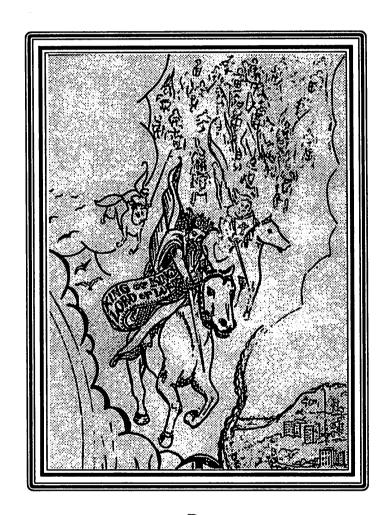


A Short Study

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PREFACE

As we study the Book of the revelation of Jesus Christ, may we be mindful of the fact that this Book consists of the final revelation that God has given to mankind. There must not be any truths added to or taken away from this revelation. "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Revelation 22:18-19. This certainly is clear enough to be understood by all, especially as a warning to those liberals who desire to change the meaning of not only the book of Revelation, but the whole Bible. Beware of such false prophets of doom.

There are many excellent studies that can be had concerning eschatology, which should be studied if they are available to you, however, this is, as it were a bird's eye view of the things of the future. It is but a stepping stone to individual study of the things of the past, present and future. It represents the skeleton of God's truth to be completed by the individual student as he is admonished to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". 2 Timothy 2:15. This is a particular study to emphasize the following high lights from the Book of Revelation..

- 1. The Risen Savior and His Messages to the Church. Revelation 1-3.
- 2. The Rapture and the Great Tribulation. Revelation 4-18.
- 3. The King of kings and Lord of lords. Revelation 19-20.
- 4. The Millennium and the New Heaven and the New Earth. Revelation 21-22.

This study demands a study in depth of both the Book of Revelation and the Book of Daniel. These two revelations through the Holy Spirit are complimentary to each other. Fellow believer, as you study this Book of Revelation, you are promised a very special blessing, so I recommend to you that you do your very best in searching out these important truths, revealed by God the Holy

Spirit. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. Revelation 1:3.

This will be a rich study for all who will put forth an effort, giving them confidence of the future. It gives the saints a preview of the coming events as well as the eternity to come. Only God knows what the future holds and nothing is hidden from Him. God is sovereign over all and controlled the past as well as controlling the present and on into the future. I count it a great privilege to be chosen by God to share these marvelous truths with others. I am only a sinner saved by grace and by the grace of God, I am what I am, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 2 Corinthians 4:7.

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DEDICATION

I count it a great privilege of mine to dedicate this book to the International Counsel of Christian Churches and all of its members throughout the world. They stand "For the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 1:9b. I thank God for all those who are faithful in defending our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as well as in the inspired Word of God. We believe., "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3:16-17. We as the saints of God from many denominations, stand together against liberalism and modernism. As Christ speaks to the seven churches of Asia minor, He has warned them as well as us as to what we can expect within church gatherings. Satan is working desperately for a one world religion, with the worship of many gods. We are reminded to, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph.6:11-12. This battle against the world, the flesh and the devil will continue, and you can rest assured that the I.C.C.C. will defend the faith until raptured home to be with the Lord. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come, For men shall be lovers of their selves, covetous, proud, own boasters, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affections, truce-breakers, false accusers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 2 Timothy 3:1-5. "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things." Philippians 3:18-19.

May each of us as saints of the Most High God, take our stand for the Lord Jesus Christ as did the apostle Paul. "And many of the brethren in the Lord, becoming confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. Some, indeed, preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely. supposing to add affliction to my bonds; But the other, of love, knowing that I

am set for the defense of the gospel." Philippians 1:14-17. "Only let your conduct be as becometh the gospel of Christ, that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; And in nothing terrified by your adversaries, which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God." Philippians 1:27-28.

In these last days we do expect perilous times, a form of godliness but denying the truth, and those who preach another so called gospel which is of the devil. We must be defenders of the faith and stand firmly upon the promises of God. Paul admonished Timothy, "I charge thee, therefore, before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the Word; be diligent in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but, after their own lusts, shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Timothy 4:1-4.

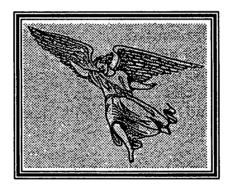
FOREWORD

I have been privileged to grow up under the guidance and instruction of my father, Rev. Andrew J. Losier, as a dearly loved child in his family. My earliest memories include precious times of fellowship around the Word of God as we shared our faith in daily family devotions. I cannot remember a time that I did not consider the Book of Revelation as an intricate part of our lives. It has always been a favorite study. Knowing God's revelation of the end times provides confidence and security to the believer in an otherwise treacherous and dangerous world. For we know our is in Him, who will bring an end to sin, death and destruction. I am confident that those of you who study this very important book will be blessed with an overwhelming knowledge that God is indeed in control; that we can look forward to His solutions to the world problems; and that our urgent job is to fulfill the Great Commission of going into all the world to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ

With sincere recommendation,

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CHAPTER ONE



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The final revelation from God the Holy Spirit is found in the Book of Revelation. It is unique from all other truths as it gives us a more thorough insight into the end times and eternity to come. Some of the descriptions of the wrath of God to come are so terrible, that natural man tries to compare it with the Myths of many nations. This is far from the truth and can only be considered as another deceit from Satan. Since the writing of the Book of Revelation, the sequence of events that followed are exactly as revealed to John on the Isle of Pathos in A.D.96. We who accept the authority of the Bible can equate events of today as particular signs of the time. May I give you some important observations as you study the things present and the things to come.

- 1. These events are to be taken literally and not as figures of speech.
- 2, Church history confirms what the Lord had to say about the churches.
- 3. The events recorded are not always in sequence of each other.
- 4. The things which shall be hereafter occur <u>after</u> the Rapture of the true church.
- 5. The true church <u>must</u> be in heaven <u>before</u> the sealed scroll can be opened.
- 6. When Christ returns to earth to set up His kingdom, we shall come with Him to rule and reign as a kingdom of priests.
- 7. There will be a great revival during the tribulation in spite of the satanic rule.

8. The Pre-Tribulation and Pre-Millennial truth must be accepted as it is the only time that you expect the imminent return of the Lord and it is the only time that you cannot set a date as to the coming of the Lord to rapture the saints home to heaven.

As we study this marvelous revelation of Christ through God the Holy Spirit, I must remind you that you must constantly keep in mind the eternal plan of God for all ages, and the ultimate aim of God in eliminating sin and all evil forever. Although we will be centralizing our studies upon the various types of churches as well as periods of time, we will emphasize the Rapture of the true church as well as her activities during the tribulation. We must realize that Satan has usurped this world for his domain and God has a set time to reclaim the title deed to the world by sending the King of kings and Lord of Lords to rule it with a rod of iron. This will be a fore-runner to the final "Utopia" of the New heaven and the new earth.

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.

THEME - THE FINAL CONSUMMATION AND THE NEW CREATION.

AUTHOR - THE APOSTLE JOHN'S WRITING, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT'S REVELATION.

RECIPIENTS- THE TYPICAL SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA MINOR.

fthe believers of all times and warnings to the unsaved of the last days.

DATE OF WRITING- 95 A.D.

SETTING

This valuable Book of the New Testament is the final revelation given by the Lord Jesus Christ and breathed upon by God the Holy Spirit. It is of great interest that we finally get an insight into the typical churches progressively developed and

typical characteristics of the various churches in the latter days. Note the following.

- 1, Apostasy is the prevalent condition as we draw near to the rapture of the saints of all ages.
- 2. <u>False teachers</u> appear in many churches, giving half truths mingled with liberalism and unbelief.
- 3. There are those who misinterpret the Book of Revelation and merely spiritualizing these prophetic truths.
- 4. There are those who falsely teach that the church will go through the tribulation stating that this is predicted in the Book of Revelation. They are unaware of the total plan of God.
- 5. As you study this marvelous revelation by God the Holy Spirit, apply the following principles.
 - a. Review the plan of God of all ages.
 - b. Refer often to the Book of Daniel, which unlocks the Book of Revelation.
 - c. Be aware of the Abomination of Desolation as to when it will begin, during the tribulation.
 - d. Please note that the Body of Christ must be Raptured before the seals can be opened, as recorded in Revelation 5:1-6:1.
- 6. May I remind you that there are five parenthetical passages that are recorded as pauses in revelation to proclaim specific events or a reminder of the future provisions of God.
 - a. The Revival during the tribulation among the Jewish remnant and the Gentiles, who become the Tribulation saints. (Rev.7:1-17.)
 - b. The angel with the little book, confirming the title deed to the earth. (Rev.10:1-11:14.

- c. The Everlasting Gospel preached. (Rev.14:1-13.)
- d. The Battle of Armageddon. (Rev.16:13-16.)
- e. The Great singing in Heaven with 4 alleluias. (Rev.19:1-6.)

 These are good example of a combination of heavenly and earthly scenes, which could present some misunderstandings as to just where and when these events will take place. We must remember that God the Holy Spirit is revealing heavenly scenes as well as

earthly scenes which are to come during the tribulation

THE TREMENDOUS VALUE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

- 1. It provides us with the history of the church from Pentecost until the Rapture.
- 2. It gives us an insight into the Book of Daniel.

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- 3. It reveals the power of Satan and his demons.
- 4. It gives us the final stages of sin and the evil forces.
- 5. It gives us the final plan of God in dealing with sin.
- 6. It gives us an insight of the heavenlies.
- 7. In every revelation of this Book, we discover the marvelous character of God.
- 8. We are reminded of the presence of the Lord within the true church of God, during this mystery age of grace.
- 9. We are made aware that the apostate church will be present during the tribulation.
- 10. We are made aware of imprisoned demons under the Euphrates
 River, in the Bottomless Pit, and in chains of darkness.
- 11. The marriage of the Lamb of God is mentioned.

- 12. That great Heavenly Feast is mentioned.
- 13. The battle of Armageddon is described.
- 14. We are also made aware that <u>during the tribulation there will</u> be the Gospel of the <u>kingdom preached</u> by various groups.
- 15. The thousand year reign of Christ is confirmed in the Book of Revelation which will be the final test given to the earthly people, with a reign of righteousness by the Lord Jesus Christ and His saints.
- 16. We are told of the New Heavens and the New Earth to be created.
- 17. There will be a New Jerusalem coming down from the heavens.
- 18. There will be a new paradise more beautiful than we could imagine.
- 19. This Book is the final revelation from God and must not be added to or anything taken away from it.
- 20. It reveals the termination of hell and death, which will be cast into the lake of fire.

In the study of the Book of Revelation we must be aware of what John saw . It was as though it were actually happening or would soon happen in the near future. As we study this spectacular revelation of Jesus Christ, may we be mindful of both the tense as well as the sequence of events. Sometimes the Holy Spirit will combine events of the past, present and future as a combination of happenings which do not necessarily apply to one period of time. Sometimes the Holy Spirit will reveal to John events that will take place prior to the immediate time period of the great tribulation. However, remember that all of these events are still in the future. This is important for us to realize as we study this Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

OBSERVATIONS OF IMPORTANCE

May we now examine in brief some of the outstanding truths revealed in this very important Book. Please note that this is the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ who is given <u>all</u> authority in both heaven and earth. May we examine the opening verses with special observation.

Rev.1:1-3.

- 1. The Book reveals "The Lord Jesus Christ" in His fullness.
- 2. The Book reveals future events that will occur.
- 3. The Book reveals actual things to come which John saw. (This mentioned 53 times.)
- 4. Reading, hearing and believing what has been written brings a special blessing.

KEY VERSES OF THE BIBLE

"Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter: Rev.1:19.

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of the law." Deut.29:29.

"And He changeth the times and seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings; He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to those who know understanding; He revealeth the deep and secret things; He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him." Dan.2:21-22.

"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." Rev.1:3.

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy <u>first</u> love." Rev.2:4.

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

"And they sung a <u>new song</u>, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book and to <u>open the seals</u> thereof: for thou wast slain, and <u>hast redeemed us</u> to God <u>by thy blood</u> out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation: And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and <u>we shall</u> reign on earth." Rev.5:9-10.

"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key to the bottomless pit." Rev.9:1

"How art thou fallen from heaven, <u>O Lucifer</u>, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, <u>which did weaken the nations!</u> Isaiah 14:12.

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three score days, clothed in sackcloth." Rev.11:3.

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was there place found any more in heaven."

Rev. 12:7-8

"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, <u>Now is come</u> salvation, and strength, and <u>the kingdom of our God</u>, and the power of His Christ: <u>for the accuser of our brethren</u> is cast down, which accused them before our God <u>day and night</u>." Rev.12:10.

"And I heard another voice <u>from heaven</u>, saying, <u>Come out of her</u>, <u>my people</u>, that ye <u>be not partakers</u> of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.: Rev.18:4.

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb, and His Wife hath made herself ready."

Rev. 19:7.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse: and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war." Rev.19:11.

"Blessed and holy is he who hath part in the first resurrection: On such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." Rev. 20:6.

"And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was no place found for them." Rev. 20:11.

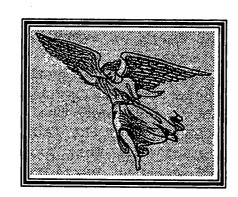
And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."
Rev.21:1

OUESTIONS ON CHAPTER ONE

- 1. What is the importance of the Book of Revelation?
- 2. Why must we take the Book of Revelation literally?
- 3. What is the significance of The Lord Jesus Christ's evaluation of the seven churches?
- 4. Why must the true church be in heaven <u>before</u> the seals are opened?
- 5. Why is it necessary to Know God's eternal plan as we study the Book of Revelation?
- 6. Who all will rule with Christ during the Millennium?
- 7. Explain Revelation 7:4-14.

- 8. Why are the Pre-Trubulationists and the Pre-Millennialists the only ones who do not set a date for the return of the Lord?
- 9. When will the Eternal Son of God reclaim this earth? Scripture Please.
- 10. Name the creatures involved in the seven dooms days, using the following Scripture verses. Revelation 17-20:15. (Dooms day concerning those who will be cast into the Lake of Fire)
- 11. Why doesn't the church go through the Great Tribulation?
- 12. What are some of the principles that you apply to your study of the Book of Revelation?
- 13. Name 5 parenthetical passages that occur in the Book of Revelation
- 14. Name as many values to your life that you find in the Book of Revelation.
- 15. Give some observations of importance which you have found in the Book of Revelation.
- 16. Give seven key verses from the Book of Revelation.
- 17. Write an Essay on the Abomination of Desolation.

CHAPTER TWO



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REV.1:4-3:22.

It is most significant that Christ did not teach concerning the church which He was going to build, even after His resurrection, He did not unfold His aim in the development of the body of Christ. The age in which we are living is the mystery age, which was hidden from the Old Testament teachings. Why was this so? For the simple reason that the Old Testament saints would not have had a choice in accepting or rejecting the Messiah and His coming kingdom. God knew that they would reject their Messiah and sent John the Baptist as a substitute for Elijah. (Malachi 4:5-6; 3:1; Matthew 11:10; Luke 7:27.) God did not change His mind, but in His Omniscience, He was aware of every decision that they would make, concerning their Messiah. Elijah will come before the Kingdom of righteousness is set up. (Revelation 11:1-14.) Christ did declare that He would eventually build His true church. (Matthew 16:13-18.) Another reason why the Lord did not teach His disciples concerning the church was the lack of the out pouring of God the Holy Spirit. (Joel 2:28.) That is also a reason why the Gospel of John was not written earlier, as the "New Birth" necessary was not understood until after Pentecost. God has a time of revelation and so with this marvelous revelation of Jesus Christ through John on the Isle of Patmos.

- A. THE PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE LORD HIMSELF.

 Rev.1:1-5.
- 1. The Eternal Son of God reveals the history of the churches.
- 2. The Eternal Son of God is the "Alpha and Omega."
- 3. "Who Is" = The great I Am -The ever existing One.
- 4. "Who Was" = The Incarnate One whom we beheld.
- 5. "Who is to come" = The coming One for His own and with His own.

 (John 14:1-6;1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Thess.3:13.).

- 6. "The Seven Spirits" = The complete perfection of the Triune God.
- B. THE KINGDOM OF PRIESTS UNTO GOD AND HIS FATHER.

 Rev. 1:6-8.
- 1. We serve the Triune God.
- 2. We serve and belong to the One from everlasting to everlasting.
- 3. The coming of the Lord will be seen by all upon this earth. (Rev.1:7; Zech.12:10.
- 4. We shall serve and witness for our Lord Jesus Christ in a special way, in our glorified bodies during the millennium. (Rev. 5:10).
- 5. We will be under the leadership of the Eternal Son of God. "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. Rev.1:8.
- C. THE PATMOS VISION OF JOHN. (Rev.1:9-20.)
- 1. John was banished to the Isle of Patmos by the Roman Emperor Domitian in 95 A.D.
- 2. John was placed upon the Isle of Patmos by the will of God, being led by God the Holy Spirit.
- 3. The voice that John heard was as clear as a trumpet in John's language. (This John heard, mentioning it 27 times in the Book of Revelation.)
- 4. The names of the churches of Asia Minor were mentioned by Christ, who had a thorough knowledge of these churches, as well as an insight into the history of the church down through these two thousand years.
- 5. Christ's must be in the midst of all true churches,

- 6. John saw the appearance of Christ the Eternal Son of God. (Rev.1:17.)
- D. THE "MYSTERY" OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES. (Rev.1:20.)
- 1. The Lord Jesus Christ controls His True church. ("In my right hand").
- 2. "The Seven Stars" = The angels guarding the True churches.
- 3. "The Seven Golden Lampstands" = The Seven Churches.
- 4. The Key Verse of the Book of Revelation, reveals the supreme purpose with the vision that John had on the Isle of Patmos. (John 1:19.)
- 5. The seven churches of Asia Minor were actually types of churches during the apostolic times.
- 6. The seven churches are seven periods in the history of the church.
- 7. The seven churches are different types of churches during these last days, before the Rapture takes place.

THE STUDY OF THESE SEVEN CHURCHES IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

Each church has particular characteristics, which should thoroughly be studied. As individuals in the most holy faith, we are different and we need to be aware of our shortcomings. God has provided the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth, but we have to be willing to be led by the Spirit, allowing Him to keep on filling our lives with Himself. Remember that we do not get more of the Holy Spirit, but rather that He gets all of us. May we glean from this study of the churches, the essentials that are well pleasing in the sight of God. These churches represent the different types of Churches which existed in Asia Minor, as well as different periods of the church from Pentecost until the Rapture. They are also types of churches that exist in the last days of this age of grace.

These few notes will help you as we study the "The Risen Savior and His Messages to the churches." May we especially take notes as to "The Rapture and the Great Tribulation". for

regardless of what you have read or heard, we do not go through the Great Tribulation. There are many reasons why we do not go through the Great Tribulation as the True church of Christ, but may I simply say, that we who believe in the Pre-Tribulation and Pre-Millennial are the only ones who are correct, for we do not set a time period for the return of the Lord as do the Mid-Tribulationists and the Post-Tribulationists. We will discuss this more thoroughly.

It is of the utmost importance that we as members of the body of Christ, realize that we are of the true church of which Christ is the supreme head. Christ is preparing us for the kingdom teachings which will become activated when Christ returns to set up the Millennial kingdom. The church doctrine did not occur until after the day of Pentecost, when God the Holy Spirit indwelt believers and breathed through the apostles as they wrote the epistles. God has His particular and accurate timing for each age, and we of the church age have been particularly blessed with the complete revelation from Almighty God. May we not be Christians but rather alert to the great responsibility that God has entrusted to us. May each of us thoroughly and truly dedicate our lives to the service of our soon coming "Lamb of God" who has taken away our sins forever! It is of the greatest importance that we understand that The Lord Jesus Christ has always existed has never had a beginning nor will He ever have an ending. As God's Word declares Him as the "Ancient of Days"/

CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

In this study, we merely give you the outlines and brief statements, to which you as national Christian leaders must supply the details through your constant studies in the Word of God. May you have the desire for the deep things of God's Word, being well established upon the solid Rock Christ Jesus. Christ has declared, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, which was, and which is to come, the Almighty" Rev.1:8. It is amazing that the Lord waited until He rose from the grave before He revealed Himself as the head of the church. All of His earthly ministry was in emphasizing Kingdom teachings and now He provides the message to the churches. John was under the power of the Holy Spirit on the Lord's day rather than on the sabbath day. The Lord spoke to John concerning the seven churches, and gave him a preview of the future. "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega,

the first and the last; and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; Rev.1:11a.

THE RISEN SAVIOR IN THE MIDST

<u>OF</u>

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA MINOR

EPHESUS

Rev.2:1-7

- 1. Type of church = The Apostolic Church at conclusion. 316 A.D.
 - a. Good works and very patient, hating evil.
 - b. They had great discernment through the Holy Spirit.
 - c. They left their first love, but they did not lose their love as some would infer. It was their individual choice in forgetting their first love for the Lord.

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Rev.2:8-11.

- 2. Type of church = this is the early church under martyrdom until the Roman Emperor Constantine, 313 A.D.
 - a. The enemies of these churches got 10% of their belongings when they killed them.
 - b. Nicolaitans Christians and unbelievers living in sin.
 - c. A church with good works, in spite of their persecution and poverty.
 - d. Their enemies were called "The Synagogue of Satan", namely the Jews who hates Christ, rejecting Him as their Messiah.

(1 Tim.4:1-4; 1 John 4:1-4.)

- e. Tribulation for ten days = This represents Roman oppression of Christianity under ten Roman Emperors.

 Nero Domitian Tragan Aurelius Severus Maximus Decius Valeran Aurelian Diocletus.
- f. The Capital of the Roman Empire moved from Rome to Constantinople under the Emperor Constantine, but later in history the city Constantinople was allowed to fall to the Moslem Turkish Government.
- g. The reward for their faithfulness under persecution = A crown of life and escaping the second death.

This will be a glorious day when the Rapture takes place and we stand before the Judgment seat of Christ. (2 Cor.5:10.) The saints of all past ages will be there to receive their reward, according to their individual faithfulness, during their earthly pilgrimage.

PERGAMUS

Rev.2:12-17

- 3. Type of Church = Pagan Rome 316 A.D.
 - a. The worldly church with a form of godliness, but denying the truth.
 - b. Satan's Throne = Religious indulgences fornication idol worship.
 - c. Antipas roasted to death in a large bowl He was God's faithful one unto death. One who died being faithful as God's witness.
 - d. Doctrine of Balaam = Idol worship with fornication. (Num.31:15-16; Num.22:5; Num.23:8.
 - e. Nicolaitans = Living in sin with heresies and wickedness.
 - f. Important key advice = "Repent" and come under the convictions of the Word of God. Repenting is a process

that should be practiced in our daily walk in the light of God's Word. True repentance will require the proper use of 1st John 1:9; not merely a verbal use as an excuse.

THYATIRA

Rev. 2:18-29.

- 4. Type of Church = The paganized church in idolatry. 500 1500 A.D.
 - a. Good works and welfare service of love faithful and patient.
 - b. Baal worshipers (Similar to wicked Jezebel who caused Israel to sin with idol worship by demand.)
 - c. Apostasis = Ecumenicalism attempting to unite all religions under a "One World Church".
 - d. These shall be cast into the great tribulation and will help bring the world dictator into power. Rev.17:1-18:24. Known as "The Scarlet Woman".
 - e. There will be a remnant from among them who will come out from them and rule with Christ during the Millennium. (Ps.2:1-12; Rev.19:11-16.)
 - f. The mother/child religion of Babylon under Simaramis of Nimrod was transferred to Rome and Simaramis and her dead son Tammuz who was claimed to be alive started the worship of Simaramis as the queen of heaven. Details of this can be obtained.

SARDIS Rev.3:1-6.

- 5. Type of Church = The reformation Church after the dark ages.
 - a. Key word = Be watchful and the believers were to wake up, study the Word and become established in the faith.

- b. Their good works were tainted with formality, inherited from the paganized church of Thyatira.
- c. A form of godliness but denying the power of God. They possess knowledge but lack wisdom by God the Holy Spirit.
- d. There were and always will be God's remnant from among dead orthodoxy.
- e. The faithful are kept by the power of God and their names are not blotted out of the Book of life. (Col.2:8-14.) They were to hold fast to the known truth and repent. (1 John 1:9.)
- f. Christ our High Priest is our witness before God the Father, having presented His blood in the Holy of Hollies, once and forever. Since then, He is seated at the right hand of God the Father, having finished the atonement for our souls. This should give us great satisfaction and confidence as we approach the throne of Grace boldly. Christ has become our all sufficiency before God the Father.

PHILADELPHIA Rev.3:7-13.

- 6. Type of Church = The Church of great mission enterprise and great revivals. (The 19th Century.) 90 A.D. type.
 - a. A great missionary endeavor throughout the whole world, with many doors wide open for the Gospel. (19th and 20th Century)
 - b. The key of David Isa.22:22. The Davidic throne being preserved and Christ shall reign. (Unconditional covenant of David. 1 Chron.17:11-13; 2 Sam.7:16, 24; 1 Ki.8:23; 1 Ki.9:5.
 - c. The key thought "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it;" Rev.3:8 a.

- d. Little strength = laboring as a witness for the Lord under extreme difficulties.
- e. "I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Rev.3:10. The true church will be raptured out from the wrath to come, during the tribulation. (1 Thess.1:10; Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-58
- f. The unbelieving Jews of the synagogue of Satan have been subjected to the Gentiles who have believed. The Gentiles have led the evangelism, down through the ages.
- G. The "True Church" does not go through the Tribulation for the following reasons.
 - 1. The seals cannot be opened until we are in heaven. (Rev.4-5.)
 - 2. The Tribulation is "Jacob's Trouble" and not the church, for the church was only born at Pentecost. (Jer.30:7.)
 - 3. The Rapture can only take place before the Tribulation as illustrated with Enoch, taken out from the flood to come, so we will be taken out from the wrath to come. (1 Thess.1:10.)
 - 4. Pre-tribulation of the "True Church" is the only time that you cannot set a date.
 - 5. The church seen in the tribulation period is the apostate and ecumenical church which is dealt with in Revelation chapter 17 and 18.
 - 6. The mystery of the church age must terminate before the 70th. week of Daniel begins, as that week mentioned in Daniel concerns Israel and not the church.
- h. The Believers will receive a crown, with great joy at the coming of the Lord. (1 Thess.2:19.)
- i. A new name for Believers is written down in glory.
- j. New Jerusalem is mentioned for the first time. "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of

heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name. "Rev.3:12. "And I, John saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Rev.21:2.

LAODICEA

REV.3:14-22.

- 7. The type of church = The end time apostate church.

 Modernism, Liberalism, Humanism, worshipping the creature rather than the Creator.
 - a. The key Lukewarm and apostate
 - b. Rich in material but poor spiritually.
 - c. Ignorant in the spiritual realm becoming blind and poor.
 - d. Under the controls of the god of this world system. (2 Cor.4:4.)
 - e. Refuses to be clothed with the righteousness of Christ.
 - f. Warning = Repent before it is too late.
 - g. Christ is pictured as standing outside their door and knocking.
 - h. Christ keeps on calling to them to open the door and let Him in.
 - i. The Davidic Throne in Jerusalem has been established forever by God with an unconditional covenant. (1 Chron.17:11-13; 2 Sam.7:16.
 - j. The Abrahamic covenant also unconditional. (Gen.15:1-18; Heb.6:16-17.)

There are three phases to which these seven churches are evaluated by Christ Jesus. Namely:

- 1. The immediate local conditions of these churches.
- 2. The types of which are derived from these seven churches.
- 3. The historical periods of which these seven churches represent.

We have briefly presented these churches for the students of the Word to analyze and utilize this information in church doctrine and planning. May we always realize that every church must be Christ Centered, and completely in the control of the Holy Spirit,

who glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ, in and through the believers, by the teaching of the Word of God.

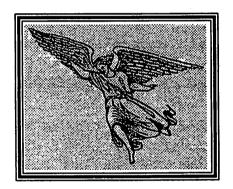
As we briefly complete this study on the seven churches of Asia and compare them with the history of the churches down through nearly 2,000 years, may we be mindful of the true church in these last days. Satan has spread his deceit throughout the world in very subtle ways and we need to be aware of his tactics. liberal false teachers are his main stream for false doctrine. "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power of from such turn away." 2 Timothy 3:5. It is by the understanding of God's Word that we are able to detect these false It is God the Holy Spirit who is our ever present help in this discernment. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but test the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. By this know ye the Spirit of God; every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is the spirit of antichrist, of which ye have heard that it should come, and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. " 1 John 4:1-4. May God the Holy Spirit direct and guide you as vessels of praise, glorifying Almighty God through the Lord Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit lead you in all truth, as ambassadors for Christ! Defend the faith that once was delivered unto the saints and continually "Walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7.

QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER 2.

- 1. Why did Christ not speak or teach about the true church that He was about to build, during His earthly ministry?
- 2. Give a survey of Christ's personal message to believers according to Revelation 1:1-5.
- 3. Write an essay on the subject, "The Kingdom of Priests".
- 4. Explain through your own studies Revelation 1:1-5.

- 5. Explain through the Bible, why the church is referred to as "The Mystery Age".
- 6. Why should we study thoroughly the messages to the seven churches.?
- 7. What triple meaning do these seven churches have for us to profit?
- 8. Write a short essay on, "Christ the Head of the Church".
- 9. Choose three church types of the seven which are most favorable to your liking. Explain why you chose those particular ones.
- 10. Give some good ways and means of keeping our church "Christ Centered".
- 11. How do we best combat "Liberalism" among religious people?
- 12. What is necessary for us to maintain as church leaders?
- 13. Explain 2 Timothy 3:5.
- 14. Explain 1 John 4:1-4.
- 15. Explain 1 Corinthians 12:13.
- 16. Explain 1 Thessalonians 5:19.
- 17. Explain Ephesians 5:18.
- 18. Explain the Trinity in the Godhead. (John 15:26.
- 19. Explain Ephesians 4:30.
- 20. Explain Zechariah 4:6; and Galatians 3:1-5.

CHAPTER THREE



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- 1. All the Old Testament Saints (Covered by animal sacrifices)
 The animal sacrifices were necessary to <u>cover</u> the sins <u>until</u>
 The Lamb of God was provided to take away the sins.
- 2. From Pentecost to the Rapture.
 (John 14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-57; 1 Thess.2:19;
 1 Thess.4:13; 1 Thess.5:9-10;)
- 3. Those living Christians when the Rapture takes place. (1 Thess.5:9; 1 Thess.1:10.)

This will be a great gathering of the saints of all ages, and the date is settled with God the Father. We have no right to try to determine a particular time of the coming of the Lord to rapture us home. Many things are happening as Christ predicted to His disciples as in Matthew 24. "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Matthew 24:36. That is exactly why those who believe in the imminent return of the Lord, and are pre-tribulation and pre-Millennial, are the only ones who do not set a date as to the coming of the Lord. Those who believe that the saints will go through the first part of the tribulation have already set a date. Those also who believe that the saints of God will go through the complete tribulation are setting a date as well. Yes, there will be saints during the Tribulation but those will be "Tribulation Saints " as recorded in Revelation chapter 7 verses 9 through 14. Certainly all three cannot be right for God is not a God of confusion! The New Testament saints who will be alive when the Rapture takes place will be the completion of the body of Christ, who will become the "Bride of Christ". Note what the Lord said. "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" John 11:25-26. There will be some members of the body of Christ that will be living, when that trumpet sounds and be caught up alive to meet the Lord in the air! "And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, who delivered us from the wrath to come. " 1 Thessalonians 1:10.

WHAT JOHN SAW

- 1. Open Door to Heaven (Rev.4:1.)
- 2. Preview of things to come. (Rev.4:1.)
- 3. John saw <u>Almighty God seated upon the throne</u>. (Rev.4:2-3; Rev.5:5.)
- 4. Encircling the throne of God were 24 thrones. (Rev.4:10-11.)

 The 12 Tribes of Israel

 The 12 Apostles of the Lord. (Rev.4:4; 1 Tim.5:17;

 Tit.1:5.)
- 5. A sea of glass = A great throng of creatures with the shining glory of God. (Rev.4:6; Rev.17:15.) (Waters = nations Isa.8:1; Jer.47:2; Ps.29:10.)
- 6. Four Living Creatures full of eyes. (Aware of the complete surroundings)

 These Four Creatures were those who replaced Lucifer when he sinned.
- 7 <u>Four anointed Cherubim</u> guarding the holiness of God. (Rev.4:6b-9.)
- 8. John saw the scroll in the right hand of God. (Rev.5:1.)
 This scroll contained the sum total of the Great Tribulation, which will become activated while the Old Testament and the New Testament saints will have safely arrived in heaven and behold the Lamb of God opening the seals for the wrath of God to be poured out upon the ungodly. God will take us out from the wrath to come. (1 Thess.1:10.)

THE SCROLL TO BE OPENED

- 1. No man could open the sealed scroll. (Rev.5:2-4.)
- 2. The Incarnate Son of God prevailed. (Rev.5:5-7.)
- 3. The Heavenly Choir Resounds. Rev.5:8-14.)
- 4. The Kingdom of Priests will reign with Christ. Rev. 5:10.

SUMMARY

Preparations will be made ready for the tribulation when the saints arrive in Heaven with their glorified bodies. The Old Testament saints as well as the New Testament saints will be in heaven as Christ takes the scroll from God the Father's hand to begin the Tribulation.

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Revelation 4-18.

THE FIRST SEAL OPENED

WHITE HORSE

Rev.6:1-2,

Counterfeit Messiah Dictator with false peace

- 1. Bow = sign of warfare
- 2. He was given a <u>crown</u> = great power.
- 3. conquering the world = <u>Dictator</u>

THE SECOND SEAL OPENED

RED HORSE

Rev.6:3-4.

- 1. <u>Universal war</u> = world wide under the revived Roman Empire
- 2. <u>Civil war</u> = Killing each other
- 3. No peace = They will cry 'peace, peace' when there will be no peace.

THIRD SEAL OPENED

BLACK HORSE

Rev. 6:5-6.

- 1. Famine = world wide.
- 2. <u>Scarcity of food</u> = Under the control of the central world Dictator.
- 3. Rationing = A days wage for a little food.

THE FOURTH SEAL OPENED

PALE HORSE

Rev.6:7-8.

- 1. <u>Death</u> = With Hades their destination.
- 2. <u>Billion</u> = Die by sword, hunger and wild beasts.
- 3. <u>Great power</u> = Dictator will use every source to gain power.

THE FIFTH SEAL OPENED

MARTYRED TRIBULATION SAINTS

Rev.6:9-11.

- 1. Slain for the Word of God.
- 2. Slain for witnessing for the Lord.
- 3. How long shall they wait before avenged?
- 4. White robes were given to them.
- 5. Still more to be slain. (Total = Rev.7:9.)

THE SIXTH SEAL OPENED

HEAVENS AND EARTH WILL BE DISTURBED.

Rev.6:12-17.

- 1. A great earthquake shakes the whole world.
- 2. The Sun will turn black.
- 3. The Moon will become like blood.
- 4. Meteors will fall from the stars.
 (Preview of the heavens departing)
 (The mountains and Islands will disappear.)
- 5. Mankind will seek death, regardless of status.
- 6. They will behold Christ sitting upon the great white throne.
- 7. Preview of the wrath of God to come upon the ungodly.

GOD'S SPECIAL SEAL FOR TRIBULATION SAINTS.

Rev.7:1-17.

- 1. Four angels of God will hold back the winds from blowing.
- 2. Another angel will bring God's seal for the 144,000.
- 3. There will be a great multitude appear in white robes.
 (These will be tribulation saints slain. Rev.7:9-14.)

God will place a special seal upon His own during the tribulation, as these are the tribulation saints. The wrath of God will not fall upon them, but they will suffer greatly, as they

will not be allowed to buy or sell. They will be as beggars. These are those whom Christ referred to in Matthew 15:31-46. There will be a special blessing given to the Gentiles who help these 144,000 of the brethren of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SEVENTH SEAL WILL BE OPENED.

FOUR TRUMPETS WILL SOUND.

Rev.8:1-21.

- 1. There will be one half hour of silence in heaven.
- 2. The prayers of the saints will effect the whole earth.

THE FIRST TRUMPET WILL SOUND.

- 1. The heavens will pour out hail mixed with fire and blood.
- 2. One third of all the trees on this earth will be burned.
- 3. All the grass will be burned.

THE SECOND TRUMPET WILL SOUND.

- 1. A Great Mountain will be cast into the sea.
- 2. One third of all the seas will turn to blood.
- 3. One third of sea life will die.
- 4. One third of the ships will be destroyed.

THE THIRD TRUMPET WILL SOUND.

- 1. A great star from heaven will fall upon the rivers, and springs.
- 2. A third part of the waters will become as bitter wormwood.

3. Many human beings will die of this bitter water.

May I just mention that as God pours out His wrath upon the ungodly, He reminds them of their rejection of the shed blood of His Son, by turning the seas as well as the rivers into blood. There is no escaping this terrible blow upon their water supply. Now as we are told of the coming destruction upon this earth, God relates, as the trumpets will sound, of terrible upheavals in the heavenly bodies.

THE FOURTH TRUMPET WILL SOUND.

- 1. The sun will loose one third of its light.
- 2. The moon will loose one third of its light.
- 3. The stars will loose one third of their light.

THE FIFTH TRUMPET WILL SOUND.

THIS WILL BEGIN THE SECOND HALF OF THE TRIBULATION

THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

Rev.9:1-12.

The turning point during the seven years of the Great Tribulation begins when that battle in heaven will take place. (Rev.12:7-17.) Lucifer was given great power and had a large army of angels under his command and was a mighty warrior. Michael the arch angel was inferior to Lucifer which was obvious contended for the body of Moses. (Jude 9.) However God had reserved for Michael the arch angel special powers which were greater than that which He gave to Lucifer. This will be manifested when Michael and his army of holy angels casts Satan and his demons out of heaven. Satan had used both heaven and the as his strongholds. In heaven accusing the (Rev.12:10.), and on earth seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8.) When Satan will be cast out of heaven, then he will make earth his final battle ground against God and all that trust in God. The billions of demons will now concentrate on the kingdom of this world. The beasts and all of the ungodly will be easy prey

for Satan. The beasts will be possessed by demons as well as their many leaders. The pact of 7 years that the beast will make with Israel will be broken. (Daniel 9:27.) The 144,000 evangelists will be sought out and slain as well as countless other believers. Those that will survive will be those who will flee to the hills for their place of refuge. (Matthew 24:15-28.) This is that terrible "Abomination of Desolation" which Christ said would come to pass. We have the prediction of this in Isaiah 14:12-17. It is recorded as though it already happened, but Isaiah had been given a pre-view of what is to come. Satan must still give an account before God as to his activities as we have recorded in the Book of Job. We can praise God that we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous. (1 John 2:1-2.)

FIFTH TRUMPET JUDGEMENTS

- 1. The star Satan will be thrown out of heaven with his demons.
- 2. Satan will be given the key to the bottomless pit.
- 3. A great Demon General and his army will come forth, Tormenting the ungodly for a period of five months.

THE HEAVENLY BATTLE WILL BE FOUGHT

Rev.12:7-12.

- 1. Michael and his angels will fight with the dragon.
- 2. The dragon and his demons will fight with Michael.
- 3. The dragon and all of the demons will be cast out of heaven.
- 4. That great dragon, that old serpent, the Devil and Satan and the demons were all thrown down to earth.
- 5. Heavenly deliverance is now made possible.

- charte and 6. Satan will never again be able to accuse the saints.
- 7. The inhabitants of the earth will suffer under Satan's full fury.
- 8. The Jewish race will suffer severely because of the seed of the woman bruising the head of Satan. may and the second Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14; Gal.4:4-5.

This is why Christ has forewarned those of the tribulation of the Abomination of desolation that would come upon Israel. (Matthew 24:4-25.)

SYMBOLS TO NOTE.

- "The Woman" = Israel (Rev.12:1-4.)
- 2. "The Sun" = Jacob

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- 3. The Moon" = Jacob's wife
- "Crown of twelve stars" = The Twelve Tribes of Israel
- "Child" = The Messiah 5.
- "The remnant of her seed" = 144,000 Jews.
- "Third Part of the stars of heaven" = Third part of God's 7. angels. (Rev.12:4.)
- "The Woman fled into the Wilderness" = During the Tribulation there will be those who will flee to God's place of refuge, which will be prepared for them. Matthew 24:15-28; Mk.13:14-23.

THE FIRST OF THREE TERRIBLE WOES

THE SIXTH TRUMPET WILL SOUND.

Rev.9:13-21.

FOUR FALLEN ANGELS BOUND IN THE EUPHRATES RIVER

- 1. The four fallen angels will be loosed.
- 2. The four angels will have an army of angels numbering two hundred thousand, thousand.
- 3. This army of demons will slay one third of all human beings.
- 4. Their time of slaughter will be 1 year, 1 month, 1 day, and 1 hour.
- 5. The slain will die by <u>fire</u>, by <u>smoke</u>, and by brimstone.
- 6. Those that will not be slain will not repent of their
 - 1. idol worship,
 - 2. worship of demons,
 - 3. murdering,
 - 4. sorcery,
 - 5. fornication,
 - 6. stealing.

A CHANGE OF SCENERY WITH A MIGHTY ANGEL

Rev.10:1-11:14.

A LITTLE SCROLL

- 1. "The sea and the earth" = reclaimed by God.
- 2. "The Scroll" = The title deed to this earth.
- 3. "Seven thunders" = Complete perfection to follow.
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- 4. "Seal up" = Omit from recording what the seven thunders spoke.
- 5. Angelic oath to the Almighty Creator.
- 6. The mystery of God will be completed. Dan.9:24.
- 7. John was told to take the scroll and to eat it.
 - 8. John was told that he would reveal many things about people, nations, tongues and kings.

THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS OF THE TRIBULATION WILL BE COMPLETED.

THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES WILL HAVE 42 MORE MONTHS.

THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

Rev.11:1-14.

THE TEMPLE OF GOD TO BE MEASURED BY JOHN.

TIMES OF THE GENTILES

- 1. A reed given to measure the temple of God.
- 2. The altar to be measured as well.
- 3. The people are also to be counted.

- 4. The outer court belongs to the nations.
- 5. Jerusalem tread under foot for 42 months.

GOD'S TWO WITNESSES FROM HEAVEN

THEIR WITNESS DURING THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

DURATION OF WITNESS = 1,260 DAYS

ELIJAH AND MOSES

FULFILLED PROPHECY BEFORE THE KINGDOM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, <u>before</u> the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord" Malachi 4:5.

IDENTIFICATIONS

- 1. "Two Olive trees" = emblem of Israel. (Jer.11:16.)
- 2. "Two lampstands" = God's two witnesses.
- 3. "God's protection of His witnesses = God's fire would destroy.
- 4. ELIJAH Had power to shut heaven that it would not rain.
- 5. MOSES Had power over waters to turn to blood, with other plagues.

THE DEMON POSSESSED BEAST

- 1. Demon from the bottomless pit indwells the beast. (Rev.11:7.)
- 2. By sovereignty of God and in the fullness of time- Moses and Elijah will be killed.
- 3. Moses and Elijah remain in the street of Jerusalem three and one half days.
- 4. All forbidden to bury them.

5. All the ungodly rejoice and have a "Devil's Xmas".

LIFE RESTORED TO MOSES AND ELIJAH

- 1. The spirit life from God returns.
- 2. Great fear without repentance fell upon the ungodly.
- 3. A "Great Voice" from heaven called them home to heaven.
- 4. An earthquake destroyed one tenth of the Holy City.
- 5. Seven thousand men were slain from the earthquake.
- 6. The remnant in amazement gave glory to the God of heaven.

THIS COMPLETES THE SECOND WOE.

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET WILL SOUND Rev.11:15-19.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING KINGDOM OF GOD

This gives us a preview of the way being opened for the final judgment for the time of the dead to be judged is approaching very quickly.

- 1. The twenty four elders (12 tribes of Israel & the 12 apostles), will fall on their faces and worship God.
- 2. The Lord God Almighty is from everlasting to everlasting.
- 3, The nations under the beasts will be very angry because God will judge.
- 4. During the tribulation, the saints will receive their rewards before the judgment seat of Christ. (1 Cor.3:9-18; 2 Cor.5:10.)
- 5. The temple of God will be opened in heaven. The ark of the covenant will be seen.

6. Great disturbances of lightening, thunder, earthquakes, and great hail.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLAN OF GOD

We have seen in preview what will happen when Satan and his demons are cast out of heaven. "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto earth, he persecuted the woman (Israel) who brought forth the male child (Christ). And the woman (Tribulation saints) were given two wings of a great eagle (Perhaps an air lift jet), that she

might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time (1 year), and times (2 years) and a half time (1/2 year), from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water like a flood after the woman (Tribulation saints)

And the dragon was angry with the woman (Tribulation saints), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed (144,000 plus)..... Rev.12:13-17.

EVENTS PAST, AND FUTURE.

THE MESSIANIC HOPE

Rev.12:1-6.

PAST EVENTS.

- 1. "A great wonder in heaven" = A woman (Israel)
- 2. "Clothed with the sun and the moon" = (Jacob and his wife.
- 3. "Under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars = 12 tribes.
- 4. "And she, being with child" = The Christ Child.
- 5. "A great red dragon" = Satan
- 6 "Having seven heads" = The Revival of the Roman Empire as recorded in Daniel.

"And ten horns" = The ten European nations under the Roman empire.

The image which Nebuchadnezzar saw.

"And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and, as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." Dan.2:40. (This refers to the Roman Empire as it was in the days of Christ.) It also prepares us for the Revival of the Roman Empire which will also be very powerful.

The Revival of the Roman Empire as it will be.

"And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: (Infiltration of demons) but they shall not adhere one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.": Dan.2:41-43.

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea (International Dictator), having seven heads and ten horns (The revived Roman Empire in the latter days), and upon his horns ten crowns (Ten ruling nations before 3 of them are dissolved), and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." Rev.13:1.

"And there are seven kings (Seven empires dominated Israel); five are fallen, and one is (The Roman empire of the past), and the other is not yet come (); and when he cometh, he must continue a short space (The Revival of the Roman Empire Dan.12:11-12.). This eighth Empire of Rome shall have a 7 year existence with 3 1/2 years of intensity called "The Abomination of Desolation.). "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." Rev.13:5. This amounts to 3 1/2 years.

THE DRAGON'S ARMY CONSISTS OF 1/3RD OF GOD'S ANGELS

"And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven and did cast them to the earth (Starting his earthly domain as the god of this world system 2 Cor.4:4.)

THE KING HAS COME AND WILL RULE THIS WORLD. Rev. 12: 24b-6.

- 1. The dragon stood before the woman = The virgin Mary.
- 2. The dragon desired to slay <u>her child</u> = The Christ Child.
- 3. She brought forth a male child = The Christ Child.
- 4. Who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron = The thousand year kingdom of righteousness. (Ps.2; Rev.19:15.)
- 5. and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne. = Christ ascended on high and seated at the right hand of God the Father.
- 6. and the woman fled into the wilderness = The flight of the tribulation saints as Christ predicted. (Matt.24:15-28.)
- 7. Where she had a place prepared by God = Tribulation saints during the Abomination of desolation will flee to the hills for protection and fed by God.
- 8. This will take place during the "Abomination of Desolation" which will take place for 1,260 days or 3 1/2 years. There can be no doubt about the length of time when the Holy Spirit gives us the number of days as well as months.

This gives us a clear picture of the struggle that Israel will have as God in His sovereign completes the 70th week, predicted in the Book of Daniel. This terrible beast will be the International Dictator of the world, under the revival of the Roman Empire. We now will study the details of the reign of this beast, along with the second beast coming up from the land(

Palestine), who has to be the anti-Christ. This anti-Christ must be from one of the tribes of Israel and without a shadow of doubt, he will come out from the tribe of Dan. We have the following reasons for this. 1, Jacob called him a serpent. (Gen.49:17.) 2, Dan is not among the 144,000 that will witness during the tribulation. It was Dan who introduced idols into Israel and was condemned by God and prophetically condemned by his father Jacob. It just reminds us that God is mindful of every thought word and deed and is both a rewarder of those that faithfully serve Him, and pours out His wrath upon those who reject His love which was manifested in Christ Jesus.

THE TWO BEASTS THAT WILL RULE THE WORLD. Rev. 13:1-18.

THE FIRST BEAST AS DICTATOR OF THE WHOLE WORLD

- 1. The beast will rise up out of the sea = International Ruler
- 2. The beast will have <u>seven heads</u> = Seven powerful European nations from the old Roman Empire.
- 3. The beast will have ten horns with ten crowns = Ruling over ten main nations.
- 4. The beasts name shall be <u>Blasphemy</u> = king of the west under the power of Satan.

THE FIRST BEASTS CHARACTERISTICS.

- 1. Like a <u>leopard</u>, = will be quick and deceptive.
- 2. <u>Feet like that of a bear</u> = will be able to grasp in power.
- 3. <u>Mouth like the mouth of a lion</u> = will speak with great power for forty two months.
- 4. The dragon will give him his power and great authority.
- 5. Supernatural power in being healed = given demonic power from Satan the dragon. (The wound of the sword unto death was healed.)

6, The dragon will be worshipped, giving the beast victory = "Who is able to make war with him"?

THE FIRST BEAST'S AIMS IN RULING.

- 1. He will be able to promise great things in deception.
- 2. He will blaspheme against God.
- 3. He will blaspheme the Name of God Almighty.
- 4. He will oppose and blaspheme the Temple of God.
- 5. He will curse and blaspheme against the angels and saints of God which are in heaven.
- 6. He will make war with the tribulation saints.
- 7. He will have power to rule over the whole wide world.
- 8. He will force all in the world to worship him, whose names will not be written the Lamb's book of life. God in His omniscience knows all about everything and not even a sparrow falls without God knowing about it, if He so desires.

THE SECOND BEAST OR FALSE PROPHET.

- 1. This second beast will come from Palestine.
- 2. Two horns like a lamb, but will speak like a dragon. = He will be two-faced and very subtle and under the control of the dragon.
- 3. He will have similar power like the first beast. = He will have the same source of power which will come from Satan.
- 4. He will convince many to worship the first beast = He will especially try to convince Israel to worship the beast so that they can have worship services in their temple.

- 5. The second beast shall do great wonders = Such as causing fire to come down from heaven.
- 6. He will deceive the earth dwellers by means of the miracles = This will cause the earth dwellers to make image of the first beast, and the second beast will deceive the people by using the demons to speak through the idol.
- 7. The idol will condemn to death those who do not worship it. = The demons will cause the idol to speak against the saints.
- 8. This second beast will cause 666 to give identifications. = This will be done in order to forbid food to be bought or sold by those without the mark of the beast.

This gives us the picture of the satanic realm in those terrible days which are called "The Abomination of Desolation". When the seventh trumpet will sound, there will be a preparation for the out pouring of the wrath of God through the 7 bowls. This will indicate to us more of the "Abomination of Desolation". The wrath of God will be terrible and the demonic world will be making it's last stand before that great battle of Armageddon. It will become necessary for God to place a seal upon the tribulation saints. We will first of all deal with the 144,000. tribulation saints of Israel, who will become the key witnesses during the tribulation. Since Dan is not included, Joseph's two sons Manasah and Ephraim will represent Joseph. Our first appearance that we will behold will be the Lamb of God with the 144,000 on Mount Zion. These special Tribulation saints will be God's special evangelists during the Great Tribulation and will be willing to lay down their lives for the cause of the Lamb of God.

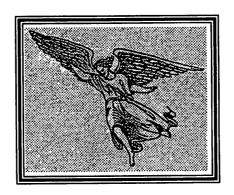
In Matthew 24:22 the Lord has said, "For then shall be a great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." This does not mean that there will be less than 24 hours in the day, but rather the daylight would be less, as described in the Word. (Revelation 8:12; Revelation 16:10-11.)

OUESTIONS ON CHAPTER THREE

- 1. What was the significance of the Old Testament sacrifices. Write briefly on their purpose.
- 2. What is the difference between their high priest and Christ as the High Priest?
- 3. Who all will be raptured according to 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18? Give other Scripture.
- 4. Give a report on what John saw according to Revelation 4:1-11.
- 5. Write an essay on "The Scroll Of Revelation Chapter Five"
- 6. Give a summary of what will be the results of these various colored horses of Revelation chapter six.
- 7. What special seal will be provided for the Tribulation saints? Give Scripture references.
- 8. Explain Revelation 8:1-21.
- 9. Why will God turn the seas and rivers to blood during the Tribulation?
- 10. Write an essay on Revelation 6:9-11.
- 11. List the events which will take place according to Revelation 6:12-17.
- 12. How will God protect the Tribulation saints from His wrath? (Revelation 7:1-7.)
- 13. Why do you suppose that there will be one half hour silence in heaven before the events of Revelation 8:1-21, take place?
- 14. Give a survey on the four special trumpets to sound as recorded in Revelation 8:1-21.

- 15. What special significance do you find in the results of the fifth trumpet?
- 16. Explain "The Abomination Of Desolation" and why the Lord made special mention of this in Matthew 24:15-28.
- 17. Explain the terrible 5th. and 6th. trumpet with the release of these armies of demons.
- 18. Explain Jude 6.
- 19. Write an essay on God's two special witnesses during the Abomination of Desolation. (Moses and Elijah)
- 20. How will God shorten the days during the Abomination of Desolation as spoken by Christ in Matthew 24:22?

CHAPTER FOUR



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EVANGELISM DURING THE TRIBULATION.

Rev. 14: 1-20

INTRODUCTION

One would not expect that there would be any evangelism during that coming great tribulation, but the word of God clearly tells us of His special witnesses and ambassadors. Perhaps the most important witnesses will be the 144,000 young people from the twelve tribes of Israel, except the tribe of Dan. As we will see, they will have access to teaching the gospel of the kingdom during the complete 7 years, but will suffer greatly during the latter part of the tribulation, which is called "The Abomination The first part of the tribulation, one reads of Desolation". from the Book of Daniel that a seven year pact will be made with Israel by the Beast and then broken in the middle of it. will bring on a terrible onslaught against these 144,000 and most if not all will be slain. Then we have Moses and Elijah witnessing for God during the latter part of the seven years, during "The Abomination of Desolation". This will amount to 42 months of declaring the kingdom. (Revelation 11:1-7). Many of the Gentiles who become believers will also testify for God. Others from among the Jews will flee to the hills, to the city of Petra for God's protection. Those that flee to the hills will produce families for the kingdom age, which follows the great tribulation.

There will also be angelic creatures who will also bear witness with the proclamation of the everlasting gospel. Some of these holy angels of God will warn against taking of the mark of the beast. God will show grace during this great tribulation which must be taken as an act of faith, under terrible persecution from the Dictator of the whole world. Let us further explain that God in His mercy will provide a way of escape because of the Love of His dear Son who made the way of salvation possible. As you study the following verses, be aware of these simple truths that we find in the Bible.

According to God's Marvelous and amazing grace, provisions been made alreadv have during the Tribulation a great evangelistic program that will reach around the world. God will have His 144,000 from the youth of Israel, Elijah as the angelic witness, Moses and well as many believing Gentiles. The awakening many will sign to Rapture of the Old Testament and New Testament saints. This alert many who had a head knowledge of these will things but lacked the heart knowledge. Although it will be too late for them to be Raptured according to John 14:1-6; and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; they will turn to the Lord for mercy. As for the majority of these, they will seal their belief in the Lord in their death. We have proof of this from the Word of God. Revelation 6:9-11; Revelation 7:9-14.) There will be the greatest

revival upon this earth during those days and those who do not flee to the hills will be murdered by the wicked rulers under the Dictator of the world who will be controlled by Satan and his billions of demons. Those that flee to the hills, will be the future earthly people who will be counted as sheep, when Christ sets up His kingdom of righteousness. Let us now search the Scriptures as to some of these important events that will take place during the Tribulation.

THE FIRST SCENE

Rev.14:3-5.

- 1. The Lamb of God will stand upon Mount Zion.
- 2. The 144,000 Tribulation Saints will be with The Lamb of God.
- 3. God's name written in their foreheads, as a seal.
- 4. The 144,000 sing a new song, with a heavenly choir and orchestra These are of the tribes of Israel, redeemed during the tribulation. These are the first fruits from the tribulation slain.

It is tremendous as to what God has revealed to John on the Isle of Patmos, concerning things to come. God has intended that we as believers have a pre-view of the future, concerning this old world. It should give every believer who studies these things a great confidence in our Almighty God, who knows the end from the beginning! Amen and Amen! Now let us see another means that God will have in speeding the gospel light to the "Regions Beyond". We have evidence from the Word of God that there will be a great revival during the Tribulation, especially among those who have tasted of many of the bi-products of Christianity. They will understand that the Christians were correct as to their teaching of the Word of God.

THE SECOND SCENE

Rev.14:6-7.

- 1. Another angel will fly, proclaiming the everlasting gospel.
 - 2. The Creator will be ready to pour out His judgment.

How the angelic witness will reach the earthly people, that is God's secret. Nevertheless the everlasting gospel will be preached, with a great warning of the coming judgment upon this earth and all the ungodly. There will be no doubt whatsoever as to the source of these judgments upon this earth. The ungodly will know and direct their blasphemy against the God of Creation. They will not repent, as indicated in God's statements. God is aware and will be aware of their every thought, word and deed. As we now study the predictions of both "Religious Babylon" and "Political Babylon", may we be mindful that God has His time of judgments against those who reject His love through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE THIRD SCENE.

Rev.14:8.

- 1. Prediction of the fall of Mystery Babylon.
- 2. The fall of Religious Ecumenicism
- 3. This prediction recorded in Revelation 17 & 18.

With all of the religions of the world, which are being united together under the deceit of Satan, another tower of Babel is being built. These religions do not want to accept God's way of salvation. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6. Not only do these ungodly reject Almighty God, but they continue to make their own gods and goddesses. We have the most recent goddess being worshipped by many called "Sophia", which has just recently been revised from Diana of Ephesus. This is but one of countless numbers of false gods which God has already judged at the cross and judgment will come in God's own time. The wicked leaders in

this world will use religion when it is for their advancement, and then ditch them when their power is established. That is why the beast and Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire will allow "The Woman" to ride him into power according to Revelation 17:1-13. Now let us continue to search the Scriptures as to God's warnings against those who worship the beast and his image.

THE FOURTH SCENE

Rev.14:9-12.

- 1. Warning against worshipping the beast and his image.
- 2. Warning against receiving the mark of the beast.
- 3. The wrath of God will be poured out upon such.
- 4. Eternal punishment will be their judgment.

Once the mark of the beast is received there will be no second chance for these ungodly. Their final judgment will be proclaimed before the Great White Throne, which will be the second living death as they will be cast into the lake of fire. Into this eternal lake of fire, all death and hell will be cast in as well! (Revelation 20:14. "And whosoever was not found written in the Book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20:15. Praise God, our names are written in the Lamb's Book of life, even before the foundation of the world. (Revelation 17:8.)

THE FIFTH SCENE.

Rev.14:13.

Regardless of the age period, God always has and will have His remnant, which is willing to not only defend the faith, but also willing to die for their faith. During the great tribulation there will be countless numbers slain and God will keep a record of their faithfulness, reserving their reward when they reach those heavenly shores. May we always remember that we cannot out give God, who always does exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. (Ephesians 3:20-21.)

1. Blessed will be the tribulation saints that are slain.

2. The tribulation saint's works are recorded.

THE WRATH OF GOD PREDICTED

THE SIXTH SCENE

Rev.14:14-20.

Nothing in all of God's creation just happens or is based upon "Luck", but all things are controlled and under the sovereignty of God. Much has been speculated as to the "Battle of Armageddon" but in this following Scripture, we have God's prediction and preview of it. We who will be of the Rapture will have a glorious seven years in the presence of the Lord, enjoying the mansions of God the Father. Christ is spending some 2,000 years preparing a place in these mansions for His future bride. During those seven years in heaven, there will be many events which we will list, but I just want to mention that when the Rapture takes place that we will be with our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. This preview of the Battle of Armageddon, gives us an insight as to the mighty power of the Eternal Son of God as He leads us forth to behold one of the great battles against the evil forces.

- 1. The preview of the coming battle of Armageddon.
- 2. Christ shall come according to Rev. 19:11-21.
- 3. All of the dead in Christ will be specially blessed.

As we become established in our heavenly home for those seven years the following events will take place in heaven, while the wrath of God is poured out upon the ungodly of this world. Here are some events that we know will take place in heaven.

- a. We will receive rewards from Christ according to our faithfulness, during our earthly life. (1 Cor.3:9-18; 2 Cor.5:10.)
- b. The marriage of the Lamb will take place. (Rev.19:7-10.)

- c. The Lord Himself will serve communion for the saints of all ages. (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:25; Luke 22:18.)
- d. We will have our glorified bodies like unto the Lord. (1 John 3:1-3.)
- e. We will behold the victory of Michael the archangel with his armies against Satan and his demons. (Revelation 12:7-12.)
- 4. The Incarnate Christ will come in the clouds with the saints.
 (Rev.19:11-21.)
- 5. The harvest of the earth will become ripe. The wheat will be separated from the tares. (Matt.13:1-9.)
- 6. Certain angels declared to reap at the time of harvest.
- 7. The wrath of God will be poured out upon the tares, or the ungodly.

As we have reviewed these judgments briefly and consider the preparation for the kingdom of righteousness, we have a pre-view of the human judgments against the goats or the ungodly at the end of the tribulation, when Christ returns with the saints. This is best described as follows. "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory. And before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left." Matthew 25:31-33. As we read this entire portion we learn that the goats will be destroyed, but the sheep shall be kept for the coming Kingdom of Righteousness. (Matthew 25:34-46.)

THE SEVENTH SCENE

THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD PREDICTED AGAINST THE BEAST

Rev.15:1-8.

In this portion of God's Word we have God's predictions against the beast and all of the ungodly, but then we see a rejoicing multitude of tribulation saints, shining forth as a sea of glass. They will have the song of Moses to sing, as they come under the grace of God, separated unto God the Father through Old Testament doctrine. The Bride of Christ will be complete when the Rapture takes place, and as we know from the Book of Daniel that the tribulation will be the completion of the 70 weeks predicted against Israel. Therefore they will sing the song of Moses.

- 1. The great throng of Tribulation Saints as a sea of glass.
- 2. The Tribulation Saints will sing the "Song of Moses", and the "Song of the Lamb".
- 3. The Temple in Heaven will be opened, and the seven angels come forth with the bowls of the wrath of God.
- 4. One of the four creatures of God gave the seven bowls of the wrath of God to the seven angels.
- 5. The Temple in Heaven will be filled with the glory of God.
 - 6. No one will be able to enter the Temple of God, until the bowls of wrath are completely poured out upon this earth.

THE FIRST BOWL OF THE WRATH OF GOD.

Rev.16:1-2.

These bowls of the wrath of God will be the final judgments to come to the ungodly of this earth. God's sovereignty will be declared as His wrath is poured out upon the wicked. God will deal with the religious and the political Babylon.

- 1. God will cry out from the Temple in Heaven for the angels to pour out His wrath upon the earth. This is a manifestation of the Sovereignty of God.
- 2. Terrible sores will come upon all those who worship the beast and take his mark upon their bodies.

THE SECOND BOWL OF THE WRATH OF GOD.

Rev.16:3.

- 1. God's bowl of wrath will be poured out upon the sea it will become as blood.
- 2. All of the life in the sea will die.

THE THIRD BOWL OF WRATH

Rev.16:4-7.

- 1. God's bowl of wrath will be poured out upon the rivers and streams and they too will turn to blood.
- 2. This angel will cry out to God that He is worthy and just to pour out His wrath upon the earth.
- 3. The Saints and the Prophets have been slain by the wicked, therefore God will be just in pouring out His wrath upon this earth.

THE FOURTH BOWL OF WRATH. Rev. 16:8-9.

- 1. God's wrath will be poured out upon the sun.
- 2. The worshippers of the beast will be scorched with fire.
- 3. When this great heat will be poured upon the wicked, they will blaspheme the God of heaven over these plaques and will not repent.

THE FIFTH BOWL OF WRATH.

Rev. 16:10-11.

- 1. God's wrath will be poured out upon the throne of the beast in Rome.
- 2. The throne of the beast will be in complete darkness, and will cause severe pain.
- 3. They will blaspheme the God of Heaven because of their pain and sores, and will not repent of their wicked deeds. (Joel 2:2.)
- 4. This may be the reason why the sneak and secret invasion by the armies of the north will invade the Middle East. (Ezek.38 & 39.)

THE SIXTH BOWL OF WRATH.

Rev.16:12.

- 1. The River Euphrates will dry up .
- 2. The rulers of the East will cross over into the Middle East, attempting to take great spoil, but under the sovereignty of God will be drawn into the wrath of God. (Dan.11:36-45.)

ANOTHER PREVIEW OF THE COMING BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON.

Rev.16:13-16.

- 1. Three unclean spirits come forth in behalf of the dragon and the beast, which is but another counterfeit from Satan, with the inference of the "Triune God".
- 2. Special notice = Religion is man's relationship with man.

 Christianity = Man's relationship with God.
- 3. Note the relationship that the demons will have with the beasts.

(Rev.11:7: Rev.17:8: Rev.9:1-2: Rev.16:13.

- 4. We are told. "For they are the spirits of demons".
- 5. These demons will be able to work miracles through these beasts.
- 6. These demon possessed beasts under the influence of Satan will cause the ungodly to attempt war against Almighty God. (Rev. 19:17-21: Rev. 20:7-15
- 7. The Lord Jesus Christ. Himself will come and fight this battle of Armageddon.

THE SEVENWHABOUL FOR WHE WRATH OF GOD.

1. A great voice finally will be heard coming forth from the Temple in heaven, and from the throne of authority saving, "It Is Done"

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- 2. God's fireworks thunder forth with great earthquakes and lightning it was life fireworks.
- 3. The earth will shake tremendously causing Jerusalem to be split open in three parts pales and the same of the s
 - 4. Great cities throughout the whole world will be destroyed.
 - 5. Mystery Babylon will receive of the wrath of God in all of His fierceness.
 - 6. Every Island will disappear during this final wrath of God.
 - 7. The mountains will sink into the ground and thus causing the water level of the oceans to rise, covering the islands.
 - 8. Great hail stones from the heavens will fall upon the whole world with weight reaching 60 to 100 lbs. each.
 - 9. The ungodly will blaspheme God without repentance.

CONCLUSION

As we conclude this chapter of the terrible wrath of God it also reveals to us the everlasting gospel that will be preached and proclaimed during the great tribulation. The gospel of the grace of God is being preached <u>before</u> the rapture. Paul by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, cried out, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 2:16. God in His eternal love has made ample provision during all ages, proclaiming the gospel. This marvelous

gospel which God has declared also includes a terrible judgment <u>if</u> not accepted. "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men <u>by Jesus Christ</u> according to my gospel." Romans 2:16.

The gospel will be preached to all mankind, whether the gospel of the kingdom, the gospel of grace, or the everlasting gospel which will be proclaimed during the great tribulation. It is all based upon the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. God the Holy Spirit has amply warned all mankind of this terrible wrath of God upon the ungodly. Mankind is without excuse. As we conclude this chapter, we now will be considering the fate of all of these false religions, under the ecumenical persuasion. Before God brings his judgment upon these man made religions, He will give the saints which are affiliated with them plenty of time to come out from among them. "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her , my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues; for her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." Revelation 18:4-5.

Religious aspirations which began with "The Tower of Babel", has continued in spite of God confusing their languages. Today we are faced with the same aspirations, not only in an attempt to make one world government, but also a "One World Religion". In either case it is Satan's counterfeit to what God is planning under perfect conditions, for the ages to come. We are reminded of that Divine prayer by the Lord Jesus Christ. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also who shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. " John 17:20-23. Therefore God must destroy every resemblance of His perfection and holy fellowship which He has planned for eternity to come. As we study apostate Christianity, may we be aware of God's wrath upon all of these false religions.

In the fullness of time, according to God's plan, there will be a perfect "Utopia" for God's own, among the angelic hosts as well as among all the saints of God. May we never classify Christianity with the religions of the world. Christianity is a relationship with God and we must be adopted into the Royal family of God by being born again of God the Holy Spirit. May we take heed to our risen Savior's messages to the churches, look forward to the Rapture and evangelize for the Master! We must admonish all those people of God who are involved in this ecumenical religion of all sorts to come out from among them, while there is still time.

These terrible judgments though the bowls of God's wrath will come according to God's time and we need to warn our fellow man to get right with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. God the Father was willing to allow His Eternal Son to take our place in judgment, upon the cruel cross. If they refuse, there is no escape route. "Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him, God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with diverse miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will." Hebrews 2:1-4.

As we approach this study of the doom of all religion, may we be aware of the Almighty power of God in His sovereignty, as the Alpha and the Omega. It was God the Holy Spirit through Daniel who said, "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever; for wisdom and might are His, and He changeth the times and the seasons; He removeth kings, and setteth up kings; He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to those who know understanding; He revealeth the deep and secret things; He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him." Daniel 2:20b-22. May we always remember that we are not dealing with predictions from some fortune teller, but we are being told by God of things that will come about exactly as "Thus saith the Lord"!

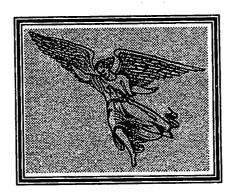
OUESTIONS ON CHAPTER FOUR

- 1. Give evidence from the Scripture that there will be evangelism during the Great Tribulation.
- 2. When the Rapture takes place, what effect will this have on those left behind that had thorough knowledge of the Bible but refused to accept Christ?

- 3. Write briefly on Revelation 14:3-5.
- 4. Write an essay on the subject, "The Everlasting Gospel".
- 5. Explain John 14:6.
- 6. Write on Revelation 14:9-12.
- 7. Who all are considered as "The Tribulation Saints"? Scripture please.
- 8. What is the importance of God giving a preview of things to come to those who will be going through the Great Tribulation?
- 9. Give 5 heavenly events that will take place when God raptures home the Saints of the Old Testament and New Testament.
- 10. Explain Matthew 13:1-9.
- 11. Why do the Tribulation saints both sing the song of Moses as well as the song of the Lamb? Give the connect of both.
- 12. How does God show His sovereignty through the outpouring of the bowls of wrath?
- 13. Give the highlight or important issues in the bowls of God's wrath.
- 14. What does the preview of "The Battle of Armageddon" show to you?

 (Revelation 16:13-16.)
- 15. Write an essay on Revelation 16:17-21.

CHAPTER FIVE



THE FINAL DOOM OF RELIGIOUS AND MYSTERIOUS BABYLON

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JOHN CARRIED AWAY INTO THE FUTURE

Rev.17:1-18.

INTRODUCTION

This is the climax to God's series of judgments, which indicates His tolerance of religion, waiting for them to "Come Out" from these false religions and serve the Living God. In fact with some of these false worshippers, God has patiently waited for generations. They had what the Scripture declares, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power of it; from such turn away." 2 Timothy 3:5. God has kept a concise record of all of their deeds and they all fall short of the glory of God. In fact, they have manifested great wickedness and power through their political influence, with great slaying of God's people. One great example of this is the slaying of the Huguenots in France, of which my forefathers belonged. By the grace of God they were able to leave France and come to USA in 1585. May I just add that we are now faced with a great hatred of God's chosen race of people returning to their promised land. Let us examine the future outpouring of God's wrath upon all of these false religion.

- 1. An angel carries John to religious Rome to see the judgment of false religion.
- 2. This false religion of Ecumenicism is likened unto a harlot.
- 3. The false religion is likened unto a woman and symbolically is featured riding the beast into power.
- 4. This beast is the dictator who will revive the Roman Empire.
- 5. This false religion will have great influence on the whole world and the Dictator will use this power to gain his control of the world.

- 6. This woman of false religion will have great wealth and be enticing to the multitudes.
- 7. Her name will be- "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."
- 8. This false religion will be responsible for the death of many saints and be responsible for the blood of many martyrs of Jesus.
- 9. This revelation will take place during the revival of the Roman Empire, when the ten European nations will transfer from the common market of Europe into the great Roman Empire of the last days, when seven of these ten nations dominate in power. (Rev. 12:3; Rev. 13:1; Rev. 17:1-11.)
- 10. The beast will be possessed with the great demon that comes from the bottomless pit. (Rev.9:1-12: Rev.17:8: Rev.17:10: Dan.12:11-12.)
- 11, The matter of seven heads also refers to the seven hills around Rome, where the false religions will unite against the power of God. (Rev.17:9.)
- 12. The beast will become the eighth from a continuation of the Old Roman Empire and will receive power for a short time as is recorded, "For One Hour" (Rev.18:10.)
- 13. The ungodly will be united in their desire to overthrow God. (Rev.17:13.)
- 14. Men and demons will fight against "The Lamb of God" and He shall prevail as the King of kings and Lord of lords. The saints of God will be with the Lord and are called "Chosen and Faithful". (Rev.17:14.)
- 15. There will be multitudes gathered together with the harlot of false religion.
- 16. Once the beast Dictator gains the power over the whole world, he will destroy the false religion with great

hatred. The great wealth of these false religions will be taken.

17. Under the sovereignty of God, the beast will maintain his power, destroying that great religious city of Rome.

All of this is preliminary to the coming of the Lord to face one of the greatest arrays of battle armament that this world has ever known. Satan will have the nations deceived into thinking that they will make a name for themselves. The beast will do away with religion as we will see in the following chapter.

MYSTERY BABYLON'S FALSE RELIGION WILL BE DESTROYED.

Rev. 18:1-8.

- 1. A great angel will come down from heaven with great power and with the brightness from heaven itself.
- 2. Mystery Babylon, that false religion will fall and be possessed by the demons of a multitude of evil spirits with great hatred.
- 3. Those with the name of Jehovah upon their foreheads were warned to come out from her.
- 4. God is going to siege Mystery Babylon with great plaques.
- 5. God will reward these false religions double the amount that they have given to others in her corruptness.
- 6. These false religions have glorified themselves, rather than the Living God.
- 7. God will judge Mystery Babylon with death, mourning, famine and with fire. "Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her." Revelation 18:8.

RULERS AND THE WORLD OF COMMERCE WILL CRY OUT.

Rev.18:9-19.

- 1. The kings and rulers of the earth had lived luxuriously with false religion. They have lost their gain and cry out in anguish, from afar off.
- 2. The merchants weep for her as they will have lost all of that profitable business.
- 3. The shipmasters also weep because their profit is gone, as they see that great city being burned.

THE HEAVENS WILL REJOICE WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF MYSTERY BABYLON

Rev.18:20-24.

- 1. The Apostles and Prophets rejoice with God's judgment.
- 2. A mighty angel casts a great millstone into the sea as a symbol of Mystery Babylon being destroyed forever.
- 3. The music and bright lights of Mystery Babylon will go out forever.

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- 4. The nations of the world have been deceived by Mystery Babylon's superstitions and sorceries.
- 5. Marriage will cease in Mystery Babylon.
- 6. These false religions were the cause of the death of many prophets and saints.

GREAT REJOICING WILL TAKE PLACE IN HEAVEN.

Rev.19:1-6.

1. The Raptured saints of all past ages will rejoice in heaven.

"A great voice of many people in heaven, saying, Hallelujah! Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord, our God. For true and righteous are His

judgments; for He hath judged the great harlot, who did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of His servants at her hand. And again they said, Hallelujah!" Rev.19:1-3a.

- 2. False religion will be judged.
- 3. A great praise arose in the heavenlies.
 "Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
 Rev.19:6b.

THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HEAVENLIES.

Rev.19:7-10.

- 1. The Rapture must take place before this marriage of the Lamb.
- 2. "The Body of Christ" has been made ready for the marriage.
 - a. The saints of all past ages will have their glorified bodies.
 - b. The Rapture will have taken place. (1 Thess.4:13-18.)
 - c. The wood, hay and stubble of the bride to be will have been removed. (1 Cor.3:12-15; 2 Cor.5:10.)
 - d. The Old Testament saints who are the friends of the Bridegroom, will be there.
 - e. The rewards for faithfulness will be given to the saints of all ages.
 - f. The Bride will be arrayed in fine linen, representing the righteousness of the saints.
 - g. Blessed are all that are called to the wedding supper.

In order to understand the sequence of these past events, may we study the following events as they will occur in God's perfect timing. We are living in the mystery age of grace and we do not know just when the Lord will come and Rapture us home. We see the signs of the times.

- 1. Israel being regathered in her land.
- 2. The Common market of Europe being formed.

3. The world of Sodom and Gomorrah. Look up our deliverance is near!

ORDER OF THE PAST EVENTS.

- 1. Two thousand years for the calling out of the body of Christ during that mystery age of grace.
- 2. The Rapture will take place, when God's fullness of time is complete.
- 3. The scroll in God's right hand will be taken by the Lamb of God and opened in our presence. (Rev.4 & 5.)
- 4 This will spark off the tribulation of seven years upon the earth.
- 5. The Old Testament and New Testament saints will receive their glorified bodies and remain in God the Fathers Mansions during those seven years. (John 14:1-6: 1 Thess.4:13-18: 1 Thess.1:10: 1 Cor.15:51-57.)
- 6. The Saints of all ages will have to stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive their rewards for being faithful when upon the earth. (2 Cor.5:10: 1 Cor.3:12-15.
- 7. The Marriage of the Lamb will take place. (Rev. 19:7-10.)

After these seven years of the wrath of God upon this earth, and the completion of our seven years in heaven as the saints of God, we will be mounting those heavenly horses and made ready to return to the earth. It will be a glorious sight as billions of saints of God all gather together and follow The King of kings and Lord of lords back to earth for the final great conflict with the ungodly, led by Satan and his billions of demons. They will be completely deceived and under the power of Satan and his demons. There will be a tremendous flash of light across the skies as we approach "Planet Earth". No doubt, Satan will inform the ungodly that this brightness that is approaching are creatures from other planets, coming to take over the earth. Well, whatever way Satan deceives the nations, we will be eye witnesses of the greatest

victory against the evil forces. All this is made possible because God was willing to send His Son to the the to be the costs. Let us observe what the Bible says about the sedded advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Eternal Son of God allowed kimself to enter this world in the form of a babe, but a body was cleated by Him before the foundation of the world This deat appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ will be in battle garb and prepared to reclaim the title deed to this world we as saints will be present with the multitude of angelic hosts to behold the mighty power of God.

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON. Rev.19:11-20:3.

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- Heaven will open and dur wing will be riding the white horse of victory.
 - 2. He is called, FAITHER AND TRUE and in righteousness He will judge and go to war against the ungodly and demons. The weeks to lie to the war against the ungodly and demons. The weeks to lie to the war against the ungodly and demons.

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- 3. Our King will be wear the wear the wear of the wear
 - 4. The great armies of angels and saints will follow their Creator.
 - 5. We will observe the mighty power of God, dressed in our fine linen clothes which represent the righteousness of the saints, as a greet from God and a contract of the saints.
- 6. Our King faces the great armies of the earth alone, and from His mouth He will smite the enemies with a single blow.
- 7. The King of kings and 16kd of Abrds will pour out His wrath upon those deceived ingodly creatures.
- 8. The supper for the villtures of dur Great God will be ready.
- 9. The army of dod's angers will dest the beast and the false prophet alive white the lake of fire, and will be tormented, day and night forever and ever.

- 10. All of the fleeing demons will be caught. That Satan, the devil. serpent and dragon, will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit for the duration of one thousand years. A specific angel will come down from heaven with a key to the bottomless pit, and put a great chain around Satan. He will be cast into the bottomless pit and remain there for a thousand years, never to touch bottom, but keep on tumbling down, down, down for the complete duration.
- 11. During the entire reign of Christ upon this earth, all the evil forces will be in prison and cannot tempt mankind.

CONCLUSION.

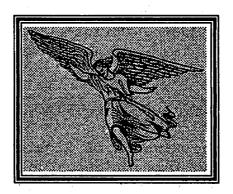
God has a set time for all of these events and as these judgments will come to pass, "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are His judgments: Revelation 19:1-2a.

OUESTIONS ON CHAPTER FIVE

- 1. What is wrong with all of these man made religions?
- 2. Why should God's people "Come Out from them"?
- 3. John was carried away into the future and saw the Revival of the Roman Empire. (Revelation 17:1-3) What did he see of importance?
- 4. What advantage will the beast have in allowing religion to guide him into world power?
- 5. Who does and will continue to control all these false religions?
- 6. Name some of the plagues that God will send upon these false religions and the other ungodly people under the power of the beast.

- 7. Why do the merchants of the world mourn the destruction of religion?
- 8. Explain Revelation 18:20-24.
- 9. Why does heaven rejoice when Christ goes forth to battle against the beast and his armies?
- 10. Give some of the details of the coming "Battle of Armageddon."
- 11. Write an essay on, "The Rapture Before The Heavenly Marriage".
- 12. Give a sequence with Scriptures of the main events from Pentecost until the Rapture.
- 13. Why do you think that all these religions should be replaced with Christianity?
- 14. Write a brief survey on Ephesians 6:10-17.

CHAPTER SIX



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REVELATION CHAPTERS 19-20

INTRODUCTION.

Now we are coming to the test reign of Christ, as the last opportunity of mankind to practice their freedom of choice under the most favorable circumstances. The Lord Jesus Christ will come with all of His glory and be surrounded by saints of all ages in their glorified bodies. Complete evangelism will be proclaimed throughout the whole world, and as always, all will be without excuse, as the evil forces will be hindered from brain washing human beings. Our present knowledge of the Bible, plus our future 7 years in heaven after the Rapture will be a tremendous access to our teaching ability, during Christ's reign on earth during the years. thousand Let examine us the coming kingdom of righteousness.

THE KINGDOM AGE WILL BECOME A REALITY.

As we approach the Kingdom of Righteousness we must bear in mind that there will be a lot of clean up necessary. There will be many changes in the whole world as the Creator of both heaven and earth will become the Supreme ruler of the world. There will still be freedom of choice, but only righteousness will prevail. The kingdom of righteousness will get a good start with all those human beings who want the goodness of God. But as they who will be listed as kingdom subjects, bare children, those children will have to make their choice. The whole world will be under God's righteousness, and we as saints of God will be the rulers of the world, under Christ who will be in Jerusalem. We will teach kingdom principles in all schools throughout the whole world. Everyone will be under the sound of the gospel of the kingdom. No one can refuse our teaching, as we have orders from the King of kings and Lord of lords in Jerusalem. There will be one thousand years that we will have to evangelize the whole world.

All of nature will be restored and there will be perfect peace throughout the whole world. We will list the various changes that will take place in the world during those thousand years. This will be a very important study of the great plan of

God. It will be the last test that mankind will be exposed to before the final judgment. The result will prove that totally depraved man, under the best conditions, cannot attain God's standards but is totally in need of complete dependence upon God.

CHRIST SHALL RULE THE WHOLE WORLD IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

We must remember that a perfect "Utopia" will not take place under Christ's kingdom rule, for all the earthly people will still have the sin nature and be totally depraved with the predominant "Human Viewpoint". Those coming out of the great tribulation, who are called sheep, will serve as outstanding citizens during the kingdom age. However their children born to them during the kingdom age will have to make their own decision as to whether they will show signs of repentance and acceptance of the kingdom of righteousness. They will have to accept the righteous laws from Jerusalem, but will also have the freedom of choice as to whether they believe what they are forced to practice. There will be no place in the whole world where Christ's righteousness is not taught. Every school, regardless of grade or higher learning, will all be governed by the righteousness of God. Of course, there will be opposition, but will have to obey according to the dictates from Jerusalem. There will be no lack of personnel to carry out the commands from Jerusalem. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them (those who have been raised from the grave and clothed with their glorified bodies), and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus (Those slain during the great tribulation), and for the Word of God, and who 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." Rev.20:4. Let us take inventory of those who will be judges and rulers with Christ during those thousand years.

THOSE WHO SHALL RULE WITH CHRIST DURING THE THOUSAND YEARS

- 1. All the Old Testament saints who will be part of the first resurrection during the Rapture. (Jn.11:24-26; Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18.)
- 2. The complete body of Christ, who, during the Kingdom age will have spent 7 years in the mansions of God, and married to the

Lamb of God, in their glorified bodies. (1 Thess.4:13-18; Rev.19:7-10.)

- 3. The Tribulation saints who will flee to the hills when the Abomination of Desolation takes place. (Matt.24:15-20; Mk.13:14-18; Lk.21:20-23.)
- 4. Those 144,000 from the tribes of Israel, except the tribe of Dan. (Rev.7:4-8; Rev.14:1-5.)
- 5. A great number of Gentiles who will be slain during the great tribulation for the cause of Christ. These will not be able to be numbered for the multitude.

 (Rev.7:9-17.) "And after this I beheld and, lo, a great number, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.......These are they who came out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Rev.7:9-14.

With a great throng of saints from all the past ages, who will take part in the first resurrection, there will be sufficient missionaries to cover the whole earth. There will be a gradual replenishing of the whole earth, from those who fled to the hills, as well as others who would not take the mark of the beast, or were too young at the end of the tribulation. We also just quoted in part the multitude that will come out of the tribulation, who will be slain for the cause of Christ. There will also be the 144,000 of the youth from among the Jews. These all will be a sum total of the great evangelism during the kingdom age of a thousand years. All will hear the Gospel of the kingdom, and during those thousand years there will be a great birth rate as never before. Why do I say this? Simply because nature will be restored and sickness will be a thing of the past, and the longevity of life during the kingdom age.

THE KINGDOM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. The Lord Jesus Christ will rule in righteousness with a rod of iron.

(Ps.2:9; Rev.2:27; Rev.19:15.)

- 2. There will be billions of saints of all previous ages, evangelizing the whole world without restrictions. (Rev.20:4-6; Rev.7:9-17; Dan.7:9-10; Acts 2:1-47; Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18; Rev.6:9-11; Rev.13:15.)
- 3. Those sheep who will be prepared for the kingdom age, who will flee to the hills when the Abomination of Desolation takes place. (Matt.24:15-22; Mk.13:14-18; Lk.21:20-23.)
- 4. Satan and his demons will not interfere during the Kingdom. Satan will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit for the duration of the thousand years. (Rev.20:1-3.)
- 5. God's perfect righteousness will be taught during the thousand years, in the kingdom churches, the government, the entertainment, the schools and all public gatherings. (Ps.9:8; Ps.96:13; Isa.11:4-5; Isa.26:9.)
- 6. Nature will be restored as before the fall of Adam. (Rom.8:19-22; Isa.11:6-9; Isa.35:1-2; Isa.65:25.)
- 7. There will be no cults and religions upon the earth, for all will worship the Living God under the authority and power of Christ. (Rev.20:1-3.)
- 8. There will be an awakening with great spirituality. (Joel 2:28; Isa.65:24; Zech.14:16-17.)
- 9. Israel will be completely restored in her land. (Isa.35:3-10; Isa.65:19; Zech.14:16-17.)
- 10. There will be world wide peace and no war. (Isa.2:4.)
- 11. Universal prosperity with no poverty. (Ps.72:7,16; Isa.65.)
- 12. Universal knowledge of God's righteousness with perfect understanding toward God. (Isa.11:9.)
- 13. A perfect righteous government under Christ, with the ruling saints of all previous ages. (Zech.14:9; Isa.11:1-2; Ps.72.)

- 14. There will be a perfect administration of justice for all. (Isa.11:3-7; Ps.72:12-14.)
- 15. The unbelievers, listed as goats will be removed at the very beginning of the reign of Christ. (Matt.25:31-46.)
- 16. The earthly people of all nations will produce many children during the thousand years and thus, replenishing the earth. (We in our glorified bodies will be like unto the angels, neither marry or given in marriage.) The children born during the kingdom age will have their freedom of choice as to whether they will follow Jesus' teachings or rebel within their hearts. (Ezek.20:33-49; Matt.25:14-30; Matt.3:11; Lk.3:16.)
- 17. The life span will be extended among the kingdom subjects (earthly people). There will be the possibility of accidents, extreme age or justice. (Isa.65:20; Isa.11:3-4.)

SATAN AND ALL EVIL FORCES' LAST STAND.

- 1. Satan and the demons last rebellion and battle against the Triune God, as he is freed from his prison of the bottomless pit. (Rev.20:7-10.)
- 2. Satan will deceive the earthly people for the last time. (Rev.20:8.)
- 3. Rebellious Russia and her satellites will be easy prey for Satan. Gog and Magog. (Rev. (Rev. 20:8; Ezek. 38-39.)
- 4. A great army of rebellious people will be gathered by Satan. (Rev.20:8.)
- 5. Satan's armies will come from every direction and surround Jerusalem, where Christ will have completed His temporary reign. No doubt, we as the saints of God will be previously called to Jerusalem, in preparation of this onslaught. (Rev.20:9.)
- 6. God the Father will send fire from heaven and destroy all the armies of Satan. (Rev.20:9.)

7. Satan and all the demons will be cast into the lake of fire, being judged at the cross. They will remain in the torment of the eternal fire forever. (Rev.20:10.)

This will prepare the way for an everlasting righteousness where sin will never occur again. Daniel 9:24.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT.

- 1. The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself will sit upon the throne in judgment. (Jn.5:22.)
- 2. The dead of all times (unbelievers) will be raised from Sheol as the final and complete second resurrection. (Rev.20:5.)
- 3. The ungodly and unbelieving dead shall all appear before the Great White Throne. (Jn.5:25-29.)
- 4. Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. (Phil.2:9-11.)
- 5. The book of life (Containing the names of all believers), will be opened and their good works will be compared with God's perfection and all will come short of the glory of God. Their names will be blotted out. (Rom.3:23.)
- 6. Before the judgment seat of Christ, only the ungodly will stand and all will be as goats at this judgment and all will be cast into the lake of fire and remain there forever and ever. It will be a living death, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (2 Pet.3:7; Rev.20:15.)

THE DESTRUCTION BY FIRE OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

- 1. The old heavens and this old earth will be totally destroyed with fervent heat. God will do this because of the infiltration of sin into His creation, and He has a better creation to follow. (2 Pet.3:10-12.)
- 2. The old heavens and the old earth will completely pass away. (Rev.21:1b; Isa.13:13; Isa.34:4.))

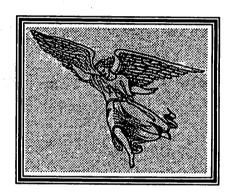
3. Please note that the eternal abode of the Triune God will always exist, for sin cannot intrude into God's third heaven.

OUESTIONS ON CHAPTER SIX.

- 1. After the Battle of Armageddon, why doesn't God settle the sin question and destroy the old and make all things new immediately?
- 2. What is the purpose of the thousand year Kingdom of Righteousness?
- 3. Name some of the changes that will take place during the thousand year kingdom age.
- 4. Will there be children born during the Kingdom Age? What proof do you have?
- 5. Will mankind be "Totally Depraved" during the Kingdom age?
- 6. Where will all of the evil forces be during the kingdom age?
- 7. How will the Lord Jesus Christ be able to rule the whole world from Jerusalem?
- 8. Explain Revelation 20:4.
- 9. Who all will rule with Christ during those thousand years?
- 10. Why will there be two resurrections as inferred in Revelation 20:6, 13?
- 11. What do you understand about what the Bible teaches of "The Rod of Iron"? (Psalm 2:9; Revelation 2:27; Revelation 19:15.)
- 12. Will there be any lack of missionary zeal during the Kingdom?
- 13. Give some references and ways in which nature will be restored to what is was in the garden of Eden.
- 14. Will many respond to the Gospel of the kingdom during the Millennium? (Joel 2:28; Isaiah 65:19; Zechariah 14:16-17.)

- 15. Will there be any wars during the kingdom age? (Isaiah 2:4.)
- 16, At the end of the Kingdom age, will all become believers? What proof do you find?
- 17, What happens when Satan and his demons are loosed from the bottomless pit?
- 18. Explain the last stand of all evil forces in God's creation.
- 19. Name the three last battles that will take place in heaven and on earth <u>before</u> the new creation.
- 20, Write a thesis on, "The Great White Throne".
- 21. Write an essay on 2 Peter 3:10-12.

CHAPTER SEVEN



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ALL CREATION WILL BE MADE NEW.

Revelation 20-22

- 1. Christ is the first fruits. (1 Cor.15:23.)
- 2. The Believers as the Body of Christ become the first fruits of God the Holy Spirit. (Rom.8:23.)
- 3. The New Heavens and the New Earth. (Rev. 21:1; Isa. 65:17)
 - a. There will be no sea to separate the continents. (Rev.21:b.)
 - b. The absolute perfection of God will reign. (Dan.9:24.)
 - c. Sin will be abolished forever. (Dan.9:24.)
 - d. Christ shall reign forever and ever. Rev.11:15.)
- 4. The New Jerusalem The eternal state. (Rev.21:2-8.)
 - a. All the saints along with Abraham will enjoy the beauty of God's Holy City. (Heb.11:10-16; Heb.12:22-24.)
 - b. The most beautiful City, being compared with the bride of Christ being made ready for her husband. (Rev.21:9-11.)
 - c. The Triune God will be present with His creation forever. (Rev.21:3,22.)
 - d. There will be no more sorrow, pain, or death, in God's new creation. (Rev.21:4.)
 - e. All things will become new. (1 Cor.2:9-10.)

- f. The perfect creation will be completed. "It is done"! (Rev.16:17.)
- g. God will freely provide eternal living and the pure water will always be provided by God with no impurities. (Rev.22:1.)
- h. All unbelievers will be banished forever in their living death amidst the lake of fire. (Rev.20:15.)
- i. Important features of New Jerusalem.

 The City of the Lamb and His bride united to God.

 The City of an eternal abode. (Heb.11:40;

 Heb.12:22-23.)

A Great City 1,500 miles in all directions. (2,250,000 square miles)

A Wealthy City with 12 foundations of precious gems.

(Rev.21:11-27.)A Beautiful City with streets of God.

A United City in worship. (Rev.21:22.)

No taxes or electric bills to pay. (Rev.21:23.)

A Holy City with no violence or sin. (Rev.22:14.)

THE NEW PARADISE WITH LIVING WATER AND THE TREE OF LIFE.

- 1. Pure unpolluted water from the throne of God. (Rev.22:1.)
- 2. The Tree of life with an ample supply for all. (Rev.22:2.)
- 3. The Tree with a variety of fruit in its season. (Rev.22:2.)
- 4. The Tree of life is the health of the nations. (Rev.22:2.
- 5. A perfect Paradise filled with blessings. (Rev.22:3.)
- 6. Paradise sealed by God and ours forever. (Rev.22:4.)
- 7. The New Paradise will be filled with the Shikinah glory forever. (Rev.22:5.)

The glory of God shall reign forever and ever and we who have put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ shall reign with the Lord forever and ever!

"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have, therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal.6:9-10.

THE LAST MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE

1. The Testimony of the Angel (Rev. 22:1.)

- a. The angel was sent by God to reveal the future to us.
- b. Angels are messengers of God and not to be worshipped.
- c. The angels are our fellow servants to minister to us.
- d. The angels are students of God's plan and are aware of the events which are taking place.
- e. The Book of the revelation of Jesus Christ has special blessings and is to be taught.
- f. We must keep ourselves separated from evil as we look forward to these better things.
- g. The ungodly and unbelievers will continue to be evil as they spend eternity in the lake of fire. (Rev.22:11a.)
- h. The righteous and holy will be well pleasing in God's sight forever.

2. The Testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rev. 22:11-19.)

- a. Christ has promised to come quickly and suddenly. (Rev.22:7, 12, 20.)
- b. Christ promises special blessings from hearing, reading, and keeping these words from the Book of Revelation. (Rev.1:3; Rev.22:7.)
- c. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God. (Jn.20:31; Rev.22:13.)

- d. Eternal blessings are promised to those who are washed in the blood of the Lamb.
- e. All those without, who have been separated from God's love will be forever locked in the eternal lake of fire.
- f. The angel of God gave John a preview of things to come and gave the history of church history.
- g. Jesus Christ identifies Himself through the incarnation with "The Root of David". From the tribe of Judah, He is the Messiah who was promised.
- h. Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star.
- i. God provides "Unlimited Atonement", "Whosoever will may come". (2 Pet.3:9; 1 Tim.2:4.)
- j. The Book of Revelation of Jesus Christ must stand as is written with no changes. The punishment will be great if anyone interferes with this revelation by changing or adding to it. (Rev.22:19.)
- 3. The Last Promise, The Last Prayer and The Last Provision. (Rev. 22: 20-21.)
 - a. The Last Promise, "I come Quickly".
 - b. The last Prayer, "Even So Come Lord Jesus."
 - c. The Last provision, "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

CONCLUSION

This marvelous and complete revelation from the Lord Jesus Christ to the Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos should give every Believer a sense of confidence and security. We should realize more than ever before, "While we look not on the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are

eternal. 2 Cor.4:18. This tremendous look into the future may cause the evolutionists, humanists, and modernists to scorn and scoff at this great revelation from God, but nevertheless, stands and will be a witness against them when they appear before the Great White Throne judgment. They have been blinded by the god of this world system and are doomed (2 Cor.4:4.) It is the same old question which Satan puts into their blinded minds, as he put into Eve's mind. "Yea, hath God said?" Gen.3:1. Yes, God has said and it shall come to pass. Don't let anyone tell you that we are only to take the spiritual and mystical application of this Book and forget about a literal fulfillment. They want you to think of it as a figure of speech with exaggeration and no real meaning to it. They are entirely ignorant of Biblical teaching. They know nothing about how that 70th week of Daniel is a continuation of the 69 literal weeks that are actual history. Who are they to challenge God? One day they shall bow before the Lord Jesus Christ at the Great White Throne. They will have to acknowledge that He is the Eternal Son of God. (Phil.2:9-11.) The Bible in the original is without error and is God breathed. (2 Tim.3:16-17.) I have merely given an outline in study of the Book of Revelation. Keep God's Word in context, understand the plan of God as recorded in the Bible and spend time "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth." (2 Tim.2:15.)

"Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory, forever and ever. Amen." Heb.13:20-21.

As I have arranged this series of outlines and note, I pray that each of you will continue to study God's Word, assimilating these eternal truths into our very life. We are going to be given great responsibilities in that coming Kingdom of Righteousness and we need to be found faithful to the Lord in our study of His Word. Always remember that Christ is the "Good Shepherd" and never drives His sheep, but desires that they follow Him. The Lord desires that you and I exercise our free will to do His perfect will. "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Rom.12:2.

OUESTIONS ON CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1. Why is it necessary for God to create a new heavens and a new earth?
- 2. Describe in your word the lesson to be learned from Revelation 21:1., and Isaiah 65:17.
- 3. Give Scriptural proof that sin will be abolished forever and ever.
- 4. Write an essay on "The New Jerusalem".
- 5. Write an essay on "The New Eternal Paradise".
- 6. Why must we be careful not to add or take away from what is written in the Bible? (Rev.22:19.)
- 7. Name some of the ministries which God gave to the angels.
- 8. Do the ungodly judged at the Great White Throne stay in the Lake of Fire forever? Give Scriptural proof.
- 9. Will there ever be a possibility of sin in God's New Creation?
- 10. Write a report on Revelation 22:7, 12, & 20.
- 11. Write an essay on John 20:31 and Revelation 22:13.
- 12. Name some of the proofs that we have from the Bible that Jesus is the Messiah who God the Father has sent.
- 13. Why is it necessary to have a thorough knowledge of the Bible?
- 14. Why is the Book Of Daniel so important in the study of the Book of Revelation?
- 15. How many great Empires are dealt with in the Book of Daniel?
 Name them.

- 16. Why are the feet of the Image which Nebuchadnezzar saw so important in understanding the Book of Daniel?
- 17, Name the Seven dooms mentioned in Revelation chapters 17 through 20.
- 18. What are the most important events in Revelation and Daniel that impress you in this study?

GLOSSARY

REVELATION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

IN THE LIGHT OF

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

IMPORTANT EVENTS,

I. THE GREAT IMAGE WHICH NEBUCHADNEZZAR SAW.

This image portrayed the four great empires which were to rule the earth during the Gentile period.

- 1, Babylon (The head of gold)
- 2. Medo-Persian (the breasts and arms of silver)
- 3. Greece (The belly and thighs of brass)
- 4. Rome (Legs of iron)
 Revived Roman Empire (Feet of iron and clay)

THE FOUR GREAT BEASTS OF THE PAST.

- 1. THE LION = Babylon with swiftness as with eagle's wings. (Dan.2:37-38.
- 2. THE BEAR = Medo Persia defeated Babylon. (Dan.2:39.)
- 3. THE LEOPARD = Greece under Alexander the great ruled for a short time and his kingdom was divided into four parts, and given to four of his generals. (Dan.2:39; Dan.8: 20-22; Dan.11:2-4.)
- 4. THE BEAST = The Roman Empire which ruled during Christ's earthly ministry. and please note that THE FEET were different from all the rest and had ten horns, or ten ruling nations within the latter rule, which will be during the Great tribulation. (Dan.7:7;

This beast which is presented as with ten horns will appear after the Rapture, which caused Daniel to wonder. These ten horns

become seven horns, defeating three ruling (Dan.7:24-27) This little horn which is still to come will be possessed and speak great things, convincing unregenerate in the whole world. He will become the Dictator of the world under the direct power of Satan. (Dan.7:24-26.) tried to stop this revelation to Daniel, God having sent Gabriel to explain. Michael the archangel had to help Gabriel and it took 21 days to get through to Daniel. Although Satan is under the sovereignty of God, he has great power. To understand this a little better you must read Ezekiel chapter 28 and verses 11 through 16. God is biding His time and will bring Satan down, casting him and all of his demons into the lake of fire. (Ezek.28:17-19; Rev.20:10.)

II. THE BEAST OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

The Roman Empire ruled for 483 years dating from the decree of Cyrus to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem and to restore Jerusalem until the Lord was crucified, leaving the last week or 7 years to be fulfilled during the tribulation. (Isa.44:28; Ezra 1:1-2.) "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: Dan.9:25-26a. This dates through the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are mainly interested in the revival of the Roman Empire which includes the rule and reign of "The Beast coming up from the Sea" (Rev.13:1-10.) Also we must consider "The Beast out from the land. (Rev.13:11-18.) These two beasts are of the future and shall rule and reign during "The Great Tribulation". They are well predicted in the Book of Daniel, which is the key to the Book of Revelation.

This beast of the tribulation will make a seven year pact or covenant with Israel and then break it in the middle of the seven years. This will take place ushering in the Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet. (Dan.9:27.) The reason for breaking this agreement with Israel will come to pass when Satan is thrown out of heaven by Michael the archangel, making his last stand upon the earth. (Rev. 12:7-17; Matt.24:15-21.) It will also be the final judgment of Israel because of her rejection of her Messiah. There will be a great revival during

those terrible days, and many shall be slain because of their faith with a multitude that cannot be numbered. (Rev. 7:9-17.) They will suffer greatly for their faith and it is known as "Jacob's Trouble" (Jer.30:7.) "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." Dan. 12:1.

THE BEAST THAT WILL COME UP FROM THE SEA.

This is the revival of the Roman Empire which will come out from "The Common Market of Europe". The rule of this beast with the beast from Israel will reach the depth of destruction as recorded in Revelation chapters 6 through 18. With the help of the Book of Daniel, we can now understand the plan of God for all ages. As we have record of that great battle of Armageddon in Revelation chapter 19, so we are told in the Book of Daniel of That Stone which shall destroy the kingdom of darkness and establish His eternal kingdom of light and of righteousness. "Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it break in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, and silver, and the gold; "Dan.2:45a. "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool: His throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire." Dan.7:9. As we close this lesson, may we listen to what the Holy Spirit revealed to Daniel. "His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." Dan. 7:14b.

We who are of the body of Christ have great expectations! May we be found faithfully serving the Lord in and through our lives. We have been sent forth to proclaim the glorious Gospel message by the Lord Jesus Christ. "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou has sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." John 17:15-18. May I remind you of that great commission from the Lord Himself. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. Amen. Matthew 28:18-20.

THE SEVEN DOOMS OF REVELATION.

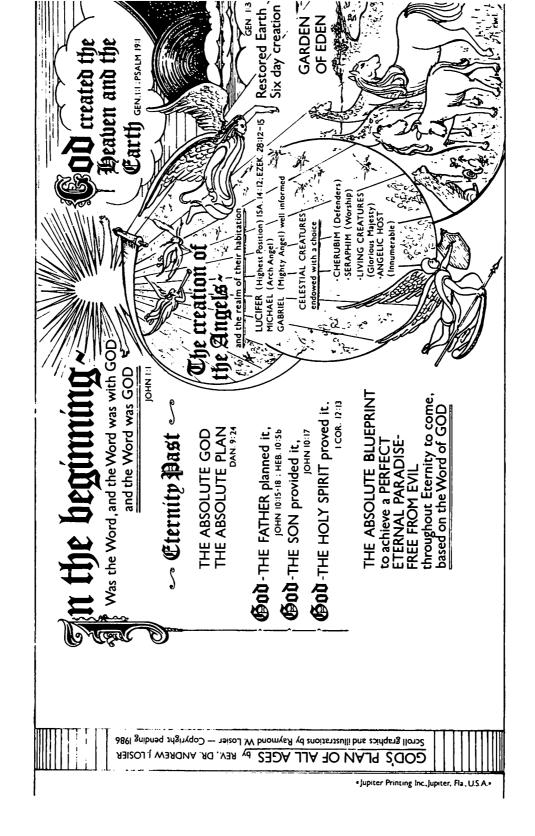
REVELATION 17 - 20

- 1. Babylon, both Political and Religious. (Revelation 17:1-18:24.)
- 2. The beast of the Revived Roman Empire. (Revelation 19:20.)
- 3. The False Prophet. (Revelation 19:20.)
- 4. The ungodly kings of the earth during the Great Tribulation. Revelation 19:21.
- 5. Gog and Magog. Revelation 20:7-9.)
- 6. Satan and all his demons. Revelation 20:10.)
- 7. The unbelievers of all ages both dead and alive, as they will stand before the Great White Throne. (Revelation 20:11-15.)

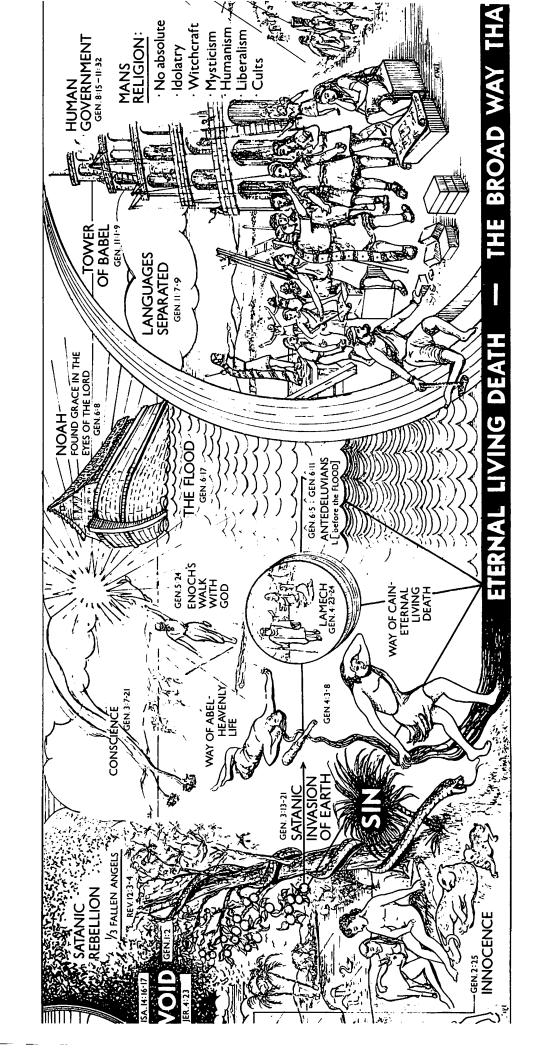
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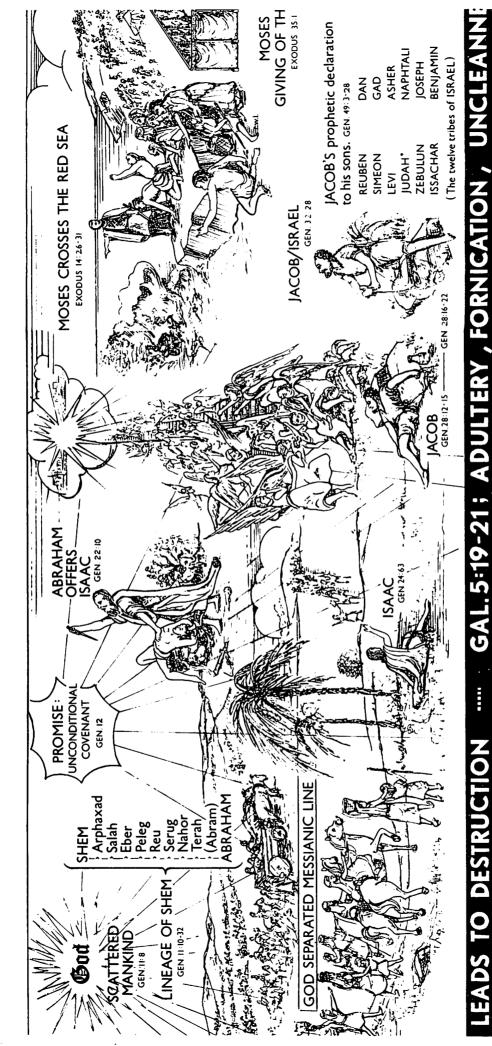
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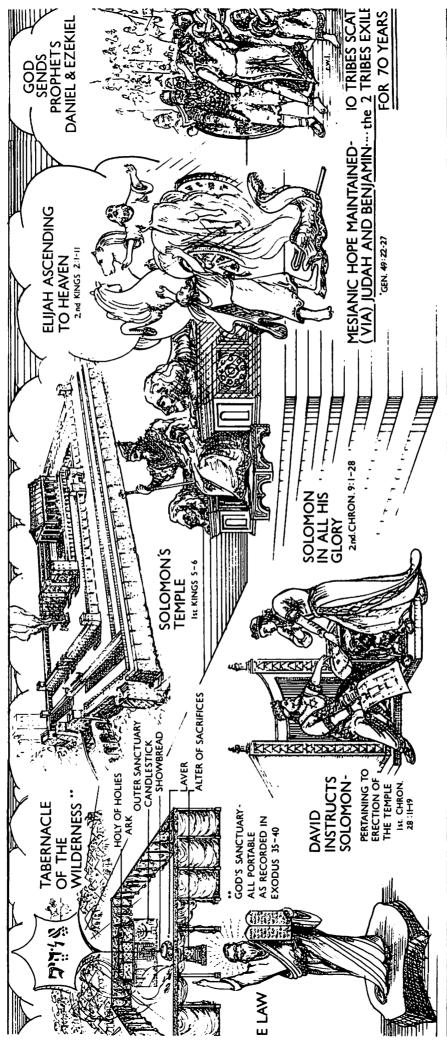
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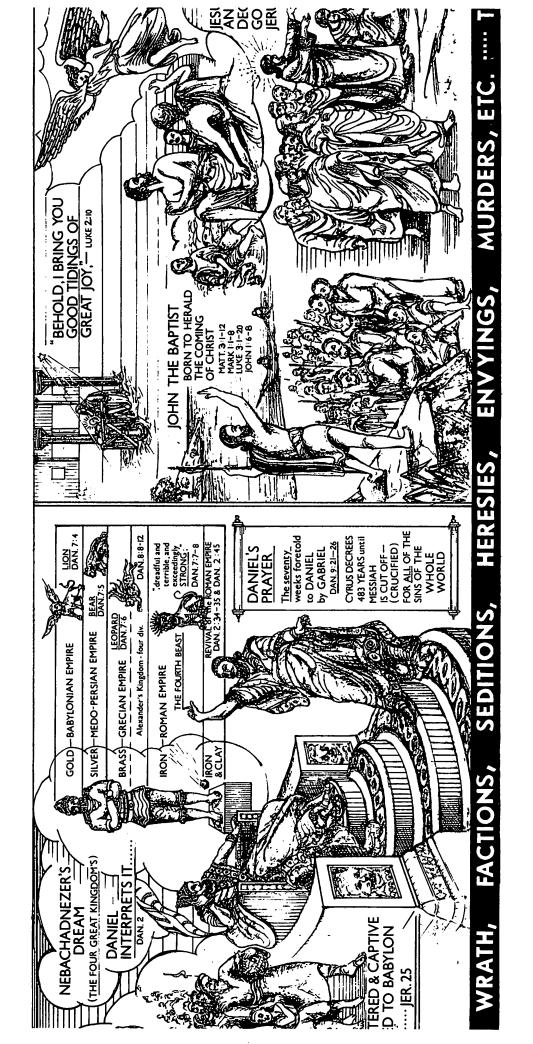
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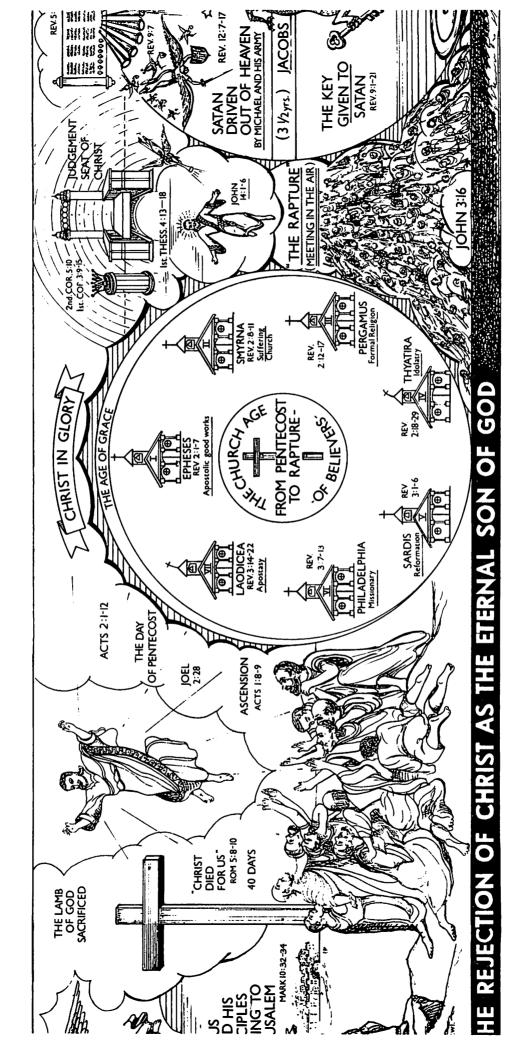


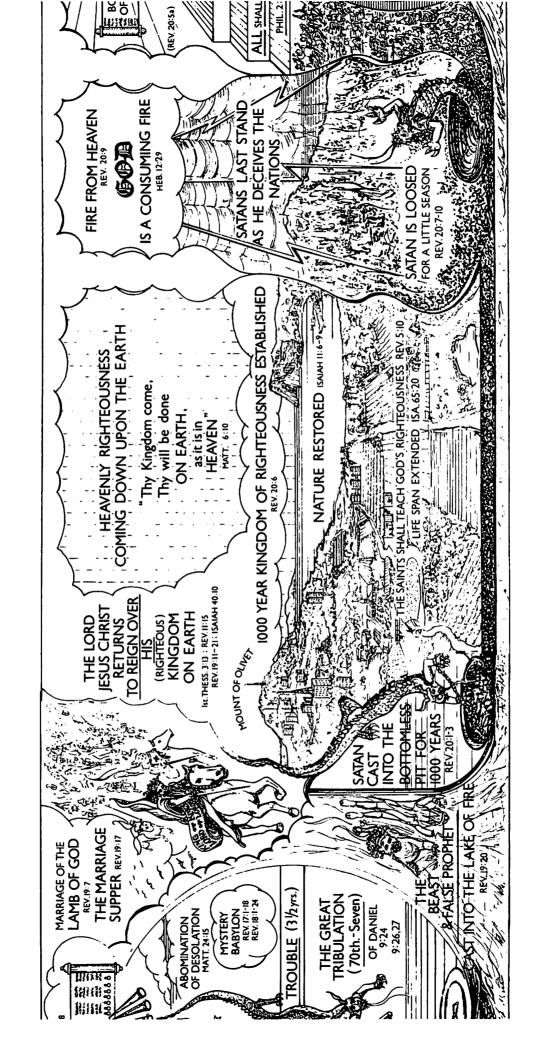


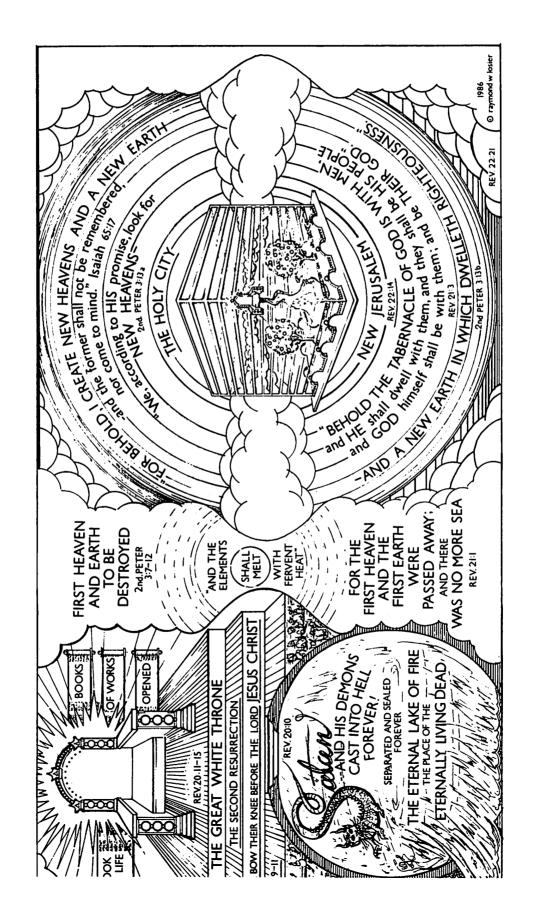


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