles of the End: 8

Wrath of God...

The time is at hand. We have seen the wrath of the Lamb. Now we turn to the Wrath of God, and after these seven plagues the wrath of God is complete. The preamble for this is the eight verses in Revelation fifteen.⁷⁷ And it started with a loud voice saying,

**Go and pour out the bowls of
the Wrath of God on the earth.**

So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

God's judgment is rigorous, and right. There is no telling how much these punished the innocent.

Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead *man*; and every living creature in the sea died.

⁷⁷ Revelation 15:5-8.

Such power.

Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, the One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due."

It is their just due for they have shed the blood of saints and prophets.

Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

God's power controls the sun and stars. Just think of His mighty power. Here the sun scorches men with great heat. And even still they curse God; nor did they repent and give Him glory.

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

A demonstration by God of His power over the beast.

Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty...And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.⁷⁸

This then is the beginning of the long discussed, dreaded battle of Armageddon.

Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and

⁷⁸ Revelation 16:1-16.

great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations' fell.

And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

Great Babylon didn't escape but was remembered before God for its long-term evil on earth. And it was destroyed. Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

It is impossible to grasp the total destruction to the earth that takes place because of this mightiest earthquake to ever be manifested on earth.

And great hail from heaven fell upon men, *each hailstone* about the weight of a talent.⁷⁹ Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.⁸⁰

In spite of such great destruction, mankind on earth recovers from this destruction, and after the Lord Jesus destroys the armies from all the nations on earth, He sets up His Millennial Reign and rules on earth for a thousand years. It is then only after that

⁷⁹ Approximately 75 pounds.

⁸⁰ Revelation 16:17-21.

reign that the Great White Throne Judgment happens, the evil of earth are cast into the Lake of Fire, those in the Book of Life are safely tucked into the bosom of God, and then the old heavens and earth are destroyed.

Oracles of God

Chronicles of the End: 9

Mystery of Babylon...

Mystery Babylon is in three parts: Mystery, the Mother of Harlots; The Beast upon which she rides; Babylon the Great. Such great mystery cannot be ignored for it has enslaved mankind almost from its start. The mystery is before you; you must overcome its sinister threat. But to do so you must understand the revelation.

While the first two parts are discussed elsewhere ⁸¹ a brief synopsis will be helpful for background for the third part, Babylon the Great. Therefore let me tell you about the Mother of Harlots.

The story is set forth in chapters seventeen and eighteen of the Revelation. There we find one of the mighty angels who poured one of the Bowls of God's Wrath talking to John. This is good news, for you are not left to guess the mystery of these two chapters. For the angel said to John, *I will tell you the mystery of the*

⁸¹ Part 1) Mother of Harlots and Abominations of Earth is in *God's Transparent Mysteries, 9. Origin of Mystery Babylon*. Part 2) The Beast, in *Chronicles of the End: 5 Beast from the Bottomless Pit*.

woman and the beast that carries her. And he did. All he told John is before us: as he unfolded it to John, so to us. But make no mistake: it was an incomprehensible mystery until the angel revealed it. But thereafter John had been given insight he needed. As true for John, so for as many as will wait before God for understanding. But this is a blessing for you because I am one who actually waited, so herein is your privilege to understand what the angel said.

Even so, I offer one precaution, I just published a work, *God's Transparent Mysteries*, which makes the point that, while God often uses simple words and sentences, He still controls who understands, and the basis for His decision is the manner of how they live their lives. But you can be one who gets to understand, that is if you set your heart to seek to please God.

So let's turn to the mystery, for the story was revealed to John. The angel started his revelation by talking about the beast, which for the most part, is outside the scope of our work right now. Yet some of the beast's traits apply to us, for he has seven heads which stand for seven kings and seven mountains. By prior knowledge, I know the seven heads reflect an amalgam all of man's kingdoms. This can be seen if you realize the beast of Revelation 13 (*which was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion*)⁸² embodies all of

⁸² Revelation 13:1-3.

earth's evil empires. When you compare the four beasts of Daniel to the beast viewed by John, you see that the *end time* beast reflects the evil nature of all the others.

The ten horns are ten future kings who receive authority for brief time. These *hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.* Translated, the emerging one-world government will hate and destroy the existing system of commerce; and the ten kings that emerge in that one-world government will be puppets for antichrist.

The betrayal, persecution and destruction of the harlot will horrify the people of earth, for the abominable fornication of man with the *harlot* is in reality the lusting for riches and the gratifications that come therefrom. It is the love of the world and the things therein that is the fornication of mankind with the great harlot.⁸³

It is this that the *beast* will stomp out of the fornicators' lives, for the beast mandates that he (and the mysterious *god of fortresses*⁸⁴) alone be worshipped. He will not permit lusting after things of the world. He

⁸³ James 4:1-6 adds insight into this adulterous relationship.

⁸⁴ Daniel 11:48.

will ruthlessly burn these out of man. There will be no freedom of choice. Every knee will bow to him; every person will take his mark—all, that is, but those whose names are in the Book of Life.

But let us return to the harlot. What a treacherous, detestable, seductive character, especially having once been queen of all humanity in glorious righteousness. Yet by her treachery, all seven continents (all the people of the earth) are depraved by the wine of her fornication. It is this mysterious *woman* you must come to understand, hate, and shun. What does her imagery mean, and how did she come to such far-reaching dominion?

To ponder these things before the Lord is to be taken back to the dawn of antiquity to some of the earliest words in Scripture. There you find the devil cunningly casting his evil net.⁸⁵ The bottom line is that the serpent deceived Eve into eating the forbidden fruit and she in turn enticed Adam to do the same. In this they disobeyed God and, as forewarned, the righteous spirit in them died, and in its place the most terrible, unruly flesh emerged, which has dominated man since. What evil had she done to earn such disdain from God?

Why did her disobedience caused the fall of the race and mandated that the Lamb of God die on a cruel

⁸⁵ Genesis 3:1-24.

cross to redeem as many as will believe. That is her transgression! And not only that. Because of it, women have suffered in childbirth since. And not only that. Part of her judgment earned the terrible result of having men rule over women in the despicable ways recorded in history ever since her sin—ways that do not reflect the gentle headship God intended for Adam.

Even worse, because of her sin, the spirit in mankind died, and unless your spirit is born again, you cannot see the kingdom of God.⁸⁶ It is spirit, and for that, you must be born again, believing in Christ as your Savior. Without that, you'll live in darkness without spiritual light.

That is the *spiritual harlotry* of Eve and the origin of the gender of the *Mystery*. With it you have the terrifyingly large span of control of the *harlot*, for every human being ever born traces its abominable, carnal nature back to *Eve, Mother of Harlots*—for all abominations root in her disobedience to God.

Concerning the term *Mystery*, some have deduced that the best place to hide a secret is in the most obvious place, that is, the open. For, after all, *who would think of looking there?* And so it is: the *abominable mystery* is hidden in the open: it is the

⁸⁶ John 3:3.

flesh of every human being. Yet almost no one realizes it is there.

Do you see? Such is the carnal nature. It thinks that the way you are is ***just the way you are, the way you were created, the way you have always been, the way you will always be***. But that is not the way God created man. Man was/is to dwell with Him in holiness, living obedient, perfect lives, with hearts full of the glory of the Living God—exactly like Adam and Eve in the beginning. It was from this perfect state that man fell; and in that fall the mystery of rebellion entered man's being. And that mystery is hidden in the deception of the flesh of man's own heart. It is no more; no less.

It is about this mystery you have been warned; it is against this mystery you are given God's power that you might overcome; your fate hangs in gaining victory over this mystery. Come out of the government of your flesh. You can; you must. You can do what the apostles did: you must be born again, and then you can walk in the Spirit; you can live the way they lived. This is the abundant life Jesus came to give. It is available to as many as will believe, receive, and walk therein. And remember, He said "Those who overcome will I grant to sit with Me on My throne just as I also overcame and sit with My Father on His throne."

Babylon the Great

As with Mystery, Mother of Harlots, so it is when an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation. ⁸⁷

Mystery, Mother of Harlots, is like an unclean spirit. Unable to stand alone, the seductress needs a body. And so the siren wove her way into the heart and minds of the people of the great city. And here at the end of time all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury. She has peddled the wares of her commerce worldwide.

Even the devil despises this graft. He will use it to ensnare people, just as he has done since he caught Eve and Adam six thousand years before, for he is a vicious, cunning, ruthless father of lies. For decades he has sinisterly been laying the foundations for the one-world government the globalists push today. His primary tactic is deceit and lying. Thousands of elitists

⁸⁷ Matthew 12:43-45.

have been deceived to believe that their efforts to pull down the governments and constitutions initially founded on the truths of the Bible have merit. Yet, they are really traitors against the very countries they say they serve. While they should be rounded up and treated like the traitors that they are, they are permitted to spread their murderous evil, hate, and lies—because a nation that once was God’s forsook Him and turned to selfish evil.

And in the midst of this, there is another voice, this one from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached heaven. God has remembered her iniquities." You see, God despises the selfishness and greed of the flesh. To be consumed by the allurements of the world is an abomination to God. To focus the attention of mankind on the horizontal trinkets of this world is to be consumed by the wrath of her fornication.

But understand, when the 3 ½ reign of terror of the beast comes, the ten horns you saw on him (the ten puppet kings) will hate the harlot (her political, cultural, sinful, self-filled, riches-blinding, self-culture) make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. In other words, when the one-world government arises to control the earth for a season (as God permits/orchestrates) these ten kings will hate the harlot’s current world system and will

viciously attack and destroy it—for God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose.⁸⁸

Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong *is* the Lord God who judges her. "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

When will these last things come? Most likely when the seventh angel pours out his bowl. "Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

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The merchants of these things (the merchants in/of the current world system) who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping

⁸⁸ Revelation 17:16-17.

⁸⁹ Revelation 16:17-21.

and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What *is* like this great city?'

But what does the Word of God say: "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and *you* holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!" Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw *it* into the sea, saying, 'Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.'

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Chronicles of the End: 10

The Day of the Lord...

The Day of the Lord is the grand finale of the *End Time Events*. And rightly its focus is on the Glorious Son of God. We shall look at various aspects of His majesty and His actions in this section. But keep in mind, “Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”⁹⁰

Too many things occur during the Day of the Lord for it to be a 24-hour period. Rather, it is a thousand years. In this section we shall address seven events.

1) Earth Reaped

The first event on the Day of the Lord is that the saints (both dead and living) are Caught Up immediately after the Tribulation.⁹¹ After all, as has often been pointed out, God did not appoint believers to wrath.⁹²

⁹⁰ 2 Peter 3:8-14.

⁹¹ 1 Thessalonians 4:17; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-7; Matthew 24:29-31.

⁹² 1 Thessalonians 5:9.

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat *One* like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.⁹³

2) Marriage Supper of the Lamb

After heaven exults because God *judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and avenges on her the blood of His servants shed by her*, the celebration is followed by the long-desired, marvelously anticipated hope of the ages for all the saints of God: The Marriage Supper of Lamb. No words can capture the glorious joy of that occasion. It will be a time of gentleness, love, and restoration. The wonderful, conquering Savior serves His beloved bride, and they rejoice together. The labors and trials are ended; and begins eternal peace, love, and joy for the bride—it begins with this marvelous banquet. Scripture does not embellish it; nor shall I.

The Word simply says, And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia!

⁹³ Revelation 14:14-16.

The Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." ⁹⁴

3)The Millennial Reign

The Mighty Son of God is depicted in His Glory as He, accompanied by the armies of heaven, prepares to begin His Millennial Reign. Only divine revelation is adequate to describe His majesty...

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ⁹⁵

This passage describes the grandeur of the Lord Jesus Christ and His conquest of the beast, false prophet, devil and the nations. He does it with the sharp sword

⁹⁴ Revelation 19:7-9.

⁹⁵ Revelation 19:6-21.

that comes out of His mouth. For economy, I avoid presenting the entire chapter. You should read it yourself. However, we need to observe the considerable activity that follows His conquest of all the armies of the earth.

The first observation regards Satan, who after the battle is bound by a mighty angel and cast into the bottomless pit for the thousand years of the Millennium.⁹⁶

Following that, Scripture reports,

*...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.*⁹⁷

What a blessing for the martyred ones from Tribulation. Jesus loved and gave them another chance when He vomited them out into tribulation. And they were faithful until death and are now granted to Reign with Him in the Millennial Reign. Wow!

4) Satanic Rebellion Crushed

⁹⁶ Revelation 20:1-6.

⁹⁷ Revelation 20:4-6.

After the Millennial Reign—a one-thousand-year reign of the Lord Jesus personally reigning on earth, if you can grasp that picture—an amazing thing follows: Satan, just released from the bottomless pit, deceives all nations, nations which had been under the personal rule of the Mighty Son of God for a thousand years. Even so, once again they join the devil in his folly, and surround the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire comes down from God and devours them. And then at long last the devil is cast into the lake of fire where the beast and false prophet are, where together, they will be tormented forever.⁹⁸

This brings us to the final events of the Day of the Lord.

5) Grapes of Wrath Reaped

Then another angel came out of the temple, which is in heaven, he also had a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth and threw it into the winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the

⁹⁸ Revelation 20:7-10.

winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs (two hundred miles). ⁹⁹

6) The Great White Throne Judgment ¹⁰⁰

The good and evil of mankind are gathered from death in preparation for the Great White Throne Judgment, where they will stand before the Majestic One Who sits upon the throne. Before we look at the judgment scene itself, we ought to first recognize and honor Him *from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away*. This is another amazing event in the *Day of the Lord*, and the Great One Who sits on the throne is Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

Consider what He said,

...I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge...and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. ¹⁰¹

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He

⁹⁹ Revelation 14:17-20.

¹⁰⁰ Many will flinch when they read this, for it is not what they've been taught. But, if they read it for what it says, they will understand that *it means what it says*, not *what they have been taught*.

¹⁰¹ John 5:19-30.

has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.¹⁰²

Thus Scripture says: God has appointed a day when He will judge the world by the Man whom He ordained; and He gave assurance of it by raising this Man (Jesus Christ) from the dead. He did this so that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father.

This affirmation of the Lord being the Majestic Judge on the Great White Throne, also explains another passage, one that is often referred to as the *Bema Seat Judgment* of Christ. “Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.”¹⁰³

Here at the Great White Throne, we have the fulfillment of Paul’s teaching in Corinthians, for at the White Throne, in deep terror, every man will receive his reward, good or bad, depending on what he has done. There are not two judgment seats; there is but one; and upon that throne sits Jesus whom God has highly

¹⁰² Acts 17:30-31.

¹⁰³ 2 Corinthians 5:9-11.

exalted and given a name above every other name—because He is worthy.

With this background, let us now turn to the Great White Throne Judgment.

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it,¹⁰⁴ from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great,¹⁰⁵ stand before the Throne; 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. 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. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

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And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord. And they shall go forth and look upon the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their

¹⁰⁴ Acts 17:30-31.

¹⁰⁵ Revelation 20:4-6.

¹⁰⁶ Revelation 20:11-15.

worm does not die, and their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh. ¹⁰⁷

7) First Heavens and Earth Destroyed

The final act of the *Day of the Lord* is the destruction of the existing heavens and earth, for they will have served their purpose.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁰⁸

And so it shall be.

¹⁰⁷ Isaiah 66:23-24; Revelation 22:14-15.

¹⁰⁸ 2 Peter 3:10-13.

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New Heavens, Earth, Jerusalem...

Peter said ¹⁰⁹ we look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. But before we do, let us review the shocking end of the old...

The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹¹⁰

Did you get this? The heavens will pass away with great noise; elements will melt with fervent heat; earth will be burned up; all things will be dissolved to nothingness.

¹⁰⁹ 2 Peter 3:13.

¹¹⁰ 2 Peter 3:10-12.

Next, John saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Not much else is said in chapter twenty-one about the new heaven or earth, so we shall refrain from further comment until our last Chronicle.

However, there is more to see.

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God.¹¹¹

And John saw New Jerusalem coming from heaven as the tabernacle of God, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. But he saw no temple, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

And that City is described in stunningly beautiful words. And why not? Remember, it was the Lord Jesus who said,

¹¹¹ Revelation 21:9-21.

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. ¹¹²

No wonder it is so spectacular.

But there is a final thing we should share about the new earth.

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month.

The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. 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. They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. ¹¹³ In particular the water of life proceeding from the throne is of great interest, as is the tree of life whose leaves were for the

¹¹² John 14:1-3.

¹¹³ Revelation 22:1-14.

healing of the nations. And surely the idea of nations on the New, eternal earth should pique your interest. And we shall talk further about these things in Chronicle 12 following.

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Chronicles of the End: 12

Eternity Begins...

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ¹¹⁴

A river of pure water of life, and the tree of life, the leaves of which were for the healing of the nations. Why this is most wonderfully glorious news.

Wait! What? The healing of the nations? What nations? And why would they need healing? Aren't we talking about eternal life now? You might want to say, I don't understand. So let's talk. What does Scripture say about these things? I think you'll be interested to see that there will be two people groups.

¹¹⁴ Revelation 22:1-2.

1. The Nations

There is a very important teaching at the end of Matthew twenty-five (remember, twenty-four and twenty-five are where Jesus answered His disciples question "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?")

Before I paraphrase the answer, keep in mind the scene we are now discussing occurs at the end of the Millennial Reign, making it almost the last thing before the White Throne Judgment and destruction of earth and heavens.

Here's what happens: The King judges sheep and goats. The sheep inherit the kingdom because they gave food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, lodging for the stranger, clothing for the naked, comfort for the sick—and Jesus explained, inasmuch as you did this to one of the least of My brethren, you did *it* to Me.¹¹⁵ The goats didn't. They go into everlasting punishment, the sheep (the nations we are now considering) go into eternal life.

So where are these sheep taken? Why the only place available will be the new earth. There they become the nations who will in the future be healed by the leaves from the Tree of Life. Interesting, huh?

¹¹⁵ Matthew 25:31-40.

2. The Jews

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying. "No more shall an infant from there *live but a few* days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner *being* one hundred years old shall be accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit *them*; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, *so shall be* the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they *shall be* the descendants of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

"It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear."

¹¹⁶ And there was a little more to that text. But we will see it in the section that follows.

¹¹⁶ Isaiah 65:17-25.

But it is not only the nations and the Jews, but there are also three other groups of people. And the next one is perhaps the most precious of them all. They are called the Firstfruits. There is nothing to do but let the Word of God describe these special people.

3. The Firstfruits

“Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred *and* forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.”¹¹⁷

¹¹⁷ Revelation 14:1-5.

What a beautiful description. What a glorious eternal reward. Nothing can be added to that.

4. Five Wise Virgin Class of People

And then there is another special group. These are the Five Wise Virgins. Once again nothing can compare to God's description of these beloved ones.

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps."

"But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut."

"Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said,

'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."¹¹⁸

Vigilance; focus; commitment; overcoming power! These are the mannerisms of overcomers. These are those who please the Bridegroom. These are the ones who have the extra oil of the Holy Spirit. These are those who get to attend the Wedding Feast, the only ones. The foolish virgins are the ones who hear the terrible words: But He answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' And it was irrecoverably too late for them. They were not allowed through the door.

5. Tribulation Saints

The final group are the Tribulation Saints. Those of whom Daniel spoke: "Many shall be purified, made white, and refined..." These are like those modern believers called the Lukewarm Laodiceans, having a form of godliness, yet they deny the power of the Spirit Life, whom the Lord will vomit out of his mouth and into the Tribulation very soon.

To these the Lord Jesus said, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent." There are many in this class. May they find

¹¹⁸ Matthew 25:1-13.

grace to deny the mark of the beast and die as a martyr, a thereby pass on into eternal life.

6. Animals

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹¹⁹

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust *shall be* the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, says the LORD. ¹²⁰

So it seems that there will be many, maybe all, of the creatures we know on earth today. It will be wonderfully amazing to discover all the great things God has planned in His majestic wisdom. I can hardly wait to see it!

But there is more to the story.

¹¹⁹ Isaiah 11:6-9.

¹²⁰ Isaiah 65:25.

Many who presume they are *good to go* will be vomited out of Jesus mouth and left for the tribulation which is to come upon the earth. And, from that perspective, it would have been better for them if the pre-tribulation rapture had never been fantasized by *hireling shepherds* who tickle their ears with the promise *that their ticket is punched and ready*.

Yet there is hope that some will escape, if they meet the conditions set forth in the Word. Let me give you seven passages that are full of promise—for those who meet the conditions. Obviously you should look these up for yourself.

Isaiah 26:20-21.

Zephaniah 2:1-3.

Matt. 25:1-13.

Luke 21:29-36.

2 Peter 2:4-11.

Revelation 3:10-11.

Revelation 14:1-5.

These passages say: hide yourselves in the pavilion of His presence, abide in Jesus; seek the Lord and His ways, that you may be hidden in the day of His wrath; those who were ready, went in with the Bridegroom to the wedding; watch and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass; the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of trials; because you have kept My command to

persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial; these are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

They do not specifically say they will be raptured, so *called*. Rather, these passages say they will be hidden, kept, delivered, by the Lord. Whether on the earth, or not, it does not say. But you can be sure, He will do how, when, where He deems fit—for those who are ready.

Will that include you?

Most—and I am talking about real believers—are unable to keep spiritual truth in perspective and continue to drift into and out of the *abiding posture*. While it does not have to be this way, it is. The truth is that it is possible that very few will actually be overcomers and be chosen. The more typical pattern was foretold in Daniel, ¹²¹ *And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end.* Remember, Job, of whom the Lord said, *there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil.* ¹²² Yet even Job was tested, refined, and purified even more.

¹²¹ Daniel 11:35.

¹²² Job 1:8.

Surely you're not saying we should simply wait until the refining process of the tribulation, are you?

Absolutely not! Your Lord forewarned, *For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.* ¹²³ No one should willingly desire to postpone abiding in Jesus and living a holy life—or the pleasure of sin for a season, saying, *I'll make it right in the tribulation.* I tell you again, Jesus said the tribulation will be the most terrifyingly horrible time ever in the history of mankind upon earth. In it, and in great fear, many will succumb to the power and deception of the beast and the false prophet and will take the mark that will doom them forever to lake of fire and brimstone.

DO NOT TAKE SUCH RISK! SEEK GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART WHILE YOU CAN! LISTEN TO THE LORD: ¹²⁴

**He who overcomes I will grant to sit
with Me on My throne, as I also
overcame and sat down with My
Father on His throne.**

¹²³ Matthew 24:21.

¹²⁴ Revelation 3:21.

