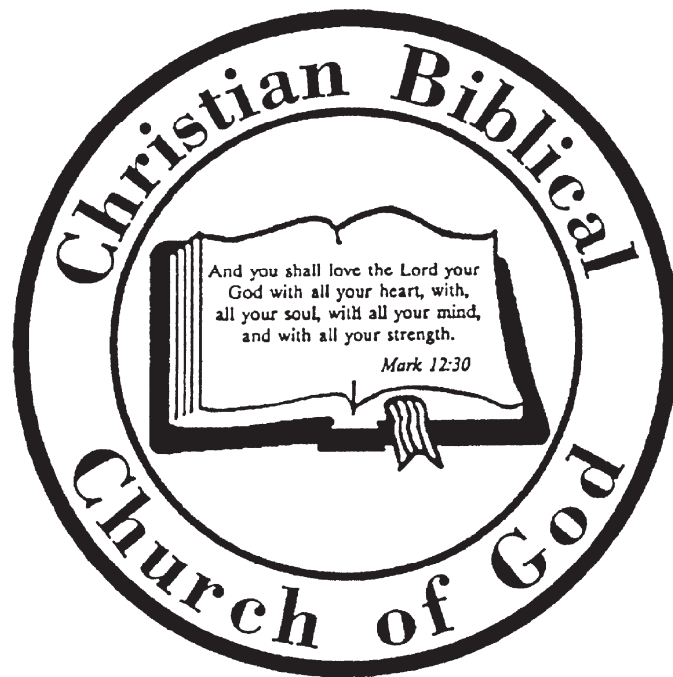


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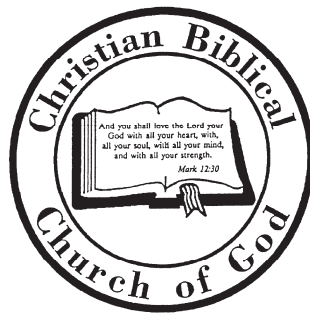
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14 Things to Watch in Prophecy

Foreword

This book of six sermon transcripts regarding Prophecies of the Bible were given by Mr. Fred R. Coulter, a minister of Jesus Christ for over 50 years, and detailed in their explanation of the prophecies that are found in the Bible.

The first transcript, “14 Things to Watch in Prophecy I,” introduces the reader to the basic knowledge needed to understand prophecy in the Bible. Also mentioned are:

- Knowledge about God given prophecies are available to all people that love Him and keep His commandments. Christianity of the world has some understanding regarding prophecies, but it misses the main points.
- Only two of the seven churches in Revelation were considered by God as being completely faithful. This was the Church of Smyrna and Philadelphia. These two churches maintained their zeal for God daily.
- The Spirit of God is the only thing that reveals how evil, despicable, and wicked that human nature is.
- God despises, if you are charged with a secret, the revealing of that secret.
- The Old Testament shows that people had better do what God says when it comes to the Holy things.
- People will not be able to understand the Bible just because (1) they are intellectual, (2) they work in a theological institution, (3) they have a theological degree, or (4) they understand Hebrew and Greek.
- God blessed England in that in the reign of one person, Queen Elizabeth I, England went from the poorest nation in Europe to the richest.
- God loves everyone that has His Spirit so (1) don't treat His Spirit lightly, (2) don't treat His Spirit with contempt, and (3) don't think that you can live in sin because of God's grace.

The second transcript, “14 things to Watch in Prophecy II,” continues with what was said by the prophet Daniel. Also mentioned are:

- The verse Daniel 9:24 stretches out, as it states, “and to make an end of sin”, to after the fulfillment of the Last Great Day when all the wicked will be destroyed.
- Daniel 9 reaches all the way back to Adam and Eve, and then continues to the end of the Millennium with the establishing of new heavens and a new earth.
- Most commentaries fall down in realizing that there is a break in time from the ending of the 7 weeks to the beginning of the first week of the 62 weeks.
- When the Bible speaks of the fall of Israel it speaks of all twelve tribes being involved.

- When God fights His enemies, He has in the past turned His enemies to fighting each other.
- In breaking the pride of American, if the dollar is destroyed by God, then the military is also destroyed.
- The genetic engineering of plants and seeds will accelerate the failure of the food supply. Added to that the artificial fertilizers and pesticides being used is resulting in the land becoming non-productive.

The third transcript, “14 Things to Watch in Prophecy III,” is a continuation of what to watch to be fulfilled that correlate to prophecy in the Bible. Also mentioned are:

- People are more and more not watching the news. In this way things come upon the people without their noticing, so they are not prepared. This can be the last phase before a dictatorship occurs in a nation.
- The Bible is the true Word of God – it is real. However, the educational system is classifying it as fiction.
- When you agree before God, when you tell God something, you never go against what you tell God.
- The coming beast will be like Hitler. When Hitler first came to power the German people said that Hitler was a good man. Then soon Hitler became possessed by Satan. Then the entire German nation became possessed by Satan. Everyone was doing well—no one realized that Satan gives benefits. But in the end Germany was destroyed.

The fourth transcript, “14 Things to Watch in Prophecy IV,” addresses how the fulfillment of prophecy will affect Europe along with the geographical area of the Middle East. Also mentioned are:

- In prophecy a year can be represented as a day.
- Revelation chapter 8 probably begins on Trumpets.
- Revelation chapter 9 shows Satan wanting to have more power, so Satan is about getting the demons out of Tartarus.
- The Vatican came from Egypt, and it does not have the book of Revelation in it. Remember to trust nothing from Egypt at any time.
- Christ is coming in two ways: (1) the end of your life, or (2) His literal return.

The fifth transcript, “14 Things to Watch in Prophecy V,” has a lot of coverage regarding the False Prophet of Revelation along with the two witnesses of God. Also mentioned are:

- Under Satan’s system the religious leader always ordains and sanctifies the civil leader.
- If God says anything just one time, it is going to pass.

- The end-time will see a great image that Satan is going to cause men to worship. A forerunner of this image is found in Daniel chapter 3. This end-time image will be a pure satanic operation and it will speak.
- The people of God will need: (1) to have the Holy Spirit of God, (2) worship God the Father and Jesus Christ directly, and to (3) pray for strength and protection as God wants to give.
- Lovers of self cannot love God with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their strength.
- Revelation 17:6 speaks of the true saints who have the Spirit of God and those who profess Christianity who will not submit to the beast power or the one-world religion.

The sixth transcript, “14 Things to Watch in Prophecy VI – Control of the World,” covers how the world is controlled, the prophesied martyring of Christians, preaching of the Gospel, and more about the Churches of God. Also mentioned are:

- The entire world will accept the mark of the beast.
- No man can change the Word and will of God, and Satan cannot do it either.
- The worst enemy of the truth is authority that is not God’s and not wise.
- The Saints are not of the world because they have the Holy Spirit of God the Father. The Saints belong to the Father and are under His jurisdiction—not yet in it- of the Kingdom of God.
- Also, the Saints are not of the world because of what they do—they are in compliance with the laws of the land where the laws are not contrary to the laws of God—not submitting to the world as being part of it.
- God’s love does not cover the sin of Satan, the greatest sin of the universe, where Satan intended to remove God the Father from the throne of the universe. The love of God is everlasting, but it is not unconditional.

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14 Things to Watch in Prophecy I

After seeing the situation with the Muslims in the western world, that helps you understand the schemes of Satan the devil and the ones that He uses as correction against Israel. {referring to introduction on video} I have planned to give some sermons on the *14 Things to Watch in Prophecy*. This fits right in with it when we come to the fall of Israel. This also fits into something when we talk about the king of the north. There will have to come a time when those things will all have to be addressed.

I gave this sermon about three years ago and quite a bit has happened since then. Dolores and I were watching what she recorded from the History Channel concerning the book of Revelation. It's interesting, they all have a good number of things correct, because God wants the world to know certain things. They also have a lot incorrect. For example, they talk about the beast and the anti-Christ. They have that very correct. But then, 'all you good people who attend Sunday-keeping churches, the rapture is going to sweep you away to heaven, so you don't have to worry.' (said factitiously)

Then someone sent me a DVD about the Seventh Day Adventist interpretation of Rev. 13. They got the first part of it right about the beast and the antichrist. But the one that talks about the beast that looks like a lamb, but speaks like a dragon: do you know what they interpret that to be? *The United States of America!* So, unless you really stick with the Scriptures, rather than stick with a denominational interpretation, or what you understand, you're going to miss an awful lot of things.

Let's understand something very important. The knowledge that God gives us is available to all *if* they will love Him and keep His commandments; likewise, with the Gospel. You can preach a lot about the Gospel, even if you're a Sunday-keeper. But it's like having glasses that are not quite clear. Or like having binoculars that are out of focus. Here's the key to understanding the Word of God. There are many things we could cover concerning that, but we're not going to.

It's available to all. Even God said back in Jer. 23, which we've read many times concerning the false prophets. He said, '**If** they had made them stand by My Word, then they would have done what I wanted.'

It's just like we've talked about concerning the Passover. If you zero in on that and make that your target—which Satan has done—then you move people away from the understanding of the New Covenant and the renewal of it. Then you bring in

the traditions. This is how a little leaven leavens the whole lump and how Christianity of the world, though they have some understanding, misses the mark.

1-Corinthians 2:9 "But according as it is written, '*The eye has not seen, nor the ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*'"

What is the love of God? The first manifestation of it is: '*Here is the love of God that we keep His commandments and His commandments are not burdensome.*' Jesus said, '*If you love Me, keep the commandments, namely Mine.*' You need to understand He was also Lord of the Old Testament, too.

Then you take a look at the seven churches in Rev. 2 and 3 and what do you find, even with the Churches of God? *You only find two that were really faithful:* the Church of Smyrna and they were faithful unto death; the Church of Philadelphia understands the Word of God more because they were faithful in keeping it and doing it. All the rest had various problems:

- losing their first love
- bringing in traditions and teachings of Satan the devil
- following the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church
- coming to a point of exhaustion that they are nearly dead
- or after the revival of it, coming to the point that they are lukewarm and everything degenerates down to a social club

They can't see because they are blinded because of the blessings that God has given and they get self centered in what they are doing. Then unless they repent, God spews them out of His mouth, which He has done. There needs to be repentance as well.

So, for those who love God it gets down to another thing. What is the degree of intensity in your life that you love God? What did God tell the Laodiceans? '*Be zealous and repent.*' If we maintain the zeal for God on a daily basis then we won't slip into all the problems of Rev. 2 and 3.

Verse 9: "...*the things, which God has prepared for those who love Him.*' But God has revealed *them* to us by His Spirit..." (vs 9-10). The basic knowledge is this: God has to reveal the things that are not discoverable in the Bible just by reading and observation.

“...for the Spirit searches all things—even the deep things of God” (v 10). We’re going to cover some of the deep things of God.

I just might mention that Dwight Blevins, who is a musician and deals very knowledgeable in the Calculated Hebrew Calendar and in music and he’s a harp maker. He sent a 250-page book that he has written concerning how music and the times of the calendar, the Calculated Hebrew Calendar, with the seven leap years where they added an extra 30 days, how all that ties in. It is absolutely phenomenal how everything comes together. When you read it your head will virtually explode.

I’ve read a lot of it, but it is absolutely incredible how things come along. Right now—just a little sidebar as we go along—if you don’t follow the Calculated Hebrew Calendar, you miss the mark. There are some who have set up their own calculated Hebrew calendar and they are missing the mark. This year they kept the Feast of Tabernacles in October—30 days late, because they accept a wrong premise of the visible new moon and that the first day of the first month must occur before the spring equinox. That last one is not a rule of the Calculated Hebrew Calendar.

Does God know what He is doing? *Of course, because He is God!* Can men improve upon God? *No!* We are the created thing; He is the Creator. Men’s vanity and rejection of God, beginning with Adam and Eve, and then Cain, was this: ‘*we* can do better than God—Who has given us His commandments—and *we* will come to God the way *we* decide.’ That’s how all the religions in the world came about.

That’s where the religions that are supposedly Christian are in a decline like falling off a steep slope. It is coming to almost total destruction. There are a few out there trying, but they need to learn the first lesson of loving God if they want God to reveal to them what He is doing.

“...for the Spirit searches all things—even the deep things of God. For who among men understands the things of man except *by* the spirit of man which *is* in him?...” (vs 10-11). God gave us the ability with the spirit of man in us to have thought, planning, to have all the things we need to function. But that is incomplete; *we need the Spirit of God.* The Spirit of God does not dwell very long with those who live in sin. {Note sermon, *The Holy Spirit of God and the Seven Spirits of God*, and how those work}.

God deals with many people, but who are those who understand the secret of the Lord? *Those who truly love God and are faithful!* Some of the things we’re going to cover here have not been understood by other Churches of God. Many of them

have. In reading the book, *Killing Jesus*, by Bill O’Reilly, knowing only the Catholic tradition he did an adequate job. But in rejecting the majority of the Bible as history and truth, and not understanding the Calculated Hebrew Calendar, he did not understand the meaning of Passover.

“...In the same way also, the things of God no one understands except *by* the Spirit of God” (v 11). That is to truly understand it. What is the most important thing for us as human beings to understand? *Not only the love of God, commandments of God, using the Spirit of God, but only the Spirit of God can reveal to us how evil and wicked and deceitful and despicable that human nature really, really is!*

That’s why God has given us as Christians the job of overcoming, because God wants the mind converted, cleansed, and develop the mind of Christ. He doesn’t want us to have a stupid religion out here where everybody is herded into church, and if you’re herded into church then you are one of those and all you have to do is say, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe,’ and BANG! you are qualified for the rapture.

Only by the Spirit of God and He doesn’t give His Holy Spirit to those unless they obey Him. Verse 12: “Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is of God, so that we might know the things graciously given to us by God; Which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom...” (vs 12-13). Not through the philosophy.

Just a little sidebar: When I was first being called and coming to the knowledge of the Truth, this was one full year before I started attending at Ambassador College, I had graduated from the college of San Mateo Junior College and I was going to go the University of San Francisco. I had already signed up. The University of San Francisco is a Catholic Jesuit school. So here I am reading a *Plain Truth* and reading the articles. They were running the series, *The Two Babylons*, by Alexander Hislop. I got that book and I started reading that book.

So, here I am going to classes. Crosses everywhere, pictures of Jesus. This is the thing that did it for me, not quite. I’ll tell you one before that. You would think, since they claim to be Christian, that in order to understand the principles of life and creation, they would begin with Genesis—wouldn’t you? But you were required to take Philosophy 101. Those also deal in evolution and in the early church fathers.

This going through my mind and everything, I’m up on the third floor of this building waiting for a class to start. I just got a *Plain Truth* and I read it in the Bible where Jesus said, ‘Beware of the scribes and Pharisees that go around in long robes and like

the salutations of those in the market place—rabbi, rabbi.’ That was in my mind and I was looking down to the center square that was kind of a park-like thing. They had the sidewalks running between. The Jesuit priests would go out there every morning reading their little prayer book in their long Jesuit Cossack outfit.

Then the thing that really did it would they would walk along and here would come a student. The student would say, ‘Good morning, father.’ He would look up and nod his head. I received my rabbi hello. I said to myself, *I’ve got to get out of here.* That was about the sixth week of the first semester. I immediately went down to the registrar’s office and withdrew. When I opened the door to go to the registrar’s office, here is a picture that was, I would say, four by six of Jesus with long hair and a crown of thorns on his head. I thought to myself, *you better get out of here now.*

So that was my experience. It proves the point:

- unless you love God
- unless you believe God
- unless you keep His commandments

you are not going to understand God’s way—period. You can say you are Christian. You can have billions of followers, but that makes absolutely no difference whatsoever.

“...but in *words* taught by *the Holy Spirit...*” (v 13). How was the Bible written? *By the inspiration of the Spirit of God called ‘God breathed.’* Jesus said, ‘The words that I speak to you, they are Spirit and they are Life.’ Yes, if you read the Bible you can understand a lot of things, but that doesn’t mean you are converted. That doesn’t mean you have answered the call. You’ve got to come to God **His way**, because ‘there is a way that seems right to a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death.’

“...taught by *the Holy Spirit in order* to communicate spiritual things by *spiritual means*. But *the* natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand *them* because they are spiritually discerned” (vs 13-14). So we need to realize that.

Now let’s look at some framework on how we are going to understand the 14 things in prophecy. This is going to bring us to the #7.

The Foundation: Passover and the Holy Days

Passover is one day; Unleavened Bread seven. Then we have counting from the first day of the week during Unleavened Bread we count seven times seven days =49 days. The fiftieth day, one day further, is Pentecost.

Then we have the pattern in the fall. We have Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles and the Last Great Day. We have seven Holy Days, but we have eight that we observe as a feast because the Passover is a feast but it is not a Holy Day because of everything that was done on it the day that Jesus died.

One other thing concerning the Holy Days: the Calculated Hebrew Calendar is figured from the first day of the seventh month, which used to be the first day of the year at creation. Adam and Eve were created, the Garden was there, they could eat the fruit of it. It had to be in the fall because all the fruit was available to eat.

That’s why God said to Moses that in the first month of the year for the children of Israel it was in the spring. That’s why He had to tell them that. That’s why the Calculated Hebrew Calendar is calculated to the first day of the seventh month.

If you count the Holy Days beginning with Trumpets, instead of the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread:

- Trumpets—one
- Atonement—two
- Tabernacles—three
- Last Great Day—four
- First day of Unleavened Bread—five
- Last Day of Unleavened Bread—six
- Pentecost—is seven

When Jesus said, ‘All that the Father has given Me I will raise up at the last day,’ tells you that is not the Last Great Day, but Pentecost. There are seven other things around which all prophecy centers.

1. Israel—the ten tribes.

Originally twelve, but also right at the beginning there was the division of the twelve tribes of Israel already preset. Did you know that Joshua was an Ephraimite? Caleb was of the tribe of Judah? So, you have the seed for the house of Israel and the seed for the house of Judah right at the beginning.

2. Jews
3. Jerusalem

Are we seeing a lot of things with Jerusalem today? *Yes!* The latest headline in the paper from Jerusalem was concerning the Obama Administration because the Jews flew their planes up there and bombed where they were storing those Russian anti-missile missiles and destroyed them.

The Obama Administration let it out in the news. The headline in Jerusalem was, ‘BETRAYED!’ because there was a secret agreement. If there is anything that God despises is

if you are charged with a secret, *you never reveal it to anyone!* You will pay the price!

4. Jesus Christ—His first and His second coming
5. The Church—True Church consisting of the Churches of God
6. The world
7. The Kingdom of God

All the prophecies circulate around those. You have the framework of the Passover and the Holy Days. Note: book, *God's Plan for Mankind Revealed by His Sabbath and Holy Days*—that is designed to give you an in-depth understanding of the Word of God.

Let's understand something else concerning the Word of God. It is not a Twitter/Facebook. You cannot have just a summary of things of the Bible and say you understand it. You may have an acquaintance with some things of the Bible, but to understand the Bible you have to apply yourself and the Spirit of God.

People today want a quick overview. We're all trained. Just think of the millions that are trained on Twitter—one sentence. 'I've accomplished a big deal. I sent a twitter.' God has sent His Bible. Think on that. Let's understand something about the Bible and we come up with number seven again. There are seven divisions of the Bible:

1. Law
2. Prophets
3. Writings
4. Gospels & Acts

Those consist of five books, which compared to the first five books of the Bible, called the Law, or the Pentateuch. It is called Pentateuch because it comes from the number five. It's very similar. You have:

- the *teachings* of God
- the *laws* of God
- the *history* of the children of Israel

In the New Testament you have:

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

which are:

- the *laws* of Christ
- the *teachings* of Christ and the knowledge of Who He is
- Then you have the *history* of the Church from its beginning—Acts

After that you've have:

5. General Epistles

They come right after the book of Acts.

6. Epistles of Paul
7. Book of Revelation

In order to understand Revelation and even Daniel, you've got to have some knowledge of the whole Bible in a pretty secure way, an in-depth way.

Let's begin with what Jesus said. All of this requires active participation. God wants us to be active, participating, zealous, loving, obedient; and all of those things God wants us to have, because He's not going to give anyone eternal life until they have learned to love and serve God. If there's any one thing I have been learning in reading the Old Testament, it is this: ***You better make sure you do what God says***, especially when it comes to the Holy things.

Let me give you an example: God gave all the detailed instructions to Aaron and Moses concerning the temple, the tabernacle, the altars, and everything. One thing He said, 'You shall not bring strange fire on My altar.' How did the fire on the altars start? After the temple was dedicated, what happened? They had offerings on the ground altar, that's true, but the altar at the temple, where God put His presence, ***He started that fire!***

God told the sons of Aaron to keep the fire burning. Nadab and Abihu, two sons of Aaron, let the fire go out, so they said, 'We'll put fire in there.' What happened to them? ***They were zapped dead because they did not do what God said!*** There are other instances, too.

Look at what happened to David, even though David was forgiven for the affair with Bathsheba. God said, 'You, because you did this thing, are going to have trouble in your household the rest of your life.' A few days later Absalom raped Tamar. We need to understand that God means what He says.

Let's understand what God has given. Let's understand if you want to fight against God, you better remember what Jesus said here, Mark 13:31: "The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but My words shall never pass away. But concerning that day and the hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father *only*. Take heed..." (vs 31-33). Be on guard, be watching and praying, especially in our day.

"...For you do not know when the time is *coming*. It is like a man journeying to a far country, leaving his house and giving authority to his servants, and to each one his work and commanding the doorkeeper to watch. Be watching, therefore..." (vs 33-35).

Notice He says "...watching and praying..." (v 33)

"...for you do not know when the master of the house is coming: at evening, or at midnight, or at *the cock's crowing*, or *in the morning*; Lest he come suddenly and find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" (vs 35-37).

We're going to look at some of things we need to watch. Surely someone will say, 'There's a contradiction in the Word of God.' The carnal mind likes to look for contradictions so they think they are contradictions and they can reject all the Word of God. This is talking about the coming of Christ (1-Thess. 4).

1-Thessalonians 5:1: "Now then, concerning the times and the seasons... [these are the appointed times of God] ...brethren, there is no need that I write to you; for you yourselves understand perfectly that the day of *the Lord* will come exactly as a thief *comes by night*" (vs 1-2).

How are we to know the times and the seasons and yet not know the day or the hour? At the time that Jesus spoke there to the disciples, as we found in Mark 13, He did not know. Why? How can we have some knowledge, but the actual return of Christ to the day and the hour we don't know? Yet, what do we say? We say Pentecost pictures the first resurrection—correct? *Yes, it does!* Passover was the day on which He was crucified—correct? *Yes!* Trumpets is the day He is going to put His feet on the earth. We understand that. That is no conflict at all.

That is no difficulty at all when you understand, as you read Rev. and you read Isa. 2 and Hag. 2 that God is going to shake the heavens and the earth. When you do that, what do you do with time? *Immediately it shows that 1/3 of the day isn't going to shine; 1/3 of the night is not going to shine; the stars are not going to shine!* What is going to happen to the earth? It is going to moved in its orbit. What does that do with time and days? *That gets them all discombobulated!* No one is going to know the day or the hour. Later on when we get down toward some prophecies that are fulfilled, we might be able to pretty well nail the year. There is no conflict here. There is no contradiction.

With all of that said, let's come to Matt. 24 and we'll show what Jesus said there. What we need to realize is this. We live in the end times and God has made sure that His Word is available to everyone—and it is. And available in many, many ways, not just in a book anymore: audio, visual, all media devices and handheld devices. It's there! Why? *As a witness to all nations!* That's a part of it, and also because Matt. 24 has a dual fulfillment.

1. During the days of the apostles up to the destruction of the temple
2. At the end-time it is to be understand even more completely

We have instant communication around the world. You are sitting watching your news and all of a sudden it says, 'News flash!' Remember when the earthquake hit Japan? Came up instantly: 'Mammoth earthquake in Japan, 8.3 on the Richter scale.' They found out that was well over 9.0 when they got all the facts together. What happened? *There was a tsunami, that's true, but the main island of Japan was moved 8 feet north and west!*

Matt. 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 are all to us in this day the prophecy of what's going to happen. *We will know!* To them at the time of the apostles, it was to them up to the destruction of the temple, but we will see that were certain prophecies that were not fulfilled at the time it was destroyed.

Matthew 24:32: "Now, learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branches have already become tender, and it puts forth its leaves, you know that summer *is* near.... [talking about His second return] ...In like manner also, when you see **all** these things..." (vs 32-33). That means every single one of them taking place, not part of them.

If you take a jug and say, 'Fill this up with water,' and the one you sent to fill it up with water comes back with it 3/4-full. 'Why didn't you fill it up with water like I asked?' I thought this would be enough. That's just exactly like Matt. 24 as it applies to the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 70_{A.D.} and what is happening now. Not all the things had happened. So this applies to us.

What am I telling you? *That Matt. 24, to be understood in its fullest*, though we have read it over and over and over again, *is to be understood in the light of the modern communications and technology* so we know when these things occur wherever they take place in the world.

Verse 33: "In like manner also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at *the doors*." Isn't that interesting? What did Jesus say to the Laodiceans? *'I stand at the door and knock; if any man open I will come in and sup with him and he with Me.'* If those Scriptures in Rev. 3 apply to you, you better listen to the knock and you better open the door, lest you be disappointed.

Verse 34: "Truly I say to you, this generation..." That is the end-time generation, not the generation of 70_{A.D.} That was a type of a fulfillment.

"...shall in no wise pass away until all these things have taken place. The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but My words shall never pass

away.... [He repeats again what He said there as recorded in Mark 13] ...But concerning that day, and the hour, no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only” (vs 34-36). He adds more to it.

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Let’s come to the book of Daniel. The book of Daniel can be likened to a lock. The book of Revelation can be likened to a key. You can’t understand Daniel without Revelation and you can’t understand Revelation without Daniel. Let’s take a quick review of the book of Daniel:

Daniel 2 talks about the image that Nebuchadnezzar saw. We find that it ends up with the coming of the Kingdom of God with the return of Christ. There is absolutely no timeframe involved and understanding when that would occur except as the history unfolds through Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. Rome is a little different situation because you have different rises and falls of the Roman Empire. So, that makes it harder to understand.

Daniel 3 we have Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego. They didn’t burn up.

Daniel 4 was not written by Daniel, v 1: “Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all people, nations and languages that dwell in all the earth...” Here’s a message perpetually to all nations and peoples.

Verse 2: “It seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me. How great *are* His signs! And how mighty *are* His wonders! His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion *is* from generation to generation” (vs 2-3). Nebuchadnezzar wrote Dan. 4.

It’s about how he got all lifted up in his vanity and how God revealed to him that God sets up over the nations the basest of men. Very interesting! You read it all the way through.

Daniel 5 shows the decline and fall. Here it is the fall with Belshazzar of the Babylonian Empire. It fell that night. You will see that the final vanity against God was that at this banquet they took out all the vessels that had come from the temple in Jerusalem and were drinking out of them.

Daniel 6—you see a change from the Babylonians to the Persians.

Daniel 7—we have again the kingdoms of this world leading up to the return of Christ. In this one it gives a little more understanding, but does reveal this:

Daniel 7:24: “And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings that shall arise. And another shall arise after them. And he shall be different from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he

shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change the set times and the laws. And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and one-half time” (vs 24-25).

We will see there’s a dual fulfillment of this at that time and then also at the return of Christ, because it goes right into the return of Christ:

Verse 26: “But the judgment shall sit, and his dominion shall be taken away to be consumed and to be destroyed unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, Whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom. And all kingdoms shall serve and obey Him” (vs 26-27).

No time setting—way out there somewhere in the future. Only the book of Revelation can give us the time setting here.

Daniel 8:23—again, coming to the same point: “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full, a king, fierce of countenance and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.... [that’s the coming anti-Christ] ...And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power... [the power of Satan the devil] ...And he shall destroy marvelously, and shall prosper and *do his own will*, and destroy the mighty and the Holy people” (vs 23-24). That applies to the Jews and it also applies to the Christians.

Verse 25: “And also through his cunning he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand. And he shall magnify himself in his heart... [We will see the fulfillment of that in 2-Thes.] ...and in time of security shall destroy many... [we’ll see when that comes about] ...He also shall stand up against the Prince of princes... [against Christ’s return] ...But he shall be broken without a human hand.”

Daniel 8 ends the revelation concerning the Gentile kingdoms between that time and the return of Christ.

Daniel 9 talks about the restoration of Jerusalem and the coming of the Messiah.

Daniel 10—we have some things concerning going to Jerusalem.

Daniel 11—we have the history of that part of the world and the last part tells us about the king of the north, the king of the south.

Daniel 12 this brings us up to the things at the end of time.

Let’s come back to Dan. 9 and we will go through this in detail. Again, there are certain things that have to be known and applied in order for this to

be understood. This could not be understood in full until the latter times. Part of it was understandable even up to the time of Jesus Christ, the coming of the Messiah.

Remember what happened when the wise men came to Herod, and he asked them, ‘When did you see the star?’ *They told him!* They asked the priests and the scribes, ‘Where was the Messiah to be born?’ *In Bethlehem!* They had certain understanding from the prophets up to that point.

Daniel 9 shows us the things that are going to happen beginning with the point in the first year of Darius, the son of Ahasuerus^[transcriber’s correction] It defines how long it’s going to be until the Messiah comes. Let’s learn a lesson here from Daniel’s attitude. This also substantiates that you are not going to understand what the Bible means

- just because you are intellectual
- just because you work in a theological institution
- just because you have theological degrees and understand Hebrew and Greek

That’s not the criteria. Even Daniel didn’t receive this vision until he was *seeking God and repenting!*

Daniel 9:2: “In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood by books the number of the years, which came according to the Word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.”

When did he understand that? *Right at the end of his life!* Even though Seriah—who was the brother of Baruch, the secretary for Jeremiah—took the prophecies of Jeremiah and gave them to the priestly community in Babylon in the captivity, of then which Daniel had access to. Who knows how many times he read it. We don’t know, but he didn’t understand it until this critical juncture. What did he do when he finally understood that, and how does understanding come? It comes from God!

Verse 3: “And I set my face toward the LORD God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes.... [*Repenting!*] ...And I prayed to the LORD my God and made my confession, and said, ‘O LORD, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those who love Him, and to those who keep His commandments’” (vs 3-4). First priority, we’ve already discussed.

Notice, he didn’t say: ‘God, we’ve been here being beaten up and put down by all these Babylonians here. Since Jeremiah said that it’s 70 years, this looks like it’s the 70th year. How about getting us out of here? We don’t deserve any more of this.’ *No!* He was repentant, humble, seeking God.

Verse 5: “We have sinned and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, and have turned aside from Your commandments and from Your ordinances. Neither have we hearkened unto Your servants the prophets...” (vs 5-6).

Look what the king did when part of what Jeremiah wrote came to the king. Remember that? The king was sitting there. It was being read to him and he took a penknife, cut the scroll and threw it in the fire. Baruch came back it was all burned up. God said, ‘Write it again and add more words to it.’ That’s how they treated him.

Verse 6: “Neither have we hearkened unto Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our rulers, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. O LORD, righteousness *belongs* to You, but to us confusion of face, as at this day to the men of Judah and to the people of Jerusalem, and to all Israel who are near and who are afar off, through all the countries where You have driven them because they dealt treacherously with You” (vs 6-7).

- that’s how we understand the Word of God
- that’s how we understand our own human nature and the evil that we have

That’s why God, with His Spirit, reveals to us the evil that is still lodging in our minds and our evil thoughts that are there so we can have our minds ‘cleansed with the washing of the water by the Word.’ We can think *the way God wants* us to think. We can see things *the way God wants* us to see things.

Verse 8: “O Lord, confusion of face belongs to us, to our kings, to our rulers, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against You.” Is that not the prayer that needs to be prayed for the United States of American and Britain today? *Yes, indeed!*

Verse 9: “To the LORD our God belong mercies and forgivenesses even though we have rebelled against Him. Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God to walk in His laws which He set before us by His servants the prophets” (vs 9-10).

Think about what they do to anyone who names the name of Christ today. There was a man who for years driving a little bus taking students to school, they would pray in Jesus’ name. Now he’s ordered to stop because some poor little sissy might be offended. That’s where we’ve come.

Verse 11: “Yea, all Israel has transgressed Your Law, and have turned aside, so that they might not obey Your voice. Therefore, the curse has been poured out upon us and the oath that is written in the

law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him.”

Isn't it interesting? When was the last time you read Deut. 28 and Lev. 26? All those things are happening right now. We are going to be surprised when all things come unglued, but the prophecy, *the stranger shall rise up high above you* is being fulfilled every single day. All the curses! Do we have sickness? Disease? Do you think that ObamaCare is going to do one thing to take care of you? *No, it's not!*

Therefore, we've said how many times that you better learn how to take care of yourself. You better go back and learn some of these good old fashioned home remedies. Go back and get some of those books that tell you how you can do certain things, because they don't want any of us who are over 75 to live. What a great way to get rid of all those 'calcified immovable' conservatives. Give them a pill and send them home to die. *We need this prayer!*

Verse 12: “And He has confirmed His words which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us by bringing upon us a great evil... [What are the judges doing today? Have they not brought upon us the great evil of same-sex marriage? Destroyed the family?] ...for under the whole heaven *it* has not been done as *it* has been done upon Jerusalem.” We can say, yes, it's not going to be done ever again like it's going to be done to America and Britain. It is going to happen!

I don't know about you but about two years ago for about three weeks I had this *foreboding*, just foreboding in my mind. All I could do was think about it and ask God to help me. Eventually it went away, but it was because of all the things that were happening. Here recently, as I said in my last message last week, it's like the news is just like a boxer out there punching through the screen and hitting you right in the face with every evil thing that's happening. I've been just on edge, because I know the things that are going to come. Then you see all the nonsense that we are doing as a people and a nation. It just pulls you down! When that happens, we've got to go to God just like Daniel did here, exactly like he did.

Verse 13: “As *it is* written in the Law of Moses, all this evil has come upon us. Yet, we did not make our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your Truth.”

I'm going to give some segments on Church at Home about the decline of Protestantism. There are a few out there trying to do well, but if they want to really try and do well, they need to repent and embrace the Sabbath and Holy Days and

commandments of God and stop all their stupid nonsense that the Law has been done away. ***No man is going to do away with the perfect Law of God!***

How can you say you're a Christian and the Law is done away when the whole fact of the New Testament is, as recorded in Heb. 10:16? *We are to have the laws and commandments written in our hearts and in our minds, when you say it's done away and you get rid of it!*

- You need to *pray* like Daniel!
- You need to *repent* like Daniel!

“...that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your Truth” (v 13). The only way we are going to understand the Truth of God is the way that Daniel approaches it. Here we have been *given the entire Word of God!*

Think about this for a minute: God said when David wanted to build a temple and he was king over all twelve tribes of Israel, God told David that ‘I will make a place for My people Israel. I *will* make a place.’ That's talking about the end-time fulfillment of the prophecies of Gen. 49. That is modern-day Israel today, and how they would be a great nation and a multitude of nations or a commonwealth of nations.

When God began to fulfill that, what did He do? *He raised up William Tyndale* so that before He gave them the fulfillment of the blessings that were promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, they would have the whole Word of God in the language of their day. God first gave them His Word. They couldn't unshackle the Sunday thing. They couldn't in Britain get rid of things of Catholicism the way they should have.

They persecuted the Sabbath-keepers because the Bible was made available even to the ordinary person. The one who couldn't read the local church was to provide a reader to read to him so he could understand. When they came to the point of understanding the Word of God and keeping the Sabbath, they persecuted them and they had to go to Holland in order to get out from the persecution. The pilgrims that came were a lot of Sabbath-keepers. In order to preach the Gospel to the world unfettered you had to have a nation with

- freedom of speech
- freedom of religion
- freedom of assembly

You never had that in Great Britain.

However, in the reign of Elizabeth I there was the destruction by God and they all recognized it was from God of the Spanish Armada sent there because Queen Elizabeth would not marry some Spaniard. She remained unmarried her whole life.

She said, ‘I am married to England.’ From the beginning of her reign England amassed the wealth coming from the poorest nation in Europe to the richest.

God sent His Word and they have it. If you think the people of ancient Israel were sinners, think about this for a minute: They all have the Word of God—don’t they? But now they are rejecting it. The churches are becoming pubs. There are more witches than there are clergies of the Bible. So, there needs to be many more prayers like Daniel’s prayer. They have no excuse; they have the Word of God.

Verse 14: “Therefore, the LORD did not hesitate concerning the evil that He brought upon us, for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all His works which He does, but we did not obey His voice.” He’s saying, yes, we deserved everything. Everything that you said, Lord, and You are righteous.

Verse 15: “And now, O LORD our God, Who has brought Your people out from the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and has made a name for Yourself, as it is this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly!” I wonder if any of the Christian bishops—or whatever they want to call themselves in Washington, D.C.—could understand that.

Verse 16: “O LORD, I pray You, according to all Your righteousness, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your Holy mountain. Because of our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a reproach to all those who are around us.”

- Is that not happening today?
- Do they not hate us for our stupidity?
- Do they not hate us because of our lying and cheating of the financial system that we have set up with brother Ephraim and with brother Gad in Switzerland?

God is going to send it all to the Chinese!

Verse 17: “And now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and cause Your face to shine upon Your sanctuary that *is* desolate for the LORD’S sake. O my God, incline Your ear and hear. Open Your eyes and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name. For we do not present our supplications before You on account of our righteousnesses, but because of Your great mercies. O LORD, hear; O LORD, forgive; O LORD, hearken and do. Do not delay, for Your own sake, O my God; for Your city and Your people are called by Your name” (vs 17-19). That was a mighty prayer and God answered it immediately!

- You take that as a model for your own life

- You take that as a model for your own church
- You take that as a model for your own state or district or whatever it is

—*and you return to God!* You’ve got the Word of God. He doesn’t need to come and do some miracle in your presence. You just need to get on your knees and confess your sins like this and be willing to obey Him.

Verse 20: “And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin, and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the Holy mountain of my God; Yes, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel... [that’s the angel who appears as a man] ...whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, came to me, about the time of the evening sacrifice” (vs 20-21).

He gave him understanding. He also gave a prophecy that all the rest of the Bible from that time forward follows along. This is important to understand concerning the things that we need to watch in prophecy.

Verse 22: “And he *made* me to understand, and talked with me, and said, ‘O Daniel, I have now come forth **to give you insight and understanding.**” Just like where we started—it all comes from God. Doesn’t matter who you are, how many degrees you have, how important you think you are. Unless you truly know God, *you know nothing!* You are an educated ignoramus that God calls a *fool!*

Verse 23: “At the beginning of your supplications the word went forth... [He got the message, ‘Gabriel, go.’] ...and I have come to declare it, for you are greatly beloved...” Remember that. God loves His people. God loves everyone that has His Spirit:

- Don’t treat it lightly!
- Don’t treat it with contempt!
- Don’t treat it in such a way that you think you can live in sin because you are gods!

No, you can’t do that!

“...therefore, consider the word, and understand the vision” (v 23).

So here is the vision. We will read it through. We’ll talk a little bit about it, but we’ll pick it up here next time:

Verse 24: “Seventy weeks are decreed upon your people... [each week represents a period of 7 years] ...and upon your Holy city to finish the transgression and to make an end of sin, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting

righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.” That includes an awful lot of things. We’ll go in detail into that next time.

Verse 25: “Know therefore and understand *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, to Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks. It shall be built again with streets and the wall, even in troublous times. And after sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off but not for Himself. And the people of the prince... [it shifts over to the anti-Christ here] ...who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. But his end *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and upon the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate even until the consummation. And the fully determined end which is decreed shall be poured out upon the desolator” (vs 25-27).

That is quite a prophecy and covers a great span of time. It needs our attention in detail. I’ll just mention this. The book that we have, *The Appointed Times of Jesus the Messiah*, if you have it, read it again. There are some things there that could not have been understood until the last days. Could not have been understood until Carl Franklin had the ability through his computer to go directly to the libraries in Europe to understand the king lines of the Medes and the Persians, the Babylonians, the Assyrians, and get all of those coordinated so we would know the exact time when the decree was given and which king it was.

He had to unravel all the difficulties of Ezra and Nehemiah. All of those pertain to it. It took 49 years for the temple and city to be completed, but it didn’t take 49 years for the temple to be completed. They built the temple; they had that going, but then Nehemiah had to come from Persia and help build the wall.

Just like all human beings—this is why we have the Sabbath. If we didn’t have the Sabbath, we’d put everything off to the last minute and never do it. We’d just wait. They started going about their own business and doing their own thing instead of building the wall. ‘I’ve got to build my house. The house of God doesn’t need to be built, yet, I’ve got to have my house first.’ So, God had to correct them in it.

So you have the book of Haggai, the book of Zechariah, you have Ezra and Nehemiah, which bring out all these histories. Those had to be put together to get the correct time in order to understand when Jesus the Messiah would appear,

not when He was born. He was not Messiah until something happened first.

We’ll continue the story in part two...

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14 Things to Watch in Prophecy II

Let's come to Daniel 12. Remember what we covered last time (in part one this series) that God has to reveal these things. Jesus also told His disciples that they have heard things that even the prophets did not understand. When we come to the end-time, here is another promise. Daniel wanted to know, and God said he couldn't know.

Daniel 12:8: "But I heard, but did not understand...." When we realize that this is about 25-2600 years ago, I want us to realize what a great blessing it is of the things that we can now understand, even things that the apostles did not understand.

"...Then I said, 'O my lord, what shall be the end of these things?' And he... [the angel] ...said, 'Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end'" (vs 8-9). There are many different aspects to the *time of the end*, as I pointed out in part one this series, concerning the birthright blessing coming to Ephraim and Manasseh. That began nearly 500 years ago.

Some things were gradually understood along the way, but then we come to the end, God wants us to know. A lot of the historic things that you find in commentaries, written by men 50 years ago, 100 years ago, 200 years ago, 300 years ago, especially when you read about the Mark of the Beast, there is no way they could have understood that it would be worldwide situation and that it really, really meant that you cannot buy and sell.

They had some partial understanding with Daniel; some partial understanding with the book of Revelation. But let's see the promise of God, v 10: "Many shall be purified, and made white, and refined...." That's the process of:

- conversion
- overcoming
- being prepared for the Kingdom of God

A lot of things we are going to cover here, they didn't know, but they are still going to be in the Kingdom of God.

"...But the wicked shall do wickedly... [Don't we see this increasingly more and more? *Yes, indeed!*] ...and none of the wicked shall understand..." (v 10). I've been reading, as you know, the book *Killing Jesus* by Bill O'Reilly. He only gave what the Catholic Church understands. He did quite well on some of the Scripture presentations, but everything else is pure Catholic doctrine.

"...but the wise shall understand" (v 10). Who are the wise? *'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom'* (Prov. 9:10)^[transcriber's correction]. Those who keep the commandments of God will understand. Also, that includes the Holy Days as well as the Sabbath.

Now we understand that God gave the promise none of the wicked will understand, but the righteous shall understand, the wise. What did Jesus say about the wise man? Who is the wise man? *The wise man builds his house upon the Rock, which is Christ!* The foolish build it upon the ground.

I think today with this great debacle concerning ObamaCare, it's been revealed—because they have had them on television—that those who are the experts in these colleges and universities, the elite that people look to, are exactly what Rom. 1 says: they are fools. They profess themselves to be wise. God doesn't reveal these things to us because we are anything great of ourselves. We need to understand that. But in addition to the Holy Days, you've got to have the Calculated Hebrew Calendar. In Dan. 9 it tells us by the way that it is written that we must use the Calculated Hebrew Calendar.

Daniel 9:24: "'Seventy weeks are decreed upon your people and upon your Holy city **to finish the transgression...**' That could apply "...to finish the transgression..." concerning the city of Jerusalem and the temple, the 70 years it was prophesied to be. But to put an end to all transgression takes this out a very long way.

"...**and to make an end of sin...**" (v 24). What is that going to be? *That's not going to be until after the fulfillment of the Last Great Day*, which pictures all of those coming into the Kingdom of God and the wicked being destroyed.

Right here in Dan. 9 it reaches right back to Adam and Eve, comes forward to the time of Daniel and reaches clear to the end of the Millennium and the establishing of the new heavens and the new earth. So, this is a very broad, sweeping prophecy.

"...to make reconciliation for iniquity..." (v 24). That did not come until Christ came. That was the beginning of it, but that is not finished until the fulfillment of the Last Great Day.

"...to bring everlasting righteousness..." (v 24). That cannot be until the new heavens and new earth. It started with Christ, but that's just the start. This really reaches way out.

"...and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy" (v 24). All of these are

not necessarily in chronological order. "...to seal up the vision and the prophecy..." means to give it, to preserve it, and then give understanding.

"...to anoint the Most Holy" was Christ! He was anointed before He went to the temptation with Satan the devil by the Holy Spirit that appeared in the form of a dove. That was the only sign that John the Baptist had concerning who the Messiah really was.

I'm sure the second anointing took place after Jesus was resurrected and presented Himself to God the Father. Will there be other minor anointings of Christ? *We don't know!*

Verse 25: "Know, therefore, and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, to Messiah the Prince, shall be... [this is critical in the Hebrew] ...shall be seven weeks..." These weeks are called 'heptads,' which means a cycle of seven years. This has to do with the seven-year cycle and also the Jubilee. That is a key. If you don't know about the Hebrew calendar completely enough to understand how that works, then it's going to be very difficult to determine what this is.

Another clue. In the Hebrew, before it goes to the next section, there is a full stop. What does that mean? That means that *there is a break in time from the ending of the 7 weeks to the beginning of the first week of the 62 weeks.* That's where most commentaries fall down. This is why they come to the situation. This is where they make the mistake of which I put in the first edition of *A Harmony of the Gospels*, because it wasn't understood at the time I wrote *A Harmony of the Gospels*. That's why they come out with 31_{A.D.} as the year of crucifixion, which it cannot be. They also bring that time down to the death of Christ. But we're going to see that first the Messiah must come, then His death

"...and sixty-two weeks. It shall be built again... [Jerusalem] ...and the wall, even in troublous times" (v 25). This requires a coordination of Ezra and Nehemiah, as well as the book of Esther. So you get the right king, the right decree and the right year. That was not fully understood until access to these ancient writings was made available.

Concerning the Messiah, v 25: "...to Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks... [that's the building of Jerusalem] ...and sixty-two weeks..." It's 62 weeks until the Messiah. From the beginning of the decree you have the 7 weeks, you have the 62. But remember, there's a break in time. Notice it doesn't say that at the end of 62 weeks Messiah will be cut off. It says it's 62 weeks *until He appears*. So you have to ask the question: When did He *officially* appear? That's keyed to these sequences of the 'heptad' weeks of seven years.

After 62 weeks—it doesn't tell us how long after—first He must appear at the end of 62 weeks, v 26: "And after sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off but not for Himself..." Then it stops right there again and then we have the 70th week, which has never been fulfilled. That's yet ahead of us. We'll see part of that as we go through the 14 things necessary to take place before Christ returns.

"...And the people of the prince..." (v 26). This is defined as the one that we know as *the beast* (Rev. 13 and 17).

"...who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary..." (v 26). There was a fore-type of that. That happened during the destruction of Jerusalem, 66-70_{A.D.}

"...But his end *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week.... [7 years] ...And in the midst of week... [This is understood by even some of the Protestants that this relates to the coming beast. He's going to make a covenant that is to last for 7 years.] (notice that this is not from God): ...And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease..." (vs 26-27).

We have in the *Daniel/Revelation Series* a giant chart that puts all of these days and everything together according to the Calculated Hebrew Calendar. You've heard the tribulation will last three and half years? *We're going to see there will be three and half years of worldwide peace!*

Notice how it's coming: "...and upon the wing of abominations... [Who is the mother of abominations? *Babylon the Great!*] ...shall come one who makes desolate even until the consummation..." (v 27). That is the finish of the age of man. That's why one of the things that is important to understand is that the Jews are going to build another temple. If you go online and look on the Temple Institute, you will see they have a lot of things all ready to go. It will be built and we'll see other Scriptures showing that.

"...And the fully determined end which is decreed shall be poured out upon the desolator" (v 27). That is the destruction of the beast and the false prophet (Rev. 19).

This is why understanding the Holy Days and the sequence of them and their meaning relating to the fulfilling of prophecy is so very, very important.

We're ready to start numbering those 14 things. Let's understand something very important: Jesus said, 'And **when you see all these things**'—that He described in Matt. 24—"then **you know that the end is near.**' You have to have all of them, not part of them. There have been some activities that

could look like a partial fulfillment of it. The destruction of Jerusalem in 70_{A.D.} was a partial fulfillment of it. But we will see that after John received the vision of the book of Revelation, then it presented some new problems that even he did not understand.

1. King of the South and the King of the North

Daniel 11:40: “And at the time of the end, the King of the South shall push at him...” Who is the King of the South? In its original fulfillment it was in Egypt. You had the King of the South there and then you had the King of the North up in the area of Syria. Dan. 10 and 11 shows all the different wars and treaties and things that they had leading up to this.

Then at the time of the end, the King of the South shall push at him. We look at the Middle East and we look at Europe. Remember the video we saw last week what is happening in Europe with the population and the Muslims. It’s going to happen here as well.

The Muslims recently bought in Washington, D.C.—they paid \$1-billion—a ten-acre area to build a gigantic mosque. Understand this: ***Wherever they build their mosques, that is a sign that they have conquered that area!*** Maybe not fully control it. Think about where these mosques are going. Then you tie everything else in with all *the strangers* within Europe, U.K. and the United States, and you see we are building up this thing so that it turn on us. When it does, it’s going to be very, very terrible.

Here’s what’s the King of the South is going to do. We have a type of this with the Muslims and the Turks with Europe. And we had that with the Crusades. These were types of it. But that was not the complete fulfillment. The thing that is interesting to understand: you have partial fulfillments, you have cycles which look like it’s fulfilling the Word of God, but unless you have the framework of the Holy Days you don’t know.

“...the King of the South shall push at him. And the King of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and sweep through” (v 40).

How close did we come in WWII to this? The Nazis came down and they took Greece; they had control of Italy; they took over some of the islands in the Mediterranean and they came down in North Africa, and they came very close to coming to Egypt, but they were stopped at El Alamein. Rommel was turned back there at that point. There were some who were preaching, even in the Radio

Church of God at that time, that the end was going to come, because it was one of those cycles that *almost* completed this prophecy. But it didn’t quite.

Many people don’t realize that Hitler also inspired a lot of things in the Middle East, especially in Iraq and Iran. Iraq was allied with the Nazis. The Nazi plan was to come down from the north, out of the area of the Caucasus, and unite with the German armies coming through Egypt. Then they would control the whole Middle East.

That’s the King of the North; the King of the South was really, really not there. Later, in our day, some of them said and wrote that when Sadam Hussein was at the height of his power Sadam Hussein was the King of the South. No, he wasn’t! From Jerusalem he was east and north and south. But he wasn’t the King of the South because the King of the South originally, at the beginning of these prophecies, was headquartered in Egypt.

So what are we looking at today? The whole Middle East is in turmoil. Europe has to face the Muslim problem. How they are going to do that, we don’t know. Europe generally doesn’t do anything without a crisis. They are reaching that point. That will bring about the coming of *the beast*.

What do the Muslims want to have in Egypt today? They want to have the ancient caliphate—the main central Muslim governing body—religious and civil, in Egypt. If you keep that mind and look at what is going on, especially in Egypt, and all the turmoil there, the reason that it hasn’t happened yet is because it’s not time. But they came very close to starting.

Remember after Morsi was elected as president of Egypt? What did he do? He started declaring himself as dictator. What happened? The people rose up. Now those plans have been canceled. But he was going to establish that tremendous caliphate right there through the power of the Muslim Brotherhood, right in Egypt. So, those things, as you look at them, tell us it’s not time.

When the King of the North comes at him again; this will be the final thing. So, there’s going to have to be a build-up of Europe, a build-up of the King of the South in the Middle East.

Verse 41: “He shall also enter into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown. But these shall escape out of his hand: Edom... [Turkey] ...and Moab... [east of Palestine] ...and the chief of the children of Ammon... [Jordan today] ...And he shall stretch out his hand also upon the countries. And the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt. And the Libyans and the Ethiopians

shall be at his steps. But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall alarm him” (vs 41-45).

2. A Time of Peace and Safety

Let’s understand as we read: the *beast power* has to come into the fore. What was said of *the beast* in Rev 13? ‘*Who is able to make war against the beast?*’ There has to come a time of peace and security. That will probably be the first three and half years of the seven-year covenant. That covenant, when it’s broken in the middle of 7 years^{S[transcriber’s correction]} is when the King of the North comes down against the King of the South.

1-Thessalonians 5:3: “For when they say, ‘Peace and security,’ then sudden destruction will come upon them, as travail *comes* upon a woman who is with child; and they shall by no means escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness that the day of *the Lord* should overtake you as a thief” (vs 3-4). This is talking about the things just before the Day of the Lord.

Combined with the rise of the King of the North, the rise of the King of the South, there’s going to come a time when there will appear that men have come to the point of solving their own problems and will have established a worldwide government with worldwide leadership and it will hold together *for a time*. Then in the middle of the seven years it is going to fall apart.

Let’s look at another promise that has to happen and we will see that this is very close to being fulfilled. Let’s see how all of this comes together.

3. Knowledge Shall Increase and Many Shall Go To and Fro

Showing that it is at the time of the end, Daniel 12:1: “And at that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even until that time... [that ties in with Matt. 24] ...And at that time your people shall be delivered—every one who shall be found written in the book.”

Then it talks about the resurrection, v 2: “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” That stretches out to the end of the Millennium, as well.

Verse 3: “And they who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever.” That’s how we know what kind of glory that we are going to receive.

Verse 4, the key: “But you, O Daniel, **shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end.** Many shall run to and fro, and **knowledge shall be increased.**”

Let’s just take a little scale of 1 to 10. For these points:

- #1—the King of the North and King of the South: probably maybe 2 or 3, because it’s developing.
- #2—peace and security: that’s going to come all at once, so there’s no way of measuring that until the beast comes into power.
- #3—knowledge shall increase and people going to and fro: about 9.

How much further it will go we do not know. We do not know how much more knowledge that they’re going to come to, but there is a recent report out that they are now breaking into the human genetics. What do they want to do? *They want to adjust the genes through in vitro fertilization and adjust the genes by splicing in extra genes that will offset potential sicknesses and other characteristics that would normally be conveyed to this newly conceived life!*

Once you change the genetic setup, which they have with babies. There are several babies in the U.K. who have the genes of two mothers. Once they are in the body that becomes permanent in the body and is passed on to the children.

How close are we to this? *It’s amazing!* We need to keep watching it. We’ll do some sermons on this with some of the amazing things that they are doing now even with weaponry. They are trying to develop weapons that will be able to make its own independent judgment on killing people.

We’ll just end this section here with knowledge and travel and everything like this. Remember at the Tower of Babel. Why did God come down to confound the languages? *Because God said, ‘Now this they begin to do. Now nothing will be withheld from them which they imagine to do!’* That’s why if you haven’t been on Church at Home, go on ChurchatHome.org and watch the *Transhumanism* series that I did. They want to create men into gods, *but only God can do that!*

Like everything else that men try and do, if you think that what is happening with ObamaCare, and how completely inept the President is in even knowing and understanding about this—other than maybe as some suspect, the deliberate destruction of the nation, which may be likely—that’s the kind of approach that they are going to have scientifically with trying to re-engineer human beings to make them semi-gods. They don’t know what they are

doing. They have a little bit of knowledge, but that knowledge cannot accomplish what they proposed to do. So, *knowledge increasing!*

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4. World Trade

- #4—let's put that between 8 and 9, as far as being fulfilled

Check what you have in your house and see how much of it is imported: shirt from China; a coat from Vietnam; shoes from China, different things from Europe, all your little appliances: Japan, China, Korea. How about your cars? You've got Japan, Korea, Germany, Italy. Peugeot is about done. Peugeot was the worse car the world has ever seen. But the French government, in order to stay French, had all the government officials use Peugeots. You have the cars, you have the motorcycles, you have everything like that.

We'll just give a summary of Rev. 18. There are prophecies in the Old Testament of this, because this is not the first time that there has been worldwide trade. When you read carefully the historical account concerning Solomon, they had worldwide trade during his time. More and more, if you watch the History Channel and things like that, you will see that they are discovering that sure enough Hebrews came to North America in 800s A.D. It's very, very likely that the map that Columbus had to go to the western hemisphere came from ancient maps before that time, which actually showed the complete outline of the Antarctic continent.

When the world went through the Dark Ages and the early Middle Ages they lost a lot of knowledge. When it comes time to the Renaissance, which is in the late 1500-1600s, then there was a lot of new knowledge discovered. But all of that knowledge had been known previously and had been lost. Note Ezek. 26 and 27 describes worldwide trading with all the nations of the world and their ancient names.

Revelation 18:3: "Because all nations have drunk of the wine of the fury of her fornication... [Babylon the Great] ...and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the power... [or the abundance] ...of her luxury." These are the great, international, multi-national corporations that we have today. Then it tells religiously we are to come out of this. Worldwide trade is going to be something. When that happens and everything falls.

Verse 9: "Then the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication with her and have lived luxuriously, will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning. They will stand far off

for fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city Babylon... [the whole worldwide system] ...the mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, because no one will buy their merchandise any more" (vs 9-11). It spends nearly all the rest of the chapter listing all the merchandise that they had. People today have everything at their fingertips, everything!

You can go to the store and you're actually going to a modern world-centered bazaar, especially if you go to these big shopping malls. Where's the largest shopping mall in the world? Is that in Minnesota someplace or Wisconsin? It is humungous, and they have got everything there and you can buy it.

This is what is so deceptive about it. You have everything handy immediately. You don't have to make anything. You don't even have to prepare any dinners anymore or breakfasts. You just buy a box of cereal, throw a little fruit in it, throw some milk in it—there's breakfast.

If you want lunch, right here just outside this building you have Georgia's, Dairy Queen, Taco Bell, and just down the corner from there you have McDonald's; plus other restaurants downtown. You can go get anything you want. Right just over here you've got K-Mart, that's full of all imported goods. If you want to get things a little cheaper, you have to drive a little further and go to Costco. That's better than what they have in the Midwest, which is Sam's Club, unfortunately. So, everything is there. Think about everything in your house:

- The carpets, where did they come from?
- The drapes, where did they come from?
- The furniture, where did it come from?
- The pictures you hang on the wall, where did they come from?
- The linens you have on your bed, your bedspread, everything you have there!
- Open up your refrigerator and look at everything you have there!

It's amazing! Today we have so much, you can open your refrigerator full of food and you look at it and say, 'There's not a thing here to eat.'

- Women with their closets!

Like 18-20-30 feet of racks to hang things on and shelves to put things on. Like Imelda Marcos, she had 3,000 pairs of shoes. A woman can go in there and say, 'I don't have a thing to wear.' Just loaded with goods, because of the worldwide global trading. So, we'll put that 8 minimum, 9 at the present point.

Beware of a lot of those things, but it just goes to show. When the whole world has been

supplied with almost everything that they need—there will be some areas in the world that they won't be able to accomplish it even with everything that they have today. Everything looks like it's coming fine and then you get *the beast power* coming in.

With all this worldwide trade, all the banking, and everything that goes on, just the money that is transferred banking-wise everyday from country to country, plus all transactions in the trillions of dollars. So, the whole world is going to end up in a complete *Laodicean grown-rich, increased with goods, have need of nothing*, we have everything that we ever need and it's just going to be like when Babylon fell.

When Belshazzar had this big banquet and brought out all of the vessels of gold and silver for the big banquet that he had. All of those vessels were taken from the temple. Then the hand appeared on the wall: 'Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin.' They called Daniel in to find out what it was.

Right at that time the Persian troops were coming under the iron bars to invade Babylon. They had no idea that that was happening. He had diverted a major portion of the Euphrates River so the river would drop down and they could walk under the bars, right when that happened. Daniel gave the interpretation of it that 'your kingdom has come to an end.' We may have to expand on that.

5. Fall of Israel

That means *all twelve tribes* are going to be involved. We'll talk about the Jews a little later on because they are part of it, but they are in an incalculable position right now. All of the fall of Israel is contained in Deut. 28 and Lev. 26.

Let's come back to Leviticus 26, because this summarizes it. The people of Israel—especially the last 500 years and the ten tribes ruling the world—the Jews are still under the penalty of what they suffered with the destruction of the temple and rejection of Jesus. Their situation has not changed very much except to fulfill the prophecy that they would come back to the Holy Land, which I prefer to call 'Palestine.' It is anything but Holy. The only time it may have been Holy was when Jesus was there. Other than that, you read the Old Testament: war, killing, invasion, intrigue, fighting, blood-letting. There must be more blood shed in that area of the world than anyplace on earth. It is incredible! I know, in reading and recording it, going through all the things pertaining to Israel, it is amazing!

You go through Joshua, Judges, 1st and 2nd-Samuel, 1st and 2nd-Kings, then you come to Ezra, Nehemiah, the time of Chronicles, and everything that is written there, it was a terrible and awful situation in the Middle East.

At the end-time that's why it's very important to understand one of the promises that God gave to David when David wanted to build the temple. God told him, 'No, you can't build the temple because you have been a bloody man. But one of your sons will build it.' That turned out to be Solomon.

You need to understand this, one of the promises given to David, that's also in Psa. 89 and it is also in 2-Sam. 7, and I forget the chapter in Chronicles. Keep this in mind: David ruled over all 12 tribes of Israel. When God told him that He would allow a temple to be built, He told David this: '*I will put Israel into its place so they will go out no more!*' Here they were already in the kingdom, so there was a prophecy of the removal of the ten tribes of Israel, their migration coming up into Europe and to Britain. When we read these things, we need to look at it, not only at what happened to them in those days, but at the end-time what is happening to us.

Deut. 28 is too long to read the whole thing, but we need to understand this. You read it! Take the time and read all of Deut. 28! You will see that God fulfilled everything concerning the blessings, which only occupies 14 verses at the front of Deut. 28. All of the rest has to do with the curses. All of the curses came because they turned their back on God.

Also remember this—Dolores and I talk about this quite often when we see some things on the news—the world has been fighting modern Israel almost from the day that God started blessing them to give them the fulfillment of the promise that was given in Gen. 48 to Ephraim and Manasseh. **War! War!** God said it would be that way.

He told them the important things in Lev. 26, so for everyone who is thinking there is going to be a big turnaround somehow—that the United States going to avoid all its problems, the British are going to avoid their problems, the democracies of northwestern Europe will avoid their problems—and somehow it's all going to turn around. As I mentioned in my recent letter, there has to be a mass repentance of everyone from the very greatest to the very least and that is not likely to happen because of what is mentioned in Lev. 26.

- #5—let's put *the fall of Israel* at 6 to 7

That's a little past the fulcrum. There may be a slight recovery and move it back a little bit, but you look at how quickly we have been taken down in the last five years. Once it reaches a point, like we would say #8, it's going to come just crashing down totally into #10 very, very quickly. I want you to think about these things and think about what people do today:

Leviticus 26:1: “You shall make no idols to yourselves; and you shall not set up for yourselves graven images, or a standing pillar....” We have them everywhere. What are some of the other idols that we have that may not necessarily be religious, but are worshiped? *Sports, other activities, television, our own plans and our own things, because we have idols in our mind!* But look at what we have with even Christianity today. Look at Catholicism; it is rife with nothing but images and pillars and everything like that.

God says, “...in order to bow down to it, for **I am the LORD your God**” (v 1).

A little sidebar: When you read the book of Ezekiel, the thing that I noticed in it—because I just finished it—it always starts out ‘The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel’ and ‘God said, Thus says the Lord God.’ At the end of what He says, almost all the time He says, ‘**And they shall know that I am the Lord God.**’ When you go through it, do this. Just see *how little* that Ezekiel said that was not what God told him. Virtually nothing!

Verse 2: “You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary. **I am the LORD....** [of course, we do the total opposite of it] ...If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments and do them, Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase...” (vs 2-4). More and more we’re having trouble with that.

Right here in California we are in the midst of a terrible drought. By this time of the year we should be having a good amount of rain coming in. I don’t even think they’re going to have any snow for the Thanksgiving opening of the ski resorts up in the Sierras. They’ll be able to manufacture snow and put it down. If that happens, then I will give you these things (v 4).

Verse 5: “And your threshing shall reach to the vintage, and the vintage shall reach to the sowing time. And you shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land safely.” Look at the difficulties we have today.

- Do you have locks on your doors?
- Do you have alarms in your cars?
- Do you have alarms on your house?

Verse 6: “And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down and none shall make you afraid. And I will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land; neither shall the sword go through your land.” That’s not happening today. That’s set off—isn’t it? *Yes, indeed!*

Here is what would happen when we would go to war. When you read in Joshua, Judges, 1st and 2nd-Samuel, when they fought when God said to go

to fight, then won. When they went out when God not to go, they lost. Having won so many wars, especially the Americans are kind of sassy about how strong they are, but look at what is happening right now to the military. Remember, armies run on money. If you have no money, the army isn’t going to go.

But here’s what it would be **if we obey God**, v 7: “And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight. And your enemies shall fall by the sword in front of you” (vs 7-8).

One of the greatest tactics that God has in fighting the enemy is this: *He turns them all against each other and they kill themselves* before the Israelites even get to the battle. How many times did that happen? There was the account where David was told to go against the Philistines and not go in a frontal assault, but come around behind a hill and get up in the forest. God told him, ‘When you hear the marching at the top of the trees...’ What is “...the marching at the top of the trees...”? *Angels coming to do the battle!* When they heard that, they charged out and when they got down there, guess what? *The enemy had killed each other*, and all they had to do was go in and get the spoil. But here, what do we have today? *One man can shut down an airport, all flights, because of terrorism!*

Verse 9: “For I will have respect to you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish My covenant with you.” That’s what God desired. Understand how important that our choices are. That’s why we have the Old Testament, so you can understand how evil human nature is, even in some of those that God chose.

Look at what Saul did. Then look at the situation with David and Bathsheba. Then look at the terrible time that he had after that.

God said that He would put His tabernacle among us (v 11). Verse 12: “And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be My people.”

A lot of people think that the love of God is unconditional. *No! God’s love is everlasting! It is not unconditional!* What did Jesus command us on the Passover night? ‘If you love Me, do anything you want’—*NO!* ‘If you love Me, keep the commandments, namely My commandments.’

Here is that big little word **if**, v 14: “But **if** you will not hearken to Me and will not do all these commandments, And **if** you shall despise My statutes, or **if** your soul hates My judgments, so that you will not do all My commandments, so that you break My covenant” (vs 14-15).

Think about this: What is the main thing of Protestantism? *The rejection of the commandments of God!* That's the main thing. That's what has laid the foundation of all the lawlessness we see everywhere in the land today. The Protestants had the rule, and they had the chance to do right, and they could have changed, but no, they broke everything that is listed here in vs 14 and 15. They had some slight revivals, but the thing that they *never* repented of was Sunday-keeping.

The only reason that we received all the blessings that we have is not because of Protestantism, but because of the promises that God gave to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God was defending Himself and His covenant while still dealing with us.

Look at the punishments that we have had: Remember the eloquent prayer that Franklin Delano Roosevelt prayed as the men were invading Europe? You can find that online. *He starts it out: 'Almighty God...'* God used us to save the world from Hitler and Tojo. Britain somewhat. But big brother Manasseh had to come and rescue Ephraim twice, because of their silliness, their stupidity, their pride and their arrogance. The Brits don't like that, but that's just the way that it is.

God gave us the means of conquering this whole evil, especially of the Germans and Japanese. Now what are we doing here? *The very thing that God sent our armies to do to rescue Europe to get rid of the Nazis, we are incorporating every one of their scientific programs and all of their weapon programs and all of the way that they treat people!* The one who is sitting in the White House now is trying to transform this nation into another Nazi Germany!

God is not going to rescue us! If the people now do not turn around and do some things, we are looking at a nine with the destruction of Israel in the very near future. Every one of those things they have gone against what God says. 'Oh, well, the Old Testament has been fulfilled.' It is *being* fulfilled.

Here's what God said. Look, you have three major *ifs* concerning all the major things concerning what God said, v 16: "I will also do this to you: I will even appoint over you terror... [that's the war we are currently fighting now] ...consumption, and burning fever, consuming the eyes and causing sorrow of heart...."

How many families have any happiness left in their families? *Very few!* What happens when the children get out there to be educated by all the communists that rule the school systems nationwide? All the communists that rule all of the universities nationwide? *They come out as idiots, droids, following after fads, not believing even in the*

history of how the United States came about, not even believing in God! Given over to sex, music and lust. So they are the millennial droids who cannot understand anything.

The comment was made that consumption is another name for tuberculosis. There is now a virulent form of tuberculosis in some states that there is no cure for. I received a report that the age of antibiotics has come to its end, because the antibiotics are not able to kill the bacteria, the germ, the virus, or whatever because they build up a resistance.

Like this thing I said with healthcare, you better learn to take care of yourself. You better get some good books. You better read. You better get off your sofa or your rocking chair and you better find out what you need to do to take care of yourself. There's going to come a day, like happened just recently with this woman who lost her insurance because of ObamaCare. They went to try and help her with her cancer, and they said, 'We can't help you.' That is also political.

If you deny medical care to all the elderly, you get rid of those who vote against all these liberal satanic governmental things. You have all of the mass droids voting for the most stupid leaders the world could ever find. We are today, instead of the leader of the free world, we are the laughing stock of the world because of the stupidity of our government, the stupidity of our financial system.

The Chinese are doing everything they can, to get as much gold as they can. That's going to expose the fact that the United States has leased out everybody else's gold. There are some big things coming down all because of right here.

- to say that we are with the fall of Israel between 6 and 7 that could rapidly go to 10 overnight.

"...And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set My face against you..." (vs 16-17). How close are we to that? {Note Rom. 1, because there are four times that God says, '*For this cause God abandoned them...*'}

"...and you shall be slain before your enemies. They that hate you shall reign over you. And you shall flee when none pursues you" (v 17). Perfect explanation of what happened just recently in Los Angeles. One man came in with a gun, fired a couple shots and everybody ran. Thousands were left stranded; hundreds of airline flights were cancelled—by one man!

"...They that hate you shall reign over you..." I think you need to do a little research on lying and sayings of our current President. That may

be quite revealing and is undoubtedly a fulfillment of this verse.

Who is the ruler? The lender? *or* the borrower? *The lender!* We are what? *Borrowing prodigious amounts of money!* We are borrowing so much that other nations don't want to buy our treasury securities, so the Federal Reserve is buying them and printing money. That won't last. That's no different than your kids out in the back yard printing up money. Sooner or later it will be worth about that much.

Verse 18: "And if you will not yet for all this hearken to Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power..." (vs 18-19). Destroy the dollar and it is gone. That destroys the military.

"...and I will make your heaven like iron and your earth like bronze" (v 19). Around here, go out and try and plow. If you don't have irrigation, we still have irrigation here, but sooner or later you draw all of that down.

I remember when we lived out at Lovers Lane when we first came up to the Hollister area out in the country and we had a well. We knew nothing about it. Yeah, we have a well we share with the neighbor there, but that goes through escrow and everything and you forget all about it because you turn on the tap and the water comes. We came up in 1975. In the summer of 1977 we were in the middle of a drought, and we had no water because the well was only 40 feet deep and it went dry. So, we had to drill a new well. We went down 130 feet before we were able to get it. We thought we weren't able to get it because we spent our last dime paying for the drilling of that well.

There's a little telltale sign of the drought this time, which was the same back in 1977. As you come over from Gilroy to Hollister on the backside, you come around a curve and there is this lake; actually a big pond, probably 3 or 4 acres in size. There's always water in it until there is a drought, and it is as dry as a bone as it was in 1977; still no rain. We still have wells, but what if God shuts off the underground water. God can do that, too.

Here's what happens, v 20: "And your strength shall be spent in vain, for your land shall not yield its increase, neither shall the trees of the field yield their fruits." What have we done to accelerate that? *Genetic engineering of plants and seeds*, and artificial fertilizers and all the pesticides we put on our food. There are plots of land coming up non-productive. Starts a little here, a little there. Just kind of like a case of measles. You get a little here and you get a little here. Then it comes up the arm. Sooner or later you get it over your whole body.

Verse 21: "And if you walk contrary to Me and will not hearken to Me, I will bring seven times more plagues on you according to your sins. I will also send wild beasts among you which shall bereave you..." (vs 21-22).

Watch Florida! They have a python production there that is unreal. Not these nice little pythons that people play with. They are getting up to 20-foot long, living in the Everglades and they swallow up dogs and can eat human beings. That's to say nothing of the bugs and the mice and all of these other things that come along.

Remember what happened when the Ark of the Covenant was lost by the priests Hophni and Phineas during the days of Eli? *The Philistines took the Ark!* What happened to them? *They got hemorrhoids*—and no Preparation-H available! The land was filled with mice! Wild beasts—wolves, snakes, alligators, crocodiles. They have a law in Washington, D.C., that you cannot kill a rat. You must catch it. If you can't catch it, you call the ASPCA. They will come and catch it and they will take it away. Can you imagine what's going to happen to Washington, D.C.?

I'll let you read the rest of Lev. 26, because it ends in captivity. We're building up to all of these things. When I first gave this, the fall of Israel, we put it about 3 or 4; now it's 6 to 7 and could rapidly escalate.

We'll look at the other things that have to happen in prophecy; these things are necessary for us to understand. We need to realize that when these things come, we have to have a certain degree of preparedness, but more importantly, ***we have got to have the spiritual preparedness and the protection of God and the protection of His angels!*** That's what we need.

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14 Things to Watch in Prophecy III

Today we're going to continue the 14 things in prophecy that we have to watch for to happen. How many noticed the vote of the Senate this week? About the filibuster and nuclear option? I can tell you one thing, if you don't get Fox cable News, you are brainwashed, because all of the others are agents of the same political view. Fox is not the greatest, but they will bring out some very important things that none of the other networks will.

I was absolutely appalled when I asked in Arcadia how many of about 45 there watch Fox News; about 5 hands went up. They don't know what's going on. They don't watch the news. Also that's how these things can come upon people unawares. You need to understand what that represents. That represents the first step, or maybe one of the last steps, to a dictatorship. You need to understand that.

Obama may not be the antichrist for the world, but he certainly is to the U.S.A. We have to understand that we're dealing with treacherous things. We need to understand very importantly; it is a difficult proposition for people to leave God.

We sang this hymn, *Trust and Obey*. That was written by a Protestant way back when they kept the commandments of God except Sunday. God blessed them for that proportionally because they weren't converted. Now everything is in steep decline with the Protestant world. So steep that now we're going to have to contend with atheist churches.

Remember when I read to you about transhumanism—note sermon series: *Singularity is Near*—how that the whole thing with transhumanism is they have their own church. God made people to need more than themselves, and Satan is right there to fill that need. Remember, once you start loving and serving and obeying God, do not think for one minute that Satan is going to run away and pout in a corner. No way!

Remember the word: incrementalism. I think Charles Krauthammer gave the most interesting analysis of this latest taking away 60-vote majority to pass on the appointments by the President. He said that this is a culmination of a 100-year process by the progressives starting with President Woodrow Wilson. They have gradually been centralizing and bringing things to the power of the central government. There was a big thrust during the Great Depression with Franklin Delano Roosevelt. There were a lot of Democrats at that time who would not go along with them because they still believed in the Constitution.

The Constitution is not only be avoided, it is being trashed almost every day by the administration. What Obama wants to do is to get his three judges on the circuit court in Washington, D.C., who are the extremists in their radical beliefs, because he knows that the EPA rules, which have been set in force, will shut down the coal companies. Because they are so irrational and so strict, that you cannot possibly make it work. I don't know if you saw the clip when he was running for President in 2008 for the first time, where he said that his goal was to shut down the coal industry.

Now everything is in place. The Republicans cannot give any resistance to any of these appointments because of their radical beliefs and they have made the Senate a lawless body, a dictatorial body of men rubber-stamping the radical choices of the progressives today.

A lot of people say, 'Why doesn't someone rise up and do something about it?' The reason is too many people have left God. It's not Obama's fault. He going to do what he's going to do, when he's going to do it, anytime he wants to do it, because he's president. He may be the end responsible person, but who is responsible for it? *All the people who have left God!*

Look at the progression through education, through government, through getting rid of God, through getting rid of the teachings. How many have seen the 'knock-out' squads that walk the streets? Where does that come from? *That comes because*

1. there was no father and mother in the home in the main—80 to 90%
2. because they were not taught from the Word of God how to love their neighbors

They were not taught that you were to take care of your neighbor. Whether it is Latino, Muslim, or a black/white issue, they have not been taught how to get along with people. They have been fed all the points: you have been discriminated against; everybody hates you. *All of this is because we left God!*

What you are seeing in these things, you can say, 'Oh, let's rise up and put the law in force.' Try it. You'll never do it, because they haven't been taught and their minds are set. Remember how Satan the devil works: incrementalism, just a little here, a little there, a little more; let a generation pass by, then a little more and a little more; let another generation pass by and little more and little more. Then you put all of your agents in charge of

education and religion and what do you have? You have what we have today.

So what we are looking at is not a cause, but an effect. The truth is that God's laws work all the time, everywhere in the whole universe. Everything pertaining to the earth operates according to God's laws for blessing or cursing. Everything operates in the way, since we've been talking about the fall of the tribes of Israel. {see part two of this series}

5. Fall of Israel—Mark of the Beast

Let's come to Jeremiah 18. We've been here before, but remember the sermon that I gave, the difference that one man could make? Remember that, King Zedekiah. He was such a coward that what he did, he sent for Jeremiah secretly and said, 'Jeremiah, don't let anyone know that I'm talking to you. What is the Word of the Lord?' Remember what Jeremiah told him? *'If you will surrender to Nebuchadnezzar, I will not destroy the city, nor the temple, and you can remain as king, but you have to make a covenant with Nebuchadnezzar.'* He didn't want to do that. He thought he could run off and sneak away; get away from it.

What happened? *There's a prophecy in Ezekiel concerning him that God said that he would do that, because God knew what was in his heart and that He would send a net to capture him. That net was the Babylonians and Chaldeans to capture him. They got him and his sons. What did they do to his sons? BOOM! They were dead! What did they do to him? Gouged out his eyes and sent him to Babylon to die in blindness!*

But he had a chance. How much of a chance is left that things will change for us? *We do not know!* But since it is a relationship with God and all those churches that call themselves Christian, *that say they believe in Jesus Christ, that say that God gave this nation to us, that say that we need to be a nation of law, there's still enough of them around.*

With all of the newly graduated 'droids' out of the universities that are coming in the next three years in waves:

- that are trained in communism in their universities
- that are trained in group therapy and group doing things
- that have accepted all kinds of perversions and entertainment and music that destroys the mind and locks it in to the rebellion

Do you think there are enough of those who will change?

One of the goals of the movement is: simplest way to get rid of all the conservatives, most of them are old, just don't give them any healthcare, let them

die. 'Oh, we don't have to do a thing, but you're old enough. You've lived a long life. Someone else a little younger needs a chance, don't you think?' And the death panels are set up. So, that's what's going to happen. If there are any youth out there listening, you better have some heads up. You better pay attention to God, because if you abandon God, if you don't take it seriously, *you're going into captivity!* That's just the way it is.

When you graduate so many 'drones' that all they can do is use their little texting phone, work on the computer, you play computer games where it's nothing but killing and destroying and lust, where you have nothing but music and pornography and sex, God is not going to spare you. God is not going to be mocked. It has to start with each individual turning his or her life around.

There isn't going to come someone rushing in as a 'savior president' unless there is a revival to God by the population. We have never lived through a time in history that our nation has been on the downfall. Jeremiah was sent as God's prophet and messenger to see the downfall of Israel, down to nothing. You read some of the dialogue he had with God. He said, 'Oh, God, this is so terrible. What's going to happen?' God says, 'Buck up, there's more coming.' I'm just paraphrasing it.

Just a little sidebar here. Did you see on the news where Costco put the price tag on the Bible and it was listed as fiction? Interesting. 'Oh, that was a mistake.' No, it was a trial, because that's what too many people think of it. When you read the prophets, here's what you're going to read more of than anything else:

Jeremiah 18:1: "The Word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying..." These are not the writings of men. These are the direct inspired words of God.

In the book of Ezekiel He says, 'And they shall know that I am the Lord.'

- How are you going to know that you know the Lord?
 - Will it be after devastation?
 - Will it be after you are in captivity?
- or*
- Are you going to seek the Lord now?

Didn't I give a sermon recently, *Seek the Lord*, how it could turn around? *This ends up being a follow-up on it!*

The tipping point just went another increment further with this vote of the Congress and told God,

- we disrespect law
- we are evil
- we intend to do our will

—and Satan the devil is right in there, ‘Yeah.’ All of those who join him, he gives benefits; he gives rewards. That’s what we are going to see.

Verse 2: “‘Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.’ Then I went down to the potter’s house, and behold, he was working at the wheel. And the vessel that he made of clay was ruined in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make *it*. Then the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘O house of Israel...’” (vs 2-6). You see how all nations and people are subject to the will of God. That *will of God* is carried out by righteous angels and Satan and his demons.

Remember the book of Job what happened? The sons of God, or the angels, appeared before the Lord and Satan was among them. The Lord asked Satan, ‘Where have you been?’ Satan said, ‘I’ve been walking to and fro in the earth.’ God says, ‘Have you seen my servant Job?’ Satan said, ‘Yes!’ God said, ‘He’s blameless and upright.’ Satan couldn’t see all of Job’s sins.

The recent CD that we sent out concerning the book of Job, you listen to that again, because Job was loaded in idols of his self-worship. He was blameless outside and by that it’s teaching us. If you’re good out here, you better be good in your mind. To be good out here is not going to solve the problem when the time comes.

Here’s the house of Israel and every nation on earth, v 6: “‘O house of Israel, can I not do with you *even* as this potter?’ says the LORD. ‘Behold, as the clay is in the potter’s hands, *so are* you in My hand, O house of Israel. If at any time I [God] shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck it up and to pull it down, and to destroy it’” (vs 6-7). That’s exactly where we are headed.

Verse 8: “‘If that nation, against whom I have spoken, will turn from their evil... [mass repentance] ...I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to them. And if at any time I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build it and to plant *it*; If it does evil in My sight, that it not obey My voice, then I will repent of the good with which I said I would do them good’” (vs 8-10).

Why is China so successful? *Because when they began to be built up, the United States and Britain were going down! Incrementally!* It started very innocuous, and now look what we have. China just announced that they no longer are considering having foreign reserves in U.S. dollars. So, it’s going to come.

Human nature is such that even though there is a risk, it deceives itself by saying, ‘It’ll happen to

him; it’ll happen to her; but it won’t happen to us.’ *Yes, it will!*

Verse 11: “Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and to the people of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Behold, I am forming evil against you....”’” Why?

- because of your evil
- because of your abandoning God
- because you have taken My covenant, taken it to yourself and you are disregarding it

You never go against what you tell God! That is a sure way to great trouble and it started in the Protestant churches.

“...and devising a plan against you. Return now... [God always give an opportunity for repentance] ...each one from his evil way... [it has to get on an individual basis] ...and make your ways and your doings good” (v 11).

- stop all of your extra-marital sex
- outlaw same-sex marriages
- all change from Sunday-worship to Sabbath-worship
- all change from holidays to God’s Holy Days

That’s a big order for people to do; they love their holidays; never thought of it.

Even some of the reporters are quite good on Fox News. If you go up to some of those gals, who are pretty good in what they do—one of them is exceptional—but if they found you don’t keep Christmas, you would have the wrath of Bill O’Reilly coming down upon you.

But you have to ask them: Do you believe in telling the truth? *Of course!* Do you believe we should lie? *Oh, no!* What do you do if your children lie? *We correct them. We let them know they are to tell the truth!* Is Christmas true or a lie? *It is a lie!* ‘Oh, but it’s for fun.’ Satan deals in fun. Look at Walt Disney. Look at all the theme parks. Look at all the movies, all the sports. It’s fun, oh, sports are good, it’s fun. Not when you deny God.

Have you ever considered that you are teaching your children to lie? I know when I first found out that Christmas was a lie, did it make an impression upon me? *Yea!* I remember it to this day. I remember what happened. We were living in Seattle at that time and I was about 6-years-old. It was the lead-up to Christmas time. Every Christmas it was the make believe, the footprints out of the fireplace, ashes over to the Christmas tree. The cookies that were given, only crumbs were left. I was out playing with the kids in the alley because at

that time they had big lots and big alleys and so forth; there was a lot of room to play there. The older kids pick on the younger and they come up and say, ‘There’s no Santa Claus.’ *Yes, there is!* ‘There is no Santa Claus.’ I went home crying, ran up the steps, came in the kitchen and I said, ‘Mommy, they’re saying there is no Santa Claus.’ *Oh, yes there is. There is a Santa Claus.*

So, I took the answer, went down and said, ‘My mommy says there is a Santa Claus.’ About a week later I was rummaging around one of the closets, and guess what I found? Santa had been there earlier, called *momma*. I immediately ran to my mother and said, ‘I saw the presents that I asked Santa Claus to get for me when we were down at the department store.’ Shows how stupid and naïve little children are—right?

You go to the department store and here it’s filled with all these things to buy for Christmas. There’s a Santa Claus at this end of the store and one over at this end of the store and another one up on the next floor. People are buying and Santa is saying, ‘Come here little boy, come here little girl, sit on my lap and tell Santa what you want.’ All a big fat lie, but they enjoy it. Because there is ‘a benefit in sin’ for a while.

I looked my mom right in the eye and I said, ‘The other day I asked you if there was a Santa Claus and you said *yes*. But I found the presents already delivered in the closet. How did that happen? Is it true that there is no Santa Claus?’ And she said, ‘Yeah, it’s true.’ I said, ‘That’s a lie. I get whippings for lying.’ I even had to go out and pick my own switch. I used to get the ones that were a little thicker because they didn’t sting as much. She’d make me go out and get a thinner one.

Look at what a mammoth change would have to take place. It would have to take place much like it was in the book of Jonah—from the king on down to all the animals. I don’t know if the animals can pray, but everybody else would pray. The warning came, ‘I’m going to destroy the city and everything in it.’ Israel never did that.

Verse 12: “And they said, ‘There is no hope...’” How can we do that? You’re asking the impossible. Right at the Christmas season we’re to all give it up? Think of all the businesses that are going to go broke. Think of how the economy is going to plunge to nothing. *Yes, indeed!* It’s going to one way or the other whether you do or whether you don’t.

“...but we will walk after our own ways...” (v 12). What is it in the eyes of man? ‘Every way is right according to a man; the end thereof is the way of death.’

“...we will each one do *according to* the stubbornness of his evil heart” (v 12). Look what we’ve gone to. Look at where it’s been. You look at the ten-part series I did on Church at Home [churchathome.org] with same-sex marriage and see how their goal was to change the Word of God, which they did to make it appear that homosexuality is acceptable to God. Of course, that’s why He spared Sodom and Gomorrah? Never happened!

One thing about opinions; let me tell you something: ***Any opinion contrary to truth is from Satan!*** When we have it that we are given our sacred opinion, if it is not backed up with truth it is worthless. Doesn’t matter what you believe. All you have to do is go into any prison and talk to those on death row. What they did was right. Once in awhile you’ll find someone who will say, ‘I’m such an evil person I need to be executed.’ At least he is honest.

Verse 13: “Therefore, thus says the LORD, ‘Ask now among the nations; who has heard now among the nations; who has heard such things? The virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing.’”

Do you know what the Chinese think of us? Those dragon-worshiping Chinese? *They think we are immoral, especially in finances*, because the ‘banksters’ as we have known have loaned out each ounce of gold 50 times to make money. There is one thing ‘Reverend’ Wright was correct in: ‘the chickens come home to roost.’ If you have ever lived on a farm, when the sun gets down just about so low before it’s ready to set, the chickens run into the coop or fly up onto the branches and roost.

Concerning the founding fathers and abortion. What’s going to happen with abortion is this, with the morning-after pill there’s going to be a big decrease in abortion. They’ll say, ‘See how successful this is.’ No, *it’s just murder at an earlier stage!* And who has to make the decision? *The woman!* What’s that little nursery rhyme? *Little girls are sugar and spice and everything nice!* Little boys deal in *snakes and snails and puppy dog’s tails!* Everything is slanted against men today. That’s just the way that it is.

Verse 14: “Does the snow of Lebanon fail from the rock of the field? *Or* shall the cold waters that come from another place cease to flow? Because **My people have forgotten Me...**” (vs 14-15). How long have we forgotten God? Look at all the wars we go through. We were supposed to be, in those wars, instruments of God to bring good to the world.

“...they have burned incense to vanity... [that’s what we do] ...and they have caused themselves to stumble in their ways *from* the ancient paths, to walk in by-paths... [each on his own way] ...not on the highway, to make their land desolate *and* a perpetual hissing. Everyone who passes by

shall be astonished, and will shake his head” (vs 15-16).

I cannot tell you enough times, with enough conviction, to make you really grasp what is going to happen when the dollar collapses. We’re going to accelerate the fall of America and Britain in prophecy from 7-1/2 to 8 on the tipping scale to 15 and 10 is the maximum limit. Nobody will know how to do anything.

- Do you have a garden? Some of you do!
- Does anybody in the cities have gardens?

Maybe on the top of some buildings there are a few that have little gardens.

- Do you know how to milk a cow?
- Do you know how to even get one in the barn to milk it?
- How about a goat?
- Do you know how to kill a bullock?

Think about it!

- What do you really know, other than what you can go to the store and do and buy?

Nothing!

We are going to be the most technologically *advanced dunces* in the history of the world. They’ll have no compunction at cannibalism. None! It’s meat. It’s going to be something.

We have gone over Deut. 28 how many times? You better go over it again. If you’re still in doubt, go over it on your knees in prayer. Then you need to really begin watching. *Watch the news!* Don’t just watch you own life. Watching your own life is one little part of it. That’s the most important thing for our daily conduct, but you are to *watch the news*. Because Jesus says, **‘Lest that day come upon you unaware!’** Well, I didn’t know this was going to happen, Lord. It’s been in print for how many thousands of years. You have how many Bibles in your home? Someone asked me that after I asked them how many they had in their home. We’ve got pretty close to 50 just at home. It’s there. No, they won’t do it. Isn’t that going to be something?

In some of the Midwest cities they are bringing in Somalians and Muslims, and very soon Iraqis, because ‘we are good hearted people and we want to share with other people what we have.’ Little do they know that they are coming for their own advantage and they are coming because they hate us. They’ll smile, get settled in, be very innocuous until the day comes. Then people in the Midwest are going to say, ‘Where did all of this come from?’ You didn’t pay attention.

So He says, v 17: “I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them My back, and not My face, in the day of their calamity.” Jeremiah had to say it. They all gathered around and

fell on their knees weeping and wailing and repenting. *No!*

Verse 18: “Then they said, ‘Come and let us plot schemes against Jeremiah.... [We’ve got to get rid of this one because he is bringing these things against us.] ...For the law shall not perish from the priest, nor wisdom from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not pay attention to any of his words.’” Surely we wouldn’t do that.

Remember what happened when Jesus came into the temple in John 2? He said He would suddenly appear to His temple and He did. What did He do? *He made a scourge of cords and drove out the animals and overturned the exchangers’ tables!* He said, ‘Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise.’ ‘Where did this guy come from? What right did He have to do this? I’m just here making money. I’m selling ‘holy’ lambs to the people who want them. Well, I’ve been charging a little more than I should’—like 20%.

Verse 19: “Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to what my accusers are saying against me. Should evil be repaid for good? For they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before You to do good for them, *and* to turn away Your wrath from them” (vs 19-20). Their worlds are so upside down they cannot grasp what is happening.

When Hitler first came to power, people said, ‘He’s a good man. Look, he stopped the inflation.’ Satan got his toehold there. Then he began implementing every one of his plans and the first one was universal healthcare. Then everything began to clamp down and soon Adolph Hitler was Satan possessed, just like *the coming beast*. Soon the whole nation was Satan possessed. Soon they had great victories without lifting a rifle: Czechoslovakia, the Anschluss, Austria. All of these are benefits; Satan gives benefits and you think you are doing well. Then Hitler invaded to the east and later to the west.

You need to read the rest of the book of Job, because Satan will lead you in a way that you think is correct, but he is a deceiver, totally mentally deranged. He will force you to make absolutely the worst decisions, because his goal is to use you and destroy you. Did that not happen to Nazi Germany? God had to send Israel to the rescue. Ephraim had to be rescued by Manasseh. Big brother had to come and save Ephraim.

We won the war! Great victory! Where are we now? *We are multiplying the sins of Nazi Germany within our own nation!* That’s what we are doing. We are no more God’s people than Sodom and Gomorrah. So here’s what God says it’s going to do:

Verse 21: “Therefore, deliver up their children to the famine...” ‘Oh, God wouldn’t do that.’ Yes, He would because you are putting in their minds all these lies, bringing them up on sex, so that the pedophilia, age of consent can come down to nearly zero.

“...and pour them out upon the hands of the sword. And let their wives be bereaved, and *be* widows, and their men be slain to death; let their young men be struck by the sword in battle. Let a cry be heard from their houses, when You suddenly bring a raiding party on them. For they have dug a pit to take me, and have hidden snares for my feet. Yet, LORD, You know all their counsel against me to kill *me*. Do not forgive their iniquity, nor blot out their sin from Your sight, but let them be overthrown before You; deal with them in the time of Your anger” (vs 21-23).

That’s quite a thing. That’s where we are right today. We are right at this point, the United States of America. You add up everything that there is and you will see that.

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Now let’s bring us up to date to modern times. I might mention that Phil Neal is getting closer and closer to finishing the book, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. Since there have been a lot more people writing on it, there are a lot more references. There is a lot more research that has been done through the years concerning it that it is really going to be quite good. It’s going to be historically documented by findings of many, many people concerning the migration of Israel into Northwestern Europe and into Britain. So that is coming. I don’t know exactly when he will finish it, but I think we’re going to find that it will be one of the most needful books that we have.

6. Fall of the Modern Descendants of Israel

Matt. 24 is quite a chapter, because you could make a book out of Matt. 24 itself. Let’s understand some things concerning prophecies. There are cycles where different things happen in much the same way. Why do they happen in very similar patterns? *Because of the laws of God working on everyone everywhere*; that’s why.

We also have fulfillments that are type, that is original fulfillment, and anti-type. Matt. 24 contains all of these together, not only beginning with the time of Christ, but down to His second coming in this one chapter. It also has some very unique things that we have covered in the past, which is that we are going to see that the majority of Matt. 24 applies in the end-time.

This fits in with the 14 things in prophecy, because there are many things here we’re going to

find that we’ll refer back to in the remaining 14 things to happen.

Matthew 24:1: “And after going out, Jesus departed from the temple; and His disciples came to *Him* to point out the buildings of the temple.” They were magnificent at that time. You have to have an understanding of the geography there concerning the temple, the valley of Kidron, and coming up to the Mount of Olives.

Verse 2: “But Jesus said to them, ‘Do you not see all these things?... [It’s kind of like looking at New York City and say, ‘You see all these buildings?’] ...Truly I say to you, there shall not be left there even a stone upon a stone that shall not be thrown down.’” That happened. So much so that they really have not known where the temple actually stood until the last few decades, maybe 50 years plus. That was an astonishing statement because the valley of Kidron drops down all of a sudden and then comes up to the Mount of Olives.

Sidebar on the Mount of Olives: Where did Jesus ascend after His resurrection? From where did He ascend? *Mount of Olives!* There’s more to it than just that. Let’s back up in time in the book of Ezekiel. When Ezekiel saw the cherubim and the glory of God over the temple, it departed from over the temple to show Ezekiel that God’s presence was being withdrawn. It came and stood over the mountain to the east, which is the Mount of Olives. Then disappeared into heaven. Because God removed His presence from the temple before it was destroyed.

Likewise, in 66-70_{A.D.} Actually you back up from 71_{A.D.} there was a prophet of God, who until the destruction of Jerusalem, he went through Jerusalem and said, ‘Woe, woe, Jerusalem.’ You can find this in the book of *Josephus*. ‘Your destruction is coming. Woe, woe, woe, Jerusalem.’

Then Josephus records that in 66-1/2_{A.D.}, just when they began the rebellion against the Romans, the priests were lighting the night-lights. They had to have lights burning all the time and those were the special wick candles. The wick went into a little cup of oil, so every day they had to put oil in and put a wick in.

As they were doing this there appeared a great glow in the temple and the priests heard it and verified and the voice said, ‘Let us leave from here.’ God took away His presence again before the destruction of the temple. It went over and stood over the Mount of Olives. At night there could be seen at times angelic chariots circling. Remember there would be signs and wonders. That was to that generation. Then it too went into heaven. God took His presence from them. There’s a lot at play here in

Matt. 24 concerning these prophecies and what are going to take place.

Verse 3: “And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives...” When you’re sitting at the Mount of Olives, the Mount of Olives is much higher than the temple area, so they were looking down on the temple area. They could see all the people coming and going, the beautiful temple, and everything.

“...His disciples came to Him alone, saying, ‘Tell us, when shall these things be? And what *shall be* the sign of Your coming, and of the completion of the age?’” That is the question that goes from that day clear down to the actual return of Jesus Christ.

7. Let no one deceive you; the true Gospel shall be preached

Verse 4: “Then Jesus answered *and* said to them, ‘**Be on guard, so that no one deceives you.**’” We are going to see at the end time, as we already know, Satan is deceiving the whole world. We’ve seen it happen to the Churches of God—haven’t we? It happened during the days of the Apostle Paul and the apostles. *Men stealthily snuck in* changing the grace of God into licentiousness, teaching contrary doctrines and teachings.

One of the first ones that came up even before the completion of the Apostolic Age, about 56_{A.D.} Paul writes that there were some who had no knowledge of the resurrection. How did that come to be? *Because people were bringing in ideas thinking that Christianity was a ‘religion’ when it was not! It was a way of life and training for those who are going to be in the Kingdom of God at the resurrection!*

Then he writes in 1-Timothy that were certain ones who were teaching that the resurrection has already passed. What was one of the first beliefs that snuck into the Church? *The immortality of the soul!* Because everyone is interested—right? What happens when someone dies? How can you sleep in the grave? Now we know scientifically all you need is just a recording of your genes and chromosomes. That can be just a little speck of nothing, as far as volume is concerned. You came from a speck of nothing, you return to a speck of nothing. Nothing changes, just the size and growth and death.

We have seen it happen within the Church in our day. That’s why there are so many Churches of God, because people, even within the Church of God do not really believe God as they should. Why is that? It’s the individual responsibility to grow in faith and to grow in knowledge and to believe God.

I get all kinds of papers down through time concerning many different things. Unless it’s a

repeat of what I covered before, I always go through to make sure I understand what they are saying and I understand what the Bible says. Because as God’s people, think of this. We have the Word of God—*all of it!* We have the blessing and peace to study and to learn and to grow and to dedicate ourselves to the Word of God and growing and overcoming.

That’s why Jesus said, right when He began His ministry, ‘Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.’ Not a comfortable righteousness that we all agree we settle on and like each other; that’s not really loving God. Too many are that way today. We’ll talk a little bit more about that when we get to the Laodiceans, because it is going to surprise a lot of people.

Let’s ask ourselves, each one of us, how many lies do I still believe? Whether they are taught by someone else? *or* whether we have them ourselves? Until we come to the point that *we have nothing we did not receive*, it all comes from God—everything: physically and spiritually.

There can never come a point with the Word of God that we can put our thumbs in our suspenders and say, ‘We know it all, sonny.’ No, we don’t, because this is the mind of God. We need to understand there are many more applications of the Word of God than we have ever thought there would be.

From here on in I want you to think about this applying to our age today and *why it is important to watch*. Sometimes the news will be difficult to handle. Some who are tender hearted, it’s hard to bear. I understand that. But unless in living in this age you realize the depravity to which we are sinking, you will never understand the punishment of God. You will say, ‘Why couldn’t God do it some other way? Why did He have to do it this way?’

Verse 7: “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in *different* places.” This has to be where there is instant communication and you know it almost immediately. If you lived back in the 1200s_{A.D.}, how would you ever know there were earthquakes in different places, because there are earthquakes all the time. Oh, you can understand about famines because you just got through about 300 years of famine through the Black Plague.

Verse 8: “Now, all these *things are* the beginning of sorrows.” Here’s a key for the end time. You do not know how long this time period is. It could be a long time. The time of sorrows because it builds and it builds.

Verse 9: “Then shall they **deliver you up to affliction...**” That is coming! Hatred of all Christianity, all forms of Christianity!

“...and **shall kill you...**” (v 9). Are you ready for that? They will offer you a way out. What will you do?

“...and you shall be **hated by all nations** for My name’s sake” (v 9). That applies to Israel and that applies to the Church in the end-time.

Verse 10: “And then shall **many be led into sin...** [all kinds of sin] ...and **shall betray** one another, and shall hate one another.” That surely is what is happening daily. We have to be aware of these things, brethren. I know that it’s a difficult load to handle some times, but we need to be watching and being prepared.

Verse 11: “And **many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many.**” How many brands of Christianity are there in the world? 1,000? I remember when the Church of God, way back when, they would say, ‘We are the only Church of God. Look at the Protestants out there. They have 450 denominations.’ What happened to the Church of God? *We have 450 denominations!*

That’s why we have the means today, through the Internet, to search out their beliefs, not what they claim to be. One man who claims to be the ‘Restored Church of God’ calls Fred Coulter an antichrist. I’ve been called a lot of different names, but I guess that’s the top one. How is that to love your brother?

Do we teach any doctrines that are against Christ? *No, we don’t!* We hold the Word of God in Truth and realize that only Truth can support Truth. Only the Spirit of God can lead us in Truth, because it is the Spirit of Truth. And only rightly dividing the Word of God is going to keep us in that Truth and that we don’t exalt ourselves over anyone. Why should that be?

Verse 12: “And because lawlessness shall be multiplied...” This is where we are. If you want to take this on a scale of 1 to 10, we’re probably about 7 to 8. *Lawlessness!* People make their own laws and reject the laws that are there. This is not talking about traffic laws. *This is talking about the laws of God.*

And now we have atheist churches. Do you know why they will be a success? Because they think they have gotten rid of the hypocrisy of the Christian churches that claim allegiance to God, but live just like they do. What do they have? They have all-inspiring music, nice big choirs. They have motivational and inspirational speeches—‘be the best you can be.’ Those who still go to the Christian churches fail to realize God hasn’t been there for a

long, long time. Why not go to the atheist church where they don’t want God and tell you so.

I think it’ll be interesting, because in time we will get some video of their services and so forth. I can’t see much difference between an atheist saying, ‘We don’t believe in God. We believe in doing good,’ and compare that with a Christian minister who stands up and says, ‘Jesus did away with the law.’ Is there any difference? *No!* “...lawlessness shall be multiplied...”

Remember, we saw that little clip on demographics, how to perpetuate the population. Those in the western world in many places are on the downside because they are not producing enough children to have the population in balance and filling in the gap are the Muslims and *the strangers within their gates* that they have 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and remember they are eligible to vote at age 18.

You need to think about that. All of those of you who are old and gray-headed you’ll probably say, ‘Hallelujah, I’ll be gone.’ Maybe God will be merciful that you will be gone, but that’s not the question. What are you going to do in your relationship with God between now and ‘sayonara day’?

Here’s what happens, “...**the love of many shall grow cold**” (v 12). That’s precisely what happens. Now in a lot of little towns you can find people love each other and get along better. But you go to some of these big cities, you almost have to wear a knight’s armored suit to feel as though you are safe.

Someone asked me one time, ‘Have you ever been to New York City?’ I said, ‘No, and I have no desire to go.’ Especially after I watch a History Channel presentation that New York City has been dedicated to Satan the devil. It’s all stamped in all of their monuments and buildings and stone engravings. It begins with the Statue of Liberty. ‘Oh, how dare you say that. That’s a sacred thing.’ Really? It was modeled after Diana the goddess of the Ephesians.

It’s nice to have that it’s a beacon of light. It would be good if they put a monument out there with a beacon of light and under the monument was the Word of God and you could walk around it and you could read the Ten Commandments of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ and that He is the Light of the world. That would be fine. But everything that *we think* is good is evil. Everything that *you think* in too many cases that is evil is considered good.

Jim was telling me about an article that was written by someone in the Church of God about we need to accept homosexual marriages. How can that be? “...the love of many shall grow cold.”

Here's where we are; this is what we need to do, v 13: "But **the one who endures to the end**, that one shall be saved." That's what we need to do. In today's world everything is geared to keep it cool, kick back and enjoy. Don't exert yourself. Don't get carried away with anything. Just be cool, brother. That's kind of lukewarm—wouldn't you say? What does it mean you have to endure?

- you have to apply yourself
- you have to continually draw close to God in prayer and study and things like that
- that's how you use the Spirit of God

Verse 14, this is very interesting. "And **this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be proclaimed in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come.**" That you know have to be end-time. When this was written, do you think the apostle had the faintest clue as to how that was going to be done?

Remember what Jesus told them in Acts 1 that 'you are My witnesses unto the end of the earth.' Lord, do I row? *or* Take a sailboat? How do I go? I don't mean to be factious, but it is to tell you that the writings of the apostles and their teachings would go clear to the ends of the world before it would be completed. That was so mammoth they couldn't understand it, but today we can understand it and look at the tools that we have to do it.

Look at how many people are preaching things concerning the end-time, whether in full Truth or in mixture of Truth and error. I think that nearly everyone, even if it has a mixture of Truth and error, understands that the *beast power* is going to be a worldwide gestapo government.

We can preach the Gospel better, more cheaply, and proliferated through the Internet than at any time in the history of the world. How much of a witness is a witness? *We're not told*, but we're not told to come to a point we think we've done enough and then we'll slack up and back off from there and leave it to the two witnesses. We'll talk about the two witnesses a little later because they have a special thing they are to do. Don't anyone send me a book that you are one of the two witnesses.

Let's put it this way. Since the return of Christ is going to be the greatest and most important thing and the most absolutely cataclysmic thing that is going to happen, that it can't be a little 'pipsqueak.' 'By the way, did you hear?' Because when Christ shakes the heavens and the earth (Rev. 6:12), this whole world is going to realize this is an invasion from outer space. and they will be correct. It's going to shake this earth.

As I mentioned concerning the rapture, don't count on that, because it isn't going to happen. I

think it is going to be mammoth. It is going to be intense. Everyone is going to hear. That means all the Churches of God, which is my prayer daily that we don't get lifted up in vanity and self, but that we repent to God and preach the Gospel and teach what is necessary. And that each one quit fighting against each other. You're not serving God. Pray for each other that

- they will be blessed in what they are doing
- that they will receive Truth and understanding in the things that they are doing
- that they will do the witnessing that they need to do,

lest Jesus Christ comes and says, 'What were you doing?'

Come back here to Luke 12 for just a minute. Luke 12:35: "Let your loins be girded about and *your* lamps burning... [continuously doing that] ...and you yourselves be like men who are waiting for their lord, whenever he shall return from the wedding feast; so that when he comes and knocks, they may immediately open to him" (vs 35-36).

You want the blessing of God? Here's what to do, v 37: "Blessed *are* those servants whom the lord, when he comes, shall find watching. Truly I say to you, he will gird himself, and will make them sit down, and will come *and* serve them." Isn't that something?

Verse 38: "And if he comes in the second watch, or comes in third watch, and finds *them* watching, blessed are those servants. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. Now you, therefore, be ready; for the Son of man is coming in an hour *that* you do not think" (vs 38-40). He's coming two ways:

1. the end of your life
2. His literal return

Whether we will be alive at that time or not, we don't know. But we are to be ready.

Verse 41: "Then Peter said to Him, 'Lord, are You speaking this parable to us only, or also to all?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the wise and faithful steward...'" (vs 41-42). That's what we all are.

- we are stewards of God's Word
- we are stewards of God's Spirit
- we are stewards of God's Truth

A steward is one who exercises power over the Lord's possession to make profit for the Lord. That's what a steward is. This is not you sitting on the

sidelines and you watch everything that goes along and you dash in a little bit and do a little bit and come back and sit back and don't do anything. No!

Verse 42: "And the Lord said, 'Who then is the wise and faithful steward, whom the lord shall put in charge of his household, to give to each one the portion of food in season? Blessed is that servant whom the lord, when he comes, shall find so doing'" (vs 42-43).

If it ends up like all the apostles, that you die before Christ returns, and everyone who has been a Christian has died, we need to be like the Apostle Paul when he knew he was going to exit this life. He said, 'I have run the course. I have finished the race. Henceforth, there is a crown of life laid up for me.' That's the attitude we need to have. Doesn't matter how young you are, how old you are, what your circumstances are, that's what it needs to be.

Verse 44: "Of a truth, I tell you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if..." (vs 44-45). We all have to make a judgment in these things ourselves. In reading these things, don't think if you find you yourself falling short that anybody is picking on you. Nobody is picking on you. If it's read from the Word of God, and it is true, then accept it for what it is. It comes from God. So you judge yourself.

"...But if that servant shall say in his heart, 'My lord delays his coming,' and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidservants, and to be gluttonous and become drunk, The lord of that servant will come in a day that he does not expect, and in an hour that he does not know, and will cut him asunder, and will appoint his portion with the unbelievers" (vs 45-46).

- Do you believe the Word of God is true?
- All of the Word of God to be true?

We find out, what did Jesus say? 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall never pass away.' *They are true!* They are in action, constantly. Just like the law of gravity and the gravitational power coming out of the earth to the surface and from the sun to the earth. Just like that, all the time.

We can't treat it like the law of gravity. We get so used to it we just walk around and everything is just fine. You don't know what's going to happen or how it's going to occur, so you always have to be ready.

The comment was made to expound a little bit about the glutton and drunkard. It's not just the physical drunkenness. What kind of drunkenness? From whose cup does that come? *Babylon the Great and the golden cup of her fornication and her doctrines!*

Understand this: ***Everything we need God has provided in His Word and with His calendar!*** He has preserved true histories, where we need that to confirm what has happened. Those are discoverable. But we can never go to the Christianity of this world and say, 'How did you believe this doctrine?'

There is one man who has been a minister for as long as I have known him, so that's got to be well over 50 years, who is now saying and teaching that God the Father married the Holy Spirit. ***Nowhere does the Bible say that!*** That's why the first thing Jesus said, ***'Be on guard.'***

- guard yourself
- guard your thoughts
- guard your behavior
- guard the Word of God

—because He's given it to us. This is greater than gold, greater than silver which you would probably store away because it's valuable. God wants this to be so valuable you put it in your mind.

So Jesus says: "...and will appoint his portion with the unbelievers. And that servant who knew the will of his lord, but did not prepare..." (vs 46-47). What's the will of God? *That we attain to the Kingdom of God, to be kings and priests!* That is a lifetime education.

"...nor did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes; but the one who did not know, and did things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For to whomever much has been given, from him shall much be required; and to whom much has been committed, from him they will demand the more" (vs 47-48). We've had a lot given to us. We need to

- develop it
- expand it
- spread it
- teach it

with every fiber of our being. Never can we at any time sit back and say, 'We've done all we can do.' How do you know? We don't know what can be done.

Verse 49: I came to cast fire into the earth, and what will I, if it already be kindled?" What do you want from God?

There is the warning, going through Matt. 24 and Luke 12 gives us a good foundation of the things that we need to do and will help prepare us for going through the rest of the things in the *14 Things to Watch in Prophecy*. A lot of them will come fast and there they will be.

Just like when we watch the Middle East. Who would have ever thought that the Russians would be the power player in the Middle East to thwart the United States of America? Who would have ever thought that the Russians would have enough moral backbone to say that homosexual marriage is wrong? Think about it!

You go back how many years you have been in the Church and think about those things. Those things are going to happen quickly. ***We don't know how it's going to come, so we need to really be prepared!.***

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14 Things to Watch in Prophecy IV

The reason that we cover a lot of these things and look at them is because we're watching them develop. Number six was the Fall of the Modern Descendants of Israel (see part 3 this series).

VII. Kings of the North and the East

The beginning of this we find in Dan. 11. Let's talk about Europe because in order for the King of the North to develop there has to be a transformation take place in Europe. We have a pattern of this with the rise of Hitler. Europe was in great depression; Germany was completely impotent, and that gave rise to Hitler.

European-wise we see the same thing, plus you have in Europe all the Muslims; something has to happen to them. Otherwise, they take over all of Europe and Europe becomes nonexistent. Something is going to have to happen there. But nevertheless, it will happen, and one of the ten heads of *the beast* in Rev. 13 will become the King of the North.

Once the King of the North comes down and conquers Egypt, goes into the Holy Land—and then we'll cover the abomination of desolation—here's what's going to happen:

Daniel 11:44: "But tidings out of the east..." Does this not make much more sense today than 40 years ago? *Yes, indeed!* China is threatening six different areas where they are on a 'war footing,' trying out the power that they have now. The reports are, and I've seen them, they're building these express rails—bullet trains—two lines going west into Russia and then into southern Europe.

Kazakhstan is trying to build a big gas line going west. If they get it to Syria, that's going to put a lot of pressure on the gulf states and their economies. We don't know what's going to happen with the gulf states and Iran with the nuclear problem that is there today.

Speculation: My opinion is that since Benjamin Netanyahu has been strapped down by the Obama administration, the Jews are not sitting there weeping, crying, twittling their thumbs and ringing their hands. I believe—this is my opinion—if I were them I would get all my computer experts and technology—and they have some of the best in the world—and I would suspect that there may be a nuclear underground 'accident' in one or two of the processing centers that the Iranian's have.

Another thing that the Israelis are doing: they are training their pilots for all of Iran, the whole Middle East and the eastern part of the Mediterranean Sea. They used to have their pilots fly the planes, but now they actually have these

simulator planes and they have the full view of the entire geographical area where they are flying—wherever it is. They know all the details of Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey and Syria. They know where everything it is. Keep your eye on that, too.

"...and out of the north shall alarm him.... [Of course, Russia and China are aligned more than ever before.] ...Then he will go forth with great fury to destroy and to utterly annihilate many" (v 44).

Let's see the fulfillment. Let's backup and get a timeframe so we know what we're talking about. We know that the Tribulation is going to be three and a half years. The first part of the Tribulation is going to come against the modern nations of the United States and Britain. We also know from Hosea 5:31 and 6:1-3 that God is going to leave Israel alone until they return to God. The prophecy in Hos. 6 is that after two days God will revive us and in the third day we will be made to 'stand up.'

Each day is a year in prophecy, so at the beginning of the third year of the Tribulation, that's when we have the sign of the Son of man, the opening of the heavens and the sealing of the 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude. After that there's a period of time. The events going on in the Philippines with the great cyclone that went through there...

Let's do a little comparing: here's the earth, Christ makes Himself known by ripping open the heavens and rolling them back like a scroll. He shakes the heavens, the earth, the sea and everything. This is going to make most of the world look like what happened in the Philippines. I was watching this very carefully. It took them two weeks to get roads opened. When this happens—and if this happens on Pentecost, which it probably does (Rev. 7). Then we come to:

Rev. 8 probably begins on Trumpets because the first of the 'trumpet plagues' is blown. That gives a three and a half month period for the world to get things re-organized so they can start fighting each other again. I think that makes more sense when you put it all together.

Revelation 8:1: "Now, when He opened the seventh seal... [out of which comes the 7 trumpet plagues] ...*there* was silence in heaven *for* about a half hour. Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. And another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar; and much incense was given to him, so that he might offer *it* with the prayers of

all the saints on the golden altar that *was* before the throne” (vs 1-3).

This shows no one has gone to heaven. Everyone is on the earth praying—that is the saints! (v 4).

Verse 5: “And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire from the altar, and cast *it* into the earth; and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake. Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound *their* trumpets” (vs 5-6). Just like the seals, the first four come 1, 2, 3, 4 right after another; likewise, with the ‘trumpet plagues’—1, 2, 3, 4!

Verse 6: “And the first angel sounded *his* trumpet; and there was hail and fire mingled with blood, and it was cast upon the earth; and a third of the trees were burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. Then the second angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* was cast into the sea as *it were* a great mountain burning with fire, and a third of the sea became blood; and a third of the living creatures that *were* in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. And the third angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* fell out of heaven a great star, burning like a lamp; and it fell on a third of the rivers, and on the fountains of waters. Now, the name of the star is Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood; and many men died from *drinking* the waters because they were made bitter. Then the fourth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and a third of the sun was smitten, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars; so that a third of them were darkened; and a third part of the day did not shine, and likewise *a third part of the night*” (vs 6-12).

This answers the question: Why did Jesus say that ‘no man knows the day or the hour’? *Because the earth, the moon in relationship with the sun has been changed!* Therefore, you really don’t know what day it really is. Though this may happen on Trumpets, you don’t know how long it is until the next Pentecost when the resurrection occurs.

The earth may be moved out of its orbit enough so it could be a day or two or three difference from the Calculated Hebrew Calendar that is in effect at the present time.

No man knows the day or the hour! That’s why we can know some of the times and seasons based on the Holy Days, but not the day or the hour, because of these astronomical events that are taking place.

Verse 13: “And I looked; and I heard an angel flying in the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, ‘Woe, woe, woe to those who are dwelling on the earth, because of the voices of the

remaining trumpets of the three angels who *are* about to sound *their* trumpets.’”

We have a real phenomena taking place. Satan the devil pulls out all stops! Now he has permission to do something that he has wanted to do for a long time! What is that?

Remember in 2-Peter, Peter writes that God cast the angels that sinned into Tartarus, Greek for a *place of restraint!* Satan has wanted to get them out of there so *he* will have more power. It’s going to happen beginning in Rev. 9. this is what is going to empower the kings of the north—actually the *beast power* retaliating to the north and to the east—and then will empower greatly the kings of the east.

As we look today and see China rising and India rising, Vietnam, Malaysia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Iran—all of those nations coming up. They are going to be involved in this great fantastic fight that’s going to take place.

Revelation 9:1: “And the fifth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and I saw a star *that* had fallen from heaven to the earth... [remember, stars are angels] ...and there was given to him... [showing that it is an angel] ...the key to the bottomless abyss.” That’s where all the demons are held in captivity.

Verse 2: “And he opened the bottomless abyss; and there went up smoke from the pit, like *the* smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the pit. Then locusts came onto the earth from the smoke...” (vs 2-3). These are picturing the demons coming out.

“...and power was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was said to them that they should not damage the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree...” (vs 3-4). Why does it say that? *Remember, all of the green grass was burned up! A third of the trees were burned up!* This shows a period of time. We’re coming from Pentecost on down to Trumpets and a little bit past.

What happens when there’s a great fire? *As soon as there’s any kind of moisture, the grass grows!* It doesn’t matter what the event was, it grows! Here the grass grew back. They needed the grass to help the oxygen supply in the world.

“...or any green thing, or any tree... [because the trees were also reviving] ...but only the men who did not have the seal of God in their foreheads” (v 4). Showing that those who have the seal of God or the Holy Spirit of God have not yet been resurrected; they’re still on the earth.

Remember, before this, there were a great number that were martyred in the fifth seal (Rev. 7). Then we have the 144,000 and great innumerable

multitude. They were sealed! It's talking about all these people here.

Verse 5: "And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment *was* like *the* torment of a scorpion when it stings a man."

I don't know that is. I don't like scorpions and the worst thing in the world that I've seen on television is Andrew Zimmer and Bazaar Foods. People eat roasted scorpions! I don't know how they do that! I guess very carefully! I don't know what it's like to be stung by a scorpion; I'm not going to try and test it out either.

Verse 6: "And in those days men will seek death..." Here's what's going to happen: The King of the North is going to come down and take over where the King of the South is. He's going to hear of all the troubles and difficulties in the north and east, and here is going to come this great demonic super-weapon to immobilize them for five months. They will "...seek death..."

Verse 7: "And the appearance of the locusts *was* like horses prepared for war; and on their heads *were* crowns like *those* of gold; and their faces *were* like *the* faces of men; and they had hair like women's hair; and their teeth were like *those* of lions. And they had breastplates like iron breastplates; and the sound of their wings *was* like *the* sound of chariots *drawn* by many horses running to war" (vs 7-9). This sounds an awful lot like many of the planes and helicopter that are available today that we know of, which could not be known then.

Can you imagine right after John had written this vision and it was sent out to the churches and they were read this? *This is astonishing!* They had no concept of everything being worldwide. We have that concept today because we know it, it's real!

This is why, at first, half of the churches did not accept the book of Revelation. This is why the Vaticanus New Testament does not have the book of Revelation in it. Remember, the Vaticanus came from Egypt. Remember: *trust nothing from Egypt at any time!*

Currently on the History Channel is playing all the Gnostic gospels, all worked out in episodes, especially the one concerning Mary Magdalene, who is supposed to be the wife of Jesus Christ. Thomas was supposed to have written that Mary Magdalene kissed Jesus very lovingly. This is where they get the 'Knights Templar' and the 'Holy Grail,' because Jesus was supposed to have had children with Mary Magdalene.

If you were asked to disprove that from the Bible, how would you do it? It can be done! I want you to think on that for just a minute!

Sidebar: The One Who became Jesus Christ was the Lord God of the Old Testament. We find in Ezek. 16 that God was married to Israel. In Isa. 58 He says, 'I am your husband.' What are the terms of marriage? *Until death do you part!* This was a covenant! That's why Jesus had to die. The answer comes out in Rom. 7 that Christ died to complete the covenant with Israel so He would be free, so that the New Testament Church could marry Him. God will not commit adultery spiritually, even with the relationship with Israel and the children of Israel; even though He gave Israel a divorce and sent her away. He did not remarry!

Verse 10: "And they had tails like scorpions, and stingers; and they were *given* power to injure men with their tails *for* five months. And they have over them a king, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew *is* Abaddon, but *the* name he has in Greek *is* Apollyon.... [Satan the devil!] ...The first woe is past...." (vs 10-12). Let's see the prophecy of the greatest army in the history of the world; it's actually called *armies*. You cannot have one army with this many in it. There are many armies and you can't have them all in one place at one time.

Verse 12: "The first woe is past. Behold, after these things two more woes are still to come. And the sixth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar that *is* before God; *and* it said to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet, 'Loose the four angels who are bound in the great River Euphrates'" (vs 12-14). How is that for a place for a prison? They're loosed!

Verse 15: "Then the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year... [God alone knows this] ...were loosed, so that they might kill a third of men; and the number of *the armies* of the horsemen *was* two hundred thousand thousand; and I heard the number of them" (vs 15-16).

Think about what China is going to have to become. They have a population of about 1.8-billion at the present time. A full third of the peasants are still working on the farms as they used to. They have built many cities to move them out of the farming areas and into these cities. They have built 70 cities, each of them able to hold 3-5 million people. They are sitting there empty!

They're going to have to rise to such a great economic power, the greatest that has ever been in the history of the world. It's going to be awesome when it does. They are going to use their power virtually any way they want to. It's going to be quite a thing when that takes place—200-million!

Verse 17: "And so I saw the horses in the vision, and those sitting on them, who had fiery

breastplates, even like jacinth and brimstone. And the heads of the horses *were* like heads of lions, and fire and smoke and brimstone shoot out of their mouths. By these three a third of men were killed: by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone that shoot out of their mouths” (vs 17-18).

I want you think of the great terrible devastation that this is going to bring on the whole world. When we are resurrected and we come back to the earth to rule with Christ, ***we are going to inherit a great, gigantic catastrophe!*** God is going to use us to straighten it out. That’s why it’s very important that we understand that God has called us to this, and that we rise above what most ‘religions’ do, and that is ***play church!***

Yield to God and let His Holy Spirit

- lead us
- guide us
- cleanse us
- perfect us
- give us the mind of Christ

and through the washing of the water by the Word

- have our minds cleansed daily

Think of all the images that we have coming into our mind!

When you sit down and watch the news, never before have people been submitted to that kind of thing. Remember that all of these things go into your mind, even if it’s just a flash of something. This is why we need to pray everyday, ‘Lord, cleanse my mind with the washing of the water by the Word.’ These are big-time things that are going to happen, and this is what God has called us to.

Verse 19: “For their power is in their mouths; for their tails *are* like serpents, *and* have heads, and with them they inflict wounds.” We know that these are men. They might have demonic power—absolutely for sure; they might have technological things that we have talked about, like extra strength as men because of the apparatuses that they’re able to devise. But nevertheless, they are still men against men, regardless of the weaponry that they have.

Verse 20: “But the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the works of their hands...” All the way through, ***God demands repentance!***

“...that they might not worship demons, and idols of gold and silver and brass and stone and wood, which do not have the power to see, nor to hear, nor to walk. And ***they did not repent*** of their murders... [so these are men] ...nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornications, nor of their thievery” (vs 20-21).

VIII. The Temple in Jerusalem Must be Built

First of all, let’s see about the canonization of the New Testament. Let’s see what Matt. 24 tells us. The key to understanding at the end-time is this. Many of these things happened with the destruction of the temple in 70_{A.D.} But not all these things took place. We’re going to see one very profound.

Matthew 24:33: “In like manner also, when you see ***all these things***, know that it is near, even at *the doors.*” The key is *all these things!* What was missing in 70_{A.D.}? There was the temple! It was destroyed! But what was missing?

Verse 15: “‘Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy place’ (the one who reads, let him understand).” This was Jesus speaking verbally to His disciples, but he did not say that last phrase: “...the one who reads, let him understand.”

He did not say that! Why did God have that put in there? *Because, the abomination that makes desolate’ did not happen with the destruction of the temple in 70_{A.D.}!*

Let’s combine that with something else, with Rev. 11. When the Apostle John wrote the book of Revelation, he was getting close to 100-years-old. He, and probably Philip and Andrew^[transcriber’s correction] helped him in canonizing the New Testament. They all knew that the temple was destroyed in 70_{A.D.} If it was destroyed and this vision was given approximately 25-28 years later, this presents a problem in understanding Matt. 24 without that parenthetical statement. Here’s why:

Revelation 11:1: “Then *the angel* gave me a measuring rod like a staff, saying, ‘Arise and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it.’” This was in vision! This is for the end-time, because toward the end of the chapter is when the two witnesses are resurrected. John could see from this that the temple had to be re-built.

Verse 2: “But leave out the court that *is* within the temple *area*, and do not measure it because it has been given *up* to the Gentiles; and they shall trample upon the Holy city *for* forty-two months.”

John, Philip and Andrew canonized and finalized the New Testament of which 2-Thess. 2 was part. What is interesting is that the first epistle that Paul wrote was 1-Thess., which was in 50 or 52_{A.D.}^[transcriber’s correction] 2-Thess. was shortly after that. Let’s see how Paul was given the key on what is the *abomination of desolation that stands in the Holy Place.*

Sidebar: When Antiochus Epiphanes did

when he offered swine on the altar and sprinkled swine's blood all around, that was not the abomination that makes desolate as referred to in the New Testament. They recovered from that and the temple was reconstituted and came down to the time of Herod the Great when he was wanting to make the temple more glorified. That's the temple that was in existence when Christ was on the earth.

That was destroyed, but notice this prophecy, 2-Thessalonians 2:1: "Now, we beseech you, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him... [the resurrection] ...that you not be quickly shaken in mind, nor be troubled—neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by epistle, as if from us, *saying* that the day of Christ is present. Do not let anyone deceive you by any means because *that day will not come unless the apostasy shall come first*..." (vs 1-3).

This is complete apostasy *by the whole world* from God, and we are rapidly approaching this. The apostasy after the canonizing of the New Testament has no bearing on this prophecy. There was no temple desolated at that time.

"...and the man of sin shall be revealed—the son of perdition, the one who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is an object of worship; so that he comes into the temple of God and sits down as God, proclaiming that he himself is God" (vs 3-4). That did not happen in 70 A.D.

The closest that this came was after Titus conquered Jerusalem and finally had conquered the temple area. He came up into the area of Fort Antonia and stood up on the wall and looked down on the temple area. His words were, 'We could not have accomplished this without the help of God!' Remember, God called Nebuchadnezzar 'My servant.' Titus was God's servant in destroying Jerusalem then. But the temple was destroyed, he did not go stand in it. He did not want it burned, but the soldiers saw all of the gold and they put it on fire so they could get the gold. All the gold melted and the rocks expanded and cracked open and guess where the gold went? *Down in the cracks!*

You know that if you want gold and you see it, you're going to move heaven and earth to get it—right? That's how there was not one stone left standing upon another stone.

"...he comes into the temple of God and sits down as God, proclaiming that he himself is God" (v 4). John, Philip and Andrew knew that that did not happen. That's why that statement is in parenthesis in Matt. 24 and Mark 13—*the one who reads let him understand!* This was inspired insertion by God so that we are alert to what happens in prophecy here in 2-Thess., as described by Paul, had not yet

occurred. This is for the future time.

There has to be a temple rebuilt. That's why you've heard me say 'go online and look up Temple Institute.' You'll see that they have so many things already to go. You can rest assured of one thing: The Jews will never sign any peace treaty with anyone unless they have an absolute guarantee that they can build their temple and that guarantee is protected militarily! *That will be coming!*

Verse 5: "Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I told you these things? And now you understand what is holding *him* back in order for him to be revealed in his own set time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already working... [What did Jesus say about lawlessness at the end-time? *It will be multiplied!*] ...only *there is* one Who is restraining at the present *time* until it arises out of *the midst*" (vs 5-7). When you read Rev. 13, where does *the beast* rise from? *The sea!* One of the horns claims that it is God.

Verse 8: "And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth, and will destroy with the brightness of His coming)." That shows there must be a temple at the time that Jesus returns. That's why the statement in Matt. 24 and Mark 13 is in parenthesis.

Verse 9: "*even* the one whose coming is according to *the* inner working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are perishing because they did not receive the love of the Truth, so that they might be saved" (vs 9-10).

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- 6) 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10

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- Revelation 7; 8:4
- Ezekiel 16
- Isaiah 58
- Romans 7
- Mark 13

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14 Things to Watch in Prophecy V

Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath services. We're sending out in the mailing, which comes this week, *Why Christianity Has Failed in America*—it's equally true for Britain, Australia and New Zealand, as well as South Africa, or we can say, the whole Commonwealth—written by Phil Neal, our editor. In the back we have an appendix: *Has Christianity's Decline Spawned Atheist Churches?* There are atheist churches meeting on Sunday. That goes along with an article that Jim gave me, which I will save for another sermon that I'm going to give on the rise of atheism.

Satanists Tug on Bible Belt

(montereyherald.com/religion/ci_24718886/satanists-tug-bible-belt)

Oklahoma, you can say, is the exact smack-dab center of American Bible belt. My wife is from there and is cheering.

The legislature approved setting up a Ten Commandment monument like the one that Judge Roy Moore had the Supreme Court say to get rid of. Now then, the atheists are going to come down and put up a memorial for themselves in Oklahoma right alongside the Ten Commandments.

You see what happens when you think one thing, like our Founders did concerning freedom of religion. They didn't want a state religion like Catholicism in Europe, nor the Church of England in England, which by the way restricts everything so the Gospel could really not have been preached out of England. It had to be centered in America because we had freedom of religion—and we have had it.

However, they failed to understand what it means that you can have freedom of religion. They did not think of all the pagan religions coming here 200 years later. Now they are here. What are you going to do with them? The ones from the Mediterranean islands, part of their religion is smoking pot. They are way ahead of Washington State and Colorado.

What is the last verse in the book of Judges? Here is what is happening in America! Freedom, if it is governed with God's laws—which brings true freedom—would not allow any of these things to happen.

Look at the very last verse, Judges 21:25: "In those days *there was* no king in Israel. Every man did *what was* right in his own eyes"—because of freedom of speech. There needs to be freedom of speech, but what happens with that? *The same thing as freedom of religion*; sooner or later! With man, 'there is way that seems right to a man' and

everybody says, 'Oh, the Constitution of the United States is nearly as sacred as the Bible.' *It's not!* Besides, those in the executive branch and Senate of the United States of America disregard the Constitution. It is virtually de-facto—zip! And who knows whether any of it can be restored to any form of decency in the next few coming years.

I'm going to give a little more new for you, because there's a lot of news happening. You're not going to hear it on the regular news channels or news outlets. Maybe some of it you will hear on some talk shows. Most people if they hear Michael Savage they say, 'He is a raving lunatic.' However, if you can listen to him on the radio, you will see he has a lot of good things and many of them are Biblically based. However, he does not understand the Truth of God.

Every time you take part of the Truth of God, you can go so far and then you come up against a wall. Likewise with this health care, called ObamaCare, which now they are trying to say if you call it ObamaCare you're a racist. What does that make Obama, because he calls it ObamaCare himself?

Remember I talked to you about Raymond Kurzweil. He and Eric Schmidt of Google worked together to try and bring about transhumanism in the way of computers and controlling the mind. What does Google want to do? How's this? They want to put microphones in your ceiling and microchips in your head. You don't need a phone anymore.

- Remember the verse in Deut. 28?
- Can you already feel the oppression of ObamaCare?

or

- Are you anticipating more oppression with ObamaCare? *Try the local police!*

Deuteronomy 28:43: "The stranger *dwelling* among you shall get up above you very high, and you shall come down very low." That's because they will force control on everyone.

Let's look at a couple more headlines. I won't get into the details of it.

The Administration is Amending the Constitution by Statute

(thedailybell.com/editorials/34815/Wendy-McElroy-Obama-Amends-the-Constitution-By-Statute/)

Time's Magazine Person of the Year is Pope Francis I.

Have you read anything what's happening in Argentina? *It is a socialist state!* Only this socialism

starts with a 'C' and not an 'S' and the pope really loves that.

The Belgium Senate Votes to Extend Euthanasia to Children
(bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-25364745)

Remember when they started out with fighting over abortion? Everyone who said, 'This will eventually come to the point that euthanasia will be the law of the land as well.' *Oh, no, it won't, you're a nut!* Really?

DARPA is funding an implantable chip far more advanced than digital angel. MMEA: Multiple Micro Electrode Array
(<http://www.cuttingedge.org/news/n1875.cfm>)

It's coming!

Just the other day here's a man right outside in our parking lot from the Verizon telephone center there and he's flying the latest little thing that is a little helicopter. Have you seen the ad where Amazon.COM^[transcriber's correction] wants to deliver to your front door in half an hour? Or Best Buy wants to deliver to your door in half hour? This has four little electric motors on it. You cannot hear it. It is so technical that just with a little flip of the switch can turn upside down. All that technology in four little microchips on the four little electrical propelled engines.

I want you to think about this verse and see how it's going to come about. We see it. So the moral of the story is this: God's Word will always be fulfilled to the maximum, never to the minimum. The only mitigating factor will be individual repentance by people toward God.

Let's continue on with the 14 things that are going to happen in prophecy. Last time we covered:

VIII. The Temple in Jerusalem Must be Built and the 'abomination of desolation'

So this time we're going to cover:

IX. The False Prophet

Let's come to the book of Revelation. Remember that under Satan's system the religious leader always ordains and sanctifies the civil leader. We will look at some things in the book of Zechariah, but Rev. 13 does not label the false prophet with the word 'false prophet.' We will see it does in two other places.

Also, always remember this: ***If God says it once, it will happen!*** A lot of people look at that and say, 'He doesn't repeat it, so it may not really be so.'

Here's an interesting thing concerning Rev. 13. The first part covers the *civil beast*, which will have its leader, one of the ten heads, the one that was

wounded to death and came back to life. For the second one, let's see how it identifies what it really is.

Revelation 13:7 and we'll finish with *the beast*: "And he was given *power* to make war against the saints... [you can see that all building up, coming to it] ...and to overcome them and, **he was given authority over every tribe and language and nation.**" That is a *world government* and it will be fully ready to go with all the technologies that they are working on right now very furiously.

Verse 8: "And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from *the* foundation of *the* world. **If anyone has an ear, let him hear**" (vs 8-9). Wherever it says that, we always have to pay great attention to what is said.

Verse 11: "And I saw another beast rising out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, but spoke like a dragon; and he exercises all the authority of the first beast before him; and he causes the earth and those who dwell therein to worship the first beast... [Isn't that what we found in 2-Thes. 2?] ...whose deadly wound was healed."

Verse 13: "And he performs great wonders, so that he even causes fire to come down to the earth from heaven in the sight of men." That is a religious figure.

Sidebar: The sum of the Seventh Day Adventists' belief is that the first beast is the pope and the second beast is the United States of America. They couldn't be more wrong.

Someone asked me to give my opinion concerning the SDAs. I'll tell you the Bible evaluation, because my opinion doesn't count. The Bible shows, aside from the Sabbath and taking care of the families and children, everything else has been transferred over from a form of Catholicism into the SDA church.

Verse 14: "And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by means of the wonders that were given to him to perform in the sight of the beast..." Just like it was written by Paul in 2-Thes. 3 that Jannes and Jambres were the two that withstood Moses and Aaron, these are the two that are going to withstand the two witnesses.

"...saying to those who dwell on the earth that they should make an image for the beast, which had the wound by the sword, yet was alive. And he was given *power* to give life to the image of the beast..." (vs 14-15). Go back to Dan. 3 and you have the great image that Nebuchadnezzar had made. That's a type of the one that is coming at the end time.

With all the technology today, you know that everyone is going to be testing this thing to see whether it actually speaks or whether it is a technological creation. It's going to be a pure satanic operation and it will speak.

"...and he causes everyone who will not worship the image of the beast to be killed" (v 15). So, the time is going to come, you can do all that you try and do now, but:

- How did all the apostles die?
- How did many of the Christians die?
- How did many of those, for just the name of Jesus, down to this day been killed?

We are moving into a time when that will be a reality. They will have such technology that no one anywhere will have a place to hide. If our hiding place is not God the Father and Jesus Christ... This is not a joyous thing to have. However, what if Jeremiah said to God, 'Oh, God, this is such a terrible message. I want to give some good, happy messages.' God said, 'I'm replacing you.' Sometimes these things need to be said. Our joy comes from the fact that:

- we have the Holy Spirit of God
- we worship God the Father and Jesus Christ directly
- we pray for strength and protection as God wants to give it to us

Then everything else goes from there.

Verse 16: "And he... [refers back to the one that the image was made to or *the beast* of the government] ...causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, to receive a mark in their hands, or in their foreheads; So that no one may have the ability to buy and sell unless he has the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (vs 16-17).

In today's economic society, if you don't have your credit card, and if you have some cash that will only go so far, then guess what? *We'll have to face the reality of it!*

Here's where it mentions concerning *the false prophet* and *the beast*, Revelation 16:12: "And the sixth angel poured out his vial into the great river Euphrates... [after it was dried up the first time it began to flow again; here it's flowing] ...and its waters were dried up, so that the way of the kings of the rising of *the sun* might be prepared. Then I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet" (vs 12-13). If you put it together with Rev. 13, what do you have?

1. Satan

2. the beast
3. the false prophet

Three—a trinity!

God has a surprise for them, Revelation 19:19: "And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, gathered together to make war with Him Who sits on the horse, and with His army.... [No contest!] ...And the beast was taken... [God has a special thing for the beast] ...and with him the false prophet who worked miracles in his presence, by which he had deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. Those two were cast alive into the Lake of Fire, which burns with brimstone" (vs 19-20). Then we know what's going to happen to Satan. He's going to be captured and bound in the bottomless abyss.

Speculation: I'm sure that many of you have read Zech. 5 and wondered what on earth could it mean. I would like to propose something that we can think on. Let's hope that this helps us understand it.

Zechariah 5:1: "Then I again lifted up my eyes and looked. And behold! A flying scroll. And he said to me, 'What do you see?' And I answered, 'I see a flying scroll; its length *is* twenty cubits, and its width ten cubits.' And he said to me, 'This *is* the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth...'" (vs 1-3). What else are we told in Rev. 12:9 about the whole world? *Satan is deceiving the whole world!*

"...for everyone who steals shall be cut off according to it; and everyone who swears from now on shall be cut off according to it. I will bring it forth,' says the LORD of hosts; 'and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him who swears falsely by My name. And it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall devour it, and its timber and its stones'" (3-4). In other words, eventually everyone believes in this cursed thing, it's going to cause God's power to come upon them in judgment.

Verse 5: "Then the angel who talked with me went forth and said to me, 'Now lift up your eyes and see what this *is* that goes forth.' And I said, 'What *is* it?' And he said, 'This *is* the measuring container that goes forth.' And moreover he said, 'This *is* their resemblance throughout all the earth. And behold, a round lead cover was lifted up, and a woman *was* sitting upon the measuring container'" (vs 5-7). What do we have in Rev. 17?

Verse 8: "And he said, 'This *is* wickedness.' And he threw her down into the midst of the measuring container. And he thrust down the round lead cover over its opening." Put a cap on it. Is this a

type of holding something in abeyance until it's time to spring forth? *Very much so!*

Verse 9: "And I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, two women came out..." Let's stop and think about that for just a minute. In history the Babylonian period was called an 'axial period' of time, which means that everything before the Babylonian Empire came to an end. Now we have something new coming out of Babylon. This developed during the days of Nebuchadnezzar.

They trace all the eastern religions back to Babylon. They trace western Christianity back to Babylon. The pope is called 'his holiness.' The dalai lama is called 'his holiness.' Could it be that these two women represent the eastern religions and the western religions that come together and the pope will end up being the leader? *I don't know, but this seems to make sense!* So, we can't say dogmatically, but we can say this is something to think on.

"...And the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork. And they lifted up the measuring container between the earth and the heavens. And I said to the angel who talked with me, 'Where *are* they going with the measuring container?' And he said to me, 'To build a house for it in the land of Shinar... [Babylon, where both these religions came from] ...and when it is prepared she shall be set there in her own place'" (vs 9-11).

I bring that forth as something to consider in the things that will take place. You can't lay everything on the Catholic Church alone, because that leaves all the eastern religions out of the mix and you cannot do that. They all have come out of Babylon.

If you're going to have the woman—Babylon the Great—ride the beast (Rev. 17) and the beast has power over all the earth, it has to be more than the Catholic Church, because she has her daughters. The daughters are full grown, all the religions of the world. Remember, they have been working on having a conglomerate one-world religion for well over a hundred years. I have shown you the Scriptures that they have in past sermons. I brought this out on Church at Home. Maybe I ought to give another sermon on it.

Let's look at something else. 2-Tim. 3 is also talking about the last days. Let's see what we are dealing with. I've been doing something in my mind as I am watching the commercials and all these commercials for Christmas and everything. I've been following that along with:

1-John 2:15: "Do not love the world, nor the things *that are* in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him because everything that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh,

and the lust of the eyes, and the pretentious pride of physical life—is not from the Father, but is from the world" (vs 15-16). That goes all the way back to the first sin of Adam and Eve: *the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pretentious pride of life* that 'we will decide for ourselves what is right and what is wrong.'

This describes this world today, 2-Timothy 3:1: "Know this also, that in *the* last days perilous times shall come."

Sidebar: What did Jesus say? *There is coming a time of tribulation that has not been since the beginning of the world and shall never ever be again!* When God says He's going to fulfill these Scriptures, they are going to be maximum not minimum.

Verse 2: "For men will be lovers of self..." That's the first very thing that God cannot work with. What are we to do? What did Jesus say we are to do? *'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God!'* How are we to serve God? *He loves us; we are to love Him in return with all our heart, all our mind, all our soul, and with all our strength!* "...lovers of self..." That could not epitomize this world today any more.

Sidebar: There was on the news this bus driver who had a whole bus full of rowdy young teenagers. So he stopped the bus, called the police. The policeman came into the bus and stood in the front of the bus. They showed the camera that was on the bus looking back at all the students in the bus and it showed the back of the policeman's head. He was correcting them saying, 'You cannot do these things. You must control yourself. You cannot be fighting and arguing and quarrelling.' He was suspended. That's what happens when you get bleeding hearts and liberal ideas. You can't discipline your children. You can't spank your children and they grow up to be absolute hideous brats. "...lovers of self..."!

"...lovers of money... [Just like this little song today, 'We get our welfare and you pay for it.'] ...braggarts... [whoopie-do] ...proud... [from the highest office in the land] ...blasphemers... [Atheists! It falls as this book shows at the doorsteps of the pulpits of the Christian churches in America.] ...disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy" (v 2).

Try and take away the cell phone from your kids and restrict their access to their computers, and have them sit down and read the book of Proverbs with you. You just consider that.

Verse 3: "Without natural affection... [all kinds of unnatural affection] ...implacable... [you couldn't budge them with a bulldozer] ...slanderers, without self-control..." Remember the sit-in at Wall

Street? The police were ordered, ‘Do not arrest anyone. Do not do anything to them.’ They trashed the place, raped women, took drugs.

“...savage... [the police come, they are attacked] ...despisers of those who are good. Betrayers, reckless, egotistical, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (vs 3-4). *Yes, indeed!* If you don’t believe that, go online for all the sports—college or professional; you have baseball, basketball, hockey, all kinds. You can find jackets, shirts, shoes, just for that sport. You can find pictures of the stars, who endorsed the jackets and the shoes, and all of those things. People become so engrossed with it that they all wear the tee shirt with the number of their famous sport figure. **Lovers of pleasure and idolaters**—right? *Yes, indeed!* Right before our very eyes!

On top of it, v 5: “Having an outward appearance of Godliness... [Yet, 90% of the people say, ‘We believe in God—caveat—the way I want to.’] ...but denying the power of true Godliness. But *as for you*, turn away from *all* these. For from *men such as* these come those who are worming their way into houses, and are gaining control over empty-headed *gullible* women...” (vs 5-6).

In addition to all the pornography, they have on the regular channels the inner workings of the Kardashian family. What do you find there? *Empty-headed gullible women* arguing over who is the prettiest, who has the dress, and all this sort of thing.

“...given over to *various* sins, *being* driven by all kinds of lust. *They are* always learning but *are* never able to come to *the* knowledge of *the* Truth” (vs 6-7).

I wanted to cover this before we come to the next point, which will be *The Two Witnesses*. Verse 8: “Now just as Jannes and Jambres stood against Moses... [and you can put Aaron; they were two] ...in the same manner also these are *brazenly* standing against the Truth; *they are* men of depraved minds, reprobate in respect to the faith.” What’s going to happen to them?

Verse 9: “But they will proceed no further, because their folly will become clearly evident to everyone, just as theirs also was.”

X. The Two Witnesses

We covered the part concerning the temple. Why does God do this? Why are there the *two* witnesses?

Sidebar: I will show you in a little bit that neither of the two witnesses come from any of the Churches of God—period! There have been some men who proclaimed others to be the two witnesses. I remember that, years ago, when we were just

learning of God’s way and in the college. Later on it became very strong that these two leading men were the two witnesses. They are both in the grave waiting the resurrection. Wasn’t them!

Then we had a man recently who said he was one of the two witnesses. He later said it was his wife. Now he’s sitting in federal prison for stealing tithes and offerings to serve himself. Even wrote a book. People follow him. Still, while he’s in prison, there are people who send money to his organization. How much do they really know about their Bibles and how much have they really studied? How much do they really believe?

Why are there going to be *two* witnesses? Let me explain it this way without going through a lot of Scriptures: We find that the 5th seal in Rev. 6 shows there is going to be a mass martyrdom against all Christians; true Christians as well as those who are willing to give their lives for Jesus. Those who are willing to give their lives for Jesus will undoubtedly be raised at the second resurrection.

Are there people in the world who only know about Jesus Christ and are not converted, but follow in a religion that has many things from the Bible and they are well intended? *Yes!* Will they be willing to give their lives for Jesus? *Yes!*

Revelation 17:6: “And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus....” Two categories of people that are martyred.

1. the true saints who have the Spirit of God

Of those Jesus said, ‘Don’t worry what’s going to happen to your body. The only thing they can do is kill your body, but they can’t take your life.’ Those are the true Christians.

2. those who profess Christianity, but will not submit to the beast power, nor submit to the one-world religion

They will die, as well. They will probably be in the second resurrection. Before the Tribulation begins, we know in Rev. 12 that there are some of the Church who are taken to a place of safety in the wilderness—correct? *Yes! Some*, not the majority.

Why is God going to do that? *Most people don’t know*. It’s not so you can escape the Tribulation, though those who go will escape the Tribulation. No! It’s not based on that. It’s based on one thing only: Jesus said that He would build His Church upon Himself and the gates of the grave would *never* prevail against it. If all of the true Christians and all of those who stand for Jesus are martyred, if there were not those in the place of safety the Church would die out. That’s why they go.

God has to make the selection. I find it very interesting that, years ago, people used to even carry a Petra box in the trunk of their cars to church with them just in case they got the word that ‘we are going to go to a place of safety.’ But they forgot the Scripture which said, ‘Pray that you flight be not on the Sabbath.’

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Let’s come back to Rev. 11 and let’s look at the two witnesses again. Then we will see how these two are so important that they are prophesied about in Zech. 3 and 4. Let’s understand something really important here: ***The Jews will never accept or listen to anyone they consider to be a Gentile to tell them how they are going to run their religion.*** They will never do it!

There was a very good historian Dr. Ernest Martin who has written several books and I’ve quoted from those. Because of the work of other authors, because of his work, because of what was in the book of *Josephus* and other writers, he researched out and he knew where the temple was to be built; not where the Mosque of Omar is today. It will not be there, because Jesus said of the temple, ‘There will not be one stone left upon another.’

What does the Mosque of Omar sit upon? Just look at the Western Wailing Wall—these great stones. Are they still sitting upon each other? *Yes, indeed.*

Ernest Martin also wrote a book called *The Temples That Jerusalem Forgot*, which is a very interesting book indeed. Now they are sending out with it a CD where the Jews are getting involved, even though giving him some credit—just a little bit of credit at the end—the Jews are now looking at the very site he said the temple should be built upon. They are beginning to understand that’s where it will be built. This solves several problems:

1. They don’t have to worry about having a billion Muslims come falling down upon Jerusalem if they tried to build where the Mosque of Omar is.
2. There’s an Al-Aqsa Mosque, which is south of where the actual Jewish temple area would be that they also do not have to disturb because it’s right between.

You put all of these facts together and we see that the temple has to be built *before* the two witnesses come on the scene.

Revelation 11:1: “Then *the angel* gave me a measuring rod like a staff, saying, ‘Arise and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it.’” That shows it’s complete.

Sidebar: In reading Ezra, Nehemiah and 1-Chronicles, that covers the restoration of the temple, what is called ‘the second temple’ that was destroyed in 70_{A.D.} No one could work on it except the Levites. No one could supervise the work except a priest. Do you think that it will be any different when the Jews rebuild the third temple? Remember, the Jews believe when they build the third temple that the Messiah will come. That has to be built first. Exact timeframe in that we don’t know.

Verse 1: “Then *the angel* gave me a measuring rod like a staff, saying, ‘Arise and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it. But leave out the court that is within the temple *area*, and do not measure it because it has been given *up* to the Gentiles; and they shall trample upon the Holy city *for* forty-two months’” (vs 1-2).

It’s going to be a small temple, very small. But the Jews, believing that this is going to cause the Messiah to return, will be dedicated to it. Let’s put one other thing together with this. We know in Dan. 9 that the ‘prince of the people’ is going to come and he’s going to make a covenant with them for one week, which is seven years.

In the middle of the week that’s when the Tribulation begins. We also have in Luke 21 that Jerusalem is going to be surrounded with armies. I do not believe there will be a peace agreement with anyone ***unless they have international guarantees with troops from many nations surrounding Jerusalem to guarantee peace*** while they are building the temple.

What did Jesus say? ‘*When you see Jerusalem surrounded with armies!*’ That’s not way far off, that’s close in. He didn’t say, ‘When you see Judea surrounded with armies.’ He said, ‘When you see *Jerusalem*, know that it’s desolation is near.’

Why does God have the two witnesses? Verse 3: “And I will give *power* to My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” I will show you from the Bible who they probably will be.

Verse 4: “These are the two olive trees... [Where is that defined?] ...and *the* two lampstands that stand before the God of the earth.”

Let’s eliminate a past understanding of this, which was in error. Remember, John the Baptist was called a light; Jesus was called *the Light of the world*. Let’s look at it because it used to be said years ago that the two lampstands were two of the Churches of God. But that cannot be so. Let’s read what it says here concerning the seven churches, after the churches are named.

Revelation 1:12: “And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands.” *Seven!* Not seven golden lampstands on a menorah. These are individual lampstands.

Verse 13: “And in *the* midst of the seven lampstands...” They are kind of like in a circle. Who is the Head of the Church? *Jesus Christ!* Who is to be in the midst of the Church? *Jesus Christ!*

“...in *the* midst of the seven lampstands... [like in a circle] ...*one* like *the* Son of man, clothed in a *garment* reaching to the feet, and girded about the chest with a golden breastplate” (v 13). He stands there. That’s what it says, stands “...*one* like *the* Son of man...” These seven lampstands are for the seven churches. The two witnesses are two separate lampstands. Let’s read it again because this is profound.

Revelation 11:4: “These are the two olive trees, and *the* two lampstands that stand before the God of the earth.” *Direct connection with God!* Why does it have to be this way beginning in v 5? *To show the power of God* from two unarmed men, walking in sackcloth, and preaching the Word of God, and defying the beast and defying the false prophet.

Why do they have to have their witness? *The Church will be unable to give any witness any longer*, because of the power of *the beast!* Those few in a place of safety will have no power to do so either. So, God raises up *two men that He selects*. No one is going to appoint themselves.

Sidebar: There’s another man in a Church of God who proclaims that he is Joshua of Zech. 3 and he has authority over the two witnesses. I hope he repents before his day comes upon him because his day will be coming.

Verse 5: “And if anyone attempts to harm them, fire will go out of their mouths... [no one is going to be able to stop that] ...and devour their enemies...” What got the whole world excited into worshipping the beast? *The false prophet calling fire down from heaven—right? Yes!* So, God answers with the real thing:

“...For if anyone attempts to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.... [Here’s why God has to choose them personally]: ...These have authority to shut heaven so that no rain may fall in *the* days of their prophecy; and they have authority over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, **as often as they will**” (vs 5-6). That’s pretty powerful—isn’t it? *Yes!*

Now let’s come back to the prophecies of the two witnesses in the book of Zechariah, chapters 3

and 4. It will specifically name them as *the two olive trees that stand before the God* of the whole earth.

- Who has God used in the past? *Aaron!*
- What was he? *High priest of God!*
- Who was Joshua? *He was the son of Nun!*^[transcribers correction] *of the tribe of Ephraim!*
- Has God used the priests in the past?
- Who was John the Baptist? *The son of a priest!*

I want you to think about something concerning the Apostle Paul. When he was called, was he the epitome of righteousness before God? *No!* He was carrying orders from the high priest to jail and execute those who believed in Christ.

When the Jews find one by genealogy—and it must be by genealogy, not going to be by vote—then that one will become the high priest. Will he be following the traditions of the Jews? *Yes, indeed!* Will he be wanting to follow the sacrifices and everything? *Yes, indeed!* All of those who work with him, but those are not counted as righteousness before God.

Zechariah 3:1: “And He showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.” Why would Satan want to resist? *Because he knows his days are numbered!*

Verse 2: “And the LORD said to Satan, ‘May the LORD rebuke you, Satan! May even the LORD Who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! *Is* this not a brand plucked out of the fire?’ Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And He answered and spoke to those who stood before him, saying, ‘Take the filthy garments from off him.’ And to him He said, ‘Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe you with ceremonial robes’” (vs 2-4). Sackcloth! Those will soon become sackcloth.

Verse 5: “And I said, ‘Let them set a clean mitre on his head.’ And they set a clean mitre on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by. And the angel of the LORD charged Joshua, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My charge, then you shall also judge My house, and shall also keep My courts, and I will give you places to walk among those who stand by”’” (vs 5-7).

Remember there are two fulfillments to this prophecy:

1. at the time of the building of the second temple

2. the second one in Zech. 4 applies to the end time

And we'll see how that does. It did. When they started out with the temple and Joshua, the son of Yehotsadaq—this one here in Zechariah—they did everything according to the Law of Moses. It was really a great, great revival.

Verse 8: “Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your fellows who sit before you, for they *are* men wondered at, for behold, I will bring forth My Servant the Branch!” This leads up to the time of the return of Christ.

Verse 9: “For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua: On one stone *are* seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its engraving *upon it*,” says the LORD of hosts, “and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.” That happened when they set up the temple. It's going to happen again when Christ returns, because it's after the coming of the Branch.

Verse 10: “In that day,” says the LORD of hosts, “you shall call, each man to his neighbor, to sit under the vine and under the fig tree.” Millennial setting? *Yes, indeed!*

Now let's see the other of the two witnesses. So we have one that is going to be the high priest of the coming temple in Jerusalem. He will have the lineage of Aaron and the Jews already know, and they have already done DNA testing, so they know who the descendants of the priests are and they know who the descendants of the Levites are.

When you read through how they set up the temple and how everything was put together in the days of Solomon and in the days of the revival of the temple during Ezra and Nehemiah, it was done according to the Word of God. So, they will have to return to the Word of God to do this, to get this set up.

Zechariah 4:1: “And the angel that talked with me came again and awakened me, as a man that is awakened out of his sleep. And he said to me, ‘What do you see?’ And I said, ‘I see, and behold, a lampstand, all of it gold, and a bowl on its top, and its seven lamps upon it, and seven pipes to the seven lamps on its top; and two olive trees beside it...’” (vs 1-3). What does this tell us? *The seven lamps are the seven churches! The two olive trees are there supporting it!* This shows the seven churches will be in existence and the two witnesses will be in existence.

Verse 4: “And I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, ‘What *are* these, my lord?’ Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, ‘Do you know what these *are*?’ And I said, ‘No, my lord.’ Then he answered

and spoke to me, saying, ‘This is the Word of the LORD to Zerubbabel...’” (vs 4-6). Who was Zerubbabel? *He was the governor!* After the captivity to Babylon, they could no longer have a king. They could have a governor. But Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, was also of the line of Judah, but not of the Davidic king line.

“...saying, ‘Not by might... [that is human might or armies] ...nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

Here's where we come in to the two witnesses: **Two men** against *the beast* and *the false prophet*, their armies, their minions, their workers. **Two men!** That's why we have the two witnesses, so God can show that **two men** can stymie the whole world if they rely upon the Spirit of God that empowers them.

Verse 7: “Who *are* you, O great mountain?...” A mountain is a type of government. What will be the greatest government on earth? That will be the world government under *the beast* at the end; great mountain.

“...before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain; and he shall bring forth the head stone with shouting, ‘Grace! Grace unto it!’” (v 7). What they are going to do is be preparing for the return of Christ.

Verse 8: “And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house. His hands shall also finish it.’... [They did, building the temple after the Babylonian captivity.] ...And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. ‘For who has despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel... [What was to happen there in Rev. 11? *Measure the temple!*] ...These seven are the eyes of the LORD which run to and fro through the whole earth’” (vs 8-10).

With what God is going to be doing, we've already had sermons on the seven eyes of God, where do they go, what do they do. They'll be very active at that time.

Verse 11: “And I answered and said to him, ‘What *are* these two olive trees on the right side of the lampstand and on its left side?’ And I answered again and said to him, ‘What *are* the two olive branches beside the two golden pipes, emptying the golden *oil* out of themselves?’ And he answered me and said, ‘Do you not know what these *are*?’ And I said, ‘No, my lord.’ And he said, ‘These *are* the two anointed ones... [the two olive trees] ...who stand by the LORD of the whole earth’” (vs 11-14). **These two have to be the two witnesses!**

What a powerful witness, all the might of *the beast*, all of the power of *the false prophet*, all the work of many nations and peoples,

- they can't stop the two witnesses
- they can't arrest them
- they can't move them
- they can't destroy them

They have sent out all kinds of different forms to try and get rid of them. I'm sure that they will try snipers. Have you ever watched on television about the snipers and what they do? Yes, they can do a lot of things.

They will try everything! Don't you think they will have drones taking pictures of them all the time, trying to figure out, 'How can we get these guys?' They will try all kinds of things and the two witnesses will stand up and POOF! they will be destroyed!

I still believe that God is going to leave intact all of the satellites and the whole world is going to see this. ***This is a witness to the whole world!*** This is why we're having such a multiplicity of hand-held devices. ***No one*** in the world is going to say, 'Lord, you never told me.' *No way!*

Look at what they are doing. Can you imagine the calls that *the beast power* gets from this nation and that nation saying, 'We had a great flood over here! Oh, we had a fire over here! You should see this plague of grasshoppers and locusts! You should see the famine of people dropping dead! Can't you do anything to get rid of these ***two men?***' So, for 1,260 days *nobody can touch them!* It's going to be the talk of every news channel. It's going to be the conversation on everybody's lips.

They will complete their testimony, or their witnessing, Revelation 11:7: "And when they have completed their testimony, the beast who ascends out of the abyss... [Satan the devil personally] ...will make war against them, and will overcome them, and will kill them." Just like Satan thought, 'I did it,' when Christ died. He's going to say, 'I've done it,' when the two witnesses die.

On all these hand-held devices, they are going to hear all the things that the two witnesses are saying. They're going to say,

- all of those of you over here in this section of China, tomorrow you're going to have a great rain; you better be ready for the flood
- all of those over in the Ukraine where you have these vast wheat fields, tomorrow you're going to be inundated with locusts
- those of you who live in the forests in these mountains, tomorrow fire is coming down from heaven and its going to destroy it

- those of you who have the water over here, tomorrow it is turned into blood

Wherever it may be! It is going to be awesome. God isn't going to have this thing done in a corner. This is going to set the world completely on edge.

Notice what happens when they finally overcame them, v 8: "And their bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. Then those of the peoples and tribes and languages and nations... [worldwide] ...shall see their bodies... [it will be plastered everywhere] ...three and a half days, for they will not allow their bodies to be put into tombs. And those who dwell on the earth... [they're going to have a fantastic holiday, celebration] ...will rejoice over them, and will make merry, and will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets had tormented those who dwell on the earth" (vs 8-10).

Now comes the greatest surprise in the history of the empire of *the beast* and *false prophet*. Can you imagine the interviews with *the beast*, the interviews with *the false prophet*, the interviews with the priests and whatever they call them with the Buddhist, Hindus, Catholics and Muslims. 'Finally got them.'

Verse 11: "Then after the three and a half days, *the spirit of life* from God entered into them and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them." *The whole earth was watching!*

Go back to the sixth seal. When God begins to intervene with Christ, the heavens are going to roll back like a scroll. The whole earth is going to shake, the heavens and the earth, likewise with this. Everyone with their devices will see it!

Verse 12: "And they heard a great voice from heaven, say, 'Come up here!' And they ascended into heaven in a cloud; and their enemies saw them *rise.*" *They escaped!* What's going to happen now?

Verse 13: "And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand men were killed in the earthquake. And the rest were filled with fear, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming immediately. Then the seventh angel sounded his trumpet; and *there* were great voices in heaven, saying, '**The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign into the ages of eternity**'" (vs 13-15).

That is what's going to happen with the two witnesses. It's going to be awesome. It's not going to be the nicey-nicey tinker-toy religion that people have today.

This is why *no man can appoint himself as one of the two witnesses!* God is going to choose whom *He* desires.

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14 Things to Watch in Prophecy VI Control of the World

Control of the World

Here's an interesting report sent to me from *The New Scientist*:

Revealed, the Capitalist Network That Runs the World

(newscientist.com/article/mg21228354.500-revealed—the-capitalist-network-that-runs-the-world.html#.UshUHMKA2M8)

I've talked about the super-elite, the power brokers of the world. After running an analysis of all the corporations in the world and their inner-locking boards of directors and banks' holders of stocks and bonds, it has been reduced to 147 companies, less than one per nation in the world. He lists all 50 of them. I'm not going to read all 50, but it's quite a thing. These are the ones who control everything that is going on in the world.

When I said that Target Store is losing the 40-million, and they found out later that they didn't have the security code, was not an accident. What they are trying to do is prepare the world for what they are going to bring. The way you prepare the world for what you're going to bring without telling them what you're going to do, you soften them up. You get all indignant, because 'how dare they let my identity be taken!' Then they will demand a full-proof system. As we saw, they're working on a full-proof system, called *the mark of the beast*.

Just a little bit about China. Let's go to Luke 4, because we know that Satan is the 'god of this world.' How did he become the 'god of this world'? That was the test of Adam and Eve: Would they follow God or not? When they decided to choose for themselves what is right and what is wrong, they put themselves under the authority of Satan the devil. God did not entirely cut them off from Him, but now they were expelled from the Garden of Eden. They could come to the east gate where God would meet them.

It's very interesting. That is a foretaste or a fore-example of what the temple and tabernacle is. When people worship God at the temple, they face west, because God comes from the east, the east gate, and fills the temple. When men worship east and worship the sun, *they are turning their backs on God!* The first thing that Jesus had to do after His baptism was to be tempted by Satan the devil,

Luke 4:3: "Then the devil said to Him, 'If You are *the* Son of God, command that this stone become bread.'" The reason that he wanted to do

this was because if he could get Jesus to go against the command of God, then he would have caused Jesus to sin.

Remember, *no man*—not even Satan the devil—*can change the Word and will of God!* That becomes very important. Jesus quoted the Scripture; He didn't rely on His own thoughts, v 4: "But Jesus answered him, saying, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God."'"

What's the first thing you hear from the pulpit in the Protestant denominations? *The law is done away!* That's not from God. You can apply that to all the religions of the world: Protestantism, Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism, whatever 'ism' you want, especially Muslim.

Verse 5: "Then the devil led Him up into a high mountain *and* showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, 'I will give You all this authority, and the glory of them *all*; for it has been delivered to me, and **I give it to whomever I desire.**'" (vs 5-6).

There's one requirement to be in this top rung of the super-elite of the world, v 7: "Therefore, if You will worship me in *my* presence, all things shall be Yours." There are people who worship Satan the devil and *know* that they do. In exchange for that, they receive wealth, privilege and rulership, all of those things that Satan controlled.

When this talks about the 147 companies that control everything, there is nothing done that they don't control. That's why they don't like the American system, because they can't control the American people the way that they can in other countries. God can use that to forestall their plans. I hope with the coming election that's what happens, so they will change their tactics.

One of the things they wanted to do a couple years ago was to establish the 'global warming congress,' so they all met in Denmark in December. They should have gone there in the summer. Even Obama was going to go, but what happened? God had a little surprise for them—3 feet of snow. How are you going to declare global warming with 3 feet of snow? So, they've had to change their plans.

Whenever God allows Satan to do something, he must get permission from God, just like he did in bringing upon Job his trial. So likewise, they have to change their plans. But they are always in control.

I want you to think on this for just a minute. What is a bank that is called the World Central Bank? Do you know what it is? *The central bank of the central banks of the world!* There are 58 central banks, and that bank is called The Bank of International Settlements. All major trades and money going here and there in the world, and it's trillions every day, finally comes through the Bank of International Settlements.

All western world central banks are extensions of the Rothschild's, including Russian and also China. Who was the Secretary of State that had secret negotiations with the communist Chinese before President Nixon went over there? *Henry Kissinger!* He belongs to that elite. The central bank in China is an extension of the Rothschild's banking control.

I was thinking this the other day because there are a lot of problems coming up with China, they are printing money like crazy. They have debt, in some cases, 250% of GDP. Think on this for a minute: All the gold that the Chinese are buying and putting into kilogram bars, instead of ounce bars or pound bars, are sent to Switzerland, melted down, and sent on to the new vaults that they are building in China.

Who owns, literally, and controls all that gold? *The Rothschild's and the Bank of International Settlements!* It's under no nation, though it's in Switzerland. No one can audit it; no one can know what it does, just like all the central banks. Not very many people know that American banks, through the Federal Reserve, loaned Europe \$16-trillion to bail them out.

- Is it time to take down America?

or

- Is it time to let there be a short revival in America?

It depends what these 147 elite want to do. That depends on what God wants and what Satan is allowed to do.

In order to bring about a world currency, which they must do first, all currencies have to fail at the same time. Are they ready to do that, yet? Let's take it one step further. Has Satan gotten permission from God to do it, yet? *I think the answer is no!*

What they are doing now, few people realize it, but Japan, England, United States, and China are all printing money as fast as the presses can run. That's necessary to bring down all the rest of the banking system when they want to.

I want you to hearken back to one thing, if you could, please. What happened in 2008? Just

before the election to insure who would be elected—Barak Hussein Obama—there was a sale of bonds that dropped the market in hours 500 points and sent all the banks into disarray. That was a test! We recovered from it and because of that one thing: Obama was elected. Nobody asked: Who started the selling? *Never answered! because of the 147!*

They got bailed out, the Federal Reserve started printing money, and we're still printing money, still buying the U.S. bonds—it's called now QE4—as well as Japan and England and China. So, they know that in order to collapse the entire system worldwide:

1. They've got to have a plan to rescue it, which then will be the world currency; it'll be paper, coin and digital at first
2. It has to be so that it's going to affect everyone in the world

Living in the society that we live in, people are going to demand immediate relief. So, we just need to keep up on these things and see how they are going.

Let me read a quote from Albert Einstein: 'A foolish faith in authority is the worst enemy of the truth.' ***Unless that authority is God and it was wise!*** You can take that and you can apply it to many things, even the Church of God.

In Germany they have a little program in their credit cards, in the chip, that each transaction is separated from past and future transactions. We don't know what will happen in the way they are going to bring this out.

Now let's continue on with the 14 things to happen in prophecy before the end comes. As we look at these, we see them building up, but what is going to be the maximum of it? *We don't know!* How long will it take? *We don't know!* Some of the projects that they have online to do, such as the one I discussed last week with the canal through Nicaragua by the Chinese, they plan about 8 years to build it.

Once that is done, that gives deep-sea access straight to America. There will be no restriction or no inspection by Americans of what they do or what they bring in. We don't know exactly how long that is going to be.

XI. Hating Christians and Martyrdom

We see that happening more and more and more, which then will be not only hating Christians but martyring Christians. I think we see a little bit of this with the *Duck Dynasty* controversy going on.

Isn't it interesting, who is pushing to get rid of the statements that Phil Robertson made? *One of the 147 great corporations of the world!* 'We cannot allow that speech. We must be tolerant, but we won't tolerate that.' In the name of tolerance, they become intolerant. That's called double-speak. That's the way Satan works.

There are people who even threatened to kill him. There are more and more groups that want to kill Christians. Look at what's happening in the Sudan and in Egypt right now—killing Christians.

Matthew 24:8: "Now, all these *things*... [that happened in v 7] ...*are* the beginning of sorrows." As we go through this, let's understand something important. How long is the time of sorrows? *We're not told!*

Verse 9: "Then shall they deliver you up to affliction, and shall kill you; and you shall be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then shall many be led into sin, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another" (vs 9-10).

That's how all totalitarian governments work. Let's see how Jesus also prophesied of this a little later. Of those who are hated, as we found out in part 5 this series in Rev. 17 that there are two classes of martyrs:

1. the saints of God
2. the martyrs of Jesus

This becomes important for us to understand. Let's call to remembrance what the Apostle Paul said, that the Gentiles who do not have the law, if they keep the things in the law, are a work of the law unto themselves. In Rev. 17 we find an application of it. There are people who will be following a lot of the precepts of Jesus Christ, howbeit even called Christian in the world, but will not be Christian, because the saints are a distinct category.

Revelation 17:6: "And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints..." The saints are those who have the Spirit of God. Saints means *the ones who are Holy* and we are Holy brethren.

"...and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus..." (v 6). Who are these people in the second category? They are going to be martyred, but that doesn't mean that they are going to attain to eternal life, because they have been martyred. They will qualify for the second resurrection. Let's see this category of people and there are a good number of them in the world. You can divide the Protestants into two groups:

1. those who are *for* Jesus
2. those who are actually *against* Jesus

Let's look at what Jesus says concerning the ones who are *for* Jesus.

Mark 9:38: "Then John answered Him, saying, 'Master, we saw someone who does not follow us... [the apostles were *chosen* by Christ] ...casting out demons in Your name, and we forbid him because he does not follow us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not forbid him; for no one who does a work of power in My name can easily speak evil of Me. And the one who is not against you is for you'" (vs 38-40). There are those in the world in that category; those are the ones who will be the martyrs for Jesus.

Let's see those who are *against* Jesus, who claim to be doing things in His name as well, Matthew 12:30: "The one who is not with Me is against Me... [those who are *for* Jesus, but are not the called-saints, have to be the ones who are the martyrs of Jesus (Rev. 17)] ...and the one who does not gather with Me scatters."

Let's see some other things where Jesus warned us, where we will be hated. People don't like to be told the pure Word of God. They may be *for* Jesus, but they don't belong to Him because of this:

John 15:16: "You yourselves did not choose Me, but I have personally chosen you..." A saint is defined this way in Rev. 19: *called, chosen and faithful!* That's a saint.

- *called*—you have to answer the calling of God
When you answer the calling of God:

- you are *chosen*
When you are chosen:

- you come to *repentance* and are *baptized*
After that you have to be:

- *faithful*

Those are the ones who are the saints!

"...I have personally chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go *forth* and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain; so that whatever you shall ask the Father in My name, He may give you" (v 16).

- How is that last statement qualified?
- Is it the will of God?

Verse 17: "These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you" (vs 17-18). We're seeing that. Look at how the Muslims treat Christians. Look at how the atheists treat Christians. This will build, especially when we preach the Gospel *in truth* and in power, it's going to magnify many, many times over. Why?

Verse 19: "If you were of the world, the world would love its own..." I don't know how

many saw Rick Warren who was asked, ‘How do you explain Christmas?’ In the first place, *you can’t build the Truth on sand*. There is no foundation; **Christ is not there!** So, he explained it and made it sound very plausible. If someone at that interview would have stood up, and said, ‘You are absolutely wrong, Jesus was never born December 25th—if you were in the audience—they would shout you down, but that would be the Truth.

What we believe that is contrary to the world is why we are not of the world. We’re not of the world because of what we do. We are not of the world because we have the Holy Spirit of God the Father. **We belong to Him!** We are under the jurisdiction—not in it yet—of:

- the Kingdom of God
- the laws and commandments of God
- the Truth of God
- the Word of God

While we have to be in compliance with the laws of the land, where they are not contrary to the laws of God, **we don’t submit to the world as being part of it!** So that’s why we are not of the world.

“...However, because you are not of the world, but I have personally chosen you out of the world, the world hates you for this” (v 19). Try this on for size: There is no salvation in the Roman Catholic Church; the pope is not the representative of God; your religion is vain. Try that in St. Peter’s Basilica Square.

Verse 20: “Remember the word that I spoke to you: a servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also, If they kept My word, they will keep your *word* also.” Your word is what I’m [Jesus] going to tell you to say.

Verse 21: “But they will do all these things to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him Who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin; but now they have nothing to cover their sin. The one who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no other man has done, they would not have had sin; but now they have both seen and hated both Me and My Father. But this has happened so that the saying might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause’” (vs 21-25).

What is going to sustain us in the time of difficulty and trouble? *It will come!* Unless you know and have proved the Word of God to be true, everything about what you believe and practice to be true, not because someone said to do it, but because it was the Word of God, and you do it because it is

the Word of God. You have the Holy Spirit. That will strengthen you. When you are brought before councils to give an answer, what will happen? *The Spirit of the Father will give you in that hour and time exactly what you need to say!* We can say, *provided that you have been faithful and know and have studied the Word of God.*

Verse 26: “But when the Comforter has come, which I will send to you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of the Truth, which proceeds from the Father, that one shall bear witness of Me. Then you also shall bear witness because you have been with Me from *the beginning*” (vs 26-27).

It’s exactly this way. When God created Adam and Eve, He put in them all the process genes and chromosomes and variations for all the coming human race, the beginning of it. Because of procreation, God is the One Who gives life, God is the One Who is creating, though it is born of the mother. Down through every generation, God is the One Who is doing this.

Likewise with the Word of God; we have the Word of God. We are to know the Word of God. If God has said it, and we say what God has said, then we are speaking *for God* on His behalf His Word to them and that is as good as God telling them. Do you understand that?

John 16:1: “I have spoken these things to you so that you will not be offended. They shall cast you out of the synagogues...” (vs 1-2). They did that back then.

If you read about Chrysostom in the last part of the 4th century, 390_{S.A.D.}—his hatred toward true Christians—he was giving sermons against those who kept the Passover, kept the Holy Days, kept the Sabbath, railing against them, and told them that if you go where they had their meetings—the Christians had meetings, he said—‘They’re going to the Jewish synagogues.’ No, he called them synagogues. That’s what has brought about concerning how they will persecute us. They were cast out of the churches because they wouldn’t keep Sunday.

“...furthermore, the time is coming that everyone who kills you will think that he is rendering service to God” (v 2). This was the whole basis of the Inquisitions—correct? *Yes, indeed!* They killed millions. Read the account of the Waldensians:

- they refused to believe the trinity
- they refused to submit to the authority of the pope
- they refused to keep Sunday
- they refused to keep the Eucharist

They slaughtered them, many other groups like that, all in the name of Christ, same way with the Crusades.

Verse 4: “But I have told you these things so that when the time comes, you may remember that I said *them* to you. However, I did not say these things to you at *the* beginning because I was with you.” *That time is going to come!*

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When we were baptized, we pledged our lives unto death to God in exchange for loving God, obeying Him and overcoming, so that we can receive eternal life. When the time comes, God will give us that kind of attitude that we need that there is nothing that they can do to us to take away eternal life. If Christ died for us, and we died to Him in the watery grave of baptism, and if we are martyred, then that is a guarantee.

XII. Preaching the Gospel to the World

We know, what did Jesus say about the Gospel? It would be preached in ‘all the world to all nations, then shall the end come.’ Here in the book of Revelation, let’s see that when it gets down to the time that the Church can no longer preach the Gospel directly, that something else is going to happen.

First of all, let’s come to Rev. 14 and this takes place before the two witnesses. We know the two witnesses will be preaching the Gospel. The two witnesses will preach the Gospel, the Church will preach the Gospel until the time that they are shut down. Then what is going to happen?

Revelation 14:6: “And I saw another angel flying in *the* midst of heaven, having *the* everlasting Gospel to proclaim *to* those who dwell on the earth... [God is going to give warning] ...and *to* every nation and tribe and language and people.” This is going to be a blanket event really when you understand it.

Look at it now from this point of view of what’s happening now with the number of Bibles, those who are preaching about Christ—whether in truth or whether in contention—and of course, every Church of God needs to be doing their part to preach the Gospel to the world as well as feeding the flock. When none of those things are operative, and this is probably before the two witnesses come on the scene.

Here’s the basic message, v 7: “Saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God, and give glory to Him, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him Who made the heaven, and the earth, and *the* sea, and *the* fountains of waters.’” Instead of

the beast who says he is God! So, there are going to be some big dramatic things take place.

Verse 8: “Then another angel followed, saying...” This is when Babylon the Great reaches its highest point in controlling the whole world, getting rid of those who preach about Christ. Some are taken to a place of safety, as we have already covered.

“...‘The great city Babylon is fallen, is fallen... [ready to come] ...because of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, *which* she has given all nations to drink.’” That ties right in with Rev. 17 & 18.

Think about this for a minute: When do you give warning of something that is going to happen? After it happens or before it happens? *You have to give warning before it happens!* It’s like driving your car down the road and all of a sudden something happens and then your wife or your husband says to you, ‘I meant to tell don’t do that.’ Thank you.

Verse 9: “And a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast... [who is proclaimed *God on earth*] ...and his image...’”—which is idolatry and a source of *martyrdom*, for those who will not worship the image of the beast, they would be killed. This has to happen before the fact. What we are seeing is the three angels’ messages are *before* the beginning of the Tribulation. Otherwise they would be of no affect. They are *before* the enforcement of *the mark of the beast*. At first it will be voluntary.

“...and receives *the* mark in his forehead or in his hand, he shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath; and he shall be tormented in fire and brimstone in the sight of the Holy angels, and of the Lamb” (vs 9-10). How all of that works out, the only way we are going to know is to be there.

Here’s one that they used to say the human being can be tormented forever, but that’s not what it really says. You have to read it carefully:

Verse 11: “And the smoke of their torment ascends into the ages of eternity...” It doesn’t say they are tormented into the ages of eternity. The smoke ascends. What happens? *They are killed!* Wherever there is fire, wherever there is death—however you want to put it, especially with tormented with fire—they die. The smoke rises. Where does the smoke go to? *It goes into the atmosphere!*

They just discovered in recent years that what covers the atmosphere of the earth is kind of like a shield, in addition to the magnetic shield. They

didn't understand what was happening until they saw where the satellite was taking pictures of when lightning comes down on the earth. They never knew that lightning also went up through that covering of the earth way beyond the atmosphere. As the lightning is coming down, it is going up at the same time.

After that event happened, they saw that this cover over the earth kind of opened up like a little door and radiation from the earth, bad radiation escaped and went out into space. Once it goes into space, it goes on and on. It is the smoke, which are actually little particles, that goes out into the universe. Of course, all of that will be dissolved when God makes the new heavens and the new earth.

"...and those who worship the beast and his image, and all who receive the mark of his name, have no rest day and night.' Here is *the* patience of the saints... [during all this difficulty that we just covered with the three angels] ...here *are* the ones who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (vs 11-12). This tells us something else, as well. In order to keep the commandments of God, it takes *faith*. It takes no faith to not keep the commandments of God.

Verse 13: "And I heard a voice from heaven say to me, 'Write: Blessed *are* the dead who die in *the* Lord from this time forward. Yes, says the Spirit, so that they may rest from their labors; and their works follow them.'"

If this were at the end of the Tribulation, this verse could not be true. But if this is at the beginning, just before the Tribulation, then this verse becomes true. This shows that these whole sections of verses applying to the three angels, and they will be preaching the Gospel, they will be warning the world when the Church cannot do it. They could do it to a certain extent, but there comes a time when it takes something greater.

Right after they start, then I believe that's when the two witnesses begin. How long the three angels continue their messages we are not told. We are not told if this is an introduction to what the two witnesses will do. Could very well likely be, but we don't know. Even at the last minute, those who are of the Church are going to have to continue preaching the Gospel wherever they are.

When will the famine of the Word come? *I think that will come when the churches can no longer preach as they do now!* This is how God is going to take care of that. Obviously the two witnesses' mission in preaching is going to be preaching the coming of Christ, the power of God, but it is not going to be like the Church preaches to

repent and be baptized. This is going to be, 'You better pay attention because this plague is coming on you because you reject God.' The message will be essentially the same, but a totally different emphasis at that time.

Sidebar on Rev. 10: There are the seven thunders. John was told not to write the seven thunders. No one knows what they are. One way to tell a false prophet, if he tells you he knows what the seven thunders are, you can know that he is a false prophet because no one knows.

Revelation 10:8: "Then the voice that I heard from heaven spoke to me again, and said, 'Go, take the little book that is open in the hand of *the* angel who is standing on the sea and on the earth.' And I went to the angel, *and* said to him, 'Give me the little book.' And he said to me, 'Take *it* and eat it, and it shall make your belly bitter, but in your mouth it shall be sweet as honey.' Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it; and it was sweet as honey in my mouth; but after I ate it, my belly was bitter. And he said to me, 'You must again prophesy against many people, and nations, and languages and kings'" (vs 8-11).

I don't know exactly how this is going to be done. Could it be that some of those who are in a place of safety must go and preach the Gospel? *Could be*, because this is just down into the Tribulation, getting close to the end of it. There are going to be different ones going out and preaching the Gospel, and so forth. That will be done. We find the Gospel to be preached is from

- the Church
- the two witnesses
- the three angels
- again the Church, probably with those who are in a place of safety

XIII. The Churches of God

We've got a lot of material on the Churches of God. Let's take an overview of the layout from Rev. 1, which is related to the death of Christ and His resurrection, that is the Passover and Unleavened Bread.

Rev. 2 & 3 are the letters of Christ to the seven churches. What takes place beginning right during the Feast of Unleavened Bread? *The counting toward Pentecost!* How many weeks are there? *Seven weeks!* This is symbolic of the seven weeks leading up to Pentecost.

Revelation 4:1: "After these things... [after the seven churches] ...I looked, and behold, a door opened in heaven; and the first voice that I heard *was* as if a trumpet were speaking with me, saying,

‘Come up here, and I will show you *the* things that must take place after these things.’” What did he do when he got up there? *He saw the throne of God, four living creatures, twenty-four elders!* This is symbolic of the resurrection, or Pentecost, the 50th day.

Let’s see the same kind of language that we have in Rev. 4; this is when the two witnesses come back to life: Revelation 11:11: “Then after the three and a half days, the spirit of life from God entered into them and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. And they heard a great voice from heaven, say, ‘Come up here!’....” (vs 11-12). Exactly the same wording as we have in Rev. 4. What are the two witnesses, but the first resurrected from the dead, the last to be martyred. We have a type of Pentecost.

Let’s look at the seven churches. I’m not going to belabor and beat upon the Laodiceans. If we don’t know we’re Laodiceans and are repenting, then we are missing the point. Never has the Church of God lived in a time when it has available to it and the people in general everything they need, where you could say, ‘I have everything I need.’

But let’s look at the warning, because the seven churches are direct prophetic references to the history of the Church down through time. Think of this for a minute.

- Does the Bible give us the history of Israel down through time to the return of Christ? *Yes!*
- Does it give us the history of the Gentile nations through the Babylon system from the time of Nebuchadnezzar down to the return of Christ? *Yes!*
- What is the most important organization in all of them, as far as God is concerned? *The seven churches!*

This letter goes to the existing seven churches. What if it starts out:

- week #1 with Ephesus
- week #2 it goes to Smyrna [transcriber’s correction]
- week #3 it goes to Pergamos
- week #4 it goes to Thyatira
- week #5 it goes to Sardis
- week #6 it goes to Philadelphia
- week # 7 it goes to Laodicea

We have within that seven-fold meaning a type of counting toward Pentecost and the final harvest. You all follow that?

What we find is the Bible is multi-layered in its presentation and in its fulfillment. Unless you understand about the Holy Days of God and keep

them and have done so for a long time, it’s hard to come to understand that what I just said is undoubtedly true.

Where does all the difficulties start? *When the churches don’t do what they are supposed to do!* The seven churches that were received the letter directly. Then down through history we have the seven churches in type as it comes along to the end. Then in the end, I think it’s most likely that as God sees the churches on earth, not as the corporate organizations that are necessary for men to organize themselves into, but as God looks down on the earth there are seven churches wherever God’s people are.

With that said, how does it start that the Church begins to slack off and not follow God the way that they should? I’m just going to hit on the steps that caused the problems.

Church at Ephesus

Revelation 2:4: “Nevertheless, I have *this* against you that you have left your first love.” They don’t give up on God, but they don’t love Him with the intensity that they ought to. This is very akin to what happens at the end of being lukewarm. But what happens when you lose the first love to God, and we can see this in the Protestants, then you substitute *your* works in helping people and not preaching the Gospel as you ought to.

What keeps you intense in preaching the Gospel? *The love of God and the Spirit of God!* God says to *repent*. The result of that is, this gives an opportunity for the synagogue of Satan as pictured here:

Church at Smyrna

There is nothing that God has against the Church at Smyrna. This also shows that loving God unto death, unto martyrdom, and being cast in jail and being faithful to God at all times *is more important than doctrine!*

In our age, when we have the whole Bible and everything, doctrine becomes very important, because now we have all the Scriptures. This was not completely afforded to all the Churches of God down through history.

God commends them and promises them eternal life because they have been faithful unto death. What happens when the Church is a weakened state like that?

The next step, Satan comes along, or you go to where Satan is, or you are already there where Satan is:

Church at Pergamos

They remained faithful as long as Antipas was faithful, but after that what happened? *False doctrine!* Doctrine that leads you away from God is important, because it will cause you to sin. What happened here? *They lived right in the city where there was Satan's great cathedral!* There was a big altar to Zeus, and that's where Satan lived.

What happened? *They saw how it was organized and those who believed in a hierarchy*, the Nicolaitans, took over, which is what God says He hates. They began eating things sacrificed to idols. Now this is not animal sacrifice. What is the main thing in Satan's counterfeit 'Christian' church? *The Eucharist*, which is called the Sacrifice of the Mass performed before the idols in the Roman Catholic Church and in the Orthodox Church. That's why you get right back to the whole basis of everything; ***the Passover is the key!*** He corrects them for that.

Let's see how important it was that they repent, Revelation 2:14: "But I have a few things against you because you have there *those* who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication."

What was the last thing that the Apostle John wrote in his first epistle? *Flee idolatry!* They succumbed to idolatry and the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Verse 15: "Moreover, you also have *those* who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate."

Sidebar: Everyone likes to say the love of God is unconditional. That is not true. The love of God is everlasting. The love of God, even some people say, is going to cover the sin of Satan the devil. That is a devil's or Satan's doctrine. Not true! Never happen! There are things that God hates. Here's one of them: the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, the doctrine, *which thing God hates!* Because you have the love of God and you have the judgment of God and the sentence of God.

If God is perfect and righteous, which He is, then He cannot love sin, which Satan is. He can forgive sin upon repentance, but concerning Satan, has Satan repented? *No!* What was his sin, the greatest sin of the universe? *Wanting to take over the throne of God the Father!* ***God's love does not cover his sin!*** Furthermore, there is no indication that he has ever slightly begun to even think about repentance.

God will correct His Church and we have lived through this—haven't we? Someone asked recently, 'Why are there so many Churches of God?' *You have to get rid of all the false doctrines and teachings!*

Verse 16, God says: "Repent! For if *you* do not *repent*, I will come to quickly, and will make war against them with the sword of My mouth." You can't go bringing any doctrines of Satan, doctrines of demons. If they repent, then it can be forgiven. If they don't, there is no forgiveness.

Church of Thyatira

We have something very similar, only now it has grown into a greater problem because of the one who calls herself a prophetess, named after Jezebel. Jezebel was the daughter of the priest of Baal, whom Ahab the king of Israel married.

God tells them to repent. He will not tolerate this. What happens? *You see a progression of sin!* You let sin come in and be accepted. What is the principle of sin that we're taught during the Days of Unleavened Bread? *A little leaven leavens the whole lump!*

That's why Satan puts in a little leaven and pretty soon you pick up on it. Satan uses human beings. Look what happened to WCG (Worldwide Church of God) because they did not repent. Did the sword come against them? *Yes, the sword of the Word of God!* Where is it today? *No longer exists!* What is left of it is called Grace Communion Fellowship. *Blasphemous, indeed!* Every false doctrine has replaced every true doctrine and that's because the Church did not stay alert.

What happened after Thyatira we get down into the Middle Ages here, and then with Sardis we're getting into the time when the Waldensians were just being rescued, actually they were rescued by the Protestants.

Church of Sardis

It is so beaten down that it has very few works, and Jesus said their works weren't complete. He also told them one thing: *strengthen what is left!* In other words, whatever you have left, don't give up on that, and 'I will not blot your name out of the Book of Life,' which tells you Sardis is the bare minimum to qualify for eternal life.

Church at Philadelphia

We covered in part 5 this series, which is faithful to the Word of God in everything.

Church at Laodicea

We find that here it's not so much a mixture of satanic things, as the start of their problems, but a mixture of lukewarmness and lackadaisicalness by equating the blessing of physical things with spirituality. Then not putting Christ first, but the

things first. We've experienced being spewed out of the mouth of God. We have seen that. He tells them to repent. This is what needs to happen with the Churches of God.

- Is there ever a day living in this age that we do not have to repent?
- How many things do we see just watching the news that are sin indeed?

That in many cases is getting pretty close to medium core pornography, to say nothing of all the programs and all the movies and everything that there is which are varying degrees of lies and fairy tales and satanic indoctrination.

I know, for myself, I pray every day for *the washing of the water by the Word*, to cleanse my mind from all of those things that my eye picks up, which I am not intending to watch, but it comes right there on television; same way with all the advertising for the movies.

- Are they not occult?
- Are they all not involved in world domination?
- world wars?
- aliens from outer space?

Yes, it is all occult!

I've never run a survey of it, but maybe someone might want to, if you just watch the news. I watch none of the soap operas except to see they are nothing but sexual, brain washing to accept sexual depravity, homosexuality and domination by women. So you can eliminate all of those. But just on the so-called good channels, news channels: would be interesting: How many of the advertisements are focused on the areas of the private sexual parts of men and women, though they are clothed and some very scantily? I think when they blurt that on you can't sit there with your remote and all of a sudden go to a blue channel. You'd be watching the blue channel all the time.

That's why we need to ***ask God to wash our minds with the washing of the water by the Word*** and to cleanse those images out of our minds.

The Laodiceans need to repent and that what I hope we are, repenting Laodiceans. I would also hope that we are really Philadelphians. But I have seen this down through time. Any group that claims to be Philadelphian never ends up loving the brethren; so they can't be Philadelphia, because Philadelphia means *brotherly love*. Look what's happened to the city of brotherly love where the Constitution was signed. It is a cesspool of hatred and racial division.

Whatever your problem is, you have to decide how you are going to handle it. The truth is, it's not the Church that saves you, ***it is God!*** The Church is to feed you the Word of God so you can have a relationship with God the Father and Jesus Christ. ***God alone can save you!***

XIV. No Truth, No Faith

Luke 18—we're getting close to this time, especially when you see what's happening in the Protestant churches. Did you know that in some of them they have ecumenical movements, not just with Catholics, but with Muslims, and they read out of the Koran and the Bible and the Catholic traditions. And 'we're all goody-goody wonderful; we lovey-dovey everybody.' But how much Truth is there?

Remember when I showed you a number of years ago the annotated world Bible where they take from the Bible, from Sanskrit, from Buddhism, from Muslim, from Hinduism, *wisdom* and this replaces the Bible.

Luke 18:8: "I tell you that He will execute vengeance for them speedily... [for the saints who cry out to Him day and night] ...Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, **shall He find the true faith on the earth?**" That's what we are going to be facing somewhere down the road. That will happen, and this probably ties in with the question about when is the famine of the Word.

- Will He find the true faith?
- Where is the faith to be found?
- In the Bible?

or

- In us?

In us! That's where it's to be found.

This is why *we need to be alert* to all of these things that we're going to be facing. We can say we have finished with this year's *14 Things to Watch in Prophecy*. I've given this sermon about three or four times and each time it's a little different. I don't know what it will be like if I give this again in another three years—2017, if we all live that long. What will it be like at that time? I hope we live long enough to see, but if not, it's for another generation.

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