

The Church in Christ

Revelations Study



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This study has been put together from many different commentaries including my own thoughts which I believe are Holy Spirit approved (see bibliography page 150). The idea of this study was to gather as much information about the coming end times promoting healthy and open discussions. **There will be differing opinions held by the readers/studiers regarding these Scriptures**, of that I am certain. The challenge is in being able to except differing scenarios from one's own understanding. I have tried my best with mere human ability trusting that The Lord is with me in this work to create a study which will stimulate the spirit and mind. May The Lord Bless us all as we open up this great Book of Revelation adding to us all a greater understanding of His Holy Word. Amen!

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Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John

The revelation given here is of Jesus Christ, God the Father instructed God the Son to reveal these things to “**His servants.**” All these things begin with John, and continue unto this day and will continue until the end. It is meant that the true believer would understand this Word, as we are His servants! This revelation comes from the Lord but was delivered by His angel/messenger. All has been very carefully recorded in order as it was given. **Rev 1:1 The Revelation** in the Greek means to ‘**uncover to unveil, reveal.**’ which clearly shows us that the Lord wants us to understand this revelation! This word is to be seen exclusively in the spiritual sense. In the New Testament ‘**NT**’ it may refer to either some present or future aspect of God’s Will, **Luke 2:32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel...** This book is written differently from the rest of the Bible as it is to be seen totally in the spirit. In other words, an unveiling allowing man to see! Man is meant to see the spirit world related to this Book. This book is very, very important! Even though it is difficult to understand, the Holy Spirit wants us to dig in and allow Him over the time of our studies to bless us beyond what we think is possible with knowledge and understanding. This is so important... and desired by the Blessed Holy Spirit that He has added this “**a blessing to all that ‘read’ and ‘hear’ the Words of this Prophecy.**” **Rev 1:1...of Jesus Christ** Jesus is the subject or object of this book. **1/** He is the object/ aim of this book and if studied right He will become more fully known by us **2/** It is a Revelation that Christ makes to mankind, there are several parties involved here. God gave the Revelation to Jesus, who signified it by His Angel, who portrayed it to John, and the Apostle has passed it on to us. This book is made possible by what Jesus did for mankind on the Cross, everything must point to all that Jesus did at the Cross and onto The Resurrection. **Rev 1:1... which God gave unto Him** Jesus is God The Son who has an amazing Love for The Father, all that He did was according to the Will of The Father. **Jn. 7:16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not Mine, but His that sent Me.** and also **Jn. 8:28 “My Father has taught Me, I speak these things”.** **Rev 1:1 to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass;** The Greek wording for “**things which must shortly come to pass**” does not mean we will know all things but rather that which is a necessity! Time wise this book is divided into sections **Rev Ch 2 & 3** the Church Age unto the Rapture...**Rev chapters 4 & 5** reveals the great Vision of The Throne of God...**Rev Ch 6** through to **18** proclaims The Great Tribulation...**Rev Ch 19** records the Second Coming of the Lord...**Rev Ch 20** speaks of the Kingdom Age...**Rev Ch 21 & 22** presents the Perfect Age. **Rev 1:1 and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John...**The angels job was to deliver the message which was to involve signs and symbols, hence the use of the word ‘**signified.**’ John does not call himself an Apostle in this Book but a servant this is translated in the Greek as ‘**slave**’ coming from the word “**doulos**” in fact the word is used 11 times which embraces all of us.

Revelation 1:2 Who bare record of the Word of God, and of the Testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

John was the witness, and from the start was aware that this was a Revelation from The Father as the OT Prophets did. **Rev 1:2 Who bare record of The Word of God** John has already made it clear that Jesus is the Messiah **John 1:1-2 In the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with God, and The Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.** Once again John bares record of The Living Word of God, and that this Word has come directly from Him so it is infallible. **Rev 1:2... and of the Testimony of Jesus Christ,** Jesus gives validation of this Message which is both from God The Father being about God The Son **and of all things that he saw.**

John held nothing back, he has made it known precisely as it was seen by him. As well he has not tried to explain what he saw, or interpret it in any way. He recorded accurately and faithfully what was given and shown him

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the Words of this Prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

We are to read this Book but even more we are to hear what The Spirit is saying to the Church. If we read and hear these words we are going to be blessed by The Lord. **Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the Words of this Prophecy** ‘He’ speaks of a person reading! ‘they’ speaks of those that hear, meaning hearing one read the Word and of course those people are blessed. **Rev 1:3...hear the Words of this Prophecy** First The Holy Spirit wants us to read this Book, to study this Book, to learn from this Book, so as to understand and receive the attached blessings. We need to read, hear and study with Faith which demands more than just using our minds! We need to allow and desire that our spirits hear the Word of God...That The Holy Spirit is going to bless us deep within our beings with all Spiritual understanding. **Rev 1:3...and keep those things which are written therein.** The Bible is the only book that presents future events without any failures, one third of the bible is prophecy, one third is on history, and one third gives instruction for Godly living. Read, hear, and keep are words of promise. The Holy Spirit is going to fill us with His Grace as we read...The Holy Spirit is going to Speak into us His Words to hear and learn from Him as we study...and The Holy Spirit is going to give us Power to keep these wonderful Words for to do so without Him is in my opinion impossible. **Rev 1:3...for the time is at hand.** Which just means ‘**shortly**’ The book of Revelation gives us an account of the events that will transpire throughout the church age, and then that which follows the church on into the eternal future. We are not given details but events, and these are for the redeemed only. The Great Tribulation takes up most of this book being from **chapters 6** through to **19** and the time line for this is to last about seven years. Israel is God’s time clock and satan knows the clock is ticking, he tried to wipe out the Jewish nation during world war two, again in 1948 and in doing so drove Prophecy to a place of near completion, we see the time clock nearly striking the final hour with Israel becoming a recognized Nation. When The Holy Spirit gave these words for the time is at hand He wants us to be ready! The church age is nearly over! Seize the moment and live for The Lord as time is running out.

Revelation 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and Peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from The Seven Spirits which are before His Throne;

This message is given from The Divine Trinity to John for the seven churches: **1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia** This is Asia Minor, In fact they have narrowed it down to the area known as Turkey. The Churches names are Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. The Churches in these cities existed in John’s day. The number seven is of course important as we read we will see seven churches, seven letters, Seven Stars, Seven Candlesticks, Seven Spirits of God, Seven Lamps of fire, Seven Eyes, Seven Thunders...etc. However the seven churches even though they were in existence in John’s day, it is in the spiritual realm that these churches are to be seen, over the time period from John’s day up to ours and onto the Rapture. **Dan 12:4 “But you, Daniel, shut up the Words, and Seal the Book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”** Understanding is being poured out into His Church today like never before and we must eat it as a starving person eats food. **(A.D. means Anno Domini meaning "In the year of The Lord")** Ephesus: Was called the Apostolic Church and ended around A.D.100...Smyrna: The Martyr Church from A.D. 100 to around A.D 300 Pergamos: Called the state church from A.D. 300 to A.D.500 This is when Constantine the Great legalized Christianity, making it a state religion of Rome, many pagans entered the church in an unsaved state and did not change...

Thyatira: The Papal church which started in A.D.500 and is in action up to this day. It started when the bishop of Rome assumed supreme authority over the church and announced himself as the pope. Sardis: also called the Reformation church which started around A.D.1500, where Luther presented Justification by Faith bringing it back to light from the darkness of false doctrines... Philadelphia: Referred to as the Mission church which started around A.D. 1800 which like the Reformation church continues at this hour...Laodiceans: This is number seven! The last church numbered! And it is referred to as the Apostate church. It concerns our present history and will wind up the church time frame in history. **Rev 1:4 Grace be unto you, and peace**, In most of the other NT books the writer starts and ends with a blessing...this is different as it comes directly from God The Holy Spirit, we are to be careful not **Gal 2:21 to frustrate the Grace of God**. The Grace of God is meant to flow from God to the believer on an unending basis, which is simply the Goodness of God extended to undeserving Saints! There are requirement as it regards the uninterrupted flow from the Throne of God and that is **1/**everything the believer gets comes exclusively from the Work of Jesus Christ at the Cross, being the finished work of Calvary, the believer must understand this and without fail! Jesus' Work and Blood. (**Rom 6:3-14,1Cor 1:17-18,21,23,2:2, Gal 6:14**) **2/** The believers Faith must be in what Jesus Christ did at the Cross, so the object of one's Faith must be in the Cross, that is understanding the Work Jesus did there (**Rom 8:3, Eph 2:13-18, Col 2:14-15**) In fact the word "Crucifixion" as it regards our Lord, refers to an act which was performed in the past, and was done to such totality that it will never have to be done again, His Work was finished then, His Work is finished now, His Finished Work...using an oxymoron is unending, it just keeps on giving! **3/** The Holy Spirit is the member of the Godhead Who carries out everything within our hearts and lives. And He does so strictly within the parameters of the Finished Work of Christ, this is a the greatest law ever given to man by God. **Rom 8:2...For the Law of The Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death**. If we misplace our faith, which means to make something else the object of that faith rather than the Work Jesus did at the Cross, The Holy Spirit will not be able to Work as He would like in that believers life. The Heavenly Father turned away from His Son while He paid the sin debt for man...never before has this happened... the pain The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit went through is beyond our understanding. To sum it up The Holy Spirit demands Faith in what Jesus did at the Cross, as Righteous Pride in what Jesus did belongs to The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that is why **Rom 8:2 calls it The Law of The Spirit of Life.... Rev 1:4 from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come**; This is from The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All members of the Godhead are Everlasting, which embraces all durations, past, present, and future. **1:4 and from the Seven Spirits which are before His Throne**; This was written in this manner in order to emphasize the Sevenfold aspect of The Holy Spirit's operations, Whose Gifts are diffused among all the Churches, and Who divides to every man as He will. **1/** The Spirit of The Lord **2/** The Spirit of wisdom **3/** The Spirit of understanding, **4/** The Spirit of counsel **5/** The Spirit of might, **6/** The Spirit of the knowledge and **7/** The Spirit of The fear of The Lord. If it is to be noted The Holy Spirit is pictured here "**before The Throne**" rather than 'Sitting on The Throne'. This points to the fact that The Holy Spirits Work is primarily on the Earth at this time. In fact all that the Godhead does is through the Person and Operation of The Holy Spirit.

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the Faithful Witness, and The First Begotten of the dead, and The Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that Loved us, and washed us from our sins in His Own Blood,

1/As we have had greetings from The Father and The Spirit, we know have greetings from The Son, John gives these descriptions of Him. **2/** He is The Faithful Witness, which refers to His Earthly life of obedience. **3/** He is The Resurrection and The Life, which guarantees the resurrection of all Saints. **4/** Him being 'The Prince of the Kings of the Earth,' refers to the fact of His leadership over the world. **5/** The love of Christ for the Church seen by Him giving His Life on the Cross of Calvary, cleansing undeserving sinners from all sin. **1:5 And from Jesus Christ**, It is impossible to escape the Trinity from Verses 4 and 5. We have the Father on The Throne, The Holy Spirit before

The Throne, and Jesus Christ who is Lifted up in His Redemptive Work. In this Verse we have the triple title applied to Jesus Christ. **1/** Christ the Revealing Prophet **2/** Christ the Life giving High-Priest **3/** Christ the real Ruler of mankind as King. Of course Jesus means Saviour, and Christ means The Anointed, or the fulfilment of all the predictions of the Prophets. **1:5...who is the Faithful Witness**, This is speaking of 'The Man' His credibility is proved by His earthly Life of obedience in the past, and in the present by His Witness to the true condition of the churches, and it will be proved in the future by Him ending all things in Him. **1:5...and The First Begotten of the dead**, This proves that Enoch, Moses, Elijah etc... **did not** have resurrected and glorified bodies as some claim before Christ. This term refers to His Resurrection, and above all, the Source and Origin of the Resurrection. **Rev 1:5...and the Prince of the kings of the earth**. Jesus will Sit on The Throne of David, for He alone is Worthy, (see **Zech. Ch 12-14**) **1:5...Unto Him that Loved us, and washed us from our sins in His Own Blood**, This is the central theme of the Bible, this shows The Love of God in that we are here as believers studying His Word. Jesus died so we could live...but death could not hold The Son of God under it's control, for He rose again, The Lamb of God was slain but He rose again!

Chapter 1:6-14

THE BOOK OF REVELATION TO JOHN

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Revelation 1:6 And has made us Kings and Priests unto God and His Father; to Him be Glory and Dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

We have undeservedly had bestowed upon us the titles 'Kings' and 'Priesthood' **1:6...And has made us Kings and Priests unto God and His Father** This is what the Work of the Cross has allowed. The word 'Kings' refers to the exalted rank and dignity that we will have! In fact it means we will with Christ our Saviour rule over our enemies, we will see sin, death, and hell all destroyed. The word 'Priests' refers to the fact that we are engaged in The Holy Service of God Almighty, and that our worship is acceptable to Him. The words 'and His Father' refers to the fact that The Saviour has Redeemed us, and elevated us to this exalted rank, in order that we may thus be engaged in the service of His Father. Remember the great price paid by The Lord! Such a cost, and from His pain we get the greatest possible blessing! **1:6...to Him be Glory and Dominion for ever and ever. Amen** Forever more The Lord Jesus indeed will always be known as the Glorious One, Who indeed deserves all the Glory, Praise, and Honour.

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

The Second Coming of The Lord is the chief theme of this Book. **1:7...Behold, He comes with clouds** represents great numbers of Saints..hence 'clouds of Saints' not fluffy sky clouds. **1:7...and every eye shall see Him** refers to the area of Jerusalem, and millions if not billions on live TV (**We will discuss the reason for this designated area later in this study**). **1:7... And they also which pierced him:** Refers to the Jewish Nation who will be gathered in the land of Israel. **Rev 1:7...and all kindreds of the earth shall wail of Him.** This also speaks of those that hung Him on the Cross, plus because of the Judgment of The Lord! The world will wail because of the sin which pours out man's shame. **1:7... Even so, Amen.** This means the Truth as stated shall happen! The Lords return will be at the Mount of Olives. This will be during the battle of Armageddon which satan foolishly believes he will win, and due to the foolish pride and boasting of the anti-christ one would think he would have TV cameras every where so all can see his so called 'victory'! Hence most of the world will be watching! The words '**every eye shall see Him**' in this verse means to gaze or stare at with open eyes, as at something remarkable or something horrifying to the beholder, which will produce either hatred or reverence. When Jesus arrives back on earth all shall see due to TV!

Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, Says The Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, The Almighty.

God is the first and the last 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending God just IS...He knows all that was, and all that is, and all that will be. There was no beginning nor is there an end to God, He nether gets old or as far as we know was never young in the sense of human thinking, so what this verse speaks of is 'creations time frame' 1:8...Says The Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, The Almighty. This is the Voice of God, as good as His Signature, vouching for the Truthfulness of The Coming Christ. God does not hesitates in using the term 'The Almighty' He has all Power, all control, and will accomplish every thing that John is about to write.

Revelation 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for The Word of God, and for the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

1:9 I John, This is the Apostle John 1:9...who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, John makes it clear he is a brother to the Saints, and a fellow-partaker in the tribulation which was coming out from Rome to halt the Christian movement. Tribulation has always and will always be a part of the believers life as we feel the suffering of a dying world 1:9...and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ We are directed and aided by The Holy Spirit of God as members of the kingdom into a time of patient awareness for the manifestation of Christ on earth...Thy Will be done! 1:9...was in the isle that is called Patmos Today this is a small island 37 miles from Miletus it has no trees but abounds in flowery plants and shrubs. It has one small town which supports a small harbour for shipping. 1:9...for The Word of God, and for the Testimony of Jesus Christ. Eusebius (Christian historian) wrote that John was banished to the island in A.D. 90 by Emperor Domitian and released 18 months later by Nerva. John was not a criminal but was imprisoned due to his stand for The Word and Testimony of his and our Lord. Domitian wanted to throw fear into the Christian community by arresting their leader but instead John wrote a book that condemned the Emperor and any other that would walk in his evil paths of unbelief. So in Truth The Holy Spirit took John for a 'timeout" period to an island which acted as a cone of silence to write uninterrupted the greatest book on Judgment ever written, then when completed returned His servant home for his last days on Earth. What a great and Mightily God we serve. AMEN and AMEN Patmos Island today...It certainly looks very warm, peaceful and relaxing. In the day's of John there were no homes or hotels. The coldest month of the year is Feb 13°C (56°F)



Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit on The Lord's day, and heard behind me a Great Voice, as of a trumpet

This is the place we all need to try and remain in, being in The Spirit. 1:10...I was in the Spirit This is speaking of The Holy Spirit moving upon John, something that we should all be experiencing more and more as we move into His teaching of the Work of Jesus at the Cross. This happens as we pray, study, seek, praise, worship, or acknowledge Him in any way during our day, meaning focussing on Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. 1:10...on The Lord's day This is not to be confused with the 'Day of the Lord' we see this referred to in Isaiah 2:12, 13:6-13, Joel 1:15, 2:1-31 Amos 5:18, 1 Thess 5:1-11, 2 Thess 2:1-12. These speak of the time that begins the Second Coming and ends the rebellion of satan. We are not to confuse the two. John was in the Spirit 'on the Lord's day' being the first day of the week, the day of the Lord's Resurrection Mat 28:1, Jn 20:19, Acts 20:7, 1 Cor 16:2. John at this moment had moved from being alert in the flesh to being in The Spirit, a trance like moment much like what happened to Peter in Acts 10:10.

He was totally under the control of The Spirit, his physical senses of sight, hearing, and feelings were not registering, he heard, saw and felt only what The Lord wanted him to! **1:10... and heard behind me a Great Voice, as of a trumpet** This does not mean the sound tune of a trumpet, but rather of a loud volume. This is not a trumpet but the Voice **as of a trumpet**, signifying its power and the attention it commands. Trumpets announce events of great importance such as God's presence upon Mount Sinai, the Year of Jubilee when all debts were forgiven, the downfall of Jericho, a trumpet will attend God's overthrow of the kingdoms of the earth, and warns that the Day of The Lord is at hand, the gathering of the Church at the Rapture and of the elect prior to the Millennial Kingdom.

Revelation 1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last: and, What you see, write in a Book, and send it unto the Seven Churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. This is The Voice of Jesus Christ, a Voice like no other. **1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega** Jesus is the First and the Last He is both the Perfect Man and The Holy God. This is the Voice of all Power...God...He is saying there is No Other...He started it and He **finished** it, His Word only stands. God is Everlasting. He inhabits eternity and is without Beginning nor without End, from Everlasting to Everlasting. Amen and Amen. **1:11...and, What you see, write in a Book** John is being told clearly only write what he is seeing. The verb "see" is in the present tense. John will write carefully and accurately what The Spirit shows and tells him...Some have tried to deny John the right of being the one that penned the Book of Revelation due to the difference in writing technique used by him in his Gospel Book and the 3 Epistles. However the reason for the difference from the other books is John wrote down every Word in the way The Lord had ordered Revelation to be written! **1:11...and send it unto the Seven Churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.** These Seven are representative Churches and embody the chief spiritual characteristics of all the Churches throughout time, whether as faithful or unfaithful.

Revelation 1:12 And I turned to see The Voice that Spoke with me. And being turned, I saw Seven Golden Candlesticks

Jesus has identified Himself as The Christ to John and moves on with His message to the Churches: **1:12 And I turned to see The Voice that Spoke with me.** As spoken of before His Voice was as a trumpet, this means with complete authority, Power, and illumination. This Voice is The real Voice...The One we should be hearing! As John turned towards The Voice... so should we! Satan will try to sway the believer, but as long as the Work Jesus did at the Cross is centre fold to our Faith then they shall walk in His Saving Grace. Many voices try to speak in our Churches from man's voice to seducing spirits and we are to be awake to them all, but the true follower of The Way has this as a comforter **Jn 16:13 The Holy Spirit will guide you into all Truth** and **Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself shall Bear Witness with our spirit that we are the Children of God.** As we praise God for the Blood and the Work done at the Cross, asking The Holy Spirit to teach us of Jesus we will grow into a Christ awareness and likeness at a rate of knots. **1:12...And being turned, I saw seven Golden Candlesticks** what these Candlesticks looked like we do not know, but from verse 13 we are told they are Seven distinct Candlesticks. They could have had one lampstand to each, or could have had seven lights to each stand as the Candlesticks in the Tabernacle or Temple had. The reason we have little knowledge of them is simple...they are not the centre of attention, Jesus is and always will be. The number Seven used here is to denote the entirety of the Church and for all time, which we will be studying in chapter two. John had turned to follow the Voice... *being turned* implies being aided to turn as we shall also be...amen

Revelation 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks One like unto The Son of Man, Clothed with a Garment down to the Foot, and girt about the Paps with a Golden Girdle.

Jesus is the head of the Church. He is the Masterpiece, the centre of our attention, amen and amen. **1:13 And in the midst of the Seven Candlesticks** Jesus is seen here in the midst, He is the Head of the Church, the One we must follow. So many preachers and followers try and usurp His place as the head which is one of the greatest battles we face. **1:13 One like unto the Son of man** "Son of man" is used 88 times in the NT and speaks about His Humanity, 84 times this term is used in The Gospels, from them 21 times it is used in reference to the Second Coming. The Son of man is able to Judge Justly and is indeed The Holy Judge, **Jn 5:26-27 For as The Father has Life in Himself; so has He given to The Son to have Life in Himself; and has given Him authority to execute Judgment also, because He is The Son of Man.** We the Church need to see Jesus as The Judge, yes of course as our Saviour, Protector, Lover and so on but also as The Judge! **1 Peter 4:17 For the time is come that Judgment must begin at the House of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not The Gospel of God?** The term Son of Man also points to the fact that He is the last Adam and being so **Heb 4:15 was in all points tempted like as we are** So He is the Head Who fully understands all human temptations so His Judgment is accurate **1:13..Clothed with a Garment down to the Foot** This presents the Divine Son of God in the fullest sense of the term. He is complete. The Priests in the OT whilst on duty as the High Priest wore a robe with a golden sash but were never complete...He is! From Head to Foot. **1:13...and Girt about the Paps with a Golden Girdle.** This is so far removed from what He had appeared on earth as! This is a Kingly and Priestly apparel. Christ is the Priest-King. **Paps** means chest...His chest is adorned with a Golden Girdle. He is clothed with a **Garment down to the Foot**; I feel it fits this description, that of the Righteousness of Christ; a Wedding Garment, the best or first Robe, I also believe it is fitly compared to that which He will put upon all believers. His Righteous Robe will cover us completely, keeping us warm and comfortable, praise God it beautifies and adorns us, this very beautiful, pure, and spotless robe. It reaches to His Feet, which covers all the members of Christ's Mystical Body, so to the weakest, the meanest and the lowest, up to the most excellent and strongest of believers, He covers all that trust in Him. Some feels this part of scripture refers to a sign of gravity and wisdom, it being usual for men of power and authority, and learning, as the Jewish leaders for an example, they wear such clothing. Again as He is God for sure both are correct He is all in all 100% complete. Amen and Amen.

Revelation 1:14 His Head and His Hairs were White like wool, as white as snow; and His Eyes were as a Flame of Fire;

This simply represents Majesty and Authority with Eyes of Fire that portray the penetrating scrutiny of His fierce Judgment. Please folks... look by Faith towards those Eyes as we only have the time offered to allow the Work Jesus did at the Cross to change us into that which He desires. Let us at this very moment desire His Holy Judgment and Correction. Again I write "Please folks"...we must die to self (**by His Power**) allowing Him to Live. I do not mean as in bodily death but our character, the sin nature, that which we inherited by the fall of Adam, to understand please read our study on Book of Romans! And for Him to Live means The Mighty Holy Spirit through the Work Jesus did at the Cross brings changes to our character, His desire, His reasons, His Love begins to control the believer..and we find ourselves sinning less and less as we look more and more into His Eyes of Fire. AMEN.

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Revelation 1:15 And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His Voice as the sound of many waters.

1:15 And His Feet It is thought He appeared as a Priest of old, bare Footed ready to Minister. **1:15... like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace.** We see in **Dan 10:6 And His Arms and His Feet like in colour to polished brass.**" and also in **Ez 1:7, and they (the feet of the living creatures) sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.** These are speaking of God's Glory and **Rev 1:15** is making it clear that Christ is overwhelmingly Covered in the Brightness and Glory of God so much so that He is brighter than the Sun. His Feet were so bright that they seemed to be like a beautiful metal glowing intensely in the midst of a furnace. I am sure you have all looked at some time upon the dazzling brilliancy of metal in a furnace, so we can form an idea of the image here presented. **1:15...and His Voice as the sound of many waters.** This presents the Voice of Power, the awe-inspiring Voice of The Mighty King Who has come to execute Judgment in Righteousness, in **Dan 10:6** he describes The Voice of the Ancient of Days as The Voice of a multitude, which is compared as the sound of ocean waves, which The Voice of the Lord alone can subdue.

Revelation 1:16 And He had in His Right Hand seven stars: and out of His Mouth went a Sharp Two Edged Sword: and His Countenance was as the sun shines in His Strength,

The Pastors, the Word of God, and His Glory! Jesus holds all things. **1:16...And He had in His Right Hand seven stars** The sevens stars are the Pastors of the seven churches and they are held in His right Hand which is a place of power and safety. These Ministers of The Gospel are compared to stars, because of their efficient cause, God who has done a marvellous work in them causes these preachers of The Gospel to receive their Light from Christ. This Light (**God's Truth**) is then passed onto others so to direct them to Christ, pointing out the way of Salvation by the Work of Jesus Christ at the Cross. **1:16... and out of His Mouth went a Sharp Two Edged Sword** This is the Sword that lays bare the thoughts and intents of the soul, **Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of The Spirit, which is The Word of God** if one uses the wrong sword one shall die by it Jesus said **Jn 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have Eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.** All teaching must point to Jesus Christ and His work, other wise it is another sword...another jesus...another gospel...just another lie! The Two Edged Sword is in fact the OT and NT, the OT cuts our external 'carnal man' the NT cuts into our spiritual 'sin.' The two edged sword will cut off sin from man, or else man in his sin! So the Sword is His Word, that which He speaks, cutting into all that have lived, are living, and are to live. **1:16...and His Countenance was as the sun shines in His Strength** No man has seen nor can see the True Glory of God! **1 Tim 6:16 Who alone has Immortality, Dwelling in unapproachable Light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honour and Everlasting Power. Amen.** What John saw is no way near The Lords Total Glory...and yet what John saw was as bright as the Sun!!!

Revelation 1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His Right Hand upon me, Saying unto me, Fear not; I Am the First and the Last:

John was overcome by The Power of God, the idea, John thought he was going to die but The Right Hand of Jesus was on him. **1:17...and when I saw Him,** Jesus The all Powerful! This would be like looking into the glare of a 1000 suns! **1:17..I fell at His Feet as dead** Natural man being sinful is not able to sustain The Lords Glorious, Glorified Appearance and State. **1:17...and He laid His Right Hand upon me** Jesus sits at the Right Hand of God, exalted high above all else, His Right Hand is extended towards and is indeed upon the Prophet, how awesome is that? **Eph 1:20-21** tells us that God...**raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His Right Hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.** All are beneath Him and subject to Him, all things!

The Right Hand of God, therefore, is a reference to both a place of proximity to God The Father and a position of Power above all other powers. Jesus the Messiah exists at this Right Hand of God today, perfectly Reigning with God The Father and God The Spirit in Community and Power.

1:17...saying unto me, Fear not Jesus' Words bring instant relief 'you will not die in your sin' in effect the meaning of **fear not**...used here means **Be not afraid & dread not**" they are used by the Lord and His angels **117 times in the Bible**. **1:17... I am the first and the last**: This phrase is used by The Lord three times in this **Chapter verses 8 & 11** and of course this verse. There is no one before Christ and no one after Him, He is **The First and The Last**, being the Maker of Creation and Life's Source of Power into Eternal Life! Of course God was and is and always will be, He is the Eternal God so this term speaks about man's time related to creation and onto Judgment.

Revelation 1:18 I Am He that Lives, and was dead; and, behold, I Am Alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Jesus holds the keys due to His awesome work which revolves around the Cross. **1:18 I Am He that Lives** He is the Living One, but not just Living as the Life Source is Within Him, He is life, He owns it, and is indeed the Immortal God Who cannot die. **1:18...and was dead** God entering into death...our death, He being God could not die as just stated, so Jesus had to become flesh, a man, as to suffer this horrendous debt by death on the Cross. His body died but His spirit lived on **1:18..and, behold, I Am Alive for evermore, Amen** This statement is powerful, He is Alive because He had died! He was buried and He rose again! The Body of Jesus was dead and buried but received unto Eternal Life by The Mighty Spirit, The Cross, the Cross, the Cross...His Body shall never see death again, O death where is thy sting? The **amen** just fullstops this as complete. **1:18...and have the keys of hell and of death**. This speaks of His victory at the Cross, He won the right to hold these Keys, He removed all of sins power, in every way. This is not speaking of the second death which is to come but that which Jesus did at Calvary. Many people claim satan holds deaths power but he has no power, he does, and can only do as The Almighty God directs and allows.

Revelation 1:19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

This verse tells us the importance God places on us understanding His plan! John is to **1:19 Write the things which you have seen** which means what he had just seen, the vision of 'one like to the Son of Man, amidst the Golden Candlesticks, with seven stars in His Right Hand, as above described. John was also to write **1:19... and the things which are** This is from the time of Pentecost and continues unto this hour. This time is coming quickly to an end which means the Rapture is nigh. Which John penned here **1:19...and the things which shall be hereafter;** This speaks of from the Rapture on unto the end of the world, the Great Tribulation, the Second Coming, the Kingdom Age, and into the Perfect Age to come. We will better see this when we study **Rev 4:1** when John is shown 'things which must be hereafter"

Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the Seven Stars which you saw in My Right Hand, and the Seven Golden Candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the Seven churches: and the Seven Candlesticks which you saw are the Seven churches.

Jesus holds the pastors and churches in His Hand, so they are His. **1:20 The mystery of the Seven Stars which you saw in My Right Hand** Once again He speaks of the "Stars" but this time with the word **mystery**. They are in His Hand so held in complete safety. This is beyond human comprehension, only The Christ enlightened can receive the true understanding. **1:20...and the Seven Golden Candlesticks**. Again symbols, in understanding these we see by The Holy Spirit the importance of the number seven here, it is God's number and denoting perfection, totality, and completion. The Seven Golden Candlesticks refer to rich Spiritual Truths Shinning out with the Brightest of Light.

1:20...The Seven Stars are the angels of the Seven churches As spoken of early these are the pastors. 1:20...and the Seven Candlesticks which you saw are the Seven churches. Plainly stating the Candlesticks are the churches. And even more so the mystery shows us that we are the Laodicean church and this period is well under way. This church picture shows Jesus on the outside trying to get in (Rev 3:20) The church on earth in the last days is shown as one thoroughly corrupted. Paul wrote 2 Tim 4:3-4 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from The Truth, and shall be turned unto fables For this time is indeed upon us, we need to decide what truth we will believe and follow, for that will determine our heart reactions. 1 Cor 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified. So the mystery revealed is for us today in the year 2024...the mystery revealed is those that are truly Christ's disciples...they want nothing but His Life within them...they desire to be Crucified with Christ into His death, believing they will be Resurrected into His Life, and are held in His Hands, being filled with His Truth of Truths. A true believer is about to become a shining Bright Light for the world to see. The Mystery is Jesus walking among the Candlesticks, it means He is the Light not us, He is the Saviour, He is the Great I Am. The mystery is He alone finished it, we can do nothing to add to His Work but believe, amen and amen.

Next weeks study begins with the Letters to the Churches. These Words are directly from the mouth of The Lord which John writes with pinpoint accurate detail. It is important that we see these churches named as the representatives of the churches in each age, meaning each church fits a time zone in history from which The Lord names, the good and bad surrounding each of them, howbeit the church is made of flesh and blood and the sins named by The Lord appear in some lesser manner within all the churches over the course of history. The Gospel while being collective, has at the same time, always been personal! The pastor of each church received the letter with the intent to pass it on to all the believers of that church and throughout the ages. We know each church fits a time zone just by observing the church today. Apostasy has always been a part of the church as has all the failings from all the other past churches but never before have we seen such massive anti-christ behaviour in the halls of the church before.

May the Lord Who is the everlasting King bless us in our comings and goings!



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John writes in what we are about to study Rev 2:1...“these things says He”...‘He’ is The Lord God Almighty...He has Divine knowledge, **1/** He knows intimately the works of the churches. **2/**This is followed by a verdict, such as “**You have forsaken your first love**”, or “**you are dead**”. **3/**This then is followed by a Command. **4/**These Commands further expose the exact nature of the self-deception involved. **5/**These Commands are not given to direct relief but rather the opposite. Jesus is going to bring a Sword not a passive hug...there has got to be a separation from these deceptive evil ways, regardless of the cost. **6/**This is followed by an exhortation in the Words “**He who has an ear, let him hear what The Spirit is saying to the churches**” note ‘not church...but churches...of all ages’. Every believer needs to listen to what The Spirit is Saying to them, both personally and to the church collectively. **7/**And then finally, each letter contains a victor’s promise of reward, what was lost by Adam is more than gained in Christ, and in Christ...it must be, we are to be crucified into His death so we may be raised up in His Resurrection. That is what it takes, and means to be a true **OVERCOMER IN CHRIST.**

Revelation Ch 2:1 **Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things Saith He that Holds the Seven Stars in His Right Hand, who walks in the midst of the Seven Golden Candlesticks;** Ephesus was at that time the crossroads of civilization, it was known as the “Supreme Metropolis of Asia” the Roman Governor lived there. Religiously it was the centre for the worship of the fertility goddess known as ‘artemiss’ or Romanized as ‘diana’. The church was probably founded by Aquila, Priscilla, and later by Paul. (**Acts 18:18-19,19: 1-10**) John also spent many years in Ephesus and the Pastor of one of the churches was Timothy, so it is more than likely that this letter was for him, from John! (**and us**). At the writing of this letter John was the only Apostle alive, this was about 32 years after the Apostle Paul’s death.

Revelation Ch 2:2 **I know your works, and your labour, and your patience, and how you cannot bear them which are evil: and you have tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and has found them liars:**

Jesus knows all things! **2:2 I know your works** Nothing is, or can be hidden from Christ, He knows the imaginations of all hearts. So let us be honest with Him! As He knows our works to the very core of our hearts, we can be sure He will judge us and the church accurately. All our actions are laid naked before The Eyes of The Lord—those flame-like Eyes. **2:2... and your labour, and your patience, and how you cannot bear them which are evil:** Jesus opens with the positives. **2:2... and you hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and has found them liars:** Note that discipline was handed out by the church to those that claimed to be apostles and were not...so the discipline concerned a matter of strong doctrine correction. Understanding The Truth is so important, and The Truth is Jesus Christ ‘and’ Him Crucified, all teaching, preaching, Gospel proclaiming, must point to the Work Jesus did at the Cross. Jesus said they had ‘**tried them**’ which means there had been an investigation of the doctrine they presented. We also need to have doctrinal investigations! Sound doctrine is a must other wise we will be dragged away into all types of foolish nonsense. All that claim to have a message from God should be heard by The Christ and Church appointed leaders, such a message should be judged in line with God’s Truth... Jesus Christ...the message must point to Christ! No one should teach from the front of the Church without first being proved as Truth drivers.

Revelation Ch 2:3 And has borne, and has patience, and for My Name's sake has laboured, and has not fainted.

They stood for The Truth unto the death. Ch 2:3 And has borne This speaks of the course they were on, it was set in The Faith, the church lived and died by The Faith. These are Jesus' Words, this is what He expects brothers and sisters! And the use of the word church here does not mean the institution but the people. Ch 2:3...and has patience The use of the word patience simply implies that it is not always a smooth journey, things go wrong, times of testing do come but as the church of Ephesus did...so must we...have patience and see it through. Ch 2:3...and for My Name's sake has laboured, and has not fainted. Worthy feature of the Ephesus church, they were diligent in their efforts and did not quit. They were long suffering, willing to die, they did the Work of The Lord without halting or hesitation. They were Faithful even in persecution plus preached as Paul taught later the Work of Jesus at the Cross.

Revelation 2:4 Nerveless I have something against you, because you have left your first love.

Zeal can go wrong if we do not keep our eyes on the reason for the zeal. 2:4 Nerveless I have something against you What cannot be seen, heard, or understood even by the owner, is one's heart, Jesus has seen, heard, and understands the motives of all people, from all times. We need to be praying with thanks giving that He is addressing the issues of our hearts intent at all times. 2:4 because you have left your first love So much for once saves always saved. Many use the wording... 'lost' your first love... This is wrong, the Greek means what it written here, "left" and this is serious as the word left makes it a wilful act and one the church needs to repent of. What is meant here is the taking on of another way to keep one's Salvation, check out Heb Ch 3 as an example. What is this first love?...It is proper Faith expressed in what Christ Jesus did for us at the Cross, it is that simple. It is understanding that He has done it all and that we need to deny self. We must depend on Jesus entirely for all things. We must never separate Jesus from the Cross, and the Cross from Jesus. To keep our first love we must have our Faith anchored in the Work of Jesus at the Cross and nothing else...daily.

Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from whence you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove your Candlestick out of His place, except you repent.

Do not forget that awesome Work Jesus did, as this is the net of safety. 2:5 Remember therefore from whence you have fallen I hope we all daily consider the pain and suffering God The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit did for us? Jesus' pain at the Cross cannot be known by man as no one has ever, nor can they ever suffer such agony. They had forgotten (As I believe our age has) such a powerfully wonderful act performed by The Lord. Note Jesus is talking to the whole church. The church must hold fast to the fact that He is The Saviour. What does that mean? He has done it all, and our response should be to love Him for His mercy and willingness to suffer for us...otherwise Gal 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from Grace. They had fallen from Grace. We are all sinners and have the sin nature! God lives with us as The Blood of The Lord covers our sin, to fall from Grace is not 'just' an act of sin but rather a blatant denying of The Truth, read that again and understand it! They had exchanged The Saving Work of Jesus for another so called gospel, another Jesus. Gal 2: 21 I do not frustrate the Grace of God: for if Righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. What this is saying is that Righteousness comes only through the Work Jesus did at the Cross...to take any type of law or other means towards Salvation is to frustrate The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will work within the means of the Cross healing the sickness of sin, however He will not work within another Salvation process. 2:5...and repent, This is a Command, the question is how and in what? Again this is why this is called Revelation!

Rev 2:5... and do the first works (how) regain our child like Faith in believing He died for our sins, (In what) repent and turn back to the Work of Jesus on the Cross, His Work, which our first love comes from. 1 Cor 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified. Many try to become holy or righteous by doing works but true Holiness and Righteousness comes only from The Holy Spirit by the Will of Jesus working in us, we can not possess them by self works. Our so called holiness and righteousness is nothing but filthy rags to God. Jesus is saying repent and rediscover your first love. 2:5...or else I will come unto thee quickly This at least I find fearful, I believe it, He will do as He says folks. 2:5...and will remove your Candlestick out of His place, except you repent. This is a fearsome possibility and the preventing action is repentance (honesty in prayer). Turning back to one's first love, the Work of Jesus at the Cross, the place where one understood His great Love and protective hold. The Pastor has been spoken to by The Spirit and must start to teach The Truth of Christ's suffering before the end of the church era. History tells us that hardship after the death of Apostle John came upon Ephesus. Wars with continued new occupiers, earthquakes, and the harbour's decline left Ephesus a shell of the city, finally the Arab invasions on Ephesus forced the place to be abandoned, today it is a place for sightseers viewing ancient ruins. Was the Candlestick removed? Did they repent? Here is the difference between this church and us today, the Lord Judged that church and in the end it died from spiritual suffocation as history shows, today His Judgment will not just close this church door but the church era.

Revelation 2:6 But this thou hast, that thou hates the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate The word "hate" in the Greek used here means 'to abhor, utterly repulsive'. It describes something Jesus Judged to be completely objectionable. He not only loathed whatever it was, but rejected it entirely. The word 'deeds' in the Greek used here means 'works' so from this we can glean that their actions, beliefs, conduct, and everything else connected to their work was 100% sinful. The meaning of Nicolaitanes... 'Ni-kao' means 'to conquer' and 'laos' means 'people,' the English word 'laity/clergy' comes from the word 'laos' so Nicolaitanes would mean 'laity-conquerors' and Jesus more than dislikes such.

Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what The Spirit Says unto the churches; To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. We need hearing ears. 2:7...He that hath an ear Opened by The Spirit of Truth so that we can obey as we should 2:7...let him hear what The Spirit Says unto the churches; If we hear...we will become overcomer's not by our strength but in Christ Jesus' Grace. 2:7...To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. Remember Jesus is speaking to the Ephesus church, but He is as well dealing with both individuals, and the whole church body over all the ages. We start with the Tree of life and end up at the Throne of God! Life is the first necessity and must precede kingship. These steps mark the upward path of ever increasing glory. Three things here 1/ Eternal Life is guaranteed the overcomer 2/ The Tree of Life actually pertains to Jesus Christ, He is The Eternal Life. 3/ The Paradise of God first spoken of in Genesis is where the overcomer will make his/her home, and of course Who is in the midst? Jesus! He is the Eternal Tree of Life! The only way one can be an overcomer is to have Faith in what Jesus has done, we can do nothing within ourselves to add a thing to our Salvation. For us to overcome we need to believe that it is not us but The Holy Spirit working within the parameters of the Finished Work of Jesus at the Cross. A true overcomer will understand their position in Christ, that is Saved! But that their condition should be forever changing into a more developed Christ like character. Not by our works lest anyone should boast but by Faith in Jesus' Work. Our Faith should be exclusively in Christ and what He has done at the Cross. God The Father checks The Sacrifice carefully NOT the one offering it...so it is always The Sacrifice that is most important...folks keep your Faith even more so in Christ and His atoning work.

Revelation 2:8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things Says The First and the Last, which was dead, and is Alive;

This city was about 40 miles away from Ephesus. **2:8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write** It was said to be large and beautiful and ranked with Ephesus as 'First of Asia'. It's port was very important as it commanded the mouth of the Hermus River Valley. It was a wealthy city where the learning of sciences and medicine were taught. Smyrna's peoples sided with Rome and in doing so earned special privileges. These privileges were not so felt by believers as persecutions still came from Rome hence the Words written "**and you shall have tribulation ten days**"...due to the city siding with Rome it was a place where Christians felt continued pressure under excepted Roman law. **2:8...These things Says The First and the Last, which was dead, and is Alive;** This speaks of the Deity of Christ, He was the Beginning of this world... the Creator...and He will be the Ending of all things. And He points to the importance of Faith in the Cross and Resurrection by saying He **was dead but is Alive.**

Revelation 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of satan.

They were persecuted by Rome which contributed to their poverty. **Rev 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich)** But spiritually Christ labels the church as rich. The word of faith doctrine holds money as important...name it and claim it is a foolish, and dead faith. **2:9... and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews,** From this verse we see God does not consider a person to be a Jew because of birth right. A Christ-rejecting Jew is of satan! As is any person that does such a foolish thing. **Rev 2:9...and are not, but are the synagogue of satan.** This is true even of today, they will hold to this horror of wrong worship until the Second Coming. A great question also would be how many Christian churches hold onto foolish death bringing beliefs?

Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which you shall suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried; and you shall have tribulation ten days: be thou Faithful unto death, and I will give you a Crown of Life.

The Lord is saying there is more sufferings to come! Ouch. **2:10 Fear none of those things which you shall suffer** This was in effect for all churches in that area and time zone...as it is also for us today. **Mat 11:29 Take My Yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I Am Gentle and Humble in Heart, and you will find rest for your souls.** Jesus was with them and is with us, so fear not! **2:10...behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried;** man shall do the devils bidding here locking up God's people but satan is the beaten enemy, already defeated by The Victory of Jesus at The Cross, note The Lord is Telling us what will happen before it happens, satan is on a chain guided by The Lord, he does as he is told.. Jesus said **Mat 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be ye afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.** Jesus will not allow us to suffer that which is beyond our ability (**Faith**). For Smyrna over the next two hundred years Rome would attack them 10 times hence the ten tribulations. **2:10... be thou Faithful unto death, and I will give you a Crown of Life.** The Lord is speaking of bodily death here not spiritual. This was the time of the madness of Caesar's cult where all peoples every where had to call him lord/god...Many Spirit filled brothers and sisters died in their Faith due to this madman. Note: Jesus said be Faithful! So what is Faith? Faith must be in what Jesus has done for the church, nothing else. If we hold onto our Faith in Jesus and what He did at the Cross He will give us the courage, endurance, fearlessness, and Love to see all things through to the end...it will be by His Power and in His Victory that we overcome.

Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what The Spirit Says unto the Churches; He that overcomes shall not be hurt of the second death.

Hold firm and do not walk away from your Faith unto the end of this life you will have no fear the Second Death...which is the Lake of Fire...the place where satan is about to go for ever, Amen.

We need a spiritual ear to hear! **2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what The Spirit Says unto the Churches;** Through out history The Holy Spirit has spoken to the churches telling them what they need to hear, howbeit through out the ages many of the churches have not been listening to His Plea. **2:11...He that overcomes shall not be hurt of the Second Death.** This speaks of the lake of fire. How horrid this place will be for anyone that closes off their ears to The Holy Spirit. **1 Jn 5:4** tells us **This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our Faith.** Anyone that lacks such Faith must ask The Lord for help...and help they shall receive for He is Faithful and True to His Word. Amen.

THE CROSS, THE CROSS, THE CROSS...THANK YOU JESUS FOR YOUR WORK

Chapter 2:12- 29 THE BOOK OF REVELATION TO JOHN

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Revelation 2:12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things Says He which has The Sharp Sword with Two Edges;

Some commentaries state this became what is known as the State Church, I for believe that to be correct. Pergamos was a beautiful and rich city about 60 miles north of Smyrna. It also was a place of false worship, two of the main religions was dionysus, (**the so called**) god of the royal kings symbolized by the bull, and asclepius the (**false**) saviour god of healing represented by the snake. **2:12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write** This pastor had to be strong in his Faith! As Rome would provide another leader who would disrupt Christianity greatly, emperor constantine. Eusebius was employed by constantine to write all his memoirs...he wrote... constantine saw a cross of light in the sky, along with the Greek words “In this sign conquer.” That same night he had a dream in which he said Christ had reinforced the message. The emperor marked the Christian symbol of the cross on his soldiers' shields. He quickly became the head of the Church which brought and end to the persecutions. He refused to be water baptized until his death under the delusion that this would wash away all the sins of his soul (**Water baptism cannot safe the soul, nor does it do anything related to cleansing even the smallest of sins**). However the Pastor of the True Church did not surrender to constantine’s ways and continued in The Lords Work and Will. **2:12...These things Says He which has The Sharp Sword with Two Edges;** This is the dividing Word of God, during this period sadly a lot of people followed constantine leaving The Word of God, which prompts The Lord to proclaim in no uncertain terms the absolute necessity of His Word. The Two Edged Sword also known as The Sword of The Spirit brings either Grace or Judgment.

Revelation 2:13 I know your works, and where you dwell, even where satan's seat is: and you hold fast My Name, and has not denied My Faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where satan dwells.

Nothing is hidden from The Lord, every action, thought, and word comes before Him. **2:13 I know your works, and where you dwell,** This is not so much talking about actions or a place but that which happens in the spiritual realm. The word “**dwell**’ occurs 15 times in Revelation and it always denotes evil. This letter was for the Church of that day which covered the area of Pergamos but it is also for the Churches throughout history. Pergamos had untold thousands come into it’s confines unsaved, and most remained unsaved. This main portion of this church left The Word of God, hence Jesus calling Himself “**The Sharp Sword with Two Edges**” which of course symbolizes The Word of God. They were still going to ‘**a**’ church, praying to ‘**a**’ god, reading ‘**a**’ word, and giving their services freely to one another with self gain! They had accepted the worlds way, they had become a state church, people were being saved under man’s laws and ways. This is not an apostate church as such as they were never Saved so could not fall away, they were religious.

The message of the Work of Jesus at the Cross was not being taught by the main body. **2:13...even where satan's seat is** Again this is for all Churches, satan did not have a 'seat nor a throne' in the city of Pergamos or it's churches, rather he had joined the church, became part of the direction offered by false teachers and prophets. constantine put many church leaders on the Government payroll, under man's rule. **2:13...and you hold fast My Name, and has not denied My Faith** Despite satans efforts some remained in The True Faith...understanding what The Cross had afforded them. satan has been allowed to work day and night to convince people that they didn't need The Lamb of God, on the other hand Jesus does not force or impel upon anyone His existence. **2:13...even in those days wherein Antipas was My faithful martyr who was slain among you**, Antipas was put to death due to his strong faith in Christ just as Stephen was in **Acts 7**, and as Paul was stoned until he was supposed to be dead in **Acts 14:19** (**Jut a couple of examples**). **2:13...where satan dwells**. satan was developing a strong influence in Pergamos which is evidenced by the deep pagan beliefs. In Job it says satan had returned from walking the earth, from where he came we do not know. This however we do **1/ Mark 3:27 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house...** Jesus has bound satan, **2/ Col 2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in by The Cross.** Jesus has openly shown the world that the devil is defeated. **3/ Heb 2:14 that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil** Jesus is the Master Controlling every form of existence, even death answers to Him. At some point in time, I'll be able to pinpoint satan's exact location. It will be in a lake of fire where 'he'll' spend the rest of Eternity.

Revelation 2:14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there them that hold the doctrine of balaam, who taught balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

This comes from the One who knows all things **2:14 But I have a few things against you**, Today The Holy Spirit is telling us within our own spirits what we need to do **Jn 16:13-14 Howbeit when He, The Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all Truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall Hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. He shall Glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you.** He speaks to believers in many ways, through Godly preachers, the written Word of God, His own Voice, by events, Spiritual promptings, visions, dreams, or by the unsaved etc...But are we listening? Desire His judgment today as you can be sure **He will have a few things against us!...**Everybody should take those words very seriously. **2:14...because you have there them that hold the doctrine of balaam, who taught balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.** Many commentators claim the Church in Pergamon were participating in the improper sexual festivities being acted out in the temples. **Eph 5:3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality**, Paul makes it quite clear that a true Christian will not participate in such an act! So I disagree with those commentators that the true church was participating in sexual festivities. Jesus used balaam as an example, he was a prophet who was employed by balac, king of moab. He was to curse Israel, not succeeding in this he tried to arouse the curiosity of the people placing a stumbling block before them. They were fooled into participating in unholy festivities with baal worshippers which was followed admittedly by illicit relations by some with the daughters of moab but this sin was just the icing on the darkened cake, their sinning went so much deeper. So what was the doctrine of balaam? It is the attitude that one can be fully cooperative with the world and still serve God, it teaches compromise, wanting Christians to forget they are called to be separate and Holy. They say Christians can, or should, compromise their convictions for the sake of popularity, money, sexual gratification, or personal gain and so on... It's the attitude that treats sin as "no big deal."

Revelation 2:15 So have you also them that hold the doctrine of the nicolaitanes, which thing I hate. The church at Ephesus faced this as a problem, but it has grown from a problem into a doctrine here! The word doctrine fits well...as the Pergamos church was becoming a state driven religious organisation developing what will become the roman catholic church, a doctrine of evil. Man appointed bishops and clergy can only and have in fact enforced the demise of the church. **2:15...which thing I hate.** Jesus rightly so hates anything that takes someone away from The Saving Work He has done...as it was done for those people and us with The Blood of Love!

Revelation 2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the Sword of My Mouth.

Repentance is required but in what way and how? We all sin, God before He Saved me knew my sinfulness, my weaknesses, my failings, that which I could not in my own strength stop. If it is from any of the just named weaknesses or failings then I am doomed! Praise God! The repentance He is after here is **from us going in the wrong direction**. It is not so much from what we have done but rather why we did it, what caused us to act in such a way, and the answer is we have stopped looking towards the Work Jesus did at the Cross. God does not give mankind any credit for victories in their lives! It is all given rightfully to His Blessed Son, Jesus Christ. If we confess our sins, seeking His Just Judgment, being Spiritually placed into His crucifixion we will become more than overcomers and walk away from the sinfulness of our past lives by and only by the Power of The Spirit...The Two Edged Sword here is being used in the terms of His Judgment is coming quickly! so stay fixed in the Work Jesus did at the Cross. How does true repentance work? The deeper you go into and understanding the Work of Jesus on the Cross the more you get to know Him...A true relationship develops...The closer you get to Him the more you see your sinful heart...And the more you desire to shake off sins hold. He is better than anything else this world can offer...Amen.

Revelation 2:17 He that has an ear, let him hear what The Spirit Says unto the churches; To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the hidden Manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows saving he that receives it.

You can only have an ear to hear if you are anchored into Jesus and what He has done **2:17 He that has an ear, let him hear what The Spirit Says unto the churches** Pray for open ears! Desire His Voice and guidance. **2:17...To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the hidden Manna** Jesus is the Manna! Believe, eat, My body given for you! **2:17..and will give him a white stone**, Ancient custom was to use a white and black stone, given to the members of the jury, they would cast black for guilty and white for innocent. If your Faith is in Christ's Work at the Cross then you will be given the white stone which means innocent..but more...as if you never sinned...pure..clean holy and right... clothed in His Priestly Garments. **2:17...and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows saving he that receives it.** A new name! Humanity will never be the same as a matter of fact we will no longer be called human, made from the dust of the ground...and we shall never return to dust...nay we shall have a new perfect name which removes us from all shame.

Revelation 2:18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things says The Son of God, who has His Eyes like unto a flame of fire, and His Feet are like fine brass.

Once again I write that the 'the angel of the church' speaks of the Pastor of that given church! Thyatira was situated between Pergamos and Sardis. It was a Macedonian colony, founded by Alexander the Great after the overthrow of the Persian Empire. It was not a great city however it's importance came from the provision of garments, dyed stuffs, leather work, tanning and the like...**Acts 16:14** states that Lydia came from Thyatira, she was a distributor of garments made of the purple dyed substance known as turkey red.

From the first century the ground work was laid by this church to bring about the catholic church, finally in the early 600's the bishop of Rome was named the first pope (**not Simon Peter**). Many catholics claim Simon Peter was the first pope this is a complete fabrication, Simon Peters life is well recorded in the book of Acts, and at no time did he take on such a role. During the years A.D. 390 and A.D. 461 leo bishop of Rome used his powers to try and establish the role as 'the universal bishop' (**he claimed that Simon Peter some 400 years earlier was the first pope**) this failed at the time but some 30 to 40 years later the universal pope was born into being... catholicism is not Christ driven...it is faith in works rather than Faith in Christ, they say the pope has the divine authority of Christ, he alone correctly determines scripture and also holds the power to change it...The pope can rewrite the bible... **2:18...These things Says The Son of God** Jesus calls Himself The Son of God not Mary **Mat 12:48-49** He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" **Pointing to His disciples, He said, "Here are my mother and my brothers.** Jesus inserts His God given right to Govern as The Son of God! **2:18... who has His Eyes like unto a flame of fire, and His Feet are like fine brass.** We should not fool ourselves, He sees all things, eyes that are sharp, and penetrating through the darkness of this state, seeing into, discovering, and exposing my horrid actions and the wickedness of all mankind done in the dark; expressing fury, wrath, and vengeance against such acts which should cause one to repent! **2:18... and His Feet are like fine brass** the burning away of the things that the flesh would hold onto...this is done by Jesus within all true believers over their life times.

Revelation 2:19 I know your works, and charity, and service, and Faith, and your patience, and your works; and the last to be more than the first.

This is good stuff, showing that this church did have and still does have true believers, however they must once discovering the deeper Truth leave this church to find Christ like fellowship. Note He uses the word 'works' twice, He is about to reveal while the last work is more than the first...

Revelation 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against you, because you suffer that woman jezebel, which calls herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

See **1 Kings 16:31** The woman jezebel was not in this church but her actions from the past which The Lord hated was. They were being acted out in the spirit world...A blind eye to wrong teachings, which allowed a wrong spirit to bring false doctrines **2:20...and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.** Again this is in the spirit world. Eating or the taking in of something that is unclean, a lie, an untruth, pleasing the sole rather than the spirit and by doing so moving away spiritually from the simple truth we are set free by and only by the sufferings of Christ.

Revelation 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

The Lord has warned this church and is warning ours about spiritual adultery. Our Faith must be in The Son of God and all that He did. Repentance from an act of sin is only the tip of the iceberg, true repentance, which The Lord desires is the putting to death of that which caused man to sin in the first place, the sin nature, that which came from the fall of man (**Adam**) and this can only be done by The Holy Spirit through Jesus' Sacrifice, **2:21...and she repented not.** Unto this day the catholic church and many others from Christian based churches swim in the dark waters of sin. **1/** We need to make Jesus the source of all things that we receive from God (**Jn. 1:1-3, 14, 29, and 14:6, 20**) **2/** Understanding that Jesus is the source of all things but His Sacrifice, Death is the means, and the only means, by which all these wonderful things come to us, hence Jesus had to go to the cross to pay man's debt. (**Rom. 6:1-5; 1Cor. 1:17-18, 23,2:2**) **3/** With The Lord as the source and the cross of Death the means our faith must be at all times anchored in the Work of Jesus' Sacrifice, what He did at the cross, amen! Then The Holy Spirit is able to **legally** Work within the parameters of the Finished Work of Christ' Sacrifice which frees us from the law of sin and death, which we will soon see.

Revelation 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

The bed represents a place of great sufferings which will end in His Judgment being passed upon them. The Lord is speaking to the false teachers and the one's listening to them, repentance of these deeds is demanded. Man's will power or greatest inner desire cannot produce true repentance...such can only come from The Holy Spirit Working through Jesus Christ's Work at the Cross. Such can only come by being 100% honest with The Lord and seeking His Deliverance, His way. **Rom 8:2 For the Law of The Spirit of Life (The Holy Spirit will in no way break this great Law) through Christ Jesus (What Jesus did at the Cross) has set me free(Freedom comes by believing in the Atoning Work of Christ) from the law of sin and death (The law brought the death penalty as it could only expose sin but **The Law of The Spirit** brings Life by The Blood of The Lamb).**

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

2:23 And I will kill her children with death; 2 Kings 10:1 jezebel's two sons, being both kings were both slain; and after that, all the seventy sons of ahab, and in all of this God's Hand was very visible. In the same manner God predicts the destruction of the heretics and heresies referred to in the Thyatira church, this is a spiritual death meaning that only Faith in the Work of Jesus at the Cross brings Life. **2:23...and all the churches shall know that I am He which searches the reins and hearts** hearts and reigns is a phrase used seven times in the Bible and relates to the reigns being the seat of the emotions and the heart is the seat of the thoughts and feelings & refers to the perfection of God's Judgment in this case. **2:23.. and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.** Who have joined the false prophetess to commit spiritual fornication, The Lord can see man's heart and will judge the motive of the heart, not the outward appearance of things. No one shall escape His Righteous Judgment. Jesus makes it clear He will give to these people that which they have worked for!

Revelation 2:24 But to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

Those that have walked as they should according to the Revelation The Lord had given them at that time, and at this time also. **2:24...and which have not known the depths of satan,** Have not followed after his evil ways, but have remained Faithful to The Lords Calling. **2:24...as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.** There could have been more added but the burden was just to much for the church so The Lord has withheld it...As He will also shorten the days for us related to His return as we could not take it a moment longer.

Revelation 2:25 But that which you have already hold fast till I come.

What did they have? They had Salvation through faith which promoted the understanding of Truth. Today nothing has changed, we have Salvation by Faith! satan will try and steal or change it! One must remain within the Work of Jesus at the Cross, never stray from this Truth. **2:25...till I come.** Speaks of the Rapture which also shows that these letters are for all of us through out the ages. It also states we are to remain in The Truth every minute of our lives!

Revelation 2:26 And he that overcomes, and keeps My Works unto the end, to him will I give Power over the nations:

2:26 And he that overcomes, and keeps My Works unto the end Speaks of a continued state of overcoming, of growing into His Work which is total surrender to His ways. **1 Tim 6:12 fight the good fight of Faith, lay hold of Eternal Life' Rev 2:26...to him will I give Power over the nations:** This refers to the Kingdom Age, where Jesus will rule supremely.

Revelation 2:27 And He shall rule them with a Rod of Iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of My Father.

2:27 And He shall rule them with a Rod of Iron This does not mean dictatorship but rather evil will not again be allowed to rule and ruin. 2:27...as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: He is Speaking of the Second Coming Ps 2:9 You shall break them with a Rod of Iron, You shall dash them in pieces like a potters vessel This is a promise from Jesus Rev 2:27..even as I received of My Father. A mighty promise which He will keep as He has for all other promises.

Revelation 2:28 And I will give him the morning star.

I note that The Lord used the word 'him' rather than 'them' which points to the sad truth that from this church possibly the numbers may not be massive...just a thought! The Bright morning star is a star of special lustre and glory, it is intermingled with the first rays of the light of the sun, it is a pledge of God's Faithfulness. The idea is they that keep themselves in The Faith, they who in times of hardship want nothing less than to shine God's glory out for all the world to see, they shall receive such a high blessing of eternal honour in the Kingdom of our Lord. Amen and Amen.

Revelation 2:29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches.

I pray Lord God Almighty that all will hear what The Holy Spirit is Saying to each one of us, fill us with Your Truth, teach us of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us die to self and honour You by surrendering to Your desire. Judge us that we may become clean and pure as is Your good Will. In Jesus Christ' Name I pray. Amen and Amen.

Chapter 3:1-10

THE BOOK OF REVELATION TO JOHN

Revelation study text: study scripture in red...Other scriptures used in blue...side comments in pink

Revelation 3:1 And unto the angel of the Church in Sardis write; These things says He that has the Seven Spirits of God, and the Seven Stars; I know Your works, that you have a name that you live, and are dead.

The Sardis Church is believed to be the Reformation Church, it is referred to as the Reformation Church and is to this day active. 3:1 And unto the angel of the Church in Sardis write; Again like all the other letters this is to the Pastor of one of the Churches in the area and is to be passed onto all the other Churches through out history. The catholic church came into being around the year AD.500 (see notes on the Church of Thyatira).The Word of God was abandoned for a period of about a thousand years with the Church becoming a political system, which as history shows tried to dominate the worlds nations. (The title pope came into use around AD 600-606). During this thousand years untold millions were tortured and murdered, this was indeed a time of horror created by a fraudulent church (Note: not the apostate church but a fraudulent one). Even though Martin Luther was not the first to challenge this fraudulent church it was his challenge that brought about the reformation church in the year 1517. Luther listened to The Voice of the Lord. We need to take hold of this truth, we are talking about the defilement of Gods Word by man! This is how evil the heart of man is and how far we will sink into sins dark domain, and truly today we are no better off or different. Be not deceived therefore or rest in any false confidence, for as the Word of God speaks, listen! as the Bible declares, heed it! And when another voice is added, that of man, whether one or many, remember always that another teacher other than Christ is prohibited. Remember whatever anyone says or does using the Lord's Name be it behind the pulpit, radio, TV or paper check it out as many false gospels are being preached and must not be conceived within our hearts. Remember there is one God, one Master, one Gospel, and there is only one way to The Father, Jn. 14:6 Jesus said unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man comes unto the Father, but by Me. The teaching by The Holy Spirit about the Work of Jesus at the Cross is the only way.

If what is being said does not point to His Work on the Cross...RUN. Millions upon millions died during the dark ages, and even unto this day millions still die, due to these twisted teachings.

3:1...These things Says He This of course portrays Christ, He said it! **3:1...that has the Seven Spirits of God, and the Seven Stars** The Seven Spirits of God represents The Holy Spirit in all His fullness and capacity. The idea here is during the incarnation The Lord had the fullness of The Spirit in totality. This does not mean He had more of The Holy Spirit than other believers, as The Holy Spirit is a Person and cannot be divided. When one receives The Holy Spirit they receive The Person of The Spirit. However, the heart The Spirit works within determines the level of consecration He can effect, the greater our yielding the greater the Work done by the Lord. And Jesus was 100% plus yielded whilst He walked on earth. Amen. **Rev 3:1...and the Seven Stars** This refers to the Pastors of the seven Churches, which represents the entirety of the Church Age. So every Pastor that is truly called of the Lord should receive this message. Seven is the Lords number, and the stars are His Pastors through out the ages and their message must be the same message of the Glorious Work Jesus did at the Cross, it must not change. **3:1...I know Your works, that you have a name that you live, and are dead.** This Church saw a great move of God, but is trying to live on the acts of the past which cannot be done, they have moved from the message that Saves. The word 'dead' or 'death' means to be without The Spirit, they have rejected The Holy Spirit of God. To live on past glory is no life at all. In fact, what a Church once was, or what a believer once was is of little consequence. It is what we presently are that counts, what we have our Faith in that matters.

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

Looking into ones real heart condition is one thing we can do, how we act with people in the world compared to how we act with brothers and sisters in the Lord, how do we fend? **3:2 Be watchful** Apostle Paul wrote **Rom 13:11 And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our Salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.** This is for the believer but also for the Pastors of the Churches **Ezek. 3:17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the Word I speak and give them warning from me.** Pastors are to 'watch what they say' as many ears listen, also the believer must be awake to the words they speak to unbelievers as words can Save and kill. In His Love we must expose error as well as preach The Truth. **3:2...and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die:** This is a horrid position for the Church to be in! But praise God not hopeless. The congregation must be made aware, the individual must be aware of the seriousness of the situation, and steps must be taken to "strengthen what remains" The message of the Cross is being weakened as to is the moving of The Blessed Holy Spirit due to this sad truth. The Church world wide is Cross illiterate and changing the Living Word for lies, false doctrines and foolish humanistic psychology. **3:2...for I have not found your works perfect before God.** He knows our works and if they are based on dead faith then they will be dead works! Ones 'activity' does not make one holy or right rather ones position in Christ does. Misplaced faith demands God's harsh judgment, it is never the performing of good works that develops holiness but rather the simple good work of Faith in Jesus' Work!!! then the "Law of the Spirit through Jesus Christ will free you from the law of sin and death." **Rom 8:2** Then He...The Spirit of God will move through the believer bringing life by The Law of life which comes from Jesus' death and Resurrection...with power unmerited.

Revelation 3:3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore you shall not watch, I will come on you as a thief, and you shall not know what hour I will come upon thee.

What was first given to this Church? The Gospel being the Truth of Jesus Christ! **Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard,** Jesus' use of the word 'Remember' tells us they have forgotten. **Gal 1:6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the One who called you to live in The Grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel**

Paul gave by The Holy Spirit the message of The Cross, there is only one Gospel Message and that is 'Jesus Christ Crucified' Paul powerfully slams all other untruths with **Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be damned! 3:3...and hold fast**, Do not be pulled away from the Work Jesus did at the Cross, satan will try every which way he can to move you into another gospel. **3:3...and repent**. This is not talking about an act of sin but one going in the wrong direction, chasing another faith. Remember we all sin and the Blood of Jesus cleanses us from such acts according to our Faith, and in this Faith The Holy Spirit will convict us of our sin unto repentance, but going in the wrong direction is another story, it demands a mental act of turning away. **3:3...If therefore you shall not watch**, Are you awake? Does this world hold you in it's grip? We need to wake up, shape up and put on our spiritual make up. **3:3...I will come on you as a thief, and you shall not know what hour I will come upon thee** Jesus spoke these words in **Mat 24:42-43** and **Luke 12:39-40** Really we do not need to ponder these as it is quite clear...repentance is being demanded and if it is not acted on...LOOK OUT.

Revelation 3:4 You have a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in White: for they are worthy.

The Christian Bible tell us "**All** have sinned and fallen short of God's Righteousness" **3:4 You have a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments** Defiling one's garments is not directly related to sinning (as all have sinned) although of course that will follow. This reference is to the believer trying to develop their own righteousness, walking away from the Truth of the Cross. Any so called righteous deed does not bring forth the Righteousness of the Lord. Outward things/works appear well to man, but this only brings a form of godliness, not the power of The Holy Spirit; nor a name to live by, and of course it is void of any Godly principle that offers life. Deadness of the soul in a believer is heart breaking and fatal. **3:4...and they shall walk with Me in white:** They have held strongly to The Faith of the Cross, that is Jesus paying the highest possible price for mankind. 'White' speaks of purity **Mat. 17:2 There He was Transfigured before them. His Face shone like the sun, and His Clothes became as White as the Light.** And the Prophet declared **Isa. 1:18 "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.** At no time does white, black or any other terminology refer to the colour of one's skin! **3:4...for they are worthy.** Worthy because they did not trust man, religion, or self rather they placed their faith In Christ and Him Crucified. Of course we all fall short as **Rev 5:1-4** tells us no one was found **even close to being 'worthy' to open and to read The Book, neither to look thereon,**" But The Lamb of God...The worthiness The Lord Speaks of here is due to His Finished Work of Christ Jesus, and it is that Work we must have our faith in...for it is impossible to please God without Faith! And that only comes by us believing 'Jesus suffered and died in front of a Heartbroken Father and Spirit for sinful me'! We better show respect and thanks for such an act of love.

Revelation 3:5 He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in White Raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His Angels.

Only the Glorified Church is spoken of as wearing white raiment. And they are given a Divine assurance that their names will not be blotted out of The Book of Life. **3:5 He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in white raiment;** The elders are spoken of seated on thrones in white raiment. This is a promise unconnected from our human failings. The promise is to all who overcome, all, not who have never fallen, or failed, as this would only place Jesus into Heaven! But to those who overcome that means 'placing our needful selves into Christ total care believing what He has done at the Cross'. **3:5...and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life,** This is clearly stating that names can, and in deed will be blotted out from the Book of Life.

Unconditional eternal security (**once saved always saved**) is both unscriptural and down right evil. It is Jesus who erases the names from the Book, He who gave His life for sinners! Why would He do such a thing when He knows we are but sinners? God will never overthrow one of His children due to sin, as bad and as debilitating as that is. Believe me if He did this there would not be one person left for ALL have fallen short of His Glory! The one thing that has someone's name erased out from the Book of Life is the lack of that which got them there to begin '**Faith**.' Faith gets one into the Kingdom, Faith keeps one in the Kingdom, and if one loses their Faith or trades it for a lie then that faith becomes dead. The whole book of Hebrews is written to the Jews that had accepted Christ as their Saviour, being Born again but due to outside lies coming into their Church they started to turn their backs on their first Love. **Heb 6:4-6 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of The Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame. And Heb 10:26-29 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of The Truth (the sin spoken of here is denying the Truth, turning away from what they first received), there remains no more sacrifice for sins but a certain fearful looking for of Judgment and Fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose you, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the Blood of The Covenant, wherewith He was Sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto The Spirit of Grace? We all have faith Saved and unsaved, but there is only one Saving Faith and that is which comes by The Spirit given to those that believe in the Work Jesus Christ has done! Eph 2:8 For by Grace you have been Saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, And 1 Cor 12:8 The same Spirit gives to another man Faith...**

Revelation 3:6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches.

The Holy Spirit is trying to pull people solely to Christ and what Christ did at the Cross for us! The message revealed to Paul by Christ and as far back to Adam has not changed The Cross, the Cross, the Cross, the Blood, the Blood, the Blood.

Revelation 3:7 And to the Angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things Says He that is Holy, He that is True, He that has the Key of David, He that opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens;

To the Pastor **3:7 And to the Angel of the church in Philadelphia write;** This Church became truly active around the nineteenth century as began to send out Missionaries. Most of the first Missionaries came out went to Africa, India, China, United States and later Australian and New Zealand just to mention some. England due to this received massive blessings from the Lord, but as they turned their backs on His truth and halted their support for Israel they began to lose their blessing. After World War Two the USA took over being the greater provider of Missionaries which in turn has seen them blessed, but again this is wavering as many have turned to another gospel.

3:7...These things Says He that is Holy, He that is True, He is Holy, He is the Truth, He is exalted and Alone worthy of our complete devotion, He is Perfect in Goodness and Righteousness. Being **True** means He is Genuine, Pure, Real, the True Light, Faithful and True to His Word, He is the One True Witness to all things. **3:7...He that has the Key of David,** This is speaking of the incarnation, that is God becoming man, and more specifically, the Kingly role of Christ, even as He serves as Prophet, Priest, and King. The word '**Key**' is used as a symbol of Authority in this Scripture. When we give someone a key, so to speak, we give him/her the right of authority to open and shut whatever that key fits, so it is with Jesus!

'The Key of David' and the words following come from Is 22:22 I will place on his shoulder (Jesus') the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. No demon or man can open or close another man's heart contrary to what the Lord has Ordered. Praise Jesus! Jesus holds the Key, and Jesus opens and closes the doors. 3:7...He that opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens; Jesus charts the course, He is the all wise One who directs our paths as long as we remain in His Truth. He open and closes but we must still do the walking! Jesus said Jn.16:14-15 He (The Holy Spirit) shall Glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine (what Christ has done), and shall show it unto you. All things that The Father has are Mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine, and shall show it unto you. The Holy Spirit will teach us of Jesus, all that the Lord has done for us He shall show openly. As we love Him we will follow Him, more and more until all that stands is Christ's Truth. The Slain Lamb requires that we believe in His sin defeating glorious Acts. Jn 10:9 I Am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be Saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. He alone has opened the door of Salvation, but be warned He has clearly stated over and over that He will shut the door on anyone that examines another way of attaining His Salvation. The Cross is the door we must enter by and the Cross is the place we must remain.

Revelation 3:8 I know your works: behold, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it: for you have a little strength, and have kept My Word, and have not denied My Name.

How foolish for the Church or an individual to think the Lord does not know their works, thoughts, deeds, actions, and words...3:8 I know thy works: This is the sixth time the Lord has said this to the Churches! The word 'know' means it is beyond the shadow of doubt that He really knows more than we do about ourselves! 3:8... behold, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it: This proclaims the Mission activity which began at the turn of the Nineteenth Century. They started to do that which Apostle Paul had started. No one can stop The Truth of The Lord from going out to all the Nations, He has opened that door and the world with all it's demonic aid has not been able to halt this amazing Gospel. 3:8... for you have a little strength, This is not a statement proclaiming any one man's ability rather that they are small in numbers. The Church today is massive in numbers but small in those who know The Truth and walk with The Spirit! Many use such things as the once saved all ways saved doc, humanistic christian psychology or the word of faith message or some other lie to give themselves the feeling of victorious success. 3:8...and have kept My Word, These brothers and sisters have strived to keep The Lord's Word. This is more than just holding it as a possession and safeguarding it. It means obeying from the heart as well, this appears 7 times in Revelation and 20 plus times in the New Testament. No one can fully keep the Word of The Lord but if they know the message of the Cross it becomes possible by Faith...not in or by our strength but by The Spirit Power. The Cross is not a doctrine, but rather the foundation on which all doctrine is built. The Cross is the story of the Word of God, as the Word of God is the story of the Cross. Paul reveals the Cross in all his Epistles teaching us what Jesus did there. If one does not understand the Cross they will not understand the OT, and if one does not understand the OT then they will fall short with the NT. For a believer to understand the Christian Bible they need to start and stay at the Cross. 3:8...and have not denied My Name. His name is 'Jesus' and Jesus means 'Saviour' and the way He became The Saviour was to go to The Cross and three days later proved His Power by being Raised back up into Life. Christ means 'The Anointed One' or 'Messiah' The Word and the Name are linked to the one and same thing being the Work of The Cross done by **Jesus Christ**.

Revelation 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

The father of lies. 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of satan, which say they are Jews, and are not True Jews are those that have recognized Christ as Lord and embraced His ways. Remember the time of the Church is ending and the time of the Jews His chosen people is at hand. 3:9...behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, This has to do with the coming Kingdom Age. These people will bow at our feet but their worship will be towards the Lord. But in doing so will they shall realise that the Gentile nation excepted Jesus as The Christ whilst they rejected The Saviour. 3:9...and to know that I have loved you. This is awesome...Jesus expressing His personal Love for The True Church, We are permitted to stand with the Lord as they all worship Him...Hallelujah.

Revelation 3:10 Because you have kept the Word of My Patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

The trying of one's Faith 3:10 Because you have kept the Word of My Patience James wrote about such testing that develops one's patience! please see [James 1:3](#). Faith is always tested, the greater the Faith the greater the test! Our Faith is to be anchored in Christ which of course must be anchored in the Work He did at The Cross. The Lord at times allows the devil to test us, and his testing which should be obvious is done in the hope to destroying our Faith, but The lord will not allow us to be tested above our ability! Faith is measured by our Trust in the Lord! With this in mind we should always come out of such a test with greater Faith and Trust...for this is what God intends, we are not tested so that God will know how our Faith stacks up but rather that we would realise where we are in our walk. 3:10...I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. This refers to The Great Tribulation. It is called among other things 'Daniel's Seventh Week' which refers to a week being a year, making this seven years. Jesus said [Mat. 24:21](#) "For then shall be a Great Tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the World to this time, no, nor ever shall be" This follows the Rapture of the Church which coincides with Paul's words in [1 Thess. 5:9](#) "for God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain Salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." The Church after [Ch 3 of Revelation](#) is not mentioned again which strongly points to us not being here during the Tribulation!



Revelation study text: *study scripture in red...Other scriptures used in blue...side comments in pink*

Revelation 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which you have, that no man take your crown.

Take hold of these words don't let anyone steal them from you! **"Behold I come quickly"** do not be deceived, He is returning soon! **3:11 Behold, I come quickly:** This pertains to the Rapture of the Church. This Church will continue right up to that awesome moment in conjunction with the Laodicean Church. Two things for consideration here **1/** We live in the time frame which He will return, the Rapture is eminent. **2/** It will be quick, no warnings given as we have already received them...so be smart brothers and sisters, be alert. Today the Church is apostatizing at a rapid rate, if the rapture does not take place shortly there will be no church left, think about that! Financially and numerically the Church is in great shape but as far as living in 'THE TRUTH' of the Lord another story can be told! One either holds fast to the Work Jesus did at the Cross or they abandon His Work and go into apostasy which means a loss of one's soul. There is only one way to be Saved and that is by the Lord's Sacrifice. God the Father watches jealously over this point as His Son paid such a painfully high price, He demands we give 100% glory to His Son Jesus Christ. **3:11...hold that fast which you have** Pure and simple, hold onto His Truth, stay within the Work of the Cross which Jesus has done and supplied for the Church with thanks giving, praise and honour in our hearts. **3:11...that no man take your crown.** The Greek word is **"step-han-os"** means **'Victor's Crown.'** Jesus had the crown of thorns placed on His head before He got to the Cross. What the soldiers meant as a sign of mockery was instead a Crown of Victory...You have to experience the triumph of battle before you get the celebrate the Victory, Christ did this on the Cross. So positive was His faith in God The Father to bring Him through... "Where, O death is your victory, Where, O death is your sting?" So the way in which the Lord uses the word crown tells us this is the victory that overcomes the world! **1 Jn. 5:4 "Victory which overcomes the world, even our Faith"** This is Faith in Christ, in His Work at the Cross, proven by His Resurrection. Amen.

Revelation 3:12 He who overcomes will I make a Pillar in The Temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the Name of My God, and the Name of the City of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My New Name.

This is linked back to the word **'crown,'** **3:12 He who overcomes** we are told over and over again through the Word of God that the believer must have his/her Faith in the Work of Jesus at the Cross, He wore the Crown of Sufferings. No other type of faith will do. Jesus is no longer on the Cross, His work was finished 2000 plus years ago, He has Risen, but the benefits of His Work which were purchased at a great price continue, and will for ever more. **3:12...will I make a Pillar in The Temple of My God,** This of course is a metaphor. Solomon's Temple had two pillars. The names of these Pillars were **'Jachin'** which stood on the right side as one faced the Temple and the other was **'Boaz'** which stood on the left. Jachin means **'He shall establish'** and Boaz means **'In it is strength'** put them together and they state **"He shall establish in it strength"** Neither of these pillars held anything up, neither ceiling or roof as most pillars would...they were ornamental. This means we as believers carry no weight, we are not required to do anything but except that God loves us. This will cause a desire within us to change. These pillars were made from brass, as the 'sun' shone on them they would reflectively shine exceedingly bright. As believers we are to shine brightly but not due to anything we have done but because of the light of The Son, we will reflect His Glory onto others. **3:12...and he shall go no more out:** This is what every believer wants to hear...it means we are to abide in His awesome Presence for ever. **3:1...and I will write upon him the Name of My God** This is a statement of the fact that He will advertise our name to every angel, every created being, that we belong to Him, He is proud of us! And yet we did nothing, how great is our God?

3:12...and the name of the City of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which comes down out of Heaven from My God This is speaking of our citizenship, who He has made us, where we belong forever, in His Peace under His blanket of security never to sin again. This is going to be the largest city the world has ever known, 1500 miles long 1500 miles wide and 1500 miles high. 3:12...and I will write upon him My New Name. We do not know this Name yet, but it comes with great honour.

Revelation 3:13 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches.

Again this is The Holy Spirit speaking to the Church, so what is He saying? What do we need to hear? He is saying The Lord is Faithful and Powerful. He has the key of David. He alone opens and shuts the doors that no one else can. In all our work in the Kingdom of God our reliance should be on, and in Him. Although small in true numbers (**Don't count the heads in your Church rather build up The Faith**) the Church that keeps their eyes on Him shall not fail in doing mighty deeds in His Power. We shall stand with Him Face to face never to depart from His awesome and Mighty Presence.

Revelation 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things says The Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the Creation of God;

The last Church and sadly the apostate Church...being this date & time, 2023. 3:14 **And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write** This is the last of the letters sent out to the Pastors of the Churches, which means we are in the last days of the Church Age. Today we have so many different messages being handed out, evil and deceitful men bending the True Word of God, turning it into that which man wants to hear, reducing it by their lies. 3:14 **These things says The Amen** This means that what He is saying is True and Faithful. What He affirms is True, what He promises or threatens is Certain. He will either look upon us with displeasure or approval this will come back to where we have placed our Faith! 3:14 **The Faithful and True Witness** Jesus reminds us that He is Faithful and True, all things have been Witnessed by Him. He knows everything. Unlike this current Church where it preaches what it desires and changes without hesitation the Word of God, this Church lacks what Jesus Christ Has and Is... Faithfulness and Truth! 3:14...**the Beginning of the Creation of God** "He is the first"! There was nothing before Him!

Revelation 3:15 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot.

I find this scary as this is the modern Church 2023...our Church! 3:15 **I know your works**, Only The Lord knows the heart of man, and only The Lord knows the work of each person and of the Church. We need to hear what He is saying and to be willing to take what ever action is needed or directed by The Holy Spirit. 3:15...**that you are neither cold nor hot**: The modern Church world is divided into two camps, those that are walking in The Holy Spirit and those that are not. (**One can be filled with The Spirit without walking in Him due to refusing to hear what The Spirit is saying!**)

3:15...**I would you were cold or hot**. To be hot for The Lord is to be separated from the world desiring His Will. Being cold means there is no pretence involved doing openly what the world loves..enjoying sins pleasures. A lukewarm believer is another thing...two types I can think of is **1/** Someone that has walked away from the guidance of The Lord turning back into works and religion hence rejecting the Holy One! **2/** Or a sad pretence doing behind closed doors all the sins that tug at one's heart without the slightest desire to change...but when other believers are about playing the holier than thou card, lying even to one's self, a sad presentation of spiritual understanding which could end by being cast into hell fire. (**I am not speaking about addiction here but the wilful desire to do as one wants behind closed doors without the feeling of remorse, a true believer will always cry out for the Power of God to drive them into complete Repentance, which will happen in The Lords time!**)

Revelation 3:16 So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue you out of My Mouth.

It is our job to encourage each other and the wider Church body **3:16 So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot** As stated this is a sad in-between state. This is a statement about weakening faith! Are we locked into The Work Jesus did at the Cross? Or are we adding and subtracting personal wants and beliefs presenting a false faith that fits our... "at that moment"... life styles? **3:16...I will spue you out of My Mouth.** This is serious, not a joking matter, Jesus has a deep disgust for such a person, group, or Church. Many Saints from the past and this within our time frame have died, given their lives so that we may benefit from the blessings of The Lord. And of course Jesus paid the highest Price on the Cross and to be rewarded by lies and fake actions from so called proclaiming christians is an insult beyond belief. Such a person should not expect to find The Lord's favour but rather His wrath and stern Judgment which will be just and right. If you are such a person now is the hour to get right...How? By being honest, it is that easy, Lord help me I am a sinner open my eyes and ears to Your Spirit and stop me from being lukewarm, judge me this moment and deliver me...yup it is that easy...be honest!

Revelation 3:17 Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knows not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

The modern Church has money and all types of worldly goods **3:17 Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;** This is the final apostasy! The end time Church. So many Christians believe money, flash cars, and worldly riches show the blessings of God. Yes The Lord does give all good things to His children but not for their show off, boasting, pride filled, foolish soul destroying, self wants. But **Rev 3:17** Like all of Revelation looks greatly into the spirit world. You think you are rich in the power and the Knowledge of God! Increased in goods and need nothing else Believing you have the spiritual requirements to defeat and answer satan and the worlds power, not seeing Christ did such at The Cross! **3:17... and knows not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:** We are either Spiritually rich in Christ or wretched...This is a sad truth so many claim to hold the truth but are far from it. What we should be regarding these words, **1** fortunate not wretched as we understand what the Lord has done for us... **2** Untroubled not Miserable, Faith in what Jesus has done at the Cross gives this. **3** Rich not Poor, as we have The Holy Spirit working within us. **4** Sharp-sighted not blind, due to Christ we have the ability to see His Truth in the Word. **5** Clothed not Naked, in His Garment of Righteousness earned by Faith due to His Work at the Cross, giving us an understanding of who we are and our great need for Him!

Revelation 3:18 I counsel you to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white raiment, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness do not appear; and anoint your eyes with eyesalve, that you may see.

Eyes anointed by The Holy Spirit **3:18 I counsel you** Jesus is the counsellor and understandable wisdom is what He offers. Ask and it shall be given, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened...Praise be to the Lord our God, Folks Jesus is simply stating "I Am" is Speaking to us...He will not give up on us! May He open our ears! And may we be honest! **3:18...to buy of Me** What currency are we using? **Truth**...being honest, I am weak but You are Strong. **Faith**, build me up in Your Love, Work and Word, that I will understand **Life**, what I have is Yours, how I live and all I do I place into Your care and authority... do as You please Lord. **3:18...gold tried in the fire**, This is the only way forward for a true believer and should be desired, God's Judgment. His Judgment brings 100% correction but...ouch...it can really hurt :- (When gold is placed into the furnace, once it has melted the impurities float to the surface where it is skimmed off, leaving the rest pure, clear and clean of any defect. There are many ways that we are tried in 'fire'! Most of the time by using of other people, quite often those in the Church!

Things spoken negatively or actions used against us, then there is “the not getting what we want”, “what we think we deserve”...Whatever the case...the fire can be uncomfortable up to jolly painful but the outcome is **3:18...that you may be rich** The Richness of Jesus Christ being more than all the wealth of this world is being offered to the believer! He has Paid The Price, given His life for ours. Even yet that is not enough, the Lord keeps giving, we receive daily His richness, His goodness, His mercy, His never Ending Love. The only condition is that our Faith be in Jesus Christ and what He did at the Cross. **3:18...and White Raiment, that you may be clothed** This is what He gives us, a Garment of Righteousness which is exclusively from and of the Lord Christ. He will wrap your body in His Garment, He cloths us with His Awesomeness. If we remain in The Faith. White is not used here as a colour but as a statement of purity and can only be worn by a person of Faith. **3:18...and that the shame of your nakedness do not appear** This church (**today's church**) claims to be rich needing nothing, how sad, this of course comes from self-righteousness which is outside of the Work at The Cross. Again to wear this garment one needs to have Faith in what Jesus did for us at The Cross, anything else shows man's nakedness, revealing his evil nature. **Ex 12:13 And the Blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the Blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.** If God does not see The Blood of the Perfect Sacrifice then hell awaits. We do not want to stand before the Lord revealing the shame of our foolish rebellious nakedness as Adam became and did. No one who truly drinks of His Blood will continue acting out evil desires they shall either instantly stop or over a time halt, but stop they shall! **3:18...and Anoint your eyes with eyesalve, that you may see.** Who Anoints your eyes? Only The Holy Spirit can do this. Who tries to blind the Saints? Man with a push from satan. This church believes it is rich, and increased with goods, and has no need of anything but The Lord says they are poor, blind, and naked...wretched and miserable, who is right? The Holy Spirit will only Anoint one's eyes if one is locked into the Work Jesus has done, which causes us to offer up to The Lord Jesus Christ, The Mighty Lamb of God all the praise, honour and glory. Then we will see...then we will be Anointed in His Majestic Truth.

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

Repentance is demanded **3:19 As many as I love** The Lord does not say all, but rather as many...The Word love here is **'phileo'** which means friendship. **3:19...I rebuke and chasten** We see many times in the 4 Gospels where Jesus rebuked the disciples, **Mark 16:14, Luke 9:54-55, Math 16:23, Mark 7:18** and of course most of the Epistles have rebukes and chastening in them. The reason for these rebukes was due to there being a hard-hearted action and a lacking of The Faith required, when they repented they received the Love of Christ unmeasured, as we will today if we repent. **3:19...be zealous therefore, and repent.** This is great news we can still be zealous for The lord and repent. We must strive to live for Christ, meaning allowing The Holy Spirit to Work His Work within us, and this can only be done by believing in The Work of Jesus. Repenting from actions of sin is of course demanded and Grace and Mercy are given to help us to achieve such a desire, but we must also understand where these acts of sin have come from and stop blaming anything and everyone else, and at that time of inner Truth The Holy Spirit will help us to become overcomer's! (**the sin nature must die within each believer so that Christ may live, amen**) This call to repent speaks to both the individual and the Church regarding the wrong directions taken, therefore turn back and see your nakedness weaknesses wretchedness and repent, turn back to The Work of Jesus Christ and His Sacrifice.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and Knock: if any man Hear My Voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with Him, and he with Me.

Seven times throughout **Ch 1 to 3** the Lord has used the term behold...but this one is mind blowing. **3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock** This has a picture of Jesus being outside! How wrong, twisted and sad is this picture? No Holy Spirit working within the Church, no Jesus, no Heavenly Father. When John saw the Lord in **Ch 1:13-16** the Word tells us he fell to the ground as one dead!

He saw Jesus not as The Sacrificial Lamb but as the Judge which will put terror into the hearts of man. Jesus is knocking and has so much patience that He will continue but the day will come when the knocking will stop and the Judge will appear. **3:20...if any man Hear My Voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.** The Church has rejected the Lord so He is appealing to individuals here. Two things man must do **1/** hear His voice. Hearing His Voice means the voice of religion, of doubt, of self service needs must be silenced, How? By being honest, tell Him the truth, confess all your weaknesses, tell him who you really are! **2/** open the door, and to open the door means to surrender, inviting Him into the control room of the heart by those confessions...amen. The last day church is making another jesus...changing the blessings into a curse.

Revelation 3:21 To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne, even as I also Overcame, and am set down with My Father in His Throne.

The last message to the Overcomer. **3:21 To him that Overcomes will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne** This is the end of the Gentile Church! From the days of Adam many a promise has been made by The Lord, and every single one kept and completed to the letter, in there complete fullness. This is tremendous ‘**to sit with the Lord**’, to be ‘for ever with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit’...and Overcoming comes down to our Faith, and that can only be In Christ’s Work at The Cross. **1 Jn. 5:4 for everyone born of God Overcomes the world. This is the victory that has Overcome the world, even our Faith.** And **Rev 12:11 They Triumphed over him by The Blood of The Lamb and by the Word of their Testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. 3:21...even as I also Overcame** This is speaking about one thing only The Work of The Cross, that which Jesus did for us. The Lord did not Overcome for Himself as He was sinless, He did not have to go to The Cross, rather He did all this for us. He Overcame the power of sin trampling the world and satan underfoot along with all other powers, demons, fallen angels etc...This amazing action of the Lord brought Overcoming Power to any that receive Him as Lord along with all the attributes of The Cross. **3:21..Even as I...**Makes it clear that He also had to do the hard yards, He did them all, He suffered it all, and this makes Him the Commander and Chief...Amen **3:21...and am set down with My Father in His Throne.** The Father and Son are totally reunited never again to be separated, they are one. Sin has been defeated, the power that man could not win against has been broken and removed by Him to Whom be all Praise and Glory. From the moment The Holy Spirit said let there be light the Son’s fate was (**as planned by the Lord**) sealed, and His Love for mankind made known. He is Seated with The Father and is lifted up above all things in Heaven and on Earth. His very Presence, being Seated at the Right Hand of God The Father is His permanent intercession for us. He is a Sweet Sweet Fragrance before God on our behalf.

Revelation 3:22 He that has an ear, let him hear what The Spirit says unto the churches.

Do we have an ear open to His Truth? **Rev 3:22 He that has an ear** We have heard the message of The Cross, what our Saviour has done for us! Do we believe? Is it enough? Do we get sick of hearing this message? Does the message get boring? Are we going to change His Truth for a lie! If anyone has said “Jesus I love You” they have at one time in their lives heard the message of The Cross which caused the heart and mouth to make this awesome statement, but most have taken another path, governed by works and lies. **3:22...let him hear what The Spirit says unto the Churches.** There are many spiritual voices out there, but only one brings The Truth with an on going Sanctifying Peace, and that Voice belongs to The Mighty Holy Spirit of God. Keep your faith in what Jesus did at The Cross, do not go back to the law, do not move to any other salvation process. We can add nothing to what the Lord has done. I am weak but Thou art Strong, Lord keep me from all wrong.

**I belong to You my Rock, my Tower, my Strength.
BE THOU MY HELP TODAY LORD I PRAY**

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

The word **4:1 After...** means 'A period of time following an event'. The event John had written about which has passed is the 'Church Age', the Church Rapture has happened. **4:1 After this I looked** John had been given the visions of the seven Churches and is about to receive another vision...that being, the end of this world as it is known to man! John was of course looking as he saw the vision of the Churches but this statement shows something new is being shown. The terms "I looked" "I saw" and "I beheld" are identical in the Greek and each alike introduces a new vision. The Greek word for "after this" means "after these things." It is a moving from what has been mentioned to what follows. This is massive, a moving from Earth to Heaven! This dwarfs everything to-date. John is looking at the Greatest, the most Powerful, and the only Living GOD...All the armies past present and future of this world will fall to their knees when He arrives...He is the Living Almighty GOD! **4:2...and, behold, a door was opened in Heaven** The doorway to God is open! Christ opened this by His amazing works done at Calvary. **4:1...and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me** The first voice commanded John to come and see all that the world of glory contained. The sound of a trumpet that blasted was the Voice of The Lord! **4:1...which said, Come up hither, and I will show you things which must be hereafter.** The words 'must' and "thereafter" are all important. John is about to be shown the future ending of this world, and the never ending blessings and curses that are to come, for those that hold fast to His Truth a home in Heaven... and those that deny His Truth... eternal damnation.

Revelation 4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit and behold, a Throne was set in Heaven, and One Sat on The Throne.

John was being moved by The Power of The Holy Spirit so as to see all that the Lord wanted him to see! **4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit** No one has had such a vision as this but it is safe to say that most Christians at some time or another will or have had amazing experiences of The Holy Spirit blessing them. (One should desire greatly the Baptism of The Holy Spirit). **4:2...and behold, a Throne was set in Heaven** This was the first thing that caught John's attention. This is The Throne of Lord God Almighty, so one would expect it to stand out some what... aye? This is the place of all Glory full of His Mighty and Majestic Wonders which will shortly deliver Just and Right Judgment. **4:2...and One Sat on The Throne.** This is of course God The Father the Almighty King. He had looked upon the King of all Kings. John will give a clear description of the Throne of God but does not attempt to describe the appearance of the Almighty God. (I do not believe anyone could put into words the absolute Beauty and Power of what John saw)

Revelation 4:3 And He Who sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardius stone: and there was a Rainbow round about The Throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

The Light is so awesome that it takes on the appearance of a rainbow round about the Throne... amazing colours shinning from it, absolutely indescribable. **4:3 And He Who sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardius stone** The jasper stone was the last stone on the breastplate of the High Priest and the first of the 12 foundations of the New Jerusalem (see Ex. 28:20, Rev 21:19) Note: John does not describe the form of God but rather His Glory and Splendour. Some will add spiritual meanings to the Colours spoken of but it is safer to just say they magnify the Lords Beauty and Glory. He is outstandingly awesome. **4:3...and there was a Rainbow round about the Throne, in sight like unto an emerald.**

This enhances the Lords Wonderful Beauty and should tell us how amazing Heaven is! Some say that this Rainbow about The Throne is God's Faithfulness which could be true but there is no reference to this. Yes, the Lord placed a rainbow in the sky as 'a reminder' never again to flood the earth but this does not point to the Colours surrounding the Throne. The price that Jesus paid so that man can take part in this indescribable splendour is unutterable. We must remain Faithful to His Work on the Cross.

Revelation 4:4 And round about the Throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. The word seats should have been translated thrones **4:4 And round about the Throne were four and twenty seats, and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting** Why 24? some commentaries suggested that they are as the twelve tribes but doubled 12 Gentiles and 12 Jewish Christians, others say they are 12 from the OT and 12 from the NT and again it is suggested that they are the twelve Patriarchs co-joined with the twelve Apostles. No matter which is right they all point to the same thing the completed Work of God. The Holy Spirit has not given John the desire to write down any information regarding this matter. **4:4...clothed in white raiment** This represents the Righteousness of Christ, and is made possible to all believers upon simple Faith in Christ and at what He did at the Cross. His Perfect Sacrifice has Offered to the Saints His Glory. **4:4...and they had on their heads crowns of gold.** The golden crowns signifies several things **1/** the Deity of Jehovah, which is evidenced in Power which rests upon the Elders. **2/** The crowns themselves signify kingly authority. **3/** The crowns are being worn meaning present authority.

Revelation 4:5 And out of The Throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were Seven Lamps of Fire Burning before The Throne, which are the Seven Spirits of God. This was quite a sight of Power upon Power **4:5 And out of the Throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices** To stand before The Throne of God with such brilliant colours, and then have the lightning, accompanied by thunderings...presents a picture of such Power and Majestic incomprehensibility that our minds could not possibly take this picture in. Some commentators think the thundering and voices are those of God's Judgment about to come on the Earth, others tell us **Ex 19:16** that thunder and lightning occurred on Mount Sinai when God came down to give Moses the Ten Commandments. This phenomenon caused the Israelites below the mountain to tremble. It seems in view of this Mount Sinai event that lightning and thunder are signs that no one is allowed to approach God without His permission. Others say the flashes of lightning and thunder in **Rev 4:5** may indicate that God is all Powerful, Authoritative, and greatly opposed to sin. Which one (if any) is right I do not know. **4:5...and there were Seven Lamps of Fire burning before The Throne, which are the Seven Spirits of God.** This pertains to The Holy Spirit. There is only One Holy Spirit not seven therefore the number "Seven" as given here speaks of the attributes of The Spirit, which are total, complete, absolute, perfect, and universal. The Holy Spirit Baptism is linked with fire **Mat 3:11...He shall Baptize you with The Holy Spirit, and with Fire:** The Holy Spirit in His Manifold Powers is thus described under the emblems of Fire. This means He is not merely a Fire of Judgment, but rather that The Holy Spirit Baptism is in fact a Baptism of Fire...He purges us from all sin, based on what the Lord Jesus did at The Cross and where we place our Faith! **Mat 3:12 Whose Fan is in His Hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable Fire.** Read these words carefully the Baptism of The Holy Spirit is not about just speaking in Tongues as great as that is. He is going to rid ever part of the sin nature and replace it with the Righteousness of Christ which can cause pain, hence the unquenchable Fire within us! **Isaiah 11:2-3** reveals the Seven Spirits of The Lord. **1/**The Spirit of The Lord, **2/** Spirit of Wisdom, **3/** Spirit of Understanding, **4/** Spirit of Counsel **5/** Spirit of Might, **6/** Spirit of Knowledge, **7/** Spirit of the Fear of The Lord.

Revelation 4:6 And before The Throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of The Throne, and round about The Throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

There is nothing on earth as described here...nothing...4:6 **And before the Throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal** Perfectly transparent, it was perfectly clear, apparently stretching out into the wide expanse large enough to be compared to a 'sea'. The colours from the hues and rainbow, interfaced with lightning playing off this floor would and will be a sight for us to see! His Glory and Beauty is amazing. One day we will look upon this sight in awe. 4:6...**and in the midst of The Throne, and round about The Throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.**

The word 'beasts' is a sad translation the correct Greek translation is "living creatures" and they are as stated beyond our understanding, nothing like The Throne or these four living creatures have anything close to them on earth. These creatures see in every direction. One possible thought is to the omniscience of God! The All Seeing God! Maybe?

Revelation 4:7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

Again a sad translation for the 'living ones' the name 'beast' is just wrong. Commentaries use **Ezekiel** in the understanding of this Scripture. However the **Ezekiel** vision was to proclaim the destruction and rebuilding of The Temple, plus the living creatures in his vision only have four wings and had the face of man, lion, ox, and eagle on each head. 4:7 **And the first beast was like a lion** The chief of it's species. God Creates, and all that He Creates is outstandingly great. Here is a talking, all seeing, carnivorous, highly intelligent creature who's function seems to be that of high worship, as with other living creatures. (In Adam's day I believe animals could talk, hence the snake). Here we have an earlier description of four living creatures. **Eze 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.** And as in **Rev 4:7** so does **Ezekiel 1:26, 28** offer a vision of The Throne with that amazing rainbow about It. I hope you all noticed the word 'like' as it had me searching...John does not describe these living creatures except to liken them to something that we would be familiar with, hence the word 'like'. The four creatures names could be thus...The Lion is the "King of the beasts" and represents Majesty. Thus Christ is portrayed in the Gospel of Matthew as "King of Kings". 4:7...**and the second beast like a calf** The Second living creature is said to be 'like' a calf. The word calf can also be translated as bullock or heifer. This of course, was an animal frequently used for sacrifice. Jesus the Perfect Sacrifice for our sins. Mark in his Gospel presents Jesus Christ as the Servant who was to be Sacrificed. 4:7...**and the third beast had a face as a man** Luke presents Jesus Christ as the Perfect Man. Also, as described in **Phil 2:7-8 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the Cross.** And of course we are God's highest form of creation made in His image! Note: the last three are 'like' but this one is "the face as a man"! 4:7...**and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.** The eagle symbolizes Sovereignty and Supremacy. Thus the living creature represents Jesus Christ in all His Deity. John in his Gospel presents Jesus Christ as the Son of God and shows His relationship with heaven and The Holy Father..

Revelation 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which Was, and Is, and Is to Come.

No rest yet never tired full of the Joy of Praise...4:8 **And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him** John writes here of something that **Isa 6:2** mentions **Above it stood the Seraphims: each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly.** The living one's covered their face denoting that God is so Holy and that at times He cannot be observed, even by the most Holy beings in heaven, which means He is unsearchable!

The covering of their feet states obedience. Note: Jesus washed the disciples feet, the Priests washed their feet before entering the Holy place! Why? Because they became dirty! The obedience required here is to have Faith in what Jesus did at The Cross and continually seek His forgiveness for our sinfulness with thanks giving, you see we get dirty! Sin dirty! And they could fly which could be referring to their willingness to go into service for the King of Kings anywhere that He should so direct. **4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within** There are many reasons given for these eyes! What they stand for! It seems right to say they express the Lord's understanding and vision of everything that has happened everywhere. His eyes sees all! He knows all. The Alpha and Omega, from the beginning to the end, nothing is or can be hidden from Him. **4:8...and they rest not day and night** The difference between the 'flesh' and 'spirit' is a level of knowledge that is unattainable, we cannot even begin to conceive how a being can not at anytime need sleep or rest from the activities. This shows how amazingly amazing it is going to be to stand before the living God!!! And remember God never sleeps or slumbers... **4:8...saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which Was, and Is, and Is to Come.** The evil, sinful, fleshly life is not excepted. The threefold repetition calls attention to the Infinite Holiness of God The Father, God The Son, and God The Holy Spirit. The Blood of Jesus has paid for our sin making the true believer Holy perfectly Pure and Righteous.

Revelation 4:9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to Him that Sat on The Throne, Who lives for Ever and Ever

These living creatures are never seen apart from The Throne, God Is Faithful. **4:9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to Him that Sat on The Throne** The word 'when' in the Greek is 'hotan' and means 'whenever, in case that, so often as' the sense is not that there is unbroken continuity in their praise, but whenever the occasion called for such, their response is immediate and unending, to enter into such praise. We should see in our prayer life that even in times of woe's we will be lead by The Spirit into a place of praise and worship of The Lord Jesus. We give Him glory meaning we recognize Him for who he is and for what He has done (**the Cross**). We give Him honour which is to recognize Him as the One Who has done great things (**the Cross**). And to thank Him for all this certainly is what we should do always. No matter where we are in the Christian Bible we will always find Scripture pointing to the Sacrifice. There is absolutely not a second in time that The Holy Spirit takes us away from the greatest Revelation of Truth. **4:9...Who lives for ever and ever** This is saying in another way "which Was, and Is, and Is to Come" for He Is The Eternal God.

Revelation 4:10 The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that Sat on The Throne, and worship Him that Lives for Ever and Ever, and cast their crowns before The Throne, saying, The second hymn. **4:10 The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on The Throne** This is the state of true knowledge and complete allegiance, God is the All In All. The action of the 24 Elders, who are believed to represent in Heaven the Church of the Living God, paints for us a picture of what we should be doing. Do we understand the Glory, Grace, Splendour, Power and Wonder of the Almighty? As children of the Living God we should have at least a token of understanding. **Jn 14:8-9 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us The Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen The Father; so how can you say, 'Show us The Father'?"** The only way to have an understanding of Jesus Christ to to believe in and be part of the Work of The Cross, the more we die within ourselves the more His Life is revealed within us! **4:10...and worship Him that Lives for Ever and Ever** This is so important. Concerning the act of worship one might well say "worship is what we are, while praise is what we do" worship is an attitude rather than just an act. One may worship God without uttering a word. Words within themselves are not necessary worship.

True worship subsists in the attitude of the spirit behind the acts and words. All that we do should be in the realm of worship..everything...Jesus Himself said in [Jn 4:23-24](#) **But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship The Father in Spirit and Truth; for The Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and Truth.**” The problem with so much of the Church is as Jesus said to the women at the well [Jn 4:22](#) **You worship what you do not know.** We are to offer up to the Lord only praise and glory for His wonderful Work at The Cross. We are to understand that this is the only way to The Father, through Jesus Christ the Lord of all Glory. [Lev 10:1-2](#) tells the story of Nadab and Abihu who brought coals from another fire rather than the one the Lord had commanded, this ended in death, to spiritually offer the prayers and praises attached to the wrong ways unto salvation ends in destruction. [4:10...](#) **and cast their crowns before The Throne, saying** These crowns are the ‘**Victors Crowns**’ and casting them down at The Lord’s feet tells us that Victory only comes from Jesus, He alone won The Victory, He alone is worthy of Praise, His Blood, His Pain, His bravery, Courage and Undying Love. The reasons the 24 Elders are believed to be representative of the Church in Heaven is [1/](#) **Victors Crowns** are reserved only for those that overcome through faith in Christ and His Work [2/](#) **White robes**, is symbolic of being clothed in the Righteousness of Christ. The only ones who will ever be clothed in His Righteousness are those who have been Redeemed. [3/](#) notice the 24 elders are seated on thrones. To sit on a throne is a seat of power and authority. In the Bible one of the things we are told is that we will reign with Christ. Ephesians even mentions that we are seated with him in heavenly places.

Revelation 4:11 Thou are Worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory and Honour and Power: for You have Created all things, and for Your pleasure they are and were Created.

Unless the worshipper senses his or her weakness, in that they can do nothing in their own strength it becomes an impossibility to truly recognize the total worth of The Lord (**that is worthy of greater consideration**). [4:11](#) **Thou are worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory and Honour and Power** God alone is Worthy! Only He is Worthy of all Glory, all Honour, and all Power. Looking at it from another way one would say no human or spirit outside of The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is worthy. This tells us who we are and Who God is...All Powerful. We must surrender all to Jesus for it is in the Work that He did at The Cross that all the above can be realized with joy and thanks giving. Outside of The Cross is religion which is build on man’s rules and pride. [4:11...](#)**for You have Created all things, and for Your pleasure they are and were Created.** This places the Lord as the Creator, the Designer, which most of the world denies. Man does not want to serve The Holy, Just, and Righteous God. But rather so that sin can be enjoyed and allowed to reign they believe foolish theories such as evolution, reincarnation and so on...over ‘our’ Mighty Creator! The praises of the 24 Elders tell us that the Creation, and that means every part of Creation, is going to be completely restored, due to all that Christ has done at The Cross. The removal of the curse and of all unholiness from the earth brings the ending of creation’s groaning and travail which came about in [Gen 3:14-19](#)

PRAISE OUR HOLY GOD FOR HE ALONE IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP, HE ALONE IS WORTHY.

**HOLY HOLY HOLY IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY
AMEN AND AMEN**



Revelation study text: study scripture in red...Other scriptures used in blue...side comments in pink

Revelation 5:1 And I saw in the Right Hand of Him who Sat on The Throne The Scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

The “Right Hand” of God is seen as a place of honour and status. John’s focus now shifts from the details of The Throne, the Living Creatures and Elders to that which lays upon The Right Hand of “Him Who sat on The Throne.” **5:1 And I saw in the Right Hand of Him Who Sat on The Throne** What John has just seen is that which will bring to a conclusion the events on Earth, the closing of one door and the opening of another up. This is the act of the ‘Kinsman Redeemer’ pictured in the law of Moses, which will redeem that which Israel lost, and in effect the entirety of humanity. (The kinsman-redeemer is a male relative who, according to various laws of the Pentateuch, had the privilege or responsibility to act on behalf of a relative who was in trouble, danger, or need). What Jesus did at The Cross fulfilled this need and has opened the door for the Second Coming of Christ, which will end for a time satans wanderings, and begin the Kingdom Age of such glory and wonder, as to defy all possible description. The Throne signifies the Highest Order. The Scroll being held in His Right Hand signifies His Almighty Right and Power. **5:1...the Scroll written within and on the back, sealed with Seven Seals.** This is the beginning of the end, life as we know it shall be no more. While this Scroll opens The Great Tribulation period, more than all it represents the document as it pertains to Israel, regarding The Work of the Kinsman Redeemer (Christ...Israel is about to learn He is indeed their Redemption!). The Church which is you and I are no longer on the earth! The door of opportunity given to the Church cannot be opened again. The Restoration of Israel is about to begin. This is not a book but a Scroll. This Scroll contained words written within and on the backside, which of course is rare. This shows that it contains a large account of things, a massive amount of things which must be accomplished. The writing on the backside of the Scroll covers the Church (which we will see later). And with the Seven Seals, covers the Seven periods of time, in which The Prophecies in it were to be fulfilled.

Revelation 5:2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the Scroll and to loose its seals thereof?”

This is a matter of urgency, of great concern for all onlooking! **5:2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice** This word ‘strong’ in the Greek means ‘forcible, mighty, powerful, valiant.’ **5:2... “Who is worthy to open the Scroll and to loose its seals thereof?”** This implies moral fitness, but also kinship. God became a man, walked without sin, died at the Cross and Rose three days later...He is our Kinsman by the act of grafting us into the vine...He is the Father of Israel, He alone is worthy, for He did all things without error/sin. He was...24 hours a day...all of His life perfect...in every detail in His Word, Deeds and Life. This angel IS strong but unable to open the Seal...For it takes more than might as the kinsman-redeemer must be related, Christ became man!

Revelation 5:3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the Scroll, neither to look thereon.

What does the words ‘**He is worthy**’ mean to you? **5:3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the Scroll** Or "no one in heaven", whether angels, or the souls of departed Saints. No one knows of the awesome moment about to come, until it is revealed unto them. This makes it so important that we follow God’s prescribed order for Salvation. No man, angel, or anything, can add or take away the process that is in place. It is Jesus Christ Crucified and that is it. The worthiness of Christ pertains not only to Who He is, but that which only He could do...the Work of Jesus Christ at The Cross. **Rev 5:3...neither to look thereon.** John, the Elders, angels and all that was in heaven could see the outer layer of the Scrolls but there was no one that could read or even look upon them. Only One that is Holy and Perfect can do such!

Revelation 5:4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the Scroll, or to look at it.

No one was found, the great Apostle John who had suffered so much, been used by God mightily yet even he was not worthy! **Rev 5:4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read** Most commentators state that John's tears were due to not being able to see what the future was to bring! Jimmy Swaggart however wrote that the tears were due to him seeing the plight of the human race including his own position as a human, being unworthy and hopeless, unable to open the Book. Mr Swaggart is right. John was without doubt an amazingly godly man and yet he was not able to open the Scrolls or look upon them. When the angel cried with a loud voice "**who is worthy to open the Scrolls, and to loose the seals thereof**" a moment of **great silence** must have prevailed. No one stepped forward, no Living Ones, no angel, and there was no man but John...and he knew that he fell into the category of "unworthy"...for all have sinned (see **Rom 3:23**) and even those that were lifted up after the Cross who's Righteousness surpasses that of sinful man such as Moses, Abraham, David...all unable. **Rev 5:4...to open and read the Scroll, or to look at it** The Scrolls are of the greatest importance, in them contained not only the information regarding the coming Judgment upon the earth, but as well, that this Judgment as tendered by God would ultimately lead to the Redemption of the earth. In other words this is that which signifies the end of all evil.

Revelation 5:5 But one of the Elders said to me, "weep not". "Behold, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open The Scroll and to loose its Seven Seals thereof."

One of the twenty four Elders spoke to John. **Rev 5:5 But one of the Elders said to me, "weep not"**. Every tear will be wiped away, every heart made glad. It is due to the Work Jesus did at the Cross that ALL our tears will be wiped away, it is due to the Work of the Cross that ALL our hearts will be made fully glad. **Rev 5:5... Behold, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David,** John was invited to see a 'Lion' and saw a 'Lamb' these two pictures reveal true 'Power' and 'Price'. The '**Lion of the Tribe of Judah**' speaks of the Power and the '**Root of David**' speaks of Price. **Rev 5:5...has prevailed to open The Scroll and to loose its Seven Seals thereof."** The word '**prevailed**' is interesting! How did He prevail? By The Work He did at The Cross. It is His mighty Sacrifice for us that allows the opening of the Scroll, and to loose the Seven Seals. To Jesus Christ be all the glory, power, and praise. Amen.

Revelation 5:6 And I looked, and beheld, and, lo, in the midst of The Throne and of the Four Beasts, and in the midst of the Elders, Stood a Lamb as it had been Slain, having Seven Horns and Seven Eyes, which are the Seven Spirits of God sent fourth into all the earth.

The Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the whole world will always be with us! **Rev 5:6 And I looked,** This is awesome, John is allowed to look, to see, such as no man has before **Rev 5:6...and beheld, and, lo, in the midst of The Throne and of the Four Beasts, and in the midst of the Elders, Stood a Lamb** He (John) looked upon the Perfect Sacrifice. The Lamb is seen in the middle of the greatness of The Throne. He is the centre of attention. Note: He is not sitting but standing in the midst of it. What standing represents is that there is more work to do. The Work of The Cross, the physical aspect of it is history, completed, but the on going outcomes will never end. **Rev 5:6... stood a Lamb as It had been Slain** This represents the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. The Lamb had been Slain but is now Alive, yes...He bears all the marks of The Crucifixion. This tells us that everything revolves around The Cross. It all comes back to what Jesus did for us all on that great day. **Rev 5:6...having Seven Horns** This is symbolism. The Seven Horns denote strength, power, and total dominion and completeness. Seven denotes the fact that His power and dominion are Almighty. What Christ did at The Cross gives Him the right of ruler-ship over all Creation. What Adam lost to satan... Jesus took back by his perfection in victory at The Cross, he (**the defeated one**) does have some rule in the world today but it is by default, the billions that are under his rule are so due to their own disbelief.

The Seven Horns on The Lamb tells us we should not be under bondage to the evil one, and if we are it is because we are allowing him this latitude of power, we have been given every thing by The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ to overcome! 5:6...and Seven Eyes this proclaims the Perfect Knowledge, and Understanding, and Illumination of Christ. One cannot understand The Word of God unless they search out the Truth of The Cross. Ps 119 explains perfect illumination. In this Psalm there are seven words used to define the Word of God. They are: Law, Testimonies, Precepts, Statutes, Commandments, Judgments, and Word, i.e. Seven Eyes. Jesus wears them as The Seven Eyes (The above 7 words) and they are all locked into the Work of The Cross. 5:6...which are the Seven Spirits of God sent fourth into all the earth. This speaks of the attributes of The Mighty Holy Spirit. 1/ The Spirit of the Word 2&3 Spirit of Wisdom, Spirit of Understanding, 4&5 Spirit of Counsel, Spirit of Might, 6&7 Spirit of Knowledge, Spirit of the Fear of The Lord. Six come in doubles and is so because they lock into each other. Wisdom gives understanding and wise Counsel produces Might (power strength) and Knowledge opens respect allowing the Fear of The Lord to direct. All that Jesus did was with The Holy Spirit, they cannot be separated The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Three in One.

Revelation 5:7 Then He came and Took The Scroll out of The Right Hand of Him who Sat on The Throne.

The Bloodied Lamb takes the Scroll! 5:7 Then He came and Took The Scroll This presents a moment unparalleled in human or heavenly history. All of heaven looked on in awe as The Lamb of God steps forward...reaches out His Hand...and takes from the Hand of God The Father...The Scroll, what a moment! He does this as the Kinsman Redeemer, as the result of The Cross. It was God's desire that man should rule the world but by a wilful act of sin Adam's right to rule was removed. At no time was satan the lord or the king of this world...at all times Jehovah the Lord God Almighty was and always will be the owner of the world and all that is in it. 5:7...out of The Right Hand of Him who Sat on The Throne. Did John actually see a Lamb? The first time Jesus was called The Lamb of God was by John the Baptised stating that this is The Lamb that will take away the sin of the whole world. I believe John saw the Blooded Man Jesus Christ with the same understanding of John the Baptised, that this Man was The "Lamb of God". No matter as to how Christ presented Himself to John it is clear that the Work of Jesus at The Cross was foremost at hand at this time and He was the only one able to take The Book from the Hand of The Lord God Almighty.

Revelation 5:8 And when He had taken The Scroll, the four Living Creatures and the Twenty Four Elders fell down before The Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the Saints.

The Scroll is rightfully in the Hands of the Son of God, evil had tried to destroy this from being a possibility and failed big time, evil being both satan and man. 5:8 Now when He had taken The Scroll This is the time when He (Jesus) will bring His Justice upon the Earth. This is 'D' day...the end is about to come for satan, sin, sorrow, pain, rebellion and hatred...Praise God. Of course this will be after The Great Tribulation. **If** we continue to hold onto Jesus' Sacrifice, washed in His Blood, live in His Death and belief on His Resurrection we will not be on the earth to see this horror. 5:8...the four Living Creatures and the Twenty Four Elders fell down before The Lamb (The Greek translation has the Twenty Four Elders representing mankind falling down before The Lamb but it does not include the Living Creatures doing such) However two things to note here, the absolute 'Deity of Jesus Christ' They fell down to Worship the One mankind murdered! And the word 'Lamb'...Screams aloud 'what Jesus did at The Cross' that makes all this possible. Not the law, or actions of any sinful man, but The Lamb of God, the Perfect Sacrifice.

I hope you all see the greatest level of importance The Holy Father is placing on the Work of Jesus at The Cross? 5:8...each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the Prayers of the Saints. The Saints(us) have been praying for the Kingdom to come and God has recorded them. Ps. 141:2 May my prayer be set before You like Incense The Tabernacle had an Altar of Incense which was placed right in front of the veil, which led to The Holy of Holies. Twice a day the Priests would offer Incense up to the Lord as a sweet smelling fragrance..one at 9am and the other at 3pm.. (Jesus was hung on the Cross by Romans soldiers at 9am and taken off the Cross at 3pm). They would take Coals of Fire from The Brazen Altar (place of Sacrifice)which sat in the front of the Tabernacle, and place them on the Altar of Incense (front of the veil)causing a Fragment Smoke to fill the Holy Place. This speaks of Jesus' intercessory Work being done on our behalf. As the Coals came from the Brazen Altar this in turn represents the Cross of Christ. All prayers are answered due to what Jesus did!

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take The Scroll, and to open its Seals thereof; For You were slain, and have Redeemed us to God by Your Blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

A new song that only the redeemed will be able to sing! 5:9 And they sang a new song, A new song made new by the actions that are being taken. This is a song of adoration but not directly to The Father but to Jesus The Lamb and Through Him onto The Holy Father. 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take The Scroll, and to open its Seals thereof Again as all the Word does...we are pointed to The Cross of Christ, He is worthy and He alone can take and open its Seals. He does not open The Scroll until the 24 Elders whom represent the Church and the angelic host proclaim His worth. This tells us the Church has been Raptured and The Great Tribulation is about to start. 5:9...For You were slain Again the Cross. All that we are should be aimed towards what The Lord has done for us at The Cross. I pray I shall be forever thankful, for in this place grows the Faith that allows the Salvation of all of my family and friends. That which we ask believing shall be granted unto us, aye? 5:9...And have Redeemed us to God by Your Blood Paul wrote in 1 Cor 6:20 For ye are bought with A Price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. Simply worship the One True God...Honour Him with your first fruits...give yourself to Him totally, wholly, fully for the words 'A Price' speaks of The Cross. 5:9...Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, Black, white, red, brown, yellow, male or female, young or old, no matter who or what the person may portray or be, loved or hated by the world...Jesus Christ died for them and us.

Revelation 5:10 And have made us unto our God kings and Priests; and we shall reign on the earth." Not only has He Saved us but He is giving us so much more than we can even understand 5:10 And have made us unto our God kings and Priests First up we are unto God, that is awesome, unto Him, we will see Him serve Him be with Him...This proclaims that whatever Jesus is so are we. He is The High Priest and King of Kings...and He is giving us the titles Kings and Priests...stop and think what that means!!! 5:10...And we shall reign on the earth." This is the Millennial Reign, where Christ will rule as King over all the Earth, and we will rule under Him as Kings and Priests. Note: according to the Greek structure of this sentence we are in fact Kings and Priests right now! We should be reigning today! The day is coming and indeed is very close when we will move in the Power of The Holy Spirit, and this world will know we are His Chosen people..Amen. In fact they will either love or hate us! People, keep your Faith in what Jesus Christ did at The Cross as the time is so close.

Revelation 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about The Throne, the Beast and the Elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

Ten thousand is the greatest number expressed in the Greek vocabulary. But here we have ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands which in the Greek actually says “myriads of myriads” which is an innumerable host. 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about The Throne the Beast and the Elders; This number which we will discover later is also massive, imagine this...we think it is cool when we are in a church gathering of a few hundred praising God, this sound and volume is going to be ear grabbing that is for sure. 5:11...and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, again, to many to count, angel upon angel... hallelujah...I cannot wait...praise be to our Mighty God.

Revelation 5:12 saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to Receive Power and Riches and Wisdom, and Strength and Honour and Glory and Blessing!”

Really words cannot describe this...the rest of Heaven have started to sing. 5:12 saying with a loud voice This is telling us something...we only have one guitar, and at best a poor to average player (I write of myself)but that is no excuse we should all be praising with energy plus...with a joyful forcefulness of spirit, it is up to each worshipper! Ps 105:6 Let every thing that has breath praise The Lord. Praise ye The Lord. We should echo heaven with our praise. 5:12...“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain” Lamb...Slain...two words that amplify the work our Lord did at The Cross. Note: They are not saying worthy is the Lord that was raised up!!! although they most certainly do Worship the Risen Lord for He is The Risen Lord! But first and foremost they honour Him for His Bravery, His Perfection, His determination, His amazing Love for God The Father, and His unyielding Loving embrace He has on us...I believe no one understands the fullness of the Work Jesus did at The Cross but I do know it would fill endless books and still the fullness of His Mighty Work would remain a mystery...Our God is an amazingly Holy and Just God in Whom we praise. Amen. 5:12...to receive Power and Riches and Wisdom, and Strength and Honour and Glory and Blessing!” All this is heaped upon The Lord and He is most certainly worthy.

Revelation 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honour and glory and Power Be unto Him who Sits upon The Throne, And to The Lamb, forever and ever!”

So they did talk in Adams day! Every creature in Heaven and on or in the Earth praised The Lord. Sin was the power that took away from the inhabitants of the Earth the blessed blessings of God, and by the Power of The Work that Jesus did at The Cross all things are brought back into harmony with The Spirit. Sin which came at the fall of man did not just weigh man down but all of Creation, we have no understanding of how evil man’s heart could be. Our God is an awesome God giving to us way above that which we could even begin to imagine. The work done at The Cross of Christ is so much underestimated by the Church. He just keeps on Giving. For this is indeed joy for the whole world or at least for those that keep their Faith in the Lords Blessed Work.

Revelation 5:14 Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the 24 Elders fell down and worshipped Him who lives forever and ever.

Glory be to God in the Highest 5:14 Then the four living creatures said, “Amen! The word ‘Amen’ in fact denotes different things ever so slightly. 1/ An Agreement or Affirmation of action, 2/ An Endorsement of Praise or Prayer 3/The Truthfulness of the Inspired Documents 4/The Faithfulness of God 5/ When spoken by Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John, it is rendered in English “verily, verily” (25 times). It emphasizes the authority with which Christ Spoke, and it takes on the essence of a “Thus Says The Lord”. In this case the ‘Amen’ is referring to the redemption song being Holy, Holy, Holy, worthy is The Lamb that was Slain... so it takes on all the above meanings, Hallelujah.

5:14 And the 24 Elders fell down and worshipped Him Who Lives forever and ever. This time we see as it was written in the Greek with just the 24 Elders mankind's representatives falling down...The God Head is worthy of all praise, and they are Eternal, and because of what The Lord has done, and what He is offering so are we. We are Blessed by the best. What a sight the 24 Elders in full worship along with the whole world and all the Hosts of Heaven. Amen and amen.

Just a note regarding numbers in the Bible. We need to be careful about searching for hidden messages, meanings, or codes in certain significant numbers in the Bible. There is a right way in interpreting what and how numbers work in the Bible. God does have reasons for using certain numbers over and over in the Bible, but only He really know the true reasons, but in the case of certain numbers The Lord has shown us a level of meaning such as the number seven often symbolizes completion or perfection along with other things. The point is we do not have to know all things but in all things we need to be wise as to how we use such information.

Chapter 6:1-10

THE BOOK OF REVELATION TO JOHN

Revelation study text: **study scripture in red...**Other scriptures used in blue...side comments in pink

Revelation 6:1 And I saw when The Lamb opened one of The Seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

The Fathers Love for Jesus is evident, during this time He has been motionless, silent, presenting a Holy, Powerful, Awesomely Majestic Figure. God The Father operates through Jesus Christ His Blessed Messiah, whose Selfless Sacrifice throws all the angels, mankind and any other living being into the shade. **6:1 And I saw when The Lamb** This is totally about the Crucified Lamb of God, hence the use of the words 'The Lamb'. Man has failed in both the Mosaic Law of the OT, and the Grace & Truth of the NT. Only Christ is qualified to sit as Judge over all, as He Alone has satisfied The Fathers requirements. Jesus shall from this chapter through to chapter 19 take a firm Stand totally on The Work He did at The Cross...His Sacrifice. So if we are wise we will face Christ today as our Saviour and receive His Correction, or we will face Him as our Judge. **6:1...opened one of the seals** The first Seal is opened, this signals the greatest period of hardship ever seen on earth is about to start. **Mat 24:21 For then shall be great Tribulation, such as has not been seen since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.** All of the troubles man has seen dwarfs compared to what is coming. From this point on there is no mention of the Church, it most certainly would have been mentioned if it was on the earth as satans onslaught would be against the Church just as it is against Israel, the Light of the world has been taken away **2 Thess 2:7-8 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work (antichrist); but the one who now holds it back (the Saints)will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way (The Church Rapture).** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendour of His Coming. **6:1...and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder** This is the sound of war...the Sound of Christ rising up from His Fathers Throne in order to resume relations with His beloved Israel. Israel will believe for the first part of the Tribulation that it is going to win as they have found their messiah, but of course approximately three and a half years into this period he will show his true colours...being the antichrist **Jn 5:43 I Am come in My Father's Name, and ye receive Me not: if another shall come in his own name (antichrist), him ye will receive.** Israel will start to believe on the Name of the Son of God once they see they have been for the last time deceived. **6:1...One of the four beasts saying, Come and see.** John is about to see what is going to be loosed on to the world.

Revelation 6:2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

This is the antichrist, the man of sin, (The word 'antichrist' does not appear in the Book of Revelation. He could be a Jew or a nominal christian that denies Christ or have no affiliation connected to any known religion but he is alive, here and very real) All we need to know is this man is full of evil, satans child. 6:2 And I saw, and behold a white horse Most commentators think that this is indeed our Lord. It does not make sense to have Jesus riding into the world at this point bringing His Rule and Reign! 6:2...and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him How do we know that this is not our Lord? Jesus Christ has already conquered all that is in the heavens and all the world, why would He turn to a bow? The Lord is **not** the deceiver of mankind He will return the way He said He would 1 Thes 14:16 For The Lord Himself will come down from Heaven, with a Loud Command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God...And equally what should be obvious...John writes of The Lords Return in Ch 19! He was not bringing an all out war as he has no arrows plus the crown given him states he will be seen as a great and highly respected person. 6:2...and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. It seems at this point he conquers without the need of war (hence no arrows) but rather diplomatic diplomacy. The antichrists goal is world supremacy and to gain it he will present eventually a false peace gaining for a short time just about world oneness, but he will turn on Israel, and on mankind. Sadly Israel will allow him to bring this long awaited seemingly god type peace, and shall sign a seven year treaty which he will of course forfeit with massive brutality such has never been seen by the eyes of man...a terror beyond our imaginations.

Revelation 6:3 And when He had opened the Second Seal, I heard the Living One say, Come and see.

Everything that happens on Earth is known of before they eventuate by the foreknowledge of God. 6:3 And when He had opened the Second Seal While the world sleeps in it's foolish unbelief great plans are being made on earth today, 2023, by the antichrist and other world leaders as to the power, rule and gain plan...little do they know what is about to happen. 6:3...I heard the Living One say, Come and see. This is from the Living One which has the face like a calf.

Revelation 6:4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

The red horse is a symbol of war 6:4 And there went out another horse that was red The first horse brought the false peace this second one takes away that so called peace 6:4... and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another War...man is set upon by man in a horrid and violent manner that has never been seen before on the face of the earth. The first target seems to be Egypt and from there on into Israel with a real fury. 6:4...and there was given unto him a great sword. This means the death of unforeseen numbers of people on this earth, the greater majority will be from the wars but there is going to be pestilence, disease among other things for man to contend with. This is world 1 & 2 death rates plus...thrown into one war.

Revelation 6:5 And when he had opened the Third Seal, I heard the third Living One say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

This Living One has a face of a man 6:5 And when he had opened the third seal The time frame of this most probably will be in the second year of the Tribulation, he has declared and is at war against Egypt and several other countries. Scripture tells us in Dan 11:41 "he shall enter also into the Glorious Land," which is Israel, the word 'also' tells us he already is at war.

6:5...I heard the third Living One say, Come and see. This Living One has the face as a man...The Lord desires man (John) to see that He is about to answer the words most spoken by unbelievers about Him... “If God is real why does He not do something about all the evil on earth”? 6:5...And I beheld, and lo a black horse This horse speaks of famine. The True Church of Jesus Christ has gone from the Earth so evil and only evil remains, hence: why this will be such a dark and horrid time. Whilst the Church was on the earth light was on the planet...take that away and only mayhem remains. 6:5...and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. This is to portray the fact that there will be very little food, at least for the poor or those that do not stand close to the evil one. The idea is, that something was to be weighed, in order to determine either its quantity or its value. Scales are the emblems of justice or equity as seen in Job 31:6, Ps 62:9, Pr 11:1 and when joined with symbols that denote the sale of grain and fruit by weight, they become the symbol of scarceness.

Revelation 6:6 And I heard a Voice in the midst of the Living Ones say. A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. This was **not** the voice of the Living Ones but Someone standing in their midst. 6:6 And I heard a Voice in the midst of the Living Ones say. This is not good news for the world. I cannot 100% state that this is the Voice of The Lord but it does seem to be so, as it is a direct command. The Work of the Cross may no longer be spoken of on the earth but the Word is Alive and all Powerful. 6:6...A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; This shows the lack of food, of the true poverty that will quickly consume the earth. Imagine a days wages being just enough to provide the needed food to live on. 6:6...and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. Many commentators consider oil and wine to be luxury items, but this is false. In ancient times, olive oil and wine made a staple diet along with grain. However a person cannot live on just oil and wine as he can on grain. These items are available during the third horseman's rampage, but the average man will not have the means to purchase them, since all their money is spent on flour for bread! This is a "famine" and just as the Lord said in Genesis “man will labour and toil” to work out a miserable living only to die, worn out and broken in a few, short years. This is a time of a devastating wars with heavy oppression and unhidden corruption.

Revelation 6:7 And when he had opened the Fourth Seal, I heard the voice of the fourth Living One say, Come and see.

The form of this Living One is that of a flying eagle 6:7 And when he had opened the Fourth Seal, This presents a horror of unprecedented proportions. As believers we must look at our part in this...The world has come to this place of horror due to rejecting the Work of Jesus at The Cross. This rejection of The Cross is to be laid at the feet of the Church. The Laodicean Age has offered an apostate Church or it may be better said “the apostate Church has produced a Laodicean Age” What this means is the Church rejected the Work of The Lord on The Cross, so what chance did the world have? We have this short time to preach His Truth...Chapter 5 of Revelations teaches us everything revolves around The Cross as we will see. Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should boast except In The Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been Crucified to me, and I to the world. The Holy Spirit has made it clear in this and many other scriptures that the Work of The Cross is of the greatest importance. The modern church...claims to be the upbeat church...but in all truth the Word of God is the same yesterday, today and forever, never changing....The so called modern church has embraced many foolish beliefs hence aiding a dyeing world by moving away from an unchanging God by their foolish changing. 6:7... I heard the voice of the fourth Living One say, Come and see. Again man (John) is to observe the prayer of prayers by unbelievers being answered.

Revelation 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Man has always tried to reconstruct the Garden of Eden foolishly believing that money, education, and technology will give unto them the desired paradise. **6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse:** The Greek word for pale is ‘**chloros**’ giving us an understanding of the colour of this deathly looking horse being a sickly looking yellowish-green colour. **6:8...and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him** This is horrid... millions upon millions if not billions will die and almost certainly go to hell. This really is the hideous, repulsively sin driven picture of what has been taking place since the fall of man. Man was never intended to die, man from creation had the capacity of living forever but they received that lie which in fact is prevalent today “surely you will not die” satans words of death. **6:8 And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.** Most of this will be taking place in the Middle East territories which include Northern Africa, and most if not all of Europe. These areas are mentioned in **Dan 7: 7** and the forth beast spoken of in this verse is the Roman empire which spread out over Europe. Is New Zealand going to see suffering and death... one word answer...yes...and it will be horrid but not to the extent of the Middle East. This horror touches and effects all living on the earth, bringing cosmic events and actions that have never been witnessed by man before. Even an inherently evil man will struggle to believe how wicked the antichrist is.

Revelation 6:9 And when He had opened the Fifth Seal, I saw under the Altar the souls of them that were slain for The Word of God, and for The Testimony which they held:

These died due to their Holy Faith in Christ. **6:9 And when He had opened the fifth Seal** Notice there is no announcements about the opening of this Seal. Unlike the other Seals that have been opened these events that are about to take place are in heaven and not on earth. Many believe that there is no knowledge of activities on earth by those in heaven but these Saints seem to have at least a level of remembrance. **6:9... I saw under the Altar** This is telling us there are Alters in heaven. In the Tabernacle on earth, the Altar of Incense sat immediately in front of the Veil, which hid The Holy of Holies, which contained The Ark of the Covenant and The Mercy Seat. Twice a day, the Priest were to take coals of fire from the Brazen Altar, which sat in front of The Tabernacle (**outside in the court yard**) this was a type of Crucifixion of Christ, and place those coals onto the Golden Altar of Incense. He would then pour incense over the fire which created a wonderful fragrance filling the entire place, which is also a type of Christ. These Coals of Fire represented Judgment that was going to come upon Jesus rather than us. From that fire of Judgment a Sweet Fragrance rose which was and is pleasing to God our Father. **6:9...the souls of them that were slain** This does not refer to an in-between state, for the Resurrection/Rapture has taken place for those that are in Christ. These souls are the ones that have been martyred for the glory of God after the Rapture. Some claim these are the souls of all the Saints that have suffered such a fate over the ages but that does not line up with Scripture as God is not a respecter of persons, if one has received a Glorified Body then all have! **6:9...for the Word of God, and for the Testimony which they held:** Even death could not stop their love for The Lord...they loved not their lives even unto death. **Rev 7:9-14** explains that many will be saved especially at the beginning of the Tribulation.

Revelation 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, Holy and True, dost Thou not Judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Their voices are aimed towards the Lord, and to Him only do they cry...**6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, Holy and True** This cry is more than that a seeking of revenge...The word ‘**Lord**’ used here in the Greek means “**O Sovereign Ruler**” this is the only time in the Book of Revelation that it is used in such away, and of course it fits perfectly as this is a scene of Judgment.

6:10...dost Thou not Judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? Jesus firstly came as The Sacrifice, beaten and abused, He will return in the Power of Judgment. **Mat. 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.** Every word will be heard by the Judge, this is a warning. God shall answer their cry and avenge the blood of those that dwelt on earth. **James 4:12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to Save and to Destroy: who art thou that judges another?** No man is morally able to judge, but Christ can and shall. The only way to remove oneself from this fearful Judgment is to place ones Faith in what Jesus Christ did for us at The Cross and to keep it there. Remain strong, do not bend your Faith to please others, as the escape plan for us all is about to be fulfilled. If we want to be included in the Rapture we must hold onto our Faith in the Blood of The Lamb...Gods 100% unshakeable Guarantee for all that believe! Amen.

Chapter 6:11-17

THE BOOK OF REVELATION TO JOHN

Revelation study text: **study scripture in red...**Other scriptures used in blue...side comments in pink

Revelation 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

These will have to wait until the end of the Tribulation to see God's Justice as others also are to pay the same price as they. **6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them;** As they are Saints of the Living God they shall be clothed as we are in white robes which is the symbol of His Righteousness. **6:1...and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season,** This means that by foreknowledge God knows who will be killed and when. This teaches us three things beside the foreknowledge of God **1/** All believers go to Heaven at the time of their bodily death **2/** Anyone that does not call on the Name of the Lord shall not go to Heaven. **3/** And there is no such thing as soul sleeping, they that teach such claiming that some souls sleep waiting the coming resurrection are wrong, Paul wrote **Phil 1:23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ,** and Stephen in the Book of **Acts 7:59** said **Lord Jesus receive my spirit.** And of course we have Jesus relating the events of the rich man and Lazarus **Lk 16:19-31** this clearly shows those that have 'fallen asleep' outside of Christ are in hell, and those who had 'fallen asleep' with Faith in the Sacrificial process went to a place called Paradise, and after The Resurrection hell or Heaven became the final destinations. **6:1...until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.** This proves that many are being Saved during the tribulation period as other are yet to die and enter into Heavens doors. During the early stages of the Great Tribulation and during this period of time many shall turn to our Lord and God. The Lord said to the Saints "**Rest**", and indeed this is a true Rest, Jesus said **Mat 11:28 Come to Me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you Rest.** Praise God this rest is as a deep peace that only God can give. It is a rest that brings total healing making one whole unlike nothing seen on Earth. These blessed ones are at last in a state of peace that allows them the complete fulfilling Peace and Rest of God. The circumstances of life have gone, no longer are they bound by fear and rattled by daily events. In Jesus' care are they along with us. Amen.

Revelation 6:12 And I beheld when He had opened the Sixth Seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

We speak a lot today about climatic changes on the earth, this seems to indicate that there are even greater ones to come. I do not believe in global warming in the sense that it will kill all that are on the earth but I do believe in God's anger against sin, God's Judgment reigning in all sinfulness, and it is by fire. The Lord is still calling for all that will come to come into His Salvation Plan, and will do so right throughout the Great Tribulation period.

2 Peter 3:12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. Many commentators state that 6:12 is the foundations of the Church being shaken, I do not receive this at all as the Church will not be on earth. 6:12 And I beheld when He had opened the Sixth Seal and, lo, there was a great earthquake This earthquake is going to be at a scale unprecedented on Earth, Isaiah 24:18-21 And it shall come to pass, that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that comes up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake. The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again... This is going to be a time of great fear for all that are left, shortly John will liken the universe, God's Creation to a fig tree which will be shaken by a mighty wind. This truly happened once before when our Lord was Crucified, the earth shook and rocks were rent and the Temple was torn from the top down...There is coming a time when this world will shake in such a way that all mankind will be able to do is cower before a Just and Mighty God. 6:12...and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair One would think this is of a natural occurrence due to the earthquake, the heavens will be filled with dust particles causing this strange phenomena. Jesus made mention of this in Mat 24:29 Immediately after the Tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken 6:12... and the moon became as blood; Of course the moon will not become blood, the wording is 'as blood' meaning it's appearance will look like blood. This has happened in the past when we have had sever forest fires, but this is of a much greater scale.

Revelation 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

6:13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth Meteorites fired like missiles from space crash upon the face of the earth, nothing can stop them, nothing can halt the unspeakable damage they will inflict. This shall cause tidal waves of a magnitude never before seen. 6:13...even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. This is as stated the shaking of Creation. Evil is being exterminated by The Power and Just acts of our Lord. The Heavens are casting off all that steals, kills, and destroys. Creations groaning shall come to an end, praise be to our God. Temples, homes, cities, mountains (even Kaiti Hill shall possibly be removed) The point is no one anywhere on earth will escape these events. I cannot consider it even slightly possible that the Church is on earth during any of these horrid happenings. We have the knowledge that these events are going to happen so we MUST pray and reach out for the lost and dying today!

Revelation 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

The earth is being prepared for the Coming Age. 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together This is the heavens shaking, this in turn instigates the meteorites etc...Haggai 2:6 For thus says the Lord of Hosts "I will shake the heavens, the earth, the sea and the dry land". His purpose is to remove the authority from foreign nations and from their evil kings Haggai 2:21-22 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; and I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen. He will do this in order to establish His Rule upon the earth. These events shall upset every thing. The people that looked out for themselves, the rich, famous, and powerful, be it kings, prime-ministers, presidents, the world governments all shall fail and fall. The powers of the air also shall be shaken, the evil spirits which inhabit their wicked rule in the sky (Eph 2:2). God will disturb their rule; he will show His authority over everything and everyone. Soon and very soon He shall remove all their power and cast them into The lake of Fire.

6:14...and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. One would think that the whole Earth will be mightily effected by these events, no country will be spared the shaking due to darkness being upon the deep! But the greatest shaking shall be where the beast has made his seat in the Middle East. There are reasons in all that the Lord does, in this case we see an amazing show of power engulfing the entire world plus it could be preparation for the coming Kingdom, move this mountain here, place that one there, a bit like how we rearrange furniture and so on. For that is what the Word says in fact is happening..He is NOT replacing the earth with a new one He is making the old one new again...perfect this time...never to be burdened with evil again!

Revelation 6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains

Remember the martyred Saints have been clothed in white robes waiting on The Lord, and their murderers are on earth hiding in terror! **6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man** This speaks of everyone on earth regardless of rank, position, power, or fame, all from the bondman to the rich are hiding in great fear. No Mr tough guy. The world at this stage is full of ungodly, unbelieving, blind, Jesus denying, foolish ones, who have just worked out that there is a God in Heaven! **6:15... hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains** This is of course a wasted effort, think back to the first man Adam and woman Eve that tried to hide! Sin is the reason that man has to hide and The Cross of Jesus is the only way we can boldly stand before the Living God. However in days past by it was the Christians that had to hide, they were hunted, tormented, tortured and murdered... how the tide has turned **Heb 11:37-38 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.** Mankind shall desire death as to escape God's wrath but nothing can escape, the truth is death just brings one into the absolute and Holy Presence of God.

Revelation 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the Face of Him that Sits on The Throne, and from the Wrath of The Lamb:

Think about this...the World and all that is in it is all but finished...and even at this time man refuses to ask God to help, to forgive them...rather they desire the rocks to fall on them...how stupid and blind can mankind get? **6:16...And said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us and hide us** This would be the time to call a mammoth prayer meeting, a time to get on the knees and seek His Mercy. They are praying but to rocks and mountains that have no ears... From the fall of man false gods have been sought after rather than the True Living King Jesus Christ. Nearly 1.8 billion muslims pray to allah...about 1.6 billion buddhists praying to a carving...made from a piece of wood...there is 1.2 billion catholics that pray to Mary and the list just goes on and on. These so called god's have failed them so they call out to the rocks and mountains!!! **6:16...from the Face of Him** There are some men who God has shown Himself to such as Jacob (**Gen 32:30**) but these rock and mountain hidiers would indeed have this scripture in mind **Ex 33:20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."** why does man not turn towards God during these circumstances? Is the answer... blind pride! Even though they are under the Lord's Judgment... the Grace of God can be seen in the shaking's of the earth and still they have missed Mercies call? As written above they prayed to rocks and mountains instead, I believe that these shaking's are indeed an act of Grace Crying Come, Come by The Holy Spirit...He has done this so that even one more soul may be Saved...but they still scream "NO" **6:16...that Sits on The Throne** How wonderful is our God? Our Father's Throne is a place where we can go and receive Mercy and Grace in a time of need. Not only that, but we are told in **Heb 4:16 to approach God's Throne of Grace with confidence.**

Considering that we are talking about the Throne Room of the King of kings, the Creator of the universe, our Maker, Lord and Father we are truly Blessed. But for them that hide The Throne Room is something terrifyingly different. **6:16...and from the Wrath of The Lamb** And those seven words explain why it is terrifyingly different! A lamb is a gentle animal but the Holy Spirit declares here “**the Wrath of The Lamb**” of course Jesus is not a lamb as in an animal but rather the Perfect Sacrifice, and this is the moment that He will pay back those that have refused His Mercy and Grace, His Wrath is being felt on Earth and shall not subside until all is fulfilled in The Word. **1 Thess 5:9** tells us **God has not appointed us to Wrath, but to obtain Salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ** Again we are being told that the Rapture shall happen before these events as this horror will only come upon them that reject the shed Blood of The Lamb.

Revelation 6:17 For the Great Day of His Wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand

What a statement and what a question! **6:17 For the Great Day of His Wrath is come** This is what the OT called The Day of The Lord. Bible believers have always known that God is a God of Love and Justice. The Love of God has been and shall always be extended to sinful man. But we also know that the Justice of God must be vindicated. **John 3:16 For God so loved the World that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have Everlasting Life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be Saved. “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in The Name of the Only Begotten Son of God.** Anyone that denies or makes useless by changing the Work Jesus did at The Cross is dead in their sins already. He paid such an amazingly high price, separated from His Father, and His Father from Him, disbelieved, beaten, whipped, slapped, spat on, tortured by a crown of thorns digging into His scalp and head, having His beard ripped from His Face, cursed by His creation, stripped naked, and hung by spikes to a wooden Cross...and then...as man's representative (**Even after all that man has just done to Him**) face all that satan and every demon and fallen angel could throw at Him and then having a man thrust a spear into His side proclaiming Christ, the Creator as an intruder ‘dead’. (**How wrong could they be?**) All this was done for all of mankind, so they that believe not are condemned. **6:17...and who shall be able to stand?** This refers to mankind trying to stand on and in their own power. Jesus said in **Jn 15:5 Apart from Me you can do nothing** Man’s efforts always end up in failure, falling to the ground. The only way we can live and stand is ‘IN CHRIST’. What Jesus did for you and me at The Cross should always be in the front line of our thinking, all we have comes from that place. The Holy Spirit will only Work within the parameters of the Finished Work of The Cross. **Mat 11:11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.** What did Jesus mean by that? First of all, He did not mean that believers now are greater in character than John the Baptist, but rather greater in privileges, and all because of what Jesus did at the Cross. John was the last of the OT Prophets and therefore, did not come under the protection and total support of the New Covenant. Today we stand by Faith in what Jesus did at The Cross, if we trust Him and recognize our inabilities requiring the Workings of His Sacrificial Offerings, then the Mighty Holy Spirit gives us the blessed blessings of the blessed. Amen and Amen.

Revelation study text: **study scripture in red...Other scriptures used in blue...side comments in pink**

Revelation 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Remember the book of Revelation is an account of events occurring in the spirit world, in the Heavens, and it is these events that trigger that which will take place on Earth. **7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth** So what are angels? In a nut shell they are messengers and workers of the Lord God Almighty, if an angel of the Lord has spoken to you it is as good as God speaking to you face to face. Angels are created beings, Holy, and uncorrupted spirits in their original essence, yet they have the right to execute as we do free will, meaning that they also can be tempted by sin. We see proof of this in **2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto Judgment;** The Lords angels have great power in service, they ministered to our Lord (see **Mat 4:1**) And we see here they are going about God's Will. **7:1...holding the four winds of the earth** This is speaking about holding back the Judgment of God, The number "four" is the number of this world. The fourth day saw the material part of creation finished, four is the number of the great elements—earth, air, fire, and water. Four are the regions of the earth north, south, east, and west. Four are the divisions of the day morning, afternoon, evening, and night. Four are the seasons of the year spring, summer, autumn, and winter. In **Gen 3** the Cherubim are first mentioned, there are four of them and they have a lot to do with Creation. In **Rev 4** the same four cherubim are called "the Living Creatures". These announce the Coming One; they sing of creation and of Him who created all things, and for whose pleasure they were created. **7:1...that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.** The Judgment of God is being held back for a time...man is still doing what man does, creating their own pathway, but 144,000 Jewish servants of The Lord are to be Saved by the Blood of The Lamb and Sealed by The Blessed Holy Spirit, then the winds can blow.

Revelation 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having The Seal of the Living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Of course this Seal involves Salvation. **7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east,** This introduces a fifth angel. While the four angels hold back the Judgment of God this angel will carry out the mission. This mission shall entail the Salvation of many souls, and marks the beginning of the Restoration of Israel. **7:2... having The Seal of the Living God** This pertains to the Seal of Salvation, Paul wrote in **2 Tim 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God stands sure, having this Seal, The Lord knows them that are His. And, let every one that Names the Name of Christ depart from iniquity.** Some have claimed that this is a visible mark but this is not the case. Every one that is truly Born Again has this Seal. It is the Work that Jesus did at The Cross that has afforded us this privilege. The Seal of Salvation can only come one way and that is by The Blood of The Lamb. No one is treated by the Living God differently, all must enter into the Salvation process by the same method. **7:2...and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,** The idea is that nothing is to hinder the progress of those coming to the Lord, He will wait for them to complete that which they must.

Revelation 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have Sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Judgment is held as the 144,000 Jews come to The Lord. **7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees,** The angel is speaking of the Four Trumpet Judgments that will come to selected parts of the world. These servants shall be Sealed before the Trumpets Sound.

Great hurt is coming to the earth but we must not see God as harsh or mean, but rather as a doctor removing a cancer from the patient so they may live. Sin must be destroyed and this is the only way in which it can be removed, as man will not listen to the Most High. **7:3...till we have Sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.** Again this is not a mark on the foreheads but the Seal of Blood, **Eph 1:13 In whom you also trusted, after that you heard The Word of Truth, The Gospel of your Salvation: in whom also after that you believed, you were Sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise, Who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the Redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of His Glory.** All believers have the Seal of Promise...as far as the forehead goes **Rev 22:14 And they shall see His Face, and His Name shall be in their foreheads.**

Revelation 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were Sealed: and there were Sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand of all the Tribes of the children of Israel.

Members of each tribe are Sealed, those that believe, have at last seen Jesus as the True Light. **Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were Sealed** The Lord allowed John to hear the number that are to be Saved. **7:4...And there were Sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand of all the Tribes of the children of Israel.** This tells us three things **1** The Sealing or Salvation process is done. **2** The complete number is 144,000 **3** 12,000 from each Tribe of the children of Israel, minus Dan and Ephraim. **Rev 14:4-5 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goes. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to The Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before The Throne of God.** This tells us that they were Redeemed from among men, being the First Fruits unto God and to The Lamb...This also tells us they also had to except and follow Jesus as the “Lamb of God”. What it means by not defiling themselves with women has nothing to do with moral adultery. Paul explains in **Romans 7:3-4 So then if, while her husband lives, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, you also are become dead to the law by the Body of Christ; that you should be married to Another, even to Him Who is Raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.** So these Jews did not try to insert the Law into Grace. They are married to Christ, and not to the world making them ‘virgins’. Who preached to these blessed one’s we are not told but I suspect that it was done during the times before the Tribulation by The Holy Spirit through His people.

Revelation 7:5-8 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

These three versus cover all the tribes except Dan and Ephraim. We are not told why Dan is not included. If anyone can in even the slightest way explain the reason for Dan’s absence It would be greatly appreciated. In **Judges Chapters 17 to 21** we're given two stories of apostasy in Israel. Both stories centre on the tribes of Dan and Ephraim this could be a reason but God is a God of forgiveness! Hmm...Why 12,000 from each tribe? The number 12 stands for God’s Government. There were 12 stones gathered in the Jordan, there were 12 stones in the High Priest’s breastplate. There was 12 Apostles. Their names are engraved on the 12 Gates of the city. The Circumference of the city is 12 furlongs. This number ‘12’ signifies a completeness of Government. Which is the Government competed by God!

Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before The Throne, and before The Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

These come from all nations during the first half of the Great Tribulation. 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, One can only guess at the number that will be Saved during that horrid time. Many Preachers believe that The Holy Spirit will leave the earth just before this time which of course is wrong as He is every where, they get it from this passage 2 Thess 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. The "he" addressed here is the Church and is speaking of the Rapture not the Holy Spirit. David wrote Ps 139:7-10 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your Presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your Hand shall Lead me, and Your Right Hand shall Hold me. Every thing done within Righteousness on earth has been through the Person and Order of The Holy Spirit. 7:9...of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before The Throne, and before The Lamb, I stand, I stand in awe of You Mighty God in Whom all praise is due. Again the word "Lamb" is used showing that all that come to Jesus do so by the Work He did at The Cross. The Throne and the Lamb are together...mankind cannot get to The Throne of God but through and by The Saviour. 7:9...clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; his is speaking of great joy. In white robes in the Greek is "tas stolas tas Lukas" which being paraphrased is "dressed in richest wedding garments of purest, dazzling white," Faith in what Jesus Christ did for them is the reason they stand before The Throne of God. The word "Palms" refers to Palm Branches. This comes from The Feast of Tabernacles which involves and invites a very deep and strongly felt gladness. This feast was kept for seven days, it was held from the 15th day until the 22nd day of the 7th month. It holds a historical reference to the leaving of Egypt and reminded the Jews of their wanderings in the wilderness and that they are today in the Promised Land, this reminder points to the Truth that Israel's life rested upon the Redemption plan which is of course the forgiveness of sin.

Revelation 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sits upon The Throne, and unto The Lamb.

And unto The Lamb...which means that which He did at Calvary. 7:10 And cried with a loud voice Something we should consider! Such a great price has been paid so that we can gather here! If we were to stop and consider how we are really feeling at this moment would it invite a cry of praise from the top of our voices? Whatever that truth is within you it does not take away the fact that Jesus is here, here for you, here for me! And His only desire is to Teach and show us His Loving Truth. 7:10...saying, Salvation to our God which sits upon The Throne, and unto The Lamb. Folks.. this is The Salvation that we dream of! It is in the most comprehensive sense meaning ever type of deliverance process has been completed...the curse of the law gone...the power of sin gone...the hold of the world gone... the perils of life gone...the sin nature is gone...So the Father is sitting in His wonderful Glory and allows His children to do something all dream of...to see Him...and to see The Lamb...which causes such high praise, and at the greatest of volumes.

Revelation 7:11 And all the angels stood round about The Throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before The Throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

This is awesome, the Heavenly Hosts all joined in with praise unto the Loving God, all full down and worship...ALL... no one is left standing...This is all due to the perfect plan of the Godhead 1 Pet 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world(That Christ would pay the sin debt), but was manifest in these last times for you, The outstanding Truth is everything in the Bible once studied takes us towards or back to the Work Jesus did at The Cross.

Revelation 7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and Power, and Might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Saying Amen... Salvation comes only from our God **7:12 Saying, Amen** This is a strong affirmation of The Truth, that Salvation comes from God Who sits upon The Throne and from The Lamb of God. God is omnipotent (**all powerful**) omniscient (**all-knowing**) omnipresent (**everywhere**) He is the all Mighty God. Sadly many will follow the antichrist but all that trusted in God's Power, trusted that He will do all that He has said. **7:12...Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and Power, and Might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.** All that is praise worthy is represented here, for our God is excellent in Character. These words are the best John could write to explain God excellence and man's thanks. Blessing, Glory, Wisdom, Thanks giving, Honour, Power, and Might are great words but they just don't cut it! Words shall never express His greatness.

Revelation 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, who are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

John had not asked a question! **7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me** God knows the minds of man and it would seem this blessing is in the elders also, they are truly complete in The Holy Spirit! We are all going to be lifted up to that level one day due to The Lamb of God. **7:13... Who are these which are arrayed in white robes?** John has noticed the white robes. This is the covering of Righteousness and Holiness (**Adam was clothed with such majestic coverings**) These robes are of such a dazzling whiteness they defy description. **7:13...and whence came they?** To understand this two part question we need to read the next verse.

Revelation 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, these are they which came out of Great Tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in The Blood of The Lamb.

John seeks the knowledge of the Elder **7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, you know.** This is the obvious answer, the one in whom God has allowed to know John's thoughts God has also provided the answer. **7:14... And he said to me, These are they which came out of Great Tribulation** The first part of the question answered...This group have come out from the Great Tribulation including those that have believed in Christ and died from natural causes such as age etc...none have come from the Rapture. **7:14...and have washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of The Lamb.** The second part answered...They come from The Shed Blood of The Lamb, they are made clean by Faith in the Work of The Cross. They once had soiled robes caused by the power of unbelief and the worship of another Jesus or god, but The Blood has Saved them, by this they have arrived.

Revelation 7:15 Therefore are they before The Throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His Temple: and He that sits on The Throne shall dwell among them.

Never again to be lost, alone, afraid, beaten or disowned **7:15 Therefore are they before The Throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His Temple** Eternal life is most certainly one filled with joy and safety but also with service unto the Living God (**Rev 21:25 seem to contradict this verse as it states there is no sun or night but 21:25 is speaking of the inside of The City where God is The Light which cannot be turned off, and where a sun couldn't shine due to it being dull**). **7:15...and He that sits on The Throne shall dwell among them.** Here is the answer, the future home of God's people is described as a city, a glorious city, where no special temple/church operated by priests exists as God Himself, and The Lamb are forever present, everywhere. Outside this array of Holy Light the new world shall continue with all the elements that God has given. The world shall still have a sun and a moon but the Glorified Children of God shall eclipse all the light formerly enjoyed by the sun by virtue of the Presence of The Lord. His Divine Glory and Majesty Illuminating us much more brightly than that of the sun.

Psalm 84:11 The Lord shall be unto thee an Everlasting Light Jesus Christ has destroyed all darkness and ignorance, enlightening and comforting us with His Truth, His Grace in the Holy Spirit, all these blessings are Everlasting, not waxing and waning, and suffering eclipses and settings, as the sun and moon do, but shall be constant, without shadow or change. God shall be our Glory, always giving us reason to Glorify Him, He shall be our greatest honour and highest praise.

Revelation 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

From the fall of man this has been a massive problem. **7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more** Billions of people awoken to the worry of no food or water, we are all living in a world under the iron yoke of satan who comes to steal, kill and destroy...soon he will be cast into the Lake of Fire. Jesus said **Mat 5:6 Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after Righteousness, for they will be Filled** The day is coming when we will all be Filled with His Glory, His Righteousness, and His Joy shall be ours. **7:16...neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.** This speaks of the perfect environment at the fall of man God said **Gen 3:17-19 “in sorrow shall you eat of it all the days of your lives, in the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return to the ground”** In the natural sense the sun and the heat have to do with hunger and thirst, all this shall end. Sun light and heat also speaks of the persecutions many Saints have gone through, the heat of satan's temptations, fiery darts of the wicked, trials, afflictions, or even Divine displeasure, or any fearful sense and apprehension of it, the toil and labour, called the burden and heat of the day from **Gen 3**, from all these we shall be free.

Revelation 7:17 For The Lamb which is in the midst of The Throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto Living fountains of Waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

The Work Jesus did at the Cross not only sets us free, but it allows the Mighty Lord to also feed us. **7:17 For The Lamb which is in the midst of The Throne shall feed them** He is the doorway in which we must enter. **Gal 2:20 nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me.** We feed from Him and Him alone. **7:17... and shall lead them unto Living fountains of Waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.** This is the place God always intended us to be, never to thirst again, and to have The Hand of God Wiping away our tears, these tears are wiped away once one enters into his Presence! we shall never cry tears of brokenness again. To Him be all the Glory and Praise forever and ever amen.

May the Peace of our Lord bless you as your tears are even at this hour being wiped away!
Amen and amen.



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Revelation 8:1 And when He had opened the Seventh Seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

Was there silence due to the fact that this is the last Seal? **8:1 And when He had opened the Seventh Seal 'He'** refers to **The Lamb of God**, the only One worthy to open The Seals. The first, second, third, and fourth Seal a great voice was heard...the fifth Seal there was a cry from the martyred, and with the sixth Seal the very elements responded with a great display. **8:1...there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.** There is many reasons for the silence, different commentaries have offered good explanations. **1/** One being Alan F Johnson said **"Even Heavens choirs are subdued to show God's concern for His persecuted people during The Great Tribulation"** This silence allows the prayers of those Saints still on Earth to be heard.. This is about the time when the antichrist is to turn on Israel. **2/**This is a conclusion to The Seals and a preparation for The Trumpets **3/**All the Seals have been opened and all of Heaven shall see the Judgments of God. **4/** This is the starting of **the end** of all of God's promises being fulfilled, Israel shall over the next few years proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord. Any of these four commentaries on this could be correct or they may all be in part of the happening action in Heaven along with much more only God truly knows. Israel must accept Jesus as her Lord, Saviour, and Messiah at the moment they are looking towards the antichrist! The book of Solomon further explains by the story of a beautiful Shulamite girl, who is a type of Israel, she is pleasing to the eyes, she falls in love with a lowly Shepherd. But she is so pleasing to the eyes that King Solomon seeks to woo her away from the Shepherd. Solomon is a type of Christ, but so is the lowly Shepherd. As the story unfolds we see that the Shulamite takes the lowly Shepherd to wed. The moral of the story is Israel must rid herself of the antichrist and all other god's and accept the lowly Shepherd before she can have the King! When Jesus came first of all they rejected Him as He came as the lowly Shepard, and they were demanding a conquering King. This time they will accept the lowly Shepherd and very quickly in the process receive the All Powerful Conquering King.

Revelation 8:2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given Seven Trumpets.

John beheld the angels that have been summoned to The Throne of God...what a massive privilege. **8:2...And I saw the seven Angels which stood before God** The silence was over, in the Greek text the "seven angels" strongly indicate that these seven angels are distinct in that they stand in 'the Presence of the Lord'. Gabriel could be one as in **Zac** he states **"I am Gabriel who stands in the Presence of the Lord"**. Some claim that they are the same as the Seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the Earth...this is incorrect...They are seven particular angels being totally different from the Mighty Holy Spirit, for angels have been made a little lower than (**redeemed**) man (**sinful man is well below everything**). **8:2...and to them were given Seven Trumpets.** As all Judgment has been given to Jesus Christ it would be His Hand that gave the angels the Trumpets. The sounding of Trumpets in the Word is always succeeded by events of outstanding importance, the Trumpets sounded at the giving of the Law (**Ex 19:16**), and the Trumpet shall sound at the Rapture (**1 Cor 15: 51-52**) as they shall at the time of the seventh Seal.

Revelation 8:3 And another angel came and stood at The Altar, having a Golden Censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all Saints upon the Golden Altar which was before The Throne.

The prayers of the Saints are indeed precious...The Lord has heard every one that you prayed in His Name! **8:3 And another angel came and stood at The Altar, having a Golden Censer** This is another angel, some commentators say it is the Lord...where they get that from I have no idea! But what he is holding is precious beyond words to The lord as we shall see...

8:3...and there was given unto him much incense This represents the perfection, the merit, and the virtue of the Life of Christ. Everything speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ and what He did at The Cross. He was indeed God but won all this by being the perfect man...at no time did He call on His Deity. As a man He lived the Perfect Life, He never sinned by word, thought, or action but even greater still He kept perfectly all the requirements of the Law. He gave Himself wholly to the Father, His Words, Thoughts, Deeds, and Time. **8:3...that he should offer it with the prayers of all Saints** This tells us how precious our prayers are to The Holy Father but also that they are imperfect. Added to our prayers must be the sweet fragrance of the merit of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. **8:3...upon The Golden Altar which was before The Throne.** This tells us that all the items in the earthly Tabernacle were replicas or symbols of the patterns that were in heaven. The Tabernacle is a very interesting topic of study. **Heb 9:24** states that The Holy Places made by man in the Old Testament are "figures of the True" meaning that when God gave Moses the blueprint of the Tabernacle in Exodus, He was describing The Throne Room of heaven. Here we see the pattern of the "Alter of Incense" as recorded in Exodus. How much importance does God place on the prayers of the Saints...all this is being done before His Throne...He is overlooking every thing.

Revelation 8:4 And the Smoke of the Incense, which came with the prayers of the Saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

This is the Altar that is in Heaven **8:4...And the smoke of the incense** While this includes all the Prayers of all the Saints of all time one must also believe it also has the Lords Prayer "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven". **8:4...And the Smoke of the Incense, which came with the prayers of the Saints,** Proclaims that even though we are washed in the Blood of The Lamb we are not perfect. And for our prayers to be accepted by God, they must be mixed with the intercessory work of Christ our Lord. **The Brazen Altar** which always had a fire going within it is the first of two vessels sitting outside the Tabernacle, this is a type of the Crucifixion of Christ. The Fire is a type of Judgment of God. Goals would be taken, and must only be taken from the **Brazen Altar** to be placed onto the **Altar of Incense** twice daily or once a year placed onto the **Golden Censer** and taken into The Holy of Holies which this scripture speaks of. **The Altar of Incense** used to be found in the Most Holy Place which stood in front of the Veil, but Christ' Sacrifice removed such a need, praise God. **8:4...ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.** Speaks of the smoke of the incense coming out of the Golden Censer which is held in the hands of an angel. On the Earth this would be held by a chain so the High Priest could swing it about within the Most Holy Place.

Revelation 8:5 And the angel took the Censer, and filled it with Fire of The Altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

It is time...The attention is turned towards the Earth. **8:5 And the angel took the Censer, and filled it with fire of The Altar, and cast it into the earth** This refers to the Brazen Altar (**which is in Heaven**) it is the pattern from which the Brazen Altar on earth was made. The Brazen Altar on earth was a type of the Cross. Lamb's were offered up in Sacrifice to the Lord, untold millions of them. The pouring out of it's blood and it's death a Type of Death that Christ would die on the Cross. The body was skinned, stating that the sinner is naked before God. It's entrails were removed, stating that sin is not just skin deep but eats into the very vitals of man. The carcass was then placed onto the Brazen Altar where it was burned, which was a Type of Judgment of God, which came upon Jesus for the whole Human race. The debt of sin was too much for us to pay so the Master paid it for us. **8:5...and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.** God Almighty has arisen in answer to the cries of His people.

Ps 18:4-19 "The earth shook and trembled. There went up a smoke and a fire: coals were kindled at it. At the brightness that was before Him His thick clouds passed, hailstones and coals of fire. The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave His Voice, hailstones and coals of fire. Yea, He sent out His arrows, and scattered them: He shot out lightnings and discomfited them He delivered me from my strong enemy". This is going to happen and the Laodicean Church (apostate church) is just watching time go by. There is a dividing line between God's Truth and many of our church doctrines today. It is a simple Truth... The Holy Spirit always takes one to the Work Jesus did at The Cross, He will always point to the sin freeing Blood, He always promotes Gods only Begotten Son. But be alert the apostate church is a satanic copy of the True Church (which is sadly small in numbers) the apostate church is growing larger and larger by the day and what they teach sounds good, we have had many such teaching even in our church but praise God He has seen fit to free us, let us therefore remain in this blessed state.

Revelation 8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven Trumpets prepared themselves to sound. With the Cross rejected...Judgment must come...be glad we are under Gods comforting Judgment today folks. 8:6 And the seven Angels They are about to unleash a terrible force upon the earth. All Blessings and Judgments come from the Lord and start in Heaven...for all things...8:6...which had the seven Trumpets prepared themselves to sound. This is about two and a half years into the Tribulation period and the world is about to receive a wake up call from God!

Revelation 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Sounds like the world is going to continue to get hotter! 8:7 The first angel sounded The blast of the Trumpet, God sets in motion the elements of the Heavens, which will wreak havoc on earth. Man will come to the knowledge that God means what He says and what He says He does. 8:7...and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth Just like in Ex 9:22 hail and fire fell upon the Earth and smote the trees and plants in Egypt, with the exception of those in the land of Goshen. Even with all this man will still foolishly deny God and repent not. TV will show the world what is happening in instant time. Joel 2:30-32 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of The Lord come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on The Name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as The Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call. Every evidence is that this shall take place in the Mediterranean area, there is also further evidence that Israel shall seemly escape, note: God is still speaking about people being Saved! 8:7...and all green grass was burnt up. This is a vast area even though only a third part of the Mediterranean. This takes in the old Roman Empire which covered North Africa, Middle East, much of Europe and even possible a part of England.

Revelation 8:8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

Meteorite... 8:8 And the second angel sounded Presents a worse Judgment than the first. 8:8...and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea Almost all the commentators try to spiritualize these happenings but as it was the literal things in Egypt Ex 7 under Moses so it shall be on this day also. This is a meteorite and it will create havoc. 8:8...and the third part of the sea became blood; Once again a plague out of Ex 7:20-21 There is nothing that God cannot do and this shall indeed happen.

Revelation 8:9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

Many commentaries I have read lessen the effect and Power that The Holy Lord is executing stating that this should not be taken literally. I have no doubt this will happen just as it did back in the days of Moses (**Exodus**) man rejected God then and man is rejecting God now. Some even suggest that this is coming onto the church which of course is wrong as we will be in Heaven. Sea life and shipping shall be cut by one third....this is massive.

Revelation 8:10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

The elements are bringing havoc on earth, **8:10** And the third angel sounded Each blast from the angels brings horror to all on earth. **8:10...and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp**, man has suffered earthquakes and the like...but never to the extent of that which is to come. One would call this a meteorite...one bigger and more destructive than the last. This one will fall near the last one but this time on the land. **8:10...and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters**; This once again speaks of the Roman Empire area. The term fountains translates into underground rivers...we cannot even begin to imagine the fallout from such a hit on earth's soils.

Revelation 8:11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became Wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

The plant *Artemisia absinthium* also known as wormwood produces a drink called Absinthe or as they called it in the 18 hundreds "la fée verte" meaning the (the green fairy). In **Jer 9:15** Therefore this says The Lord of Hosts, The God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. This meteorite will carry the bitter properties of wormwood, how is this possible? Easy! God said it would. This will bring possibly the deaths of sadly millions of people who refuse to acknowledge the Sacrifice Jesus made for them!

Revelation 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

All is under judgment...this I imagine would bring great fear upon the inhabitants of the earth **8:12** And the fourth angel sounded This angel brings the planetary bodies into affect. **8:12...and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.** This is the first time that scientists and TV commentators following all these events will not be able to explain and I would think nor shall they even attempt to as fear would be grabbing at man's hearts. Also for the first time **all the earth** will feel this Judgment, the tidal structure of the ocean shall be greatly effected by this phenomenon. Wild life shall be thrown into a panic, along with man. Jesus said over 2000 years ago **Luke 21:25** And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.

Revelation 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of Heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the Trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

An angel shall fly through the midst of Heaven proclaiming the coming intensification of events and horrors that are to follow. **8:13** And I beheld, and heard an Angel flying through the midst of heaven, Is there a possibility that the TV cameras and people of the earth will be able to see this and hear this angel? I think so! Is God throwing out another **REPENT** sign to man?

I believe God will show unsaved man over and over again His Truth, all man needs to do is believe what Jesus did at the Cross, and they shall be Saved. **8:13... saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhibitors of the earth** I think this makes it clear a loud voice to those on earth...they could see and hear... Mankind has not yet seen the worst of the things to come, and even though the world has been upset with the past events they shall still deny Christ. Three woes equal three remaining Judgments and this time it is for all that are on the earth, hence the word inhibitors! There are two words in the Greek for 'inhibitors' "**par-i-keo**" which means "**to dwell as a sojourner**" the other which is the one used in this verse is "**ka-toi-keo**" which means "**to settle down**" these people have settled down, they do not have room for God in their hearts, they have set before them an evil thing. **8:13 by reason of the other voices of the Trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!** The world has over the years brought great problems and self righteous judgment against Israel and surrounding countries, these last three angels are going to bring strong Judgment against them, no one will escape Gods Wrath. Today while it is called today say yes to Jesus Christ and you shall be Saved. This is a simple message for a needing world.

Chapter 9:1-21

THE BOOK OF REVELATION TO JOHN

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

The bible offers the number 5 as Gods Grace **9:1 And the fifth angel sounded** but in this case we hear the fifth angel blowing the fifth Woe! **9:1...and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth** This is satan, many do not believe such but the word "star" is used for angels at times **Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?** Plus the Holy Spirit would not use the words "fall from heaven" for a righteous angel (**more on this see notes in Ch 12**). **9:1...and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.** Really? The key is given to the star that fell... Surely satan would not be given the key to hell? but the question should be asked, why not? If it be God's decree, satan can only do what he is allowed to do, he is under Gods total control, praise the Lord. **Verse 9** of this chapter speaks of 'the angel of the bottomless pit' and his name is "apollyon" meaning destroyer. So he must be one of the fallen angels who is also of course under the Lords Power, (**This would really get under the devils skin if pride wasn't halting the Truth**). This verse tells us he was given a key! Who gave him the key? Remember Jesus has the Keys to death and hell, plus He opens which no man closes and all authority has been given unto Him...so satan is but a puppet in the Masters Hands. All he could do was open the pit!

Revelation 9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. The air is about to become greatly polluted **9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit** satan opens what he thinks will give him victory **9:2...and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace** This tells us that this place is in operation today as we speak! There ain't no smoke if there ain't no fire..in truth this place has been in existence for thousands of years, as it regards it's size it must be immense as a tremendous amount of creatures come out from it even though we are not speaking of physical beings. **9:2...and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.** Smoke rises...telling us this is coming from the earth...so the pit is within the earth...The smoke shall be seen one feels manly in the old Roman Empire territory. Indonesia's Krakatoa volcano in 1883 is hard to beat. The eruption sent a jet of ash, stones and smoke shooting 20 kilometres into the sky, plunging the region into darkness, and sparking a huge tsunami that was felt around the world this coming event shall make this look small.

Coming from this smoke of course is the unseen darkness which shall bring great sufferings and pain to mankind.

Revelation 9:3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Sin is the reason for all this pain! **9:3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth These are like nothing ever seen on Earth...**these are demon locusts, they will be invisible but greatly felt. John is describing real living creatures to the best of his ability under the direction of The Holy Spirit, this will happen, and they are spirit demons. **9:3...and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.** The spirit world is divided into two kingdoms, the Kingdom of Light and the kingdom of darkness, it is important to understand that God created all that there is, but darkness came into being from the self-will of lucifer. God gives these demons the power to do that which is written not satan, remember satan is under Gods control, Hallelujah.

Revelation 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the Seal of God in their foreheads.

As in Moses day the 144,000 Jews have Gods Hand of Mercy on them. **9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree** God is in control not satan...He commanded them...These demons can follow instructions, they shall do exactly as the Instructor Commands them, and He is The Lord God Almighty. **9:4...but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.** No one will now what is going on, medical practitioners can not see demons! They will have no medical answers for such wounds. I am not sure if this is contained to the Old Roman Empire area or the complete world. The 144,000 shall not be touched but are there still others around the globe giving their lives to the Lord? I believe so. This is all taking place about two and a half years into the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 9:5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he strikes a man. Commanded to torment rather than kill, with the sting of a scorpion. **9:5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them** This means that if they were permitted to do so they could kill with ease. But I believe this is Grace working, offering a way for man to find peace even in this hour! **9:5...but that they should be tormented five months:** and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he strikes a man. This does not necessary mean they will be continually stung, it could be that the pain of such a sting may last many days and they could over the period of five months be stung 1, 2, 3, 4...times! Maybe?

Revelation 9:6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

The pain from these stings will be severe. **9:6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it;** This indicates as stated that doctors and scientists shall not have an answer, no pain killer will work, no solution found. How does one seek death? No matter how one tries to find it, death shall not be found. **9:6... and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.** This is a double statement, both mean the same thing death cannot be found no matter how one tries. He who reads this Book of Revelation and believes shall be blessed as Salvation comes by Faith. God had this written just over 2000 years ago and many have read it, and many have believed, and been Saved. With death fleeing them one can only think the answer to the above question "how does one seek death" they shall try to kill themselves and fail!

Revelation 9:7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

Some claim these are indeed men, soldiers, but they are wrong! From the past verses it is clear from where they have come! **9:7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle** These are demon spirits, they came from the pit, John wrote the shapes of the locusts were as horses fitted for battle **9:7...and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold**, This indicates that they are more powerful than normal. But they are not kings for they are '**as if it were a crown**'. **9:7...and their faces were as the faces of men.** These demons believe within themselves they are wise, hence God created man in His own image, by "their faces are as the faces of men," it signifies that they appeared to themselves to be wise, taking on the face of Gods prize creation, but in fact they are demon spirits who are doomed to the Enteral Lake of Fire. Not so smart after all. They were once upon a time...Saved...in Gods Holy Presence...and they rebelled.

Revelation 9:8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

Once upon a time they were Created to serve in worship the Living God but have fallen into sin and rebellion. **9:8 And they had hair as the hair of women** From this one can say they had long hair which was a crown to Godly females. **9:8...and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.** This presents a fearsome sight, these demons have been locked up in the pit for a long time, so they are not the same as the ones that Paul wrote about in [Eph 6:12](#). Teeth like a lions gives a picture that they could give a solid bite if they were permitted.

Revelation 9:9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

John is painting a fearsome picture. **9:9...And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron** I used to think that John had seen into the future and these were tanks, planes and such but that was the thoughts of a young unlearned Christian man. Once again these are demon spirits. **9:9...and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.** The form of these hellish spirits and administers of pain are outlined by signs, loud sounds, being visible figures before John. They will rage in heightened anger and mightily hurt man regardless of sex, colour, religion or given privilege. John has seen these 'things' in the spirit world of which the unredeemed know very little about, but they are about to learn. I do not write this with any joy, as this is coming upon fellow human beings...but they have decided to turn down the Salvation Truth and in doing so reject the Sufferings of The Lord.

Revelation 9:10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Again John states that these spirit demons will have power given them by God to do His Will. satan can only watch as his demons are forced to do the Lords bidding. They will do as they are commanded. Then they shall get what is due to them...The Lake of Fire

Revelation 9:11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is abaddon, but in the Greek tongue has his name apollyon.

This "king" has been locked up with his demon spirits in prison. **9:11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit** God has never nor can He ever make something evil! These demons and their "king" were once pure and right before Him. Their prison is of their own making...the bottomless pit and soon it shall be in the Lake of Fire. **9:11...whose name in the Hebrew tongue is abaddon, but in the Greek tongue has his name apollyon.** This fallen angel the "king" is one of four angels that are named in the Bible, Gabriel and Michael are the Angels of Light, then lucifer and apollyon being fallen, disgraced and defeated angels.

This angel apollyon has been locked away for a reason, his name means ‘destroyer’ so one would feel he did other things than just following satan. The word ‘woe’ is added to the last three Trumpet Judgments, due to the severity of them.

Revelation 9:12 One woe is past; and, behold, two woes more to follow. This short verse is stating that the next two woes need to be considered, that these next two are going to make the last one look like a holiday. The second ‘woe’ pertains to demon horsemen, the third ‘woe’ pertains to the antichrist turning on Israel, which will just about end the Jewish nation.

Revelation 9:13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the Golden Altar which is before God

This is the second woe **9:13 And the sixth angel sounded** The use of demonic, angelic, and human beings makes this among the most remarkably recorded ever. **9:13...and I heard a voice from the four horns of the Golden Altar which is before God** This is the Altar that sits in Heaven, of which the earthly one is a copy. This “Golden Altar” i.e. Altar of Incense. All of this has to do with the plan of God on earth being totally and fully consummated, meaning the Prayer Of Christ being fully answered, “**Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be do on Earth as it is in Heaven.**” satan has held a level of power for a long time, every Saint of God from Abel’s blood crying out from the ground until this prophesied time stand before this Altar. Every wrong that has been done against a Child of God, every cry for vengeance, every pleading for the Kingdom to come, all intercession, is met and remembered here. The angel speaks from the Altar as these prayers are about to be answered. AMEN...

Revelation 9:14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

The sixth judgment begins **9:14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet** This angel is standing by the Golden Altar and brings in the sixth judgment along with the second woe. God uses the powers of darkness to bring about His plan. (i.e. **1 Kings 22:19-22**) plus Jesus said in **Lk 10:20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**”The Lord is right in all He does and how He does it, what satan intended for evil God will use to bring goodness into being. **9:14... Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.** These angels are as apollyon, and unknown to me as I cannot find anything written about them! (**No commentators elaborate on them**) all I know is that they have been separated from satans army of evil until this given time. **The great river Euphrates** flowed from the Garden of Eden! Many scholars believe that the city of Babylon was built where the Garden of Eden was! Anything that’s truly of God as the garden of Eden is, satan will try to pollute and destroy it. On the banks of the Euphrates stood the city of Babylon; the army of Necho was defeated there by Nebuchadnezzar; Cyrus the Younger and Crassus perished after crossing it; Alexander crossed it. Also it was near the Euphrates that sin began, the first lie was told, the first murder was committed, and the tower of Babel (**the origin of an entire complex of false religions that spread across the world, i.e. Nimrod**) was built. Today Turkey, Syria, Iran and Iraq rest on that land. And it is the river over which the enemies of God will cross to engage in the battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 9:15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

These are evil angels. **9:15 And the four angels were loosed,** All this points to the Cross. The Altar which is before God’s Throne is the place where the angel stood to start this woe...This Altar...as the earthly one...has Four Horns at each corner edge. Once a year on the Great Day of Atonement the Priest would sprinkle blood over these Horns teaching us that only by the shedding of Blood can our prayers and worship be heard. It is from these Four Horns that the cry comes from the Saints to loose these four terrible angels, to bring about Gods judgment.

Mercy and forgiveness has always come from the Blood, but now we see that the Blood that cries and the voice that is raised are no longer for Salvation or God's Mercy but rather His Judgment which will bring damnation upon the Earth. **9:15...which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year,** What this is saying I believe is these angels have been appointed by God for such an hour, day, month, Year...Simply meaning the hour shall come! It may seem at times that God has overlooked evil, but judgment is about to be served. **9:15...for to slay the third part of men.** Again it seems to be referring to the Old Roman Empire territory being most of Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. This area contains about a billion people so approximately 300 million plus will die as a result of this Judgment. Mankind once again will have no idea as to what is causing such calamity, no answers will be found by modern medical science. **Dan Ch 7** gives us an idea from where the beast comes from and he writes of ten kingdoms yet to come, he also relates to us another vision which involves a little horn coming up out of the ten horns this is the antichrist, which comes from the Middle East. As for the rest of the world it shall be thrown into a blood dripping chaos along with droughts, storms, earthquakes and the likes....Destruction will not rest.

Revelation 9:16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

Horsemen! Demon horsemen that is **9:16 And the number of the army of the horsemen** These appear to come from the same place as the locusts. John is allowed to see them as he is in the spirit world, I do not think mankind shall see them with the naked eye. **9:16... were two hundred thousand thousand and I heard the number of them.** This number is 200 million, many commentaries claim this is the armies of China but note that it is 200 million HORSEMEN, **(China has seen its horse population decline significantly and steadily, from 11.5 million in 1978 to only 3.47 million, the world population of horses is just under 59 million)** again God is sending demon spirits to cause the knee of man to bend.

Revelation 9:17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

John was given a vision whilst in Heaven! **9:17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone:** These are not tanks as suggested by some...they have riders on them! John describes that which he sees, demons riding demons horses into battle against mankind Note: not against the Church as we are in heaven! **9:17...and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.** I am yet to see a tank with the face of a lion, these have unlike the locust power to kill...at last man will get the reprieve of death they sought only to find the reprieve gained brings them into the presence of an All Mighty God.

Revelation 9:18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

Fire smoke and brimstone will kill **9:18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone,** This suggests possibly heat, suffocation, and poison, they will be bitten or breathed on, causing death. **9:18...which issued out of their mouths.** This proclaims the manner in which this part of torment and death is brought about.

Revelation 9:19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

Death not only is given... but unthinkable pain comes first. **9:19...For their power is in their mouth** Never before has mankind dealt with such horrid power. Satan came to steal, kill and destroy and it would seem that man is happy even at this point in time to continue to serve him.

Rev 9:19...and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. This clearly shows that these are demons, they have tails which appeared to John as serpents, this speaks of fearsome beasts as venomous reptiles. The word hurt is meant in the greatest sense.

Revelation 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk.

Anyone can pick up the Bible and read it...it has not been hidden away...yet they shall not, and many will die **9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands** As I said above this is in fact an offering of Grace, for a people with cold, dark, and hard hearts, yet, still it is Grace offered. Man still proclaims his independence from God even in this time of horror. Hundreds of millions of people will suffer great distress and then perish! Why? Because they refuse to listen to God. They yet repented not! I hope the Church has hearkened unto the last warning that the Lord Jesus gave, the Laodicea Church has been told to repent and that folks is our time frame...today... the last Church! **9:20... that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk.** Any worship that is not towards the One True God is the worship of devils...Jesus said to the woman at the Jacob's well **"You worship, you know not what"** in effect she was worshipping devils. Today as Jesus warned the Last Church the only place of acceptable worship is the Work He did at The Cross.

Revelation 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Even with Judgment upon them they repent not! **9:21 Neither repented they** Fallen man plus a lot of the Church need to listen. What is repentance? One must repent from the sinning one is doing that should be obvious. But what is being pushed here is the need to move away from that which caused one to sin in the first place...the sin nature...when the Church moves away from The Cross and tries to repent by other means such as works or law they have insulted the One who died for their sins. You cannot have Christ and the law mixed into one, it just does not work...Paul wrote in **Gal 5:2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.** The Galatian Church had false teachers coming into it telling them they had to be circumcised whilst maintaining their Faith in Christ. This of course would have placed them back under the law bringing about the last part of his statement **Christ shall profit you nothing.** The True believer needs to put to death that which can kill...our sin nature, and the only way one can do that is by trusting the Lords formula **Rom Ch 6,7,8** gives a greater understanding of this when studied correctly. **9:21...of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.** They continued in their evil ways Murders...Sorceries...Fornication...Thefts...All these are against the Lord, and are being acted out in the Church today! They are deliberate acts of sin, note fornication is used in the singular term whereas the other sins are in the plural. When man's heart is hardened it lacks any Light of God's Purity plunging them into a perpetual state of fornication. May the Lord Jesus Christ the King of our hearts continue to Bless and enrich us with His Wisdom through the Power of the Mighty Holy Spirit. Amen

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Revelation 10:1 And I saw another Mighty Angel come down from heaven, Clothed with a Cloud: and a Rainbow was upon His Head, and His Face was as it were the sun, and His Feet as pillars of fire:

A Mighty Angel, and indeed Mighty He is. This is not an Angel as one of the Lords Angels but Christ Himself...The word angel in the Greek means messenger and can apply to either one of the Lords angels, a man, or God Himself (we seen before the Pastor being called an angel). Here are some Scriptures of when The Lord appears as an Angel: (Gen 31 The Angel states He is the **God of Bethel** (No Righteous angel would ever claim to be God), Gen 22:15-16 The Angel swears an oath **by Himself** (only God can swear such an oath) Judges 13: 21-22 An Angel appeared to them and they called Him **The Almighty God.** (Even Jesus said do not call me good as there is only One that is Good! No angel of God would allow anyone to call them Almighty God!) Judges 13:11 the Angel calls Himself "I Am" (Means YHWH or Yahweh no angel would dare call themselves such).

10:1 And I saw another Mighty Angel come down from Heaven This is a mighty picture of the Lord, all Powerful, unopposed by man, force, or spirit nothing can compare. 10:1...Clothed with a Cloud: This Cloud is the Glory of God Ex 40:34-38 Then a Cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the Glory of The Lord filled the Tabernacle.....For the Cloud of The Lord was upon the Tabernacle by day, and Fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys. Today we have the same Cloud and Fire as Israel did but it is within us. 10:1...and a Rainbow was upon His Head This is the Peace and Mercy of our Lord. The Rainbow signifies that which is ultimately coming upon the Earth, and this is a fact that cannot fail. No matter to the work of satan, Peace and Mercy shall reign, God will not forget one of His promises. 10:1...and His Face was as it were the sun This is His outstanding Glory, Perfection and Holiness, no human eye can look upon such a powerful display of total perfection. Imagine the power of the sun being placed before your eyes, you would not just go blind you would disintegrate. 10:1...and His Feet as pillars of fire: This speaks of Judgment (which I pray for often, Judge me Lord that I may repent and change!), plus Mercy and Peace, all three are offered to "anyone that will come" but those that reject Him shall receive His Judgment after their life on earth which will be a terrible Judgment, there is no other way.

Revelation 10:2 And He had in His Hand a Little Book open: and He set His right Foot upon the sea, and His left Foot on the earth,

Little Book...but in it gigantic Truth. 10:2 And He had in His Hand a Little Book open This is the same Book mentioned in Chapter 5. He is in fact the One who has opened it. This Book is so very important as it carries instructions and direction as it regards last day events. It holds the answer to the great Prayer of Christ "**Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven**". Jesus was worthy to open The Book due to the Price He paid at Calvary. He alone is worthy as man's perfect representative, to Judge the entirety of mankind. (even though He never ceased to be God He did cease from using His Deity whilst on earth). He alone had the right to open The Book and to loose the seals thereof, and He alone has the right to plant His Feet on the sea and land.

10:2... and He set His right Foot upon the sea, and His left Foot on the earth In the OT when God had a man to set his foot on something with intent He prescribed ownership to that man Deut 11:24-25 Abbreviated...Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: ... for the Lord your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as He hath said unto you. This is the Lord saying times up satan, the Lake of Fire awaits you. Jesus' Feet being planted in and on both the ocean and dry ground proclaims His Ownership.

At the moment Jesus is your Lord and in that you are protected, but He is not the Lord of the world systems, the world governments, the world is still being driven by evil, and that is why Jesus prayed [John 17:14-16](#) I have given them Thy Word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that Thou should take them out of the world, but that Thou should keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Jesus is about to set all that we are speaking of into action, this world and all in it shall bow to His Holiness and Righteousness.

Revelation 10:3 And Cried with a loud Voice, as when a Lion Roars: and when He had Cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

Victory 10:3 And Cried with a loud Voice, as when a lion roars The term “loud Voice” signals the confidence of total victory. The “**Lion from the Tribe of Judah**” roars... He has one Foot on the sea and the other on dry land it...is... His, Christ has come down from heaven folks...once again! This Cry is against all that will oppose Him and His beloved Israel. This conflict will now increase in intensity. The two forces with all their hosts, prepare themselves for battle. Permission is given to satan (**By God**) to place in the field all the power of his demonic kingdom together with the many, many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings that rejected The Lord. **10:3...and when He had Cried, Seven Thunders uttered their voices** His Cry is the Voice of unequalled Courage and Strength which is derived from Who He is The Lord God Almighty, **The Cry demands** The Seven Thunders to erupt. The Seven Thunders line up into harmony with The Seven Seals, The Seven Trumpets, The Seven Vials. Thus we have four sets of Sevens. These Thunderclaps are of a volume beyond our abilities as to even imagine, a tremendous sound from heaven. These Seven Thunders are not just as the usual noise of thunder but are Thundering Voices communicating a powerful message. The Greek word translated “**Thunder**” means “to roar.” Thunder is often a mark of Judgment in Scripture as in [1 Samuel 2:10](#), [2 Samuel 22:14](#), and several more places also in [Revelation \(8:5, 11:19, 16:18\)](#), so these Seven Powerful Voices are crying out for God’s Judgment upon the sinful earth. Thunder also represents The Voice of God. [Ps 18:13](#) says, “**The LORD thundered from heaven; the Voice of The Most High resounded.**” Just as John was about to write down what The Seven Thunders said a voice from heaven tells him to “**seal up what the Seven Thunders have said and do not write it down**”.

Revelation 10:4 And when the Seven Thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the Seven Thunders uttered, and write them not.

How blessed is John? He heard what the Thunders uttered! **10:4 And when the Seven Thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write** John has written all that has happened under The Power of The Holy Spirit as he is of course himself in The Spirit. **10:4...and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things** A voice spoke, we are not told who spoke, but it was an order not to write that which was spoken. Because they are to be Sealed up it could indicate that it may have been Judgments that will not be carried out on earth, what ever it really means no man knows (but John) but something has been sealed up meaning locked away! **10:4... which the Seven Thunders uttered, and write them not** John was forbidden to write what the thunders had spoken... All I can do is look at the words...number seven means completeness and perfection...Thunder was often equated to the Voice of God...so all I can come up with is the perfect Voice of God Spoke...In using the famous words of Bugs Bunny “that that’s all folks” I nothing else to offer on that.

Revelation 10:5 And The Angel which I saw Stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up His Hand to Heaven,

Remember the word angel can apply to man and even God in the greater sense, that being a messenger.

10:5 And The Angel which I saw Stand upon the sea and upon the earth This is being repeated so it is of massive importance, this Angel has His Feet on both the sea and dry ground! Satan is about to go into a war that will remind him he is already defeated. **10 5...lifted up His Hand to Heaven**, This is used in **Gen, Deut, Eze, Zech**, It is a promise, I will do what here follows. It was the custom to stretch out the hand in the swearing of such a promise. The use of it in **Rev** should worry Satan as The Angel (**Lord**) is in affect saying **“I lift up My Hand to heaven, and say, as I Live for Ever, My Lightning Sword shall cut, and My Hand cast out swift Judgment, I will render vengeance to Mine enemies, and repay them that hate Me.”**

Revelation 10:6 And Swear by Him that Lives for Ever and Ever, who Created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

This verse shows that this is Christ as at no time in the Word of God does an Angel swear an oath unto God, and man has been told also not to do such **Mat 5:33-37** “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfil to The Lord the vows you have made.’ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s Throne; or by the earth, for it is His Footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of The Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. **10:6 Swear by Him that Lives for Ever and Ever**, This would appear that the final Judgments are to be announced, the enemies of Gods Kingdom are going to fall by the sword. Although this is going to happen as it is the Lords perfect way the rainbow is with Him, announcing His great Mercy and Peace are always reachable.

10:6...Who Created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, This proclaims that the world and all that is in it belongs to God. The Lord Jesus Christ has sworn that He shall rid this world of the evil once and for all, and Gods Name shall endure for ever and ever in the hearts and minds of all believers. He Created all things and we see Him standing with a foot on both the sea and land sealing His Rightful claim. **10:6... that there should be time no longer**: What this means is the delays have stopped, it is time for **Thy Kingdom come**...This does not mean there shall be no more time but rather this time of evil shall be halted ended...forever..

Revelation 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the Seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the Mystery of God should be finished, as He has declared to His servants the Prophets.

This is the beginning of the last half of the Great Tribulation. **10:7...But in the days of the voice of the Seventh angel** The seventh Trump has sounded along with the third woe...This is the worst yet as Satan shall be cast out from heaven. The Earth is about to have this sin infested, beaten, life taking, coward cast down onto it (**I write knowing that without The Lord Jesus Christ I would surely be killed for writing such words**). This is where he will meet his doom. For thousands of years sin has run riot on this earth, every family has been touched by the horrors it brings in some way, death, sickness, sorrow, loneliness... away from The Creator, born to live a miserable, pointless existence just to die unless your one of the blessed who have denied pride and called on the Name of the Lord. It is right to say Satan’s foolishness has cost billions of lives and he is about to be halted once and for all, he will be cast into the Lake of Fire where he will be the least of all. **10:7...when he shall begin to sound, the Mystery of God should be finished**, There is an end to sin and this time has arrived, it must be said the Lord has been nothing but Graceful to all mankind. **2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfil His Promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.** But Satan is cast down and man shall ignore the Lords Good Will...The price Jesus paid is too high for Him to ever turn His Back on one soul that calls out His Name...His Love is endless right up until the final Judgment.

10:7...as He hath declared to His servants the Prophets. The Lord told the Prophets over the ages that satan/sin will be defeated, there was never a date or time given when such would happen, of course this was achieved at The Cross by the Work of Christ.

Revelation 10:8 And the voice which I heard from Heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the Little Book which is open in the Hand of The Angel which Stands upon the sea and upon the earth

Outstanding moment, a man taking the Book from the Hand of God! 10:8 And the voice which I heard from Heaven spake unto me again If this is not God's Voice it is one that is directed by Him (we give satan far too much credit, even in our worst moments God's Will is being done within us! Satan is a liar and all he does fails). 1/ God is the guiding and directing force in our lives. 2/ He has nothing but good in store for those that love Him and obey Him, His blessings are sure and awesome. 3/ He encourages us to seek His leading and guidance. 4/ Because He loves us He will chastise us, ouch! 5/ He has 'not' left us to defend ourselves, The Holy Spirit is actively Working within us. 6/ He gave His life at The Cross how much more then will then give those that believe? 7/ Obstacles are not road blocks or soul killers they are opportunities for God to work His Miracles so that we will grow in Trust and Faith. 10:8...and said, go and take the Little Book which is open in the Hand of The Angel which Stands upon the sea and upon the earth Again I type...what an amazing moment, a man taking The Book! The Book is open which signifies that it contains no mystery or secret. Again where the Angels feet are is mentioned, this is the third time which tells us it is important! Why? God is about to take back all control over His creation...this is the moment all the Saints have been waiting for.

Revelation 10:9 And I went unto the Angel, and said unto Him, give me the Little Book. And He Said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

It was sweet because the future is sweet. For sure It was sweet for John to know what God is about to do concerning the Salvation of both Israel and Gentile peoples, but Judgment also is coming which ends with the Lake of Fire, this makes it bitter. John eagerly receives the Word of God as we should all do, there has been so much pain on earth, but he saw that more Judgment was yet to follow, it brought travail of soul and sorrow of heart, this also should be upon us as we know the future. 10:9 And I went unto the Angel and said unto Him As stated this is Christ, going to Him is the wisest act one can do, He has the answer to all things pertaining to all things! 10:9...Give me the little book This is the same Book from Ch 5...The Greek word used in Ch 5 "Biblion" is the same word used in this chapter, many believe there are two books but according to the Greek translation this is not so! The only difference is in Ch 5 the Little Book was Sealed with Seven Seals, whereas the Book in the Hand of Christ in this chapter is open. The Little Book Sealed in the Hand of God represents a forfeited inheritance. The breaking of those Seals represents the Redemption of that inheritance, and the casting out of satan who has caused so much suffering. The time of the old serpent is now over. It's written in the Little Book. 10:9...And He said unto me, Take it, and eat it up This is but an expression, John did not eat the pages as such but took 'in the contents' of it...he read it...and was able to do so by The Power of The Lord! 10:9...and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. Gods Word is always sweet, nothing better, sweet Salvation but we must remember that Judgment is also a part of our Gods Word. Jesus is spoken of 28 times in the Book of Revelation as The Lamb...He is the only Salvation Promise of the world...He also is the final coming Judgment Promise of this world. That is not sweet and should stir the heart of any that believe to pray for a lost world.

Revelation 10:10 And I took the Little Book out of the Angel's Hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

10:10 And I took the Little Book out of the Angel's hand John did as he was told, we need to take more and more from The Lord, as we digest His Word we must also follow The Spirit of Perfection. For us taking means dying to self, emptying all our past teachings and standing naked before His Throne. Needing everything from Him whilst offering nothing but an empty vessel. 10:10...and ate it up; What John ate is nothing less than the Word of God which should be obvious. 10:10...and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: As stated the Word of God as we receive it is sweet 10:10...and as soon as I had eaten it, Once John ate it he understood not just the Salvation plan for those in the Tribulation but the outcome for those that reject Christ 10:10...my belly was bitter This is a true realisation for John, we should also feel this in our spirit, the bitter Truth that so many will be cast into hell.

Revelation 10:11 And He said unto me, Thou must Prophecy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

10:11 And He said unto me, The Angel (being the Lord) Spoke clearly to John as He is Speaking to each one of us! How is He speaking to you? 10:11...Thou must Prophecy again This will be completed during John's time in the spirit with the Lord...this concerns the rest of the Prophecy to be given in the Book of Revelation. 10:11...before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. This refers to what John has and is about to write, this Prophecy is in our hands at this very moment, the Word John wrote is never dying, never ending, and always full filling. Every moment of the day and night Jesus is thinking of us, never ceasing, never resting in His Love for us. We are in good Hands. Amen.

Nu 6:24-26 'May the Lord bless you and Protect you. May the Lord Smile on you and be Gracious to you. May the Lord show you His Favour and give you His Peace.'

Amen and amen.



Revelation study text: **study scripture in red...Other scriptures used in blue...side comments in pink**

Revelation 11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, rise, and measure the Temple of God, and the Altar, and them that worship therein.

Yet to be built **11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod** John does not state who gives him the reed howbeit just about all commentators simple state it was the angel that hands him the rod. **The reed** which is **like a rod** is simply a measuring stick or ruler **11:1...and the angel stood, saying, rise, and measure the Temple of God** This refers to the Temple that is to be built in Jerusalem. The measuring is for Judgment, some will be Sealed by Gods Spirit and others left out. This is when the antichrist will turn on Israel. John gives no details concerning the building of the Temple. Daniel prophesied that the Temple would be rebuilt (**Dan 9:27**) As we speak today in the year 2023 young Jewish men are being trained regarding temple duties, and plans have been submitted respecting this task of rebuilding. Where the temple is to be built stands the muslim dome of rock. This very spot is where the spiritually blinded muslims believe mohammed rode on a white horse into heaven. It is also the third most holy place in that foolish, hostile, and very dangerous religion of islam. In 1987 a group called 'the temple movement' began preparations for the rebuilding of the third temple. In 2020 the paper '**Israel Today**' printed: '**One of his first official acts after being sworn in, Vaturi headed for the Temple Mount. A religious Jewish resident of the Golan Heights, it was Vaturi's first ever visit to Judaism's holiest site. While there, he told an organization that advocates for building the Third Temple that "anyone who represents Israel cannot be disconnected from the Creator. We are all anticipating the Redemption."** Vaturi then openly recited the traditional Jewish prayer stating, "May we merit redeeming this place for the Shechina (holy presence) to dwell, and to build the Holy Temple quickly and in our days." Jews are typically barred from praying atop the Temple Mount, but police officers present at the time did not prevent Vaturi from doing so. **11:1...and the Altar, and them that worship therein.** This speaks of the foolishness of going back to the killing of animals in the temple place. Jesus fulfilled this need, but Israel would not except Him. The Lords Grace allowed the act of animal sacrifices to continue for about 37 years after His Crucifixion and Resurrection. The Apostles started to truly understand what The Holy Spirit was saying through Paul between 15 to 20 years after Christ being lifted up. Paul was to be beheaded around the years A.D. 67 so he did not see this sacrificial act come to an ending which of course came with the destruction of the Temple in AD.70. The reinstatement of the sacrificial system is nothing short of mocking the Lords Sufferings and Death, so God gives John the rod to measure the temple... Judgment shall be measured, His Judgment is correct! Jesus said **Mat 24:15 When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel (Dan12:11) the Prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso reads, let him understand)** This is the antichrist that stands in the man made holy place! Understand the seriousness of the Daniel prophesy, this is the end of all things! And Paul wrote in **2 Thess 2:4 Who opposed and exalted himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as god sits in the temple of god, showing himself that he is god.** (speaking of the antichrist)

Revelation 11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

The court of the gentiles is the furthest court from the temple **11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the gentiles** There was three courts outside of the temple in Jerusalem. The first was called the 'court of Israel' this was the closest court to the temple and only Jewish men could enter it. The other two were quite often just referred to as 'the temple courts' being right behind the 'court of Israel' however one was the 'court of women' which was as close as they could come to the temple proper. Then directly behind that was the 'court of the gentiles,' separating the women's and gentiles courts was a wall approximately a meter high, to cross over that wall one could be put to death.

Jesus never entered the temple being the Court of Israel, it was in the court of the gentiles where He was presented as a Baby [Luke 2:27](#), In [Luke 2:46](#) He was found teaching in the ‘temple courts’. In [Mat 21:14](#) He performed miracles in the ‘temple courts’ and during the last days of His ministry He taught there daily. Remember Jesus had no time for the religious, pious, leaders of that day, and did not support or tolerate their foolish anti-Father God standings. **11:2...and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.** This is speaking of the ending times of the gentiles attacking Israel. Jesus spoke of this in [Luke 21:24](#) This will come to an end at the Battle of Armageddon. Jerusalem will be surrounded by the armies of the antichrist and he will take half of the city over by blood releasing brutality. The treading down means ‘that which belongs to God the beast shall trample over like a swine’, the temple will be taken over by the antichrist where he will perform hideous God insulting antics. Jesus will return and the gentiles nations will never again persecute Israel.

Revelation 11:3 And I will give Power unto My two Witnesses, and they shall Prophecy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Witnesses...**11:3 And I will give Power unto My two Witnesses** Zechariah prophesied about these two men 500 years before Christ ([more on that later](#)), who are they? possibly Enoch and Elijah, The Lord has left this open for discussion. The word **Power** is not in the original writings but as He always does “the Lord will give”...**11:3...and they shall Prophecy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.** The time frame is three and a half years bringing about the end of the Tribulation. Being clothed in sackcloth shows mourning and sorrow plus their stricken and persecuted position, along with their great desire to halt the sinful actions of these people, it also suggests their witnessing includes the preaching of repentance, which is our God’s unending Love for mankind..

Revelation 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before The God of the earth.

He has called Himself that which He should always be called. **11:4 These are the two olive trees** These two olive trees are taken from [Zechariah 4:3-14](#) The two Witnesses are Anointed by the Lord for such a time as this, Zechariah asked the Lord what are these, my Lord? There is a lot in the answer but it ends with “These are the two Anointed ones, who will stand by the Lord of the whole Earth”. Only Jesus Christ will have done more miracles than what these two men are about to do. The olive tree was chosen due to the oil it produces, the idea is that these men will have a Holy Spirit Anointing beaten only by Christ Himself. **11:4...and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.** This is saying that the men shall do as God desires...they shall not fail as they are standing beside God who again is staking His Rightful claim as God of the earth! It is God that brings the victory and it is God that will always bring the victories due to the Work Jesus did at the Cross. These two men will do as we must be doing, placing all their trust in the Finished Work of Christ...His Sacrifice...and continuously seeking God that one will be led by His Holy Spirit. Zechariah saw two witnesses but only One Candlestick, clearly there is only One Light, One truth, One Life they will be illuminated or set alight by...His Light... as we also should...Amen?

Revelation 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

The antichrist will be worried as no one can stop these men...And one would think the false prophet must be asking serious question of his failing god! **11:5 And if any man will hurt them,** The use of the word “**will**” implies plans and schemes, being a clear intent on hurting the Witnesses **11:5...fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies:** This pertains to Judgment not actual fire, the word fire is understood symbolically as Judgment from God [Jer 5:14](#) “Behold I will make My Words in thy mouth fire and this people wood, and it shall devour them.” **11:5...And if any man will hurt them** This is to do them any wrong in any way

Rev 11:5...he must in this manner be killed. This refers to total destruction, the Words they speak are not their own...they have the Power of God to do His Will. The Word of God shall bring a quick end to the enemies foolish actions.

Revelation 11:6 These have Power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their Prophecy: and have Power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Amazing Power...for three and a half years the antichrist shall cower before them, every TV, radio, and press report will be watching...and guess what? satan will still stupidly believe he can win. **11:6 These have Power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their Prophecy** This does not say that it will not rain for three and a half years but rather they can close up the Heavens in that time period as often as they see fit...Imagine many, many, months without rain at a time and then rain shall be commanded...flood, drought, flood, drought. **11:6...and have Power over waters to turn them to blood** During the droughts water will be hoarded, but to what advantage? As when the Witnesses command the water shall become undrinkable due to becoming blood. **11:6...and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.** No one will be able to stop these things from happening sickness, disease, plagues of every nature. The antichrist one would feel, is running out of people willing to come against these two men, it would be a bit like standing in front of an out of control speeding bus and faintly saying stop!

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their Testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

‘It is Finished’ ...those awesome words once again... but in this case not from Christ on the Cross but from the two men as their Godly work is done. **11:7 And when they shall have finished their Testimony** The time line is the same as the Lords ministry on earth three and a half years. Folks when we walk in the Perfect Will of God...I declare to you that you are invincible and immortal until you have completed that which the Lord has called you to, nothing can stop you fulfilling His Will as long as your Faith is in the right place! The Work Jesus Christ did at the Cross. **11:7...the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.** This presents another view into the spirit world, this is not the antichrist, he has failed up until this time to beat them...this is not a man nor is it satan but another beast from the deep pit, a fallen angel. The natural eye will not be able to see him and the antichrist will be seen by the world as the one winning at last by his own power. We will see more about this beast in **Rev 17**. He shall war against the two Prophets in the spirit world and shall win giving victory over to satans puppet, the antichrist. It is important to remember that

Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called sodom and egypt, where also our Lord was Crucified.

The antichrist shall glory over them for three and a half days not allowing anyone to touch their bodies **11:8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city** The world shall see their bodies lying in the street, TV cameras will be all over the self-praising antichrist. What these bodies in truth represent is the **‘just about’** completion of Gods purpose. **11:8...which spiritually is called sodom and egypt** This great city Jerusalem has become the spiritual sodom...the place of the sexually immoral, and egypt the place of worldliness. Jesus said in **Mat 23:38** **“Behold, your house is left unto you desolate”** Israel would not except Jesus as their Lord so they got the antichrist instead. The man of sin has for this short time a high level of control. **11:8...where also our Lord was Crucified.** They doomed Jerusalem by the act of the Cross, from that time on they lost their city, and have suffered great persecutions.

It was not until 1948 that they would gain back their God given Blessings of being a people, a nation, a country called Israel. Our Lord was Crucified there and our Lord shall also end it there.

Revelation 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three and a half days, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

All shall see, all shall hear, all will look upon the antichrists so called 'trophies' 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three and a half days John had no idea as to how all these people would see such an event, but The Holy Spirit did...TV. 11:9...and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. The antichrist being so prideful, and wickedly evil beyond measure may have had it in his weak, sick mind to leave their bodies in the street to rot. His main purpose is to have the whole world worship him, to fear him. He believes it was by his power they died and he wants the world to worship him.

Revelation 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two Prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. That two bodies should bring such strange and ungodly joy for the peoples of the earth! 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another It would seem that the world is full of folks that have hardened their hearts against all spiritual things. It seems that billions of people all around the globe will join in with these ungodly celebrations. The word rejoice is used in this verse but it is the only time rejoicing is seen in seven years! The world always finds joy in knocking down Gods people...I am sure every one here has had an experience of this. 11:10... because these two Prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. From the first Prophet of God unto these two it would be right to say their words have always upset unbelievers. These two as with all past Truth tellers words (**which should include us**), most certainly have and should continue to upset and even torment the spirits and minds of those in darkness.

Revelation 11:11 And after three and a half days the Spirit of Life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

I wrote above "What these bodies in truth represent is the '**just about**' completion of Gods purpose 11:11 And after three and a half days the Spirit of Life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet THIS... is the completion...imagine all the hand shaking, gift giving, low minded antichrist praising coming to an abrupt halt...billions of people all of a sudden going to the toilet... (**not sure if the sewage pipes will take the strain**). The Spirit of Life from God, the Life-giving Spirit that Proceeds **from God entered into them**, this is much like Genesis where God is spoken of as the Author of life. 11:11...and great fear fell upon them which saw them. These men have preached Jesus Christ and Him Crucified for three and a half years...this great fear will be the fear of the Lord...the fear of what God is about to do!!!

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Revelation 11:12 And they heard a Great Voice from Heaven Saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to Heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

TV viewing just got nudged up...the world thought they had beaten the two that caused so much trouble **11:12 And they heard a Great Voice from Heaven Saying unto them, Come up hither.** No name is given to the Great Voice but one would think the Voice is The Lord's...I liken it to Jesus commanding Lazarus to come out from the tomb. **11:12...And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud** The antichrist is just working out that these two really are the children of the Living God...and that his god is a weak and doomed low life, not worthy of being mentioned. I did state in an earlier study that these two men are on the earth today as is the anti-christ, however many believe and it could indeed be that the Witnesses come down to earth from heaven during the Tribulation, which ever is right is immaterial as the job is done! **11:12...and their enemies beheld them.** As stated toilet pipes shall be in great use. All the world rejoiced at their deaths and on seeing them being raised up back to life and taken into heaven will cause the world to fall into a great panic, many shall repent.

Revelation 11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were frightened, and gave glory to The God of Heaven.

At last glory is given to God, all man's sufferings were given to save their eternal souls...The Fathers wonderful Grace has cut through those hard hearts. **11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake** We have had five earthquakes and each one proceeds with either voices, thunderings and lightning. **11:13...and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand** Some commentaries say the city is Rome but one would think it to be the Great City of God, and there are many reasons given to the use of the number seven thousand...I simply believe it is the number that die due to unbelief, not complicated. **11:13...and the remnant were frightened, and gave glory to The God of Heaven.** Our God is an awesome God...His Mercy is never ending..Salvation is given to all that call on His Name even at this hour, and these beautiful people have done just that.

Revelation 11:14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

The devil shall be cast down. **11:14 The second woe is past** How bad can it get? We have had demons released onto the earth...earthquakes...millions of people either dead, starving or cowering in fear. **11:14...and behold, the third woe cometh quickly.** satan is about to be cast out of heaven, never before has mankind seen that which will occur under this evil, hell bound demon. This is the time that the Mystery of God shall be finished. All the world and all of Heaven shall behold the Lords Splendour. But remember all The Lord does leans towards man being Saved, and I believe this is true right up until the end, which is after the Millennium Reign.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall Reign for ever and ever.

Faith in action proclaiming that which will be as if it already is **11:15 And the seventh angel sounded** The second half of the Great Tribulation begins **11:15...and there were great voices in heaven, saying,** Many voices, great and mighty voices proclaiming **11:15...The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord,** The announcement of Faith is made here, but on earth it will take three and a half years to fulfil. **11:15...and of His Christ; and He shall Reign for ever and ever.**

God calls into being that which is not, His Word shall be fully completed, first in the spirit world then on earth, [Ps 2:8 Ask me](#), (The Father speaking to His Christ) [and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession](#). Folks, Jesus shall reign for ever and ever...you will never again feel sickness, sorrow, fear, loneliness, uncertainty etc...

[Revelation 11:16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,](#)

The word seats is wrong in the Greek in means thrones...none of the angels or cherubim have thrones and I believe this is the case as Jesus is God and Man, perfect in every way and man is Gods highest creation. [11:16...fell upon their faces, and worshipped God](#), Even though it has not happened on earth they fall to their faces in worship as Gods Word is final, done, in their eyes.

[Revelation 11:17 Saying, "We give Thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which is, and was, and is to come; because Thou hast taken to Thee Thy Great Power, and hast Reigned".](#)

The lord God Almighty has always Reigned, He has always been the God over all this world and all that there is, the difference being I believe is unbelieving man...the devils know, creation knows, all shake before The King all fear Him...but man! [11:17 Saying, "We give Thee thanks "We"](#) should be extended to everyone who understands who they are and Who God is. This is all that man can do, we cannot earn His blessings, we most certainly do not deserve them. God has nothing for sale, He is not looking for silver or gold, or any other type of workmanship we can offer. His Blessed Grace comes to us due to the massive Sacrificial Work Jesus Christ did at The Cross! [11:17...O Lord God Almighty, He is The Eternal One.](#) "Lord" refers to Covenant Maker, which pertains to what Jesus did for us at Calvary. "God" is Deity, being The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit the Three in One. "Almighty" refers to omnipotence, meaning there is nothing He cannot do. He is self-existing meaning He needs nothing...But loves our "Thanks" for Jesus deserves such due to the price He paid and The Father agrees with the ones called "WE"...Amen. [11:17... which is, and was, and is to come](#) In [Heb 13:8](#) it states [Jesus is the same yesterday, and today, and forever](#) nothing has changed in and under Heaven, He still heals the sick, Saves the lost, loves the sinners and blesses all that call on His Name. [11:17...because Thou hast taken to Thee Thy Great Power](#), God is taking off His gloves so to speak, He is about to use ([what we would call](#)) Great Power, No one and nothing will be able to stand when He does this [11:17...and hast Reigned](#). Again it happens first in heaven then on earth. God the Father has always Reigned and it is time for satan, all the fallen angels, demons and inhabitants of the earth to bow to His Power, to His Christ, and bow they shall.

[Revelation 11:18 And the nations were angry, and Your wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be Judged, and that Thou should give reward unto Your servants the Prophets, and to the Saints, and them that fear Your Name, small and great; and should destroy them which destroy the earth.](#)

The Judgment seat of Christ is on the way. [11:18 And the nations were angry, and Your wrath is come](#) This is of course the fulfilment of [Ps 2:1-5 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His Anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that Sits in the heavens shall Laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall He speak unto them in His Wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure.](#) Again His Wrath is going to be unleashed, this is speaking as if it has been done. His Wrath and displeasure is indeed coming. The earth has not felt the Power of His Wrath but this time is coming, when we get to [Rev 16:19](#) and [Rev 19:15](#) It shall be felt...very scary for those left in the world. [11:18...and the time of the dead, that they should be judged](#) All that have lived shall be judged however this is speaking of the coming Judgment Seat of Christ, and NOT the Great White Throne Judgment. The Great Throne Judgment shall come at the end of Christ's Thousand Year Reign called the Millennial Reign, then those that are dead in sin shall be Judged and cast into eternal damnation.

John is speaking here of the Judgment Seat of Christ, this is the time we Christians will be Judged. This does not refer to one's acts of sin or the sin nature as we are completely sinless, we are past sins power, we are in heaven! How is one declared sinless? By having Faith totally in the Work Jesus did at the Cross, being covered in His sin Cleansing Blood, understanding who we are and Who God is. Paul wrote in **1 Tim 1:15...Christ Jesus came into the world to Save sinners; of whom I am chief.** Just weeks out from his death Paul makes this statement, he learnt the closer he got to The Lord the more his inward sin nature was revealed...only the Work Jesus did at the Cross allowed him to draw closer to Perfection. At this Judgment Seat rewards will be given out...not damnations...Our motives and life's works shall be Judged. I am not speaking of 'works' as to earn Salvation, but rather the 'work' of allowing Christ to Work through us, dying to self that He may Live. **Rev 11:18...and that You should give reward unto Your servants** This is a mark of honour and respect by Christ to us, and all we have done is believe in His Mighty and Holy Work at the Cross. Rewards will be given out based on how much we have surrendered our lives to Him, how much we trusted Him, how we behaved, did we shine or did we just flicker...did we allow Him to reveal the sin nature of our hearts so that we could be made more so pure? Did we die that He may Live? **11:18...the Prophets** Some commentaries state that the OT prophets are not included in this, however I believe it is for both the Old and New testaments Prophets and believers. These men and women have placed their lives in danger throughout the ages and in most cases have suffered death, God shall not forget their life's surrender to His Work, and shall reward them handsomely. **11:18...and to the Saints** For many that have not studied Romans 'correctly' the word Saint is used by the church just as the word Christian...a matter of fact statement, I am this or that, be it a Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, in short being part of a religious group. To be a Saint means one must totally place their Faith in the Act of Jesus Christ on The Cross, end of story, a Saint dies for the Lords Glory..speaking of inwardly/spiritually (**And that can really hurt**). **11:18...and them that fear Your Name, small and great** This really speaks of all types of persons of stature, OT or NT believers, regardless of their past wealth, or position none shall be overlooked. Everyone standing there will be ever so blessed...this will be a great moment carried on by more greater moments. **11:18...and should destroy them which destroy the earth.** The Battle of Armageddon shall see The Second Coming of Christ, and if I am reading this verse correctly the Saints will be standing at the Judgment Seat of Christ for believers just before or during Armageddon. The Lord will destroy those that have destroyed the earth during Armageddon. In short He will bring a halt to their folly.

Revelation 11:19 And the Temple of God was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in His Temple the Ark of His Testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

11:19 And the Temple of God was opened in Heaven This would be very much like Solomon's Temple but in a much grander scale. like all things it was built in heaven before on earth, and the builder is The Lord God Almighty. The Temple is opened, this Temple is beyond awesome. The place where only The High Priest walked is opened for all to see. The Secret Hiding Place or abode of Gods children is being revealed. This is the place where no harm could come to us, satan could not touch us, no demon or evil spirit could invade us. Praise God the doors are open...In this place we will not worry about that evil, no good, low life, Jesus beaten, hell bound demon for he cannot enter...**11:19...and there was seen in His Temple the Ark of His Testament** This refers to the Ark of The Covenant, the Heavenly One. The one on earth was made from this pattern. The Ark containing God's Covenant with His Anointed (**Christ**) is unveiled. This is a demonstration not only of God's Faithfulness to this Covenant made with Christ, which promised Him the ends of the earth for His possession along with the children of Israel, but it is also evidence that the Sovereignty of the World is really His. This Ark in the Heavenly Temple is a pledge of God's Covenant with Christ, as the Ark in its earthly counterpart was a pledge of God's Covenant with Israel. The One who pledges this is the Lord God Almighty. The Heavenly Ark of the Covenant is symbolic of the New Covenant established by the Work Jesus Christ did at The Cross.

Under OT law entry into the Holiest was barred to all except the High Priest, and he could only enter once a year. [Heb 9:11-12](#) But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect Tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His Own Blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained Eternal Redemption. Jesus had to pay the penalty being death so we could have access to this place, and not just us but all that call on His Name. Most impressively the Revelation in the Heavenly Temple is that God will not let you down, for He is faithful. This faithfulness shall bear upon the righteous joyfully, but shall well alarm the wicked, placing fear into their hearts. [11:19...and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings](#) These are the usual related to the Divine Holy Presence of God Almighty, particularly of giving of Laws and Revelations. [11:19... and an earthquake, and great hail](#). There are two trails of thought here. The first being [1/](#) These events close of the seventh Trumpet Vision, serving also to set off what follows in [Chapter 12](#) being a totally separate vision. These are terrible times on earth and man shall fight God all the way. It must be said that even though so many shall push the Lord away many, many, more shall call on His Name as He is a God full of Mercy and Grace, He is never changing. Earthquakes and hail and the likes shall bring death and great distress but also many to repentance. And the second line of thought is [2/](#) This is a spiritual event and that the powerful "voices," are of those that have begun to believe on earth, and the volume of the voices will be like "thunders", awakening the consciences of men, and, like "earthquakes," will make them shake and tremble, and cry out, what shall we do to be Saved? And the "lightnings" shall illuminate their understandings, and give them a clear discerning of Divine Truths. And as "hail" beats down all self-righteousness and self-confidence, and all errors, heresies, superstition, shall be washed away and they will worship King Jesus... For me both could be right... The Lord shall complete His word either way. Be encouraged that He is not just Hearing our prayers but is the One giving us the Words to Pray...and it came to pass on that day that all was fulfilled.

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Revelation 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in Heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

Some believe that this woman is the Church but four points to consider **1/** the Church age (on earth) has not been spoken of since **Rev Ch 3...2/ Rev 6:10-11** where we read the Church cried with a loud voice and are told by a voice to wait (**These were Saved during the Tribulation and are no longer on earth either**).**3/** God most certainly Raptures the 144,000 Jewish Christians who received Salvation before the halfway point of Tribulation, there is no mention of Him lifting up the gentile Christians at that point in time which strongly suggests that they have already been lifted up as God is not a respecter of persons, if He lifted the Jewish believers He would have lifted if they were there the Gentile believers also! **4/** John wrote **Rev 3:11...**which gives us the when (**as in time zone**) **I will also keep you from the hour of temptation that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.** I will keep thee from the hour of temptation.” John uses the word **te-reo** when this verb is used with **en (te-reo en)**it means “**to cause one to persevere or stand firm in a thing**”, while when it is used with **ek** it means “**by guarding to cause one to escape in safety out of**” (te-reo ek).” Since **ek** is used here it would indicate that John is promising a removal from the sphere of testing, not a preservation through it. This is further supported by the use of the words “**the hour.**” God is not only guarding from the trials but from the very hour itself when these trials will come on those earth dwellers. Just a reminder we are obviously in the Church age at this very moment, there are in fact two Churches operating at this time, the Church of Philadelphia which was born in the 1800 being the first Missionary Church, and the Laodicean Church which is the apostate church. I believe most from the apostate, and a small number from the Laodicean Churches will not be Raptured, however many will repent during the Great Tribulation, and share the great message of The Cross. **12:1** **And there appeared a great wonder in Heaven** The correct translation is a great “**sign in heaven**” sounds like I am being picky...but there is a difference! A sign alludes to a coming event, yet to happen... whilst a wonder is an occurrence something to marvel at, right at that moment. The devil tried to destroy the Work of Christ the Creator... and now he is trying to destroy the Work of Christ the Redeemer of Israel. **12:1...And there appeared a great wonder in Heaven; a woman clothed with the sun** This speaks of Israel and the “**sun**” is a symbol of her glory. Israel is in the process of being brought back to God The Father. This will be 100% completed at the end of the Great Tribulation. The sun, moon, and stars appear in Joseph’s dream **Gen 37:9** “**Behold the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obedience to me**” This glorious, radiant woman is prefigured in the life of Joseph. If you read the story of Joseph you shall see **1/** God’s Israel sold to the Gentiles, **2/** forced into captivity, **3/** buried among the nations of the world, **4/** yet held in the promise, purpose, and election of God, **5/** Israel shall rise again. **12:1...and the moon under her feet** This speaks of her enemies being under her, Jesus said in **Luke 10:19** **See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you.** Remember this is a time of hell on earth, but Jesus will preserve those that call on His Name from the power of satan, the antichrist and all his armies. It shall not matter if it is by the works of wicked men or the darkest demons, this shows Jesus Christ’s Salvation Power. The moon is a reflector of light, it has no light of its own, if there was no Sun light then the moon would be in darkness. I believe the moon which is under her feet pictures the apostate church. Even after so many sufferings many still are being greatly deceived by the antichrist. **12:1...and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:** This speaks of the dominion regained by Christ, and Israel being restored at the Second Coming of the Lord. The word “**head**” symbolizes dominion, while “**crown**” stands for victory. The **twelve stars** of course symbolize the twelve Tribes of Israel and proclaim she is operating under God’s Government (**12 symbolizes in Scripture God’s Government**) This is the Government we need to be praying for.

Revelation 12:2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

144,000 Jews shall be saved. **12:2 And she being with child cried** These verses in **Rev 12** have caused a lot of commentators trouble, some see this as being the Church, some believe the women to be the mother of Jesus 'Catholicism', and others see the Child being Christ reborn. None of these are right. This pertains to the 144,000 Jews that will come to Christ along with all accompanying issues and problems. Many times in the Bible Israel is spoken of as a women in travail. **12:2... travailing in birth**, 144,000 new births...the greatest rebirth in Jewish history...I think... Each one of these 144,000 must do what we did, except Jesus by Faith as their Lord and Saviour, the way of The Cross is the only way one can be Saved. **12:2...and pained to be delivered.** Ask any women that has given birth, and in most cases the answer will be a resounding "painful moment". satan shall bring great pain and horror, but these 144,000 have placed their Faith in Christ and shall have His Salvation Power, howbeit issues and problems of just being in the world shall be present (as it is for us today)

Revelation 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in Heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

Another wonder...not a great wonder as the women from verse one...this is of course satan.

12:3 And there appeared another wonder in Heaven The beginning of the last half of the Great Tribulation. This is going to be the worst that this world has ever known, Jesus said this in **Mat 24:21**. The evil one shall show the world his great wrath because he knows his time is short.

12:3...and behold a great red dragon being called red is an indicator to his evil, murdering intent.

The women is the focus of his killer intentions (**being Israel, not the Church**) as he knows God's

future purpose "to restore all things." To win he must make God's Word fail...Israel must be completely destroyed by the antichrist. The Lord will never manipulate the will of man, where the

devil has no hesitation, the difference between the two is God is not just omnipotent (**all-powerful**) but is omniscient (**all-knowing**) I love this, God knows what every one will do and He works with

that knowledge. The devil does not believe the Written Word even though he quotes words of

scripture, he goes about living the lie which will see him burn in the Lake of Fire. Evil is bound by no law, has no scruples, and pushes its life draining power through any channel, and by every and

any means. **12:3...having seven heads** This refers to the seven empires which persecuted Israel, up to John's day frame (**life time**). This has every thing to do with Israel and involves only these named

nations which are **1/Egypt, 2/Assyria, 3/Babylon, 4/Medo-Persia, 5/Greece, 6/Rome**, these are already recorded in history. All these nations have in one way or another brought great harm to the

Lords anointed. The '**ten horned**' kingdom is the seventh, which is to come. **12:3...and ten horns**,

This being the seventh head has 10 nations within it and the red dragon is in total control over them.

These ten crowns are located in the old Roman empire territory (**Dan 7** tells us this) These ten horns unlike the six named nations from above are yet to come and could will be brought into being after

the Rapture! **12:3... and seven crowns upon his heads.** As stated satan has total rule over these

kingdoms that are to come, represented by the crowns on his head. It is by default that satan has any rule, man through unbelief surrenders to the devil this title. Before the Cross God's thrust into this

world was by His beloved Israel, or at least by certain Godly individuals. As it stands today you and I have a Power that allows us to penetrate the world of unbelief, if we die to self, lay down our

religious past & allow the Holy Spirit through the Blood of Christ to arrest our imaginations...

anything, and everything...is possible.

Revelation 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Do not be deceived anyone that does not remain in and under the Power of Jesus Christ's Sacrifice has a dangerous foe in satan. **12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven and did cast them to the earth....**

We shall see in verse nine that the stars spoken of here are the third of the angels that followed satan, they are cast down from their high position, from the highest height of greatness of service unto Almighty God to the lowest level of a life unto satan. Many commentaries alarmingly claim wrongly that the stars refer to the Church...wrong, wrong, wrong. **12:4...and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered**, Again many wrongly claim this is the birth of Christ. This in fact is the 144,000 Jews that will be Saved...they are referred to as the man-child. satan hates Israel which should be obvious and it has been and still is his insane dream to destroy them, if he can even just once overcome God's Word then he has won. **Isa. 14:13-14 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.** The evil one shall do as he always has and fail, he has not, and shall not even in the smallest matter defeat our Living, Holy and all knowing God. **12:4...for to devour her child as soon as it was born.** satan will through the antichrist violently oppose the 144,000 Jews. They shall be caught as we were in the Rapture as we shall see in verse five. satan hates Christ Jesus and all that call on His Mighty Name. These Jews along with Israel are in for a hard time, from this moment on...we need to be prayerful for this Nation and the 144,000 deliverance.

Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to His Throne.

The 144,000 Jews. **12:5 And she brought forth a man child** There is no mention as to how this is done, do they all become Saints at the same time (as when Peter delivered his message at Pentecost) or is it a gradual single process. Remember that there is going to be 12,000 from each tribe Saved with the exception of the Tribe of Dan. No matter when they come to the Lord it shall be by the same method...through the Work of Jesus Christ at The Cross. **12:5...who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron** This is speaking of the Millennial Reign, when Jesus will rule from Jerusalem, and Israel will rule under Him as the leading nation. The number twelve stands for Government hence 12 Tribes, 12 Gates to the City, 12 apostles, 12 foundations etc... **2:5...and her child was caught up unto God, and to His Throne.** This again speaks of The Rapture called here 'caught up' of the 144,000 Jews (No gentile believers mentioned here as they are already in heaven). It is believed this will take place around the half way point of the Great Tribulation. They shall all appear at the same time before their Awesome and Mighty God, Saved by The Blood of The Lamb.

Revelation 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

The antichrist breaks the treaty and the women being the Nation of Israel shall flee. **12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness** At a point in time the antichrist shall sign a seven year pact with Israel, guaranteeing her security (see **Dan 9:27**) Israel will believe this man of sin is the messiah. Israel shall be defeated in battle by this man of darkness as he breaks the covenant and attacks them. The remnants of Israel shall flee to Petra, and to be sure they are easy pickings for the evil one, but two things happen that halts his armies from totally destroying Israel. There will be an earthquake hindering his armies advancement and **Dan 11:44 But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many** Instead of ending the conflict with Israel he will turn his attention towards another country believing he can come back at any time and wipe out the Israelites. Petra is the place of 'the wilderness' it is surrounded by mountains and towering cliffs and can only be entered in by foot. This place is at the moment void of people. Petra is found in **Isaiah 42 Let the inhabitants of the rock (Sela or Petra) sing.** This is in Edom. **12:6... where she hath a place prepared of God** This proclaims why the place is empty of people "God Himself is preparing this land". **12:6...that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**

This falls short by three days of the full three and a half years of the great Tribulation. During this time they will filter back into Jerusalem whilst the antichrist is busy taking up his short term of throne sitting in the temple. During this time the Battle of Armageddon will take place, and the Second Coming of Christ.

Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

There is a heavenly war coming. **12:7 And there was war in heaven** satan along with his fallen angels and demons have access to heaven, and in fact, have had access from the time of their rebellion. Cartoonist and Hollywood present a devil that lives, and lords over all in hell but there is no scriptural evidence of this, I reckon he has never been to see his future home and one would suggest he is in no hurry to see it. **12:7 Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,** This is not the first time they have battled. In **Dan 10:20-21** we gain a sense of the evil ones power, even the Archangel Michael did not dare to bring a railing accusation against him. Remember this world and all that it is has been plunged into a waste land by the devil. So how does an angel of Light defeat the devil? **Jude 1:9** The Archangel Michael simple said "**The Lord rebuke you!**" All things are done in His name!

Revelation 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

This time they fight! **12:8 And prevailed not** The devil and his army are well beaten, they offered no contest against The Lords mighty angels! **12:8...neither was their place found any more in heaven** he has no place in heaven and his time on earth is short! All that believe overcome the devil by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of their testimony. The devil has no place to run, no place to hide, so this very short time on earth will be a time for the inhabitants of terror. Let us be thankful but that we no longer are found on the earths floor but caught up in the Jesus' Redemption plan. Amen!!



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Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

This is a first time in the history of both heaven and earth...that satan can '**never**' again re-enter heaven...or rather...leave the earth! **12:9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan The term **great dragon** simply applies due to his ability to sell his lies...he comes to steal, kill, and destroy. He is also known as the **old serpent**, again as he is wily, subtle, and treacherous and using a snake in the garden hence '**serpent**' as for the term '**old**' evil was before Adam & Eve hence the term '**old**'. The devil is the author of evil, so, as old as that is so is his age. **12:9...which deceiveth the whole world** Here is the Truth, satan was defeated by the Work of Jesus at The Cross, he knows what the Bible declares, however his reading of the Word is without Godly understanding which invites a twisted, biased and evil understanding, he was on earth before the Holy Spirit gave man the written Word! Sadly the majority of the inhabitants of this world, even at this time hold a wrong, twisted, biased opinion about Jesus Christ and what He has done, and this includes many in the Church. **12:9...he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.** The devil has three and a half years of his deceptive ministry left, then he shall be cast into the "bottomless Pit" (**How ironic, I believe this is the place he was given the key to free the demons called 'the Abyss'**) for a thousand years before being released for a short time, then he shall face his final woe, he and his hellish angels along with every demon, and worker of evil (**who have already spent 1000 years in hell in pain with I am sure a deep hate towards satan awaiting their final outcome**) shall be thrown into the Lake of Fire which is the second death which can never be extinguished.

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come Salvation, and Strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the Power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

My blessed brothers and sisters, never again shall an accusation of any type be aimed at your character. The sin nature and any act of sin shall be an unknown, a non-existing commodity regarding God's children. **12:10** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come **Salvation, and Strength, and the Kingdom of our God** A loud voice! The Bible does not say who's voice, but it is coming from heaven, proclaiming the Salvation Message which comes by the Power of our God, placing His Kingdom in the rightful place. Three things here **1/ Salvation** was afforded by Christ at The Cross, the Redemption Price was paid in, and by His Perfect Blood. **2/ Strength** Due to the unbuckling strength and courage of our Lord at the Cross The Holy Spirit Works mightily within us. His Strength gives us great Holy Spirit achieving Power. Jesus was lifted up in **Acts 1:9** in a cloud, this in fact means sin can no longer hold us captive! As by His lifting up we have received the Power to overcome with the infilling of Holy Spirit through His Blood, Amen. **3/ Kingdom** Due to the Work of Jesus at the Cross The Kingdom will not only come into the hearts of believers but shall take up it's rightful place on earth **soon!** All that we receive, and I mean all that we receive comes from His Work...not ours. His death proclaims the full payment demanded by a Holy and a Just God, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ proves and seals His Work, "**Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on Earth as in Heaven**". **12:10...for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.** Be it satan or one of his angels day and night they have accused us of all types of sins...and sadly... we all in times past have done that very thing...passing on awful self-righteous accusations. Remember for the true believer forgiveness is given readily. Praise God for the Blood...He said **Ex 12:13** when I see The Blood, I will Pass Over you...

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the Blood of The Lamb, and by the Word of their Testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Take note! This is telling us how to be the overcomer. **12:11 And they overcame him by the Blood of The Lamb** This applies to all believers, the only way to overcome the world, satan and self is by the Blood of The Lamb...**Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by The Blood of Christ.** There is no other way, and yet the Church tries to fast, pray, study, war against satan etc... to gain the title overcomer. These things within themselves are good (**except incorrect warfare against satan**) but if one...lets say 'fasts' believing that causing themselves an inward pain catches the Eye of The Lord they are highly mistaken doing such gains no favour from the Lord but rather shows that person does not understanding the Power of the Cross of Christ. They believe by fasting in such away earns them the right to God's attention, this folks is called works, receiving rewards for an effort applied, this is an insult to the Work of Jesus on the cross. A true fast unto God is one which is Holy Spirit initiated in that He starts the process within the believer and the believer just simply does not become hungry as The Holy Spirit become food unto them, He then is Glorified as he should be! And true warfare against satan is done by walking towards the Lord in a state of praise and worship for what he has done, not screaming pitiful insults and commands towards the one that has caused the whole world to fall! Jesus overcame him not us, Jesus is our Place of Safety from all evil, we should be In Christ not in the world fighting a fight Christ won over 2 thousand years ago! One should study, pray, and fast etc. due to a longing provided by The Spirit for one to get closer to The Lord of Glory...Jesus Christ. Love should drive each one of us...love should be the reason. The Work Jesus did at the Cross is the centre of all that we refer to as Christianity, without the Cross all we have is man's religion and man's sick philosophy. The Cross is "A Work of Love" And it was and still is the **Finished Work of The Lord!** An overcomer has something to overcome...but to be more than an overcomer means there is nothing left to overcome, one has risen above being an overcomer by Christ' overcoming Work! There is nothing in front of them but The Lords Peace, Goodness, Mercy, Love...**12:11...and by the Word of their Testimony** This is what they proclaimed and what we proclaim, how we live, how we treat others, shows what we truly believe! What we testify should only come from the changes within our lives brought about by Christ. The testimony is simple, The Cross being...what Jesus did, how we were Saved and how this has changed us from the inside out, this is the Word of our Testimony. **12:11...and they loved not their lives unto the death.** This is speaking of those in Heaven but also those still on earth that are willing to die for their Faith in Christ. Remember...there are two deaths! One must first die to self, then comes the death at a later stage of the body. The bodily death is obvious. The criminal on the cross next to Christ had to die first to self before he died bodily! And this he did **Luke 23:41...we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.**" He laid his pride down and died inside to the greater Truth...Jesus only is the answer!

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhibitors of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time.

satan is angry due to being cast down. Heaven rejoices as the evil one no longer will be seen in heaven, but woe to the earth. **12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.** This is a great moment...the Word does not just say for the folk of heaven, but for the heavens. The devil and his horrid followers have been a blight in Heaven from before the dawn of time. But the new earth and the new heaven he shall **never walk.** **12:12... Woe to the inhibitors of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath** What has caused great rejoicing in heaven is about to have the complete opposite effect on earth. This is the third and final 'woe'. The earth is going to feel his anger, and great it shall be. As stated above It is not by our power, brilliance, fortitude, or spiritual war like ability that we can overcome the devil, but by Faith in what Jesus did at The Cross.

The of the inhabitants of the earth do not have the time we had to gain and live in the knowledge of what Christ Jesus did for us at The Cross, it has taken me over 40 years. **12:12...because he knows that he has but a short time.** satan knows that his time is running out, however he believes he can win so in this short time (**three and a half years**) he is going to bring destruction upon the earth as never before.

Revelation 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

The antichrist shall turn on Israel, the devils hate for this people shall be made very, very clear. **12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman** This is a different world from what we have known! The light of Truth has been greatly reduced. The reason satan did not kill mankind was The Holy Spirit filled praying Church! When satan attacks God's children...in anyway...he attacks Jesus! **1 Peter 4:14 on their part He (Jesus)is evil spoken of, but on your part He (Jesus)is glorified.** This world is in darkness, and Jesus is The One bringing the Light. Israel is about to feel the dragons anger. The Word tells us satan does not just desire but rather does persecute the women (**Israel**). **12:13 which brought forth the man child.** The woman has delivered the man-child (**144,000 Jewish believers have been lifted up into heaven**), and she is the target of the evil one. This is when the antichrist shall set himself up as god. The time has come for his hatred for Christ to be seen and felt.

Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Israel flees to short term safety. **12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place** This place as we discussed in **Ch 11** is called "Petra". We see God's blessings here, even though she is persecuted and driven into the wilderness by satan, she has 'wings' given by God. And where does she go? A place in the wilderness prepared by God. **See Isa 40: 31 12:14...where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.** We spoke of this last study...this time falls short by three days of the full three and a half years of the Tribulation. An earthquake halts the antichrists attack plus he gets pride filled and goes after another county believing he can wipe the last of the Israelites out with ease. God from beginning to the end has looked after Israel.

Revelation 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

A mighty army attacks Israel. **12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman** This is speaking of the army of the antichrist, which has just beaten Israel in a major conflict. The antichrist is insanely desiring the total defeat of God's people and only his pride and foolish self confidence shall halt the army of darkneses advance. Regarding the term flood see **Jer 46: 7-8, 47:2** and **Isa 8:7-8, Ps 74:2-6.** The Holy Spirit is using the words out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman meaning public opinion around the world will be in favour of this horrid attack on Israel. This is an age old hatred by the world against the Jewish nation. Even at this point many commentators are claiming this is the Church. (**A point of importance...what one believes one is in line to receive. Many could be left on earth due to wrong a faith.**) **12:15...that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.** This is speaking of the antichrist riding the heights of world opinion.

Revelation 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

A great earthquake shall aid Israel...praise God. 12:16 And the earth helped the woman Most commentators again wrongly claim that the woman is the Church and that she is helped by a powerful nation! This is wrong as the verse just above makes it clear that world opinion is against Israel, (however there are nations that have no love for Israel but also will war against the antichrist) equally and simply the Church has been Raptured. 12:16... and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. Again as God has done in the past the ground opens up and swallows many of the antichrists soldiers, this hurts the dragons advancements.

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Israel has done it again and beaten the dragons forceful pursuit. 12:17 And the dragon was wrath with the woman The devil knows he must halt God's people or face certain eternal doom. 12:17...and went to make war with the remnant of her seed The 144,000 that received the Lord as their Saviour before being taken away by the Lord (Rev Ch 12: 5) They left strong Testimonies for all to remember. The antichrist is turning his attention onto those that have believed the Testimonies of both the 144,000 and from us whilst we lived here. 12:17...which keep the commandments of God, and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ. This remnant has made Christ their Lord. We understand the only one that keeps the Commandments are those Empowered by Christ through the Work He did at The Cross. We as believers keep the Commandments of God within and only within our Testimony of Christ Jesus. God has placed Israel into a place of decision making...either the anti-christ and false prophet represent the truth or The Christ they had heard of through the 144,000 testimonies is The Truth...they are turning to Christ the days of the anti-christ is finished...Jesus said at the Cross "**It is finished**" and praise God...**He meant it!!!** YAHOO...



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Revelation 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

This is speaking of the antichrist, and the sea speaks of people. **13:1** **And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea**, He comes out from the people. The word 'beast' used here is 'therion' which means "dangerous animal, venomous, wild". A few things mentioned concerning the beast are: **1/** This is not speaking of a fallen angel or a kingdom, but of a man (**Rev 13:18**). **2/** The world will be for a short time in awe of him. **3/** The power and authority held by the antichrist will be a carbon-copy of satan (**2 Thess 2:8-12**. **Dan 8:24-25**). **4/** He will take over all the power in the seven kingdoms symbolized by the seven heads (**Rev 17: 8-17**). **5/** Ten nations will be formed inside the old Roman Empire territory which he will rule (**Dan 7:23-24**). **6/** he will be a blasphemer like no other (**Rev 17:3**) **7/** Some teach he will be killed and brought back to life, this is incorrect. rather that death and resurrection speaks of one of the heads (a kingdom, more on this later), not the beast himself (**Rev 13:3**). **8/** The false prophet will be his religious leader (**Rev 16:13-16**, **19:20**). **9/** All of his followers must have their hand or foreheads branded with the number of his name (**Rev 15: 2**, **16:2**, **20:4-6**). **10/** The people will be demanded to worship him (**Rev 14:9**, **15:2**). **11/** Power and success will be given to him for 42 months (**Dan 7:25**, **12:7**). Not only will he defy our God but he will claim to be god (**Dan 7:25**; **2 Thess 2:3-4**). This sinful man called the antichrist is also named the beast and will be in my opinion the most heinous man ever to walk on God's earth.

Revelation 13:2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

The antichrist will have the characteristics of the old Grecian Empire plus characteristics of the Medo-Persian Empire, also characteristics of the Babylonian Empire. satan will give him his power, seat, and authority. **13:2** **And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard**, Daniels vision gives us greater understanding **Dan 7:6** **After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl** Alexander was the head of the Grecian Empire, later on we will see the same fallen angel that helped him helping the antichrist. The "leopard" is known for it's speed and swiftness, the four wings gives it unparalleled speed. History tells us Alexander the Great got the name simply by the speed in which he achieved his victories. **13:2...and his feet were as the feet of a bear**, The Medo-Persian Empire was characterised by a cruelty that was cold and inert, being extremely ferocious. By this the antichrist will crush or trample his foes as if by the power of a 'bear'. **13:2...and his mouth as the mouth of a lion** This is the splendour and pomp of the Babylonian Empire **Dan 7:8** "And a mouth speaking great things" The antichrist will have the speed of the leopard, trampling power of the bear, and the witty, clever mind of greatness using his mouth to gain followers. **13:2...and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority**. This man will rise up out from the great violent worldly sufferings, humanity is in a mix of total death like crisis. Remember the Rapture has happened so the Spiritual Light has been greatly dimmed.

Revelation 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

13:3 **And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death** The phrase "wounded to death" means it received a mortal wound **13:3...and his deadly wound was healed** something prevented that fatal result. We are not told who inflicted this wound or how he was healed. Later on **Rev 17:8** shall give us a greater insight to who and what this "head" is **Rev 13:3...and all the world wondered after the beast**. A fallen angel, that was locked up in the bottomless pit by God, which tells us he is powerful.

Had once aided Alexander the Great as [Dan 7:6](#) tells us by the use of the term 'leopard' which symbolized the Grecian Empire, he will greatly help this "head". Sadly we see mankind going after the wrong source of power. This time the word "All" is used... 'all the world' for it means 'all'...there is no church on earth, but even though all the world may be in a state of amazement, marvelling after this man, this will still not stop other countries opposing him and many people turning to the Lord, as the Holy Spirit is still working on earth.

Revelation 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

The power of the beast through the dragon is seen as the greatest power on earth by most of mankind...how wrong they are. **13: 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast** Man has always worshipped power, they cannot see the devil...but their eyes are locked onto the man called the beast, the antichrist, and by their worship of him they worship satan. **13:4... and they worshipped the beast, saying, who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?** This is in fact making him to be god! Who is like the beast? Who can make war with him? Meaning he is all powerful in their eyes. But these questions will be answered shortly when Jesus enters the battle field.

Revelation 13:5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

For sure he has a tremendous speaking ability, but each of his words are evilly given, he has his fathers dark heart speaking blasphemies. **13:5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things** satan fills the antichrist with his power. He will say great things from the foolish wisdom of his father, he will back up many of his words with healing's and so forth, he will help greatly the worlds economical state. **13:5...and blasphemies** he will speak against God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit...he will laugh at heaven whilst selling hell to the world, he will try to remove what is left of the Bibles Truths. The words he utters will astound the world. They will say "surly no one has spoken as this man speaks"(they said that about Jesus). **13:5...and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.** This refers to the last half of the Great Tribulation. The man of evil has a time limit on his blasphemies. Please remember that this last half of the Tribulation will bring about that which has never been seen on earth (see [Mat 24:21](#)) And note the power is given him meaning God is in total control as He always has been.

Revelation 13:6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His Name, and His Tabernacle, and them that dwell in Heaven.

Hell truly awaits such as he. **13:6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His Name** This will be a world wide campaign, using the net, papers, TV, radio, and any other such device (he is greatly using them all today). **13:6...and His Tabernacle** The Tabernacle he is speaking against is the real Tabernacle, the Embodiment of Christ Jesus [Ex 20:7](#) "You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain." **13:6... and them that dwell in Heaven.** The believers from both the OT and NT are included in his ravings but one feels it is the 144,000 Jews plus all others from the start of Tribulation he is speaking against that were lifted up to heaven and therefore out of his sinful reach, so they receive all he can offer...his weak mockery. At this time many are still turning to Jesus on earth, believing in the Cross, so this mockery is also designed to cause them doubt.

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

The antichrist hates all...but even more so those that have an ear for the Truth. Still many commentaries state the Saints spoken of here is the Church...this is just simply wrong. **13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the Saints, and to overcome them** So who are these Saints? The answer is simple, they are the ones that believe in the finished work of the Jesus at The Cross. How does one becomes a Saint? By Faith in the Work of Jesus at The Cross! **1/** Remember The Holy Spirit is still working on earth, He was there in the beginning and he will be there at the end. **2/** Those from the beginning of the seven year Tribulation that heard the Word but did not receive it then, **3/** The Rapture of the Church and the 144,000 Jews has proved to many that 'Jesus is Lord', **4/** The horrors of the times such as plagues, sicknesses etc. also validates the Word which was spoken to them by the above mentioned Raptured Church and Jews!...**5/** And of course the two Witnesses, their Ministry as all Prophets of God points directly towards Jesus Christ and The Cross which should be obvious. During this time many will become Saints by Faith! I am sure you can also think of things that will cause people to think 'Jesus'! One last point, the greater part of Revelation involves Israel, they are also referred to as Saints. Many Christians try to force the Church into the Book of Revelations, but there is no mention of the Church from chapter three on as far as being on earth goes. To gain a better understanding have a look a "Daniel's Seventieth Week" The angel Gabriel explained to Daniel the things to come, **Dan 10:14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.** The Church has no part in the Tribulation, this is set in place for Israel alone. The Father loves Israel, and this is happening to bring them back...and yes many others outside of the Chosen Nation shall also be saved. **13:7...and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.** This does not mean world domination, most of this shall be contained to the old Roman Empire, which is a massive slice of the earth. But as all past dictators he shall not succeed in his mad dream. satan has never, and will never succeed in his delusional dream as we read in **Dan 11:41-45 He shall enter also into the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown**(Many but not all): **but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.**(This is modern Jordan) **He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries:**(he is moving out from his base as Hitler did) **and the land of Egypt shall not escape.**(Egypt who sided with him) **But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.**(they have all fallen) **But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him:**(his pride forces him to halt his attack on what will be left of Israel) **therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many**(he has overthrown nation upon nation but as Hitler did so shall he, weaken his forces by advancing across different borders). **And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.**(Daniel clearly shows the antichrist will fail, falling short of his dream, and the world shall turn from their foolishness and cease assisting him).

Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in The Book of Life of The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

This tell us **The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world** which tells us the Cross was God's plan before He made the world! This is speaking of worship around the world not physical world domination only those who's names are not in The Lamb's Book of Life worship the anti-christ, as stated before The Holy Spirit is still working on earth. Howbeit sadly at this point in time I think 'most' of the world shall worship him. What is the starting point of having your name written into the Book of Life? '**IF**' one believes in what Jesus did at The Cross, it all comes from the slain Lamb! The OT looks towards the Cross and the NT lives in it.

The starting point is Faith in what Jesus Christ did for us all. 1 Peter 1:18-20 For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, nor from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the Precious Blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was Foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was Manifest in these last times for you. The Cross stands as the Centre Part and Power of all that God has done, John the Baptist said “behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the whole world” 28 times in the Book of Revelation The Lamb of God is mentioned. Every time the word Lamb is used it refers to Jesus Christ and what He did for mankind...The Cross...somebody should get happy.

Revelation 13:9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. Amen and Amen

Chapter 13:9-18 **THE BOOK OF REVELATION TO JOHN**

Revelation study text: study scripture in red...Other scriptures used in blue...side comments in pink

Revelation 13:9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

We ended on this verse last week. 13:9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. The words ‘man’ and ‘him’ used here are for male and female members of the Church Gal 3:28 for there is no longer male or female all are one in Christ. Yes the Rapture has already happened this Word was given about 1,920 years ago...This Word is for us today so we will not be there during the Tribulation period...have we got an ear? **Are we** receiving the importance and urgency of this messages from this great Book of Revelation? We have a lost and suffering world needing to hear God’s Truth. This Word is for any man from the time of its writing until the end of the Great Tribulation. Jesus said “He that hath ears to hear, let him hear” see (Math 43 11:15, 13:9, Mk 4:9, Lk 14:35). Hear what? Simply the Message of Jesus Christ and His Work on The Cross...and we are not to keep it to ourselves, as we die to self and The Holy Spirit gains ascendancy the Witness of His Truth in us will become undeniable.

Revelation 13:10 He that leads into captivity shall go into captivity: he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the Faith of the Saints.

Captivity, sword, patience, faith, and Saints are the key words used here. 13:10...He that leads into captivity shall go into captivity The idea is he who follows the antichrist shall go into captivity. This is speaking of spiritual imprisonment which will eventually lead to eternal damnation. One cannot serve both the antichrist and the Lord, this is the road of no return. Over the past centuries many have carried a Bible but lived their lives willingly in sin, openly broadcasting a different gospel...this always ends in doom! 13:10...he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword All the nations that follow the antichrist shall answer by the Blade of the Lords Sword. The devil is referred to as the ‘dragon’ which goes forth to ‘kill’, the antichrist is characterized by ferocious beasts, such as the leopard, lion, and bear, all which are meat eaters...all which hunt and kill prey. The Lord shall act and the world will shake, those that have followed the beast regardless of his fearsome names shall feel God’s Wrath! 13:10...Here is the patience and the Faith of the Saints. Israel was given the Law of The Lord, and over the years many have fallen from His Truth but The Holy Spirit is today preparing them for what is to come. Their patience and Faith shall be tested, but just as we did so shall they place their Faith in The Holy Spirit, He calls both Israel and the Church Saints, why? Because that is what His massive Sacrifice has brought us.. All believers are made strong by their Faith in the Work of Jesus at The Cross, this Blessed confidence can only come from God. To Him be all the Glory and Honour.

Revelation 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

The false prophet. **13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth** This completes the evil trio of satan. The word ‘another’ in the Greek is ‘allo’ and indicates ‘one of similar nature’, so this man, and that is what he is, shall be very much like the antichrist. Coming up out of the earth derives from the same term used earlier ‘sea’...he shall come out from the masses of people. satan sets out to copy the Lords Trinity, which of course is a complete failure. Compare the two powers on offer for mankind Jehovah, Creator, all Loving, all knowing Father God, then the Mighty sin smashing overcoming conquering Lord Jesus Christ and of course the unstoppable Life giving all Powerful Holy Spirit compared to satan the defeated deflated liar, the weak Godless, foolish, stumbling antichrist, and the failing, fumbling, blind, false prophet. **13:11...and he had two horns like a lamb** he is ‘like’ a lamb, a deceiver of people. **13:11...and he spake as a dragon.** This tells us that satan shall give him words to deceive. As you read this he is on earth and make no mistake he is deadly cunning, and the most dangerous of persons.

Revelation 13:12 And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

The word power here means ‘authority’ **13:12 And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him** satan, not the antichrist gives this authority, he is in control of that which the Lord has allowed. The beast glorifies the antichrist, as directed by satan. **13:12...and causes the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast** The antichrist is promoting earth not heaven, a heaven on earth! The false prophet will cause people to believe the antichrist to be a person of noble countenance with superhuman knowledge. Today the Church goes after miracles which the false prophet will indeed give. Working miracles does not mean truth. Working miracles does not equal truth. Working miracles does not bring Salvations Truth. We must always be looking for God’s Truth...what then is God’s Truth?...Jesus Christ! **Jn 14:6** Jesus said **I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life**”. We must be very careful, many preach that which is true but not ‘The Truth’, there is a difference. Many preach and teach Jesus rose again and this is true but Paul preached The Truth Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. Our faith must rest in what Jesus Christ did...the Cross...our Faith must be constantly in the Cross of Christ...the Work of Jesus at the Cross gives us the means to receive from the Holy Spirit all things according to this Truth. **Jn 8:32 You shall know The Truth and The Truth shall set you free.** (Rom 8:1-2, 11 Cor 1:17-18, Eph 2:13-18 etc...) Healing’s and miracles happen all the time, but what proves God is at work is His Truth and this is found in His Presence...We must preach Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. **13:12...whose deadly wound was healed.** The antichrist has been given the aid of the fallen angel that was locked up about 2300 years ago, he aided Alexander the Great as seen in **Dan 7:6**, and **Dan 8: 21-24**. Alexander the Great from 336 to 323 BC conquered all the known world, effectively destroying the Medo-Persian Empire. (A mere mosquito bite took his life as he died from malaria in Babylon (now Iraq), This happened on June 13, 323 BC he was 32 years old). Daniel’s prophecy four hundred years earlier foretold, the king would have no descendants. Alexander’s children were murdered, leaving no descendant for Alexander to pass his empire onto. Daniel also prophesied His empire would be uprooted and divided among four kingdoms, four of his generals took control starting four different Kingdoms, exactly as prophesied. God’s Word is never wrong.

Revelation 13:13 And he does great wonders, so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

Signs and wonders should never be that which causes us to believe! satan can do such, as seen in the book of Exodus? **13:13 And he does great wonders** We are “not entering” the age of deception but rather are already within it. This is why I am pushing the Cross of Christ. **1 Tim** warns us about deceiving spirits, so we must be wise.

13:13 so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, The word **he** refers to the false prophet, this is a pretty mighty sign, and many shall be fooled but **he** is not the first to call fire down from heaven, Elijah did such! Again satan is a cheap copycat. The Church today needs to be awake. The emphasis must not be on miracles, water baptism, fasting, Bible memorization, communion or the likes... (they have their place but not at the expense of Christ's sufferings, millions around the world are water baptized and take weekly communion and are on their way to hell) Why are they on the way to hell? Because they have believed a true report without receiving the Truth. What the Lord Jesus Christ did at The Cross must be at the fore front of all things.

Revelation 13:14 And deceives them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

All that want heaven on earth shall become a fool for a lie, 13:14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast satan supplies all the beast's needs to perform powerful acts openly for all the world to see. 13:14...saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast This is in direct opposition of God's command! Nebuchadnezzar did such (howbeit 4 Jews refused to obey him and they proved God's Power). But just as it was in those days so it shall be in this time, the world shall fall for these acts of deception. 13:14...which had the wound by a sword, and did live. Some say this wound speaks of Rome, others say it is satan and again others claim it could be the antichrist himself, I am going for the antichrist as it does say that they should make an image to **the beast, which had the wound** by a sword, and did live.

Revelation 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

The image will talk...demon spirits...giving it a life like appearance. 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast Life means 'spirit' the word "life" is "pneuma" and out of the 385 times it is used in the NT it is translated "spirit". Why is this important? satan has not, cannot and never will be able to create life! Only God can do such. 13:15 that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. satan is again using the Nebuchadnezzar story...but with greater power this time the statute shall in some manner talk. The rest is old history. But it must be said again this is very, very powerful. Still some turn to The Lord refusing to worship the beast and are killed for their faith!

Revelation 13:16 And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

At this time he has popular world opinion swaying towards him. 13:16 And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond the antichrist has not got total world control but a great deal of the world population are actively following him. 13:16...to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: The old Roman Empire which is a massive slice of the world with Russia and China most certainly being under this curse. This will include more than likely England. The reason I say most of the world is due to the fact the Book of Revelation speaks of certain countries rising up against the antichrist, plus Dan 7:1-8. 11:38-39,43 speak of the horns and the area they will occupy. These people will receive a mark either 'in the right hand' or 'in their forehead'...This is very clear as to where it will be and how it will be administered. It is going to be in either one of the two places named. The word 'in' implies by a needle, laser or some type of tool to penetrate the skin equally It is a 'mark' meaning it is an impression which could be a chip or some type of symbol used for identification, it is 'in' a permanent position within the forehead or right hand.

Revelation 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Verses 11 through to 13 show the religious seduction of the antichrist and 16, and 17 the economic power. 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. So we see here three things in fact for buying and selling, those that have 1/ the mark, 2/ the name of the beast or 3/ the number of his name, they are really all one of the same...being a satanic mark! There are going to be those that will die rather than to believe in or follow the beast, such a person will not take the mark for they know the Work Jesus Christ did at the Cross is the only answer. No one living within the beasts kingdom shall be able to buy or sell without the mark, which means no food, no rent payment or the like, no doctor etc. The beast exercises both religious and economical control, something the Holy Spirit has never done nor desires, anyone coming to the Lord does so within their own desire. The mark shall not come into being until after the Rapture, the salvation of 144,000 Jews, and the introduction of the false prophet, these things are all done one by one up until just about the first half of the Great Tribulation, this means no one here can **accidentally** receive the mark. The number of his name is 666...which is the number of man but his name is another story! This shall be revealed in God's time.

Revelation 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

This speaks of the Wisdom of God. The understanding is that which comes from The Cross. No matter what the beast does in the end he is a man 666...Even in these days of terror man shall see that they are but flesh and that they need the Living God Who is above all things.

AMEN and AMEN.

Revelation study text: *study scripture in red...Other scriptures used in blue...side comments in pink*

Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, A Lamb stood on the Mount Sion, and with Him a hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's Name Written in their foreheads.

This is the same Lamb from **Chapter 5:6** which has Seven Horns and Seven Eyes. **14:1** And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb... John could have written he saw Jesus or the Redeemer, the Son of God, or God's Glory or any such description that reveals Jesus, but instead he calls Him "A Lamb". John saw God's Glory (*being Jesus Christ,*)but The Holy Spirit had him write 'A Lamb' and that is because the only way to Salvation is by The Blood of The Lamb, the Work Jesus did at the Cross. How do we overcome? By The Blood of The Lamb! Jesus is called The Lamb over and over in Scripture, John the Baptised called Jesus The Lamb when he had clearly seen a man, as the writer of Revelation, John was guided by The Holy Spirit to also call Him such. **14:1** stood on the Mount Sion...This is the heavenly Sion not the earthly one. **14:1** and with Him a hundred forty and four thousand...These 144,000 were Raptured about mid-way through the Tribulation and are also called the man-child in **Ch 12**. They stood with Christ and this is how one is Saved by standing in Faith with The Lord. If a believer is depending on a pastor, church, denomination, or a particular doctrine to get them through, ultimately such a person is in danger of losing their way. There is only one way...and that is Jesus Christ, all the above when operating right are good, and have a place in the working out of your life but they should not be the source of your direction, but rather **1 Cor 1:23** Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. **14:1** having His Father's Name written in their foreheads... Earlier Manuscripts have... "Having His name (Jesus') and the Father's Name written in their foreheads". If the earlier Manuscripts are correct and I believe they are then this is The Holy Spirit Naming both the Father and the Son which again reveals the Holy Trinity. The Name written in the forehead is the Seal of God...and is impossible to wash off or remove, they are in heaven!

Revelation 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven...Some commentaries say the voice is that of the Father, others say it is Jesus', others say it is the voices of the 144,000 Jews coming together as one to worship the Lamb of God. **14:2** as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder...This seems to imply many voices becoming as one, I am not sure why some commentaries I read cannot see that the voices are the 144,000, as the next vs clearly shows. **14:2** and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps...This is indeed a celebration of victory, and as it comes from the Heavenly Sion...victory is sure! I am swaying towards the commentaries stating this is the 144,000 Jews praising Jesus as the next verse points out.

Revelation 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before The Throne, and before the four beasts, and the Elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Never heard before, a song bringing a type of newness. **Ps 149** talks about a new song! **14:3** And they sung as it were a new song before The Throne, and before the four beasts, and the Elders...**Chapters 13 and 14** are taking place at the same time, **Ch 13** proclaiming what is happening on earth and **Ch 14** that which is happening in Heaven. On earth the beast with his hate & horror, and in Heaven God with His Peace and Love. Be encouraged! Again they sung...I am 100% convinced that the voices above are the 144,000 becoming as one. And they sung 'they' means more than one so this is the 144,000 as the Scripture declares **14:3** and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth...The first fruits, a new song. The Israelites considered it a curse for a man to be hung on a tree, but for these 144,000 the Truth of Christ Jesus has set them free from the curse, as their brethren on earth also will be freed by the same Truth.

Revelation 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow The Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were Redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

These did not corrupt themselves with idolatry. 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins...Over and over again in scripture the Lord likened the word idolatry to adultery, see Isa 54:5-6 and Jer 3:8-9, Rom 7:3-4. Today if one places their Faith in anything else but Jesus Christ and Him Crucified they are committing spiritual adultery, the Cross of Christ is the only way one is Saved and how one continues to be Sanctified. Can anyone name religious activities that can and are in fact used by billions every week which take them away from the Work of the Cross? I am sure we could write a long list. 14:4 These are they which follow The Lamb whithersoever He goeth... I guess this is the secret to good living aye? Stay close to The Lamb, The Sacrifice, The Sin Offering. If you walk in The Spirit then you are trusting in Him for the Sanctification process, for flesh cannot abide or walk with God. 14:4 These were redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God and to The Lamb... Again the word Lamb...The 144,000 are the first-fruits, the term first-fruits comes from the OT harvest where the first ripe fruits were offered to God, this was done as He was and is the owner of the whole harvest. Israel shall look upon the One they pierced and repent of their unbelief wherefore all of Israel shall be Saved. Who is Israel? All that believe as we did on the Work of Jesus at the Cross.

Revelation 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before The Throne of God.

Absolutely no hypocrisy 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile...To follow the Lamb we need to place all our desires, all our lives into His control, this takes a determined Faith, then no corrupt thing shall come from our mouths (determined Faith is not a foolishly pride filled one). 14:5 for they are without fault before The Throne of God... They...just as you and I are without fault as long as Faith is kept in Jesus' Holy Work. Once before The Throne one stands in complete view of the Most Holy God...our Father. Hallelujah!!! There can be no fault in that place.

Revelation 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the Everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Another angel, not one of them which brought the three woe's 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven... Every evidence is this angel may be seen and heard by the inhabitants of earth...There are many things happening on and around earth that man has never seen before, this may be one such act. 14:6 having the Everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people... I should not have to type what the Everlasting Gospel is, aye? It is the same one the Apostle Paul wrote and taught and it is the same one we preach in our Church. Some commentators believe this is a 'new gospel' but the word Everlasting puts that unwise statement to bed. I believe this angel is seen and heard as he has the Everlasting Gospel to preach unto them. Which shows the Love of God towards man.

Revelation 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His Judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Again this suggests the angel is being heard on earth. 14:7 Saying with a loud voice... This is an urgent message...the Father is reaching out in even a greater way for all to hear. 14:7...Fear God, and give glory to Him...The world has in part fallen for the lie of satan, The Father is giving everyone a choice, man will serve either God or the antichrist. It seems they will see and hear this angel, that would indeed have me thinking! 14:7...for the hour of His Judgment is come...This speaks of what is about to happen with the seven angels with the seven vials. God must Judge any sin that is not covered and washed away by the Blood of The Lamb.

If man will not come to God then God's Judgment will come to man. The wages of sin is death, this is no longer a future threat but rather the immediate God promised Judgment. **14:7...and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters...**The antichrist has done all he can to get the world to worship him, God's angel is telling the inhabitants to worship The True Creator of Heaven and earth and all that is on, in, and around them. Hard hearts are indeed hard to crack. All these elements named are being heavily shaken, on hearing this angle one would hope many shall see what is happening in the **heaven (sky), earth, sea, and the fountains of waters!**

Revelation 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Another angel announces the fall of Babylon. **14:8 And there followed another angel...** This is the second of three angels that will bring startling announcements, this all happens in and about the beginning point of the second half of the Great Tribulation. **14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen...**This is a Prophetic Word given by the angel, Babylon is at this time looking powerful and rich. She will collapse before the end of the Great Tribulation. As the angel uses the wording "fallen" twice, one can only guess that when it falls it shall fall big time! **14:8 that great city...** It shall grow great after the Rapture...how long between the Rapture and it's growth only God knows. In truth the Bible does not tell us when the Great Tribulation will begin! But it is after the Rapture. **14:8 because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication...**This city as stated will wax great in trading, becoming a great worldly financial capital, but also a stronghold of evil. This is from where Israel shall place the antichrist into power and he shall speak against the Holy One bringing and committing spiritual fornication.

Revelation 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

We see the third angel bringing a strong warning **14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice...**Once again this voice is meant to be heard. **14:9 If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand...**This makes it clear man has a choice, man will follow God or satan, and man will be responsible for his choice. As stated in the last chapter, this mark cannot be accidentally added to one's body. This mark will be forced upon mankind with the equal demand to worship the beast and his image. It shall be a sudden and unexpected move by the antichrist. The mark will follow these happenings (**this is a must**) **1/** The Church's Rapture **2/** 144,000 Jews Rapture **3/** Three and a half years of the great Tribulation **must** run it's course **4/** The antichrist **must** consolidate his kingdom which takes place at the second half of the Great Tribulation **5/** The false prophet **must** be introduced. The mark is not offered... nor are the people fooled into receiving it...they are forced! Not to take it means certain death. Let us be aware of satans tricks and stay focused on the Lord of all Glory.

Revelation 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the Wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His Indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the Holy Angels, and in the Presence of The Lamb:

The Angel continues to say **14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the Wrath of God** This speaks of two things **1/** The judgment which the seven angels with the seven vials shall pour out. **2/** The greater Wrath of which "the third angel" speaks is a warning of the everlasting horror of hell which awaits any that reject these last merciful callings from God the Father. Gods anger burns against sin! Why? Because no one has an excuse for allowing the sin nature to rule them (**I speak not of an act of sin but the nature that is passed down through out the ages...it must be replaced by The Holy Spirit which is only possible by believing in the Work of Jesus Christ on the Cross**) as Jesus Christ, God's Holy Son paid the price for all of mankind's redemption with His Body, Blood, and Death. Folks the Work of Jesus at the Cross is not a doctrine...**but rather the foundation on which all doctrine come from...** For more on the sin nature see the Romans study.

14:10...which is poured out without mixture This means without limit, there will be no boundaries, no ending...This is the first time man shall see God's Anger which is not mixed with His Mercy. 14:10...into the cup of His Indignation; The Lord has been insulted, and this cup is running over with such foolish insults. 14:10...and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone This is the everlasting torment...the lake of fire. Many preach today that hell does not exist, or how can a father do such to his children? The answer is, if they continue to reject the Fathers Plea's and do not receive Jesus as their lord then 'their father is the devil and he has placed them into hell'. 14:10...in the presence of the Holy angels, and in the Presence of The Lamb: Jesus is man's Saviour today and will be man's Judge at the end. Believers shall be Judged at the "Judgment Seat of Christ" not for sin but rather for how we allowed Christ to Work through us. The Great White Throne Judgment is the one we all want to avoid. At this time man will be judged not for sinful acts but for their unbelief towards the Son of God and what He did at the Cross. Jesus stands before them in all His Holy and Powerful Glory but not as The Lion of Judah but as The Sacrificial Lamb! They see for the first time the sufferings of the Work done by The Son of God on the Cross, they hear His past cries for their repentance, they feel the rejection He felt when they scorned His help...they see before them the only One that could have Saved them from their guilt and their hate is visible in His Scared Body...The Lamb of God...they rejected Him before God and His Holy angels...and for this rejection...no mercy will be found.

Revelation 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascended up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives the mark of his name.

This is the final place of complete horror 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascended up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night God is The Everlasting One, with no end, this means there shall be no respite or rest for all that reject His Salvation Plan. 14:11...who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives the mark of his name. Those that take this mark shall in fact be blaspheming the Holy Spirit. There is no room for repentance, therefore no Salvation.



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Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the Saints: here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the Faith of Jesus.

Faith in Jesus **IS** the keeping of the Commandments. **14:12 Here is the patience of the Saints:** Have patience...simply means 'it will come to an end'! Most of those that come to Jesus during the Great Tribulation will more than likely die a martyrs death. **14:12...here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the Faith of Jesus.** This speaks of anyone on earth that turns to and holds onto the Faith of Jesus Christ, for this Faith allows The Holy Spirit to Work within us **1 Jn 3:23: And this is His Commandment, that we should believe in the Name of His Son Jesus Christ** by doing such The Holy Spirit makes us Law keepers **Rom 8:2 For the Law of The Spirit of Life In Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.** Jesus and only Jesus is the fulfilment of the Commandments, we keep them by our Faith in His Work, which allows us to truly love one another by His Power.

Revelation 14:13 And I heard a Voice from Heaven saying unto me, write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, says The Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

John hears directly from The Holy Spirit **14:13 And I heard a Voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write** The Holy Spirit's voice telling John to write. **14:13...Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth** This tells us that some shall deny the antichrist and turn to the Lord of Salvation. They shall not take the mark or serve that wicked man. From this time on **blessed** indeed are those that deny the evil one even though this will be a hard time. **14:13...Yea, says The Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.** Followers of the beasts do not have 'rest' The Lord has said to the Seven Church's "I know your works" These are good works, done in and by Faith, under the Holy Spirit's Guidance, believing the Work of Jesus Christ on the Cross. The Holy Spirit will greatly aid those that turn to Jesus Christ during the Tribulation, they shall be given all they need to see it through to the end, Amen. As He is true and faithful today to believers of this age, aiding us in every way in the opening of our eyes to the understanding of Who Jesus Christ is and what The Son of God has done for us. As He has done and shall continue to do for us day by day changing us, giving us His Courage and ability to stand for Christ, lifting us up to the required standard and position God has afforded for those that believe...so He shall during the Great Tribulation period for any that call on His Name. The Lord is unchanging and is True to His Word!

Revelation 14:14 And I looked, and behold a White Cloud, and upon the Cloud One sat like unto the Son of Man, having on His Head a Golden Crown, and in His Hand a sharp sickle.

As John did so must we...And I looked...**14:14 And I looked, and behold a White Cloud, and upon the Cloud One sat like unto the Son of Man** This is of course Jesus Christ. White represents His Purity, and the Cloud speaks of His Glory. The term Son of Man refers to His Humanity, which speaks of why The Creator had to become part of His creation which points straight to the Cross. God cannot die so He had to become man to do so! Hence the Purity and Glory. God the Father has committed all Judgment unto The Son, because He is The Son of Man (see **Jn 5: 22, 27**). **14:14...having on His Head a Golden Crown** Yes He is The Son of Man but also God...the Greek word for Crown used here is "step-han-os" which means 'the Crown of Victory' and the term 'Golden' proclaims 'Deity'. **14:14...and in His Hand a sharp sickle.** This is the reaping sickle and this shall be done during Armageddon. This shall be done by His Hand without violating man's will. Many shall call on His Holy Name.

Revelation 14:15 And another angel came out of the Temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that Sat on the Cloud, thrust in Thy sickle, and Reap: for the time is come for Thee to Reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

A cry to the Lord to reap. 14:15 And another angel came out of the Temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that Sat on the Cloud We have seen three angels thus far, the first preached the everlasting Gospel, the second predicted the fall of Babylon, the third warned against taking the mark and this the fourth comes out from the Temple being the Holy Place showing God's Judgments are Right and Holy. This announcement concerns the coming battle of Armageddon. The angel speaks to Christ who is at the highest point and place of the Cloud of Glory. He carries the sharp sickle as He will be the principal combatant in the coming conflict. (see Zech 14:3) 14:15...Thrust in Thy sickle, and Reap: for the time is come for Thee to Reap. This will be a time of terrible blood shedding. This army of the antichrist is going to be massive Ezek 38:16 And thou shalt come up against My people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; The words 'as a cloud to cover the land' tells us it is a very large and powerful army. However, not only will the antichrist die but he will learn of his eternal hell bound future, also according to the scripture five out of ever six soldiers of his army will also die. (see Ezek 39:1-2) 14:15...for the harvest of the earth is ripe The antichrist does occupy Jerusalem but failed in earlier attempts to destroy Israel. It is at this time that he turns once again his evil intent towards Israel, the 'Jewish question'. He will set out to do what Haman, Herod, Hitler and so on started to do, the extermination of the Jewish Race. He shall come very close to achieving such but Dan 11:15 tells us Yet he (the antichrist) shall come to his end and none shall help him.

Revelation 14:16 And He that sat on the Cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

Jesus is the answer and the worker of every thing Good and Great. 14:16 And He that Sat on the Cloud This is Jesus, the Lion of Judah, the Root of David. He opened the Seven Sealed Book. He Paid The Price, and He will do this Work also. 14:16...thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. This means that the antichrist and false prophets days are quickly coming to an end. This is God saying it is enough. Every one on earth shall understand this moment in time, Armageddon is about to start.

Revelation 14:17 And another angel came out of the Temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

This angel also comes directly out from The Holy Place 14:17 And another angel came out of the Temple which is in heaven This all has to do with the Blood of The Lamb. The level of man's sin is beyond anything we have seen. God has never been vindictive but rather vindicative. 14:17...he also having a sharp sickle. This states that angels will also have a great part in the Battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 14:18 And another angel came out from The Altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to Him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in Thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

This is the sixth angel 14:18 And another angel came out from The Altar which had power over fire; The Brazen Altar on earth was made from the pattern of the heavenly One. This of course is the fire of the Altar which possibly will be seen later as fire and brimstones falling onto the antichrist and his army (see Ezek 38:22) 14:18... and cried with a loud cry to Him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in Thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; This is the time of Truth. The vine of the earth speaks of an earthy vine that which comes from man...evil...they are gathered to destroy the Heavenly Vine the Lord planted...Israel...satans idea is if they destroy Israel they destroy the One who planted them.

4:18 for her grapes are fully ripe. Verse 15 speaks of the earth being ripe, this verse states they are fully ripe and that is why the third angel said in Rev 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the Wrath of God, Sin shall receive it's just and right reward from A Holy and Just God, only the Work Jesus did at the Cross can pay the debt, be it small or great, sin is sin.

Revelation 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great wine-press of the Wrath of God.

The gathering of the antichrist's army 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth The antichrists generals and officers believe they will do as no other and destroy the Jewish population from the face of the earth. They have at this time all the power, but in truth they do not know what power is. For the first time in the history of earth God will without restraint display openly His Awesome Might and Power. 14:19...and gathered the vine of the earth This has to do with Rev 16:12-16 which we will study soon. The Lord will never tamper with man's free will and this includes the antichrist and false prophet, but the Lord will take advantage of his evil and sick desires. The antichrist and false prophet are deceived by self promoting faith believing the victory is theirs, but they are blindly walking to their doom. 14:19 and cast it into the great wine-press of the Wrath of God. All the nations are gathered which shall assemble in the Valley of Jehoshaphat at which time the Lord will be revealed from heaven to smite the nations with the Rod of His Mouth. This is a day of death hence the name "great wine-press of Devine Wrath". All of us here have prayed for the Lord to end the injustice and free the earth...on this day we shall see those prayers answered in full.

Revelation 14:20 And the wine-press was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the wine-press, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

Jerusalem is this city. 14:20 And the wine-press was trodden without the city, Jerusalem is under siege, the war is knocking on it's borders and the whole world is allowing this to happen. It will seem like all is lost but the Word is never wrong Ps 121:1 I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from The Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. indeed, He Who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. God shall arise on that day Zechariah 12:3 said concerning that day And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. What fear shall fill their hearts when they see God Almighty in His Armour clothed for war. 14:20...and blood came out of the wine-press, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. This is a massive battle with literally millions of soldiers and from that number five out of ever six shall die hence the blood shall be deep. The area stated here is between 280 and 320 km in length. Anyone that sets out to destroy what God has made shall one day end the battle by facing off with God Himself. God promised Israel shall survive, and His Word is Truth. About 2000 years ago mighty Rome pulled the Holy City down to the ground, one would think never to rise again. The question must be asked where is the might of Rome today, and how large is Israel, and is the Holy City Jerusalem standing? God is never wrong, never mistaken, and never forgets, His promises...be it to you...me...

OR TO THE BLESSED ISRAELITES ARE GOING TO BE 100% COMPLETED. AMEN



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Revelation 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the Wrath of God.

Is not seven God number for rest and peace! After the seventh, God's Anger shall be no more. **15:1 And I saw another sign in Heaven**, John fixed his attention onto this, as we should also, for this has moved up onto another level, another sign. **15:1...great and marvellous** Something new and powerful is happening, the same characters will re-emerge, we need to pay prayerful attention today for those on the earth at that time! Plus this is of great significance also for us today as this is indeed the most terrible of all the visions seen thus far, we are being prewarned so that we may be found holding onto The Faith and therefore included in the Church's Rapture...**15:1...seven angels having the seven last plagues**; This is the final Judgments on the antichrist and followers, and this shall be a display of Almighty Power. Seven is the number that we associate within God holding the meaning of fulfilment, completion, perfection, Peace and so on...But in this case it is seven plagues that brings in the Peace etc. **15:1...for in them is filled up the Wrath of God.** This is God's correct emotional arousal against 'denial', God's anger at the rejection of His Son's Sacrifice. Man has denied the Creator since the beginning of time and He has been more than patient, but at last He will have His Name Exalted. On the Seventh Day God rested but man rebelled rejecting His Rest and Peace...God shall within the seventh plagues reject man's rejections...

Revelation 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

One would think this is the glass sea spoken of in **Rev 4:6**. **15:2...And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire** Commentaries on this have the fire as God's Judgment or His Holiness **Rev 4:6** says, **and before The Throne there was a sea of glass, like unto crystal.**" That states the sea is clear, transparent. But in this verse it is mingled with Fire, being either or both God's Judgment and Holiness, I believe it is both, as both are fitting and just. I see the Fire as a Power that Expects Christ's Sacrifice, this means **it is finished!** This is a place where His Blood has been applied. Also I see the Glass as something transparent meaning every thing is seen in the open, nothing is hidden, His Judgment is true. **15:2...and them that had gotten the Victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name** One can only get this Victory by the way of the Cross, and within the Guidance and Power of The Holy Spirit. **Rom 8:2 For The Law of The Spirit of Life through Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death.** One Law covers every other one...there is no law greater than **The Law of The Spirit** The Holy Spirit will not break this law in any way or shape, for it is a law from Heaven, it is His Law...of **Life** how man can live unto Him...For Jesus earned the Eternal Blessing...hence His Law is **through Christ Jesus** simply the Death and Resurrection of The Lord Jesus Christ paid the debt owed by man satisfying the needs of the law of sin and death. The Holy Spirit enters the believer by The Power of The Blood and broken Body of Christ free to do His heart changing Work as the believer is completely covered, buried in Christ (See **Romans study for greater understanding on this**) All these acts of courage by those that overcame the antichrist speak in truth of the Son's Courage by The Power of The Holy Spirit. These brothers and sisters have gained the Victory within the Cross. Even with this being the Truth the Spirit says their deeds will accompany them to The Throne, He acknowledges their willingness to surrender to His Truth just as He acknowledges ours. Amen. The words **beast**, and **image** reflect the same thing, 'foolish doctrines and false worship', the **mark** and the **number** of his name also reflect the same thing, 'foolish acceptance of man's ways and imprisonment to eternal darkness'.

Revelation 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are Thy Works, Lord God Almighty; Just and True are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints.

This is a strong clue that these people are Israelites. Can you guess what the clue is? **15:3** And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God This song comes from **Deut 32:1-43** This song is a type of mirror that the prophets have held up for all of Israel to reflect on, this song is the outline of all that God will do regarding both disobedience and loyalty. The song recorded in Exodus deals with pharaoh and the crossing of the Red Sea the song found in **Deut** deals with the entire history of Israel, hence this is not the song from **Exodus**. **15:3...and the song of The Lamb**, The song of The Lamb is not the same song as the one from **Deut 32:1-43**! There are two songs presented here. The song of **Deut** covers the OT whilst the song of the Lamb covers the NT. **Ps 22** proclaims the Work of The Lamb, it starts with the Cross being the Lords death and ends with the proclamation “**It is done**” These two songs are interlocking. **15:3...saying, Great and marvellous are Thy Works, Lord God Almighty; Just and True are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints.** Jesus the Great, Amen! The Holy Father Loves the Son and the Son Loves the Father, they share all things and are in all things, nothing is without God! His Works shown by The Holy Spirit are indeed Great and He is the King, not the antichrist or satan, or any other fallen power.

Revelation 15:4 Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and Glorify Thy Name? for Thou only art Holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest.

Those without common sense shall fail to fear the Lord. This speaks of the thousand year rule of Christ but we can apply this to our time...believers without common sense shall fall by the roadside and suffer the Tribulation rather than being Raptured! Why? Due to replacing the Work of Jesus Christ on the Cross with self works...The self work principle looks like a God given doctrine of truth but lacks the Grace giving Power and Wisdom of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified! **15:4** Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and Glorify Thy Name? The Millennial Reign shall be a time where all will fear the Name of the Lord and offer to Him praise, how be it not all will except Him as Saviour which is mind blowing. Hearts will still become hardened whilst Christ is ruling which should teach us how sinful we truly are, and when the evil one is released those people will follow him to their deaths. **15:4...for Thou only art Holy** This speaks of the origination of Holiness. Every believer is Holy as God can not except anything less, but the Holiness we have is not ours, it comes into us by The Holy One. Once again this comes from the Cross of Christ even after the end of Revelation. We shall forever be Justified by His Work. Your Cross of suffering O Lord has set me free, Amen. Faith in anything else will end in death. We must never divorce Jesus from the Cross, or the Cross from Jesus...if we do we shall receive another Jesus, a look alike. We get victory not by Christ plus my efforts... but rather Christ plus my receiving. **Rev 15:4...for all nations shall come and worship before Thee;** This is again speaking of the Millennial Reign the world shall enjoy peace and prosperity like it never has. No one will be hungry, sickness and disease shall be a thing of the past. Hospitals, old folk homes, mental asylums, and prisons will all be out of business. So will night clubs, strip clubs, the porn business, liquor stores, and drug making and growing. Pharmacies shall not be needed, all armed service will disappear. Nature and Animals will change (see **Isa 11:6-9**) the words ‘**all nations**’ tells us there is no longer wrong religions, all Worship before The Lamb. And yet at the end of this thousand years many shall foolishly turn away from His Salvation Plan. **15:4...for Thy Judgments are made manifest.** This is God dealing with the antichrist and all that followed him. Simply His Judgment shall be seen and felt.

Revelation 15:5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the Temple of The Tabernacle of The Testimony in Heaven was opened:

15:5 And after that I looked, This which makes John look is the preparation being made for the execution of the Seven Vials...God’s Judgment. This is coming upon the whole world and no one will escape it. The Church needs to pray for this Judgment to come upon us today.

That He would rid us of every thing that opposes His Holiness, that our desire would be Christ' amen? 15:5...and, behold, The Temple of the Tabernacle of The Testimony in Heaven was opened: This refers to the Holy of Hollies, where the Art of the Covenant was kept. And what was found in The Ark? The Ten Commandments! This presents God's Character and the Justice of His Government which has just been opened for all to see.

Revelation 15:6 And the seven angels came out of The Temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

These are the last plagues. 15:6 And the seven angels came out of The Temple, having the seven plagues These plagues are not like other past one's, these will not offer His Salvation, there is no repentance within them. This is the reward for those that have refused to return to The Master, who have rejected His Mercy and Grace. This is not just speaking of unbelievers but those who have trodden underfoot the Grace of the Son of God, Christians who placed Jesus back onto the Cross. 15:6...Clothed in pure and white linen, These angels are clothed in pure white linen which stands for the perfect Righteous acts that are to be carried out on earth. Foolish man claims that God does not exists with one breath and with another states that God is unjust and nasty if "He judges them on sin"!!! what a contradiction, the truth is they are not judged on by sinful acts! 15:6...and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. This is the same attire of our Lord (see Rev 1:3) which states what they are about to do pertains solely to the Work of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is in charge of the 'Judgments' whether they are the 'Seals' 'Trumpets' or 'Vials'. The One Who was Saviour is now The Judge! These people will be judged (Not on sinful acts) but on not believing what The Son of God did at the Cross! Rejecting God's Son.

Revelation 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven Golden Vials full of the Wrath of God, who Lives for Ever and Ever.

The Kingdom of God (our future home) shall never perish or fade away! 15:7 And one of the four beasts Should be translated as discussed earlier 'one of the four Living Ones'. 15:7...gave unto the seven angels seven Golden Vials full of the Wrath of God These are the last of the Seven Judgments, over the past seven years the world has seen the Seven Sealed Judgments, the Seven Trumpet Judgments, and this being the final one of the Seven Vials of Judgment. The Vials are labelled 'Golden' signifying "the Wrath of God" The wrath of God is simply His Righteous action against unbelief. These 'Vials' are the shallow bowls which were used for incense! They are know filled with God's Wrath. God sent His only Begotten Son Who willingly suffered and died for mankind, He also sent (and still does) preachers, prophets, lay-people and the Church...telling the world and the carnal minded believers of 'The Truth' and yet they continue to reject The Lords Sacrifice Offering of Love, this rightly has more than upset The Father that His Sons death means nothing to these people, in fact they even mock His Holy Name... 15...who Lives for Ever and Ever. These plagues are given by a Just and Holy God who will never regret His actions for they are correct, hence John writes who lives for ever and ever. This means He will live for ever and ever and there shall never be a seconds regret related to His action of this time.

Revelation 15:8 And the Temple was filled with smoke from the Glory of God, and from His Power; and no man was able to enter into The Temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

The Power here effects mankind greatly. 15:8 And The Temple was filled with smoke from the Glory of God, and from His Power This is similar to the OT account 2 Chron 5:13-14 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised The Lord, saying, for He is good; for His Mercy endures for ever:

That then the house was filled with a Cloud, even the house of the Lord; So that the Priests could not stand to minister by reason of the Cloud: for the Glory of the Lord had filled the house of God. This OT writing has the same reason for happening, the Prophet declared God's Word that the people had reached a climax within their sin and Judgment was coming. Today the Church needs to hear His Voice..The time is coming when the warnings will stop, the voice of repentance shall be halted. However God shall remain a God of Mercy whilst preparing Judgment. **Acts 2:17-18 And it shall come to pass in the last days, Saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy:** Yes, this started at Pentecost and continues today, and shall carry on into the Great Tribulation. Also today we live in a time of "believers unbelief"! The apostate church which sadly shall also carry on into the Tribulation, they by choice and laziness worship another Jesus. Jesus said seek Me...this implies an effort being made by the searcher. The out pouring of The Holy Spirit and the apostate church are like two rivers running side by side but going in different directions. Don't forget the Mercy spoken of is today being poured out...the Judgment spoken of is being prepared and is in fact The Great Tribulation! **15:8...and no man was able to enter into the Temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.** This is the last few months of the Great Tribulation, man shall not be able to enter this Holy Place. This states that Mercy has ended and sudden terror is pending on all that have rejected the Work of Jesus Christ at the Cross. The idea is, the Temple is the place where intercessory prayers are given, asking for God's Wrath to be turned away, but that will not happen as the end of that period of time has arrived, and simply "No man can enter". We must therefore preach the good news...**1 Cor 1:18 For the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is THE POWER OF GOD.**

Amen and Amen

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Revelation 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the Temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the Wrath of God upon the earth.

The word 'great' appears 11 times in this chapter. God's Wrath shall be seen in Heaven and on earth, I would imagine even for Abraham, Moses and so this will be something very, very, fearful to witness. **16:1** And I heard a great voice out of the Temple saying to the seven angels, Again John hears a great voice, with the exception of **Ch 19** this is the most important Chapter concerning John's visions related to the earth. This Chapter completes 'The Mystery of God', and the subject matter within this is the Great Wine-press (**Rev 14:19**) the great harlot (**Rev 17:5**) and the great city (**Rev 14:8**). **16:1...Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the Wrath of God upon the earth.** This is speaking of the kingdom of the beast not the whole world. Remember many countries have fought and stood against the beast. All things on earth are preceded by events in Heaven, and all events take place as a result of one or two particulars. **1/** Intercessory prayer. Prayer is a powerful tool and when the Spirit filled believer allows The Holy Spirit to rule Power is unleashed for that time, or a time to come, hence A Holy Spirit directed prayer!.**2/** And of course God's Preordained plan. This is unstoppable for instance the Birth, Death and Resurrection of Christ, the fall of Jerusalem in AD.70 the Rapture just to mention a few unstoppable events...all ordered by His Holy Word.

Revelation 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth Upon the earth speaks as stated a geographical area, a certain place, not the entire earth. Example: We are placed in and at an appointed area in time, hence placing us therefore upon the earth but we are not covering the whole world. **16:2...and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.** Very similar to the plague that struck Egypt in Moses time (**Ex 9:10-11**). These are boils and will appear only on those that have taken the mark and worship the image. We must remember that an Angel had flown from the Heavens to warn these people NOT to take the mark and not to worship the image, and many praise God have listened and obeyed. No medication shall be found to heal man's sores, there is no scientist aided help, these sores shall be indeed grievous and with unrelenting pain, (**No one today has been warned not to take the mark or worship the image by an angel as there is no mark or image yet to be deceived by but we have been warned not to listen to the ways of man 666 and to worship anything outside the Work of Jesus Christ on the Cross**). Israel is about to take a very serious defeat which it has not suffered since 1948, the antichrist is about to be empowered by Satan and the fallen angel that aided Alexander the Great. Also the appearance of the false prophet (see **Rev 13**) from previously making the image who also shall pull down fire from heaven. The antichrist is about to break his truce with Israel and attack them in a way they have never felt before! **1/** They had once again been deceived and have taken him as their messiah **2/** They have allowed their guard down and thus are open for destruction.

Revelation 16:3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

This is more than likely the Mediterranean. **16:3...And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea** This will effect the entire world as far as the \$\$\$ goes, with the Mediterranean being the antichrist's kingdom area out of order and most of the sea port workers effected by boils trade shall halt. Some reasons why this area is important for the world **1/** It is a hub for global trade, the Mediterranean is a crucial area where infrastructures, transport and logistics network intersect, which accounts for 30% of the world oil trade, and 20% of the maritime traffic.

2/A key route of and for global migration 3/Even though the Mediterranean sea represents only one percent of the earth's waters it is one of the most popular touristic areas of the world. In 2017, 300 million tourists visited its basin countries. They collectively account for a third of the world's tourists, that equates to big \$\$\$. **16:3...and it became as the blood of a dead man:** This covers the whole sea, the sea shall be a horrid black colour which is what blood without life looks like. This shall be both ghastly and have an odour that will fill the atmosphere, blood of a dead man...one that cannot rise again. Verse 6 shall give us greater reasoning for this. **16:3...and every living soul died in the sea.** All shall die, man, beast, fish...all...on boats, ships, within and under the sea, all die. This shall create a massive food shortage, North Africa, the Middle East, India, including Europe, and possibly the old Soviet Russian and China could well be effected. The fourth vial shall also add cause and result to this issue.

Revelation 16:4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

Drinking water! **16:4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters** This means both rivers and under ground supplies shall be effected by the outpouring. Cities shall remain standing but with no water, how long can man survive? I am sure they will be screaming at the false prophet to bring about one of his...so called 'miracles'... which of course he shall not be able to do, anger and destain shall remain within the heart of man. **16:4...and they became blood.** As it was in Moses days so it shall be here, but much higher level of blood and suffering. There will be about a billion people living in and around this area all effected with terrible boils over their bodies, burning with fevers, and hard put to find drinking or washing water, dehydration shall kick along side death. Jesus said in **Mat 24:21 For then there will be great Tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.**

Revelation 16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art Righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because Thou hast judged thus.

Anything the Lord does is Righteous! **16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters say** This angel being the third spoils all the rivers, fountains, being the underground rivers which in turn pollutes all water for the towns and cities. This includes all homes, farms, and businesses within that area. The Book of Revelation has assigned angels with ministries to do more so than the entire bible. **16:5...Thou art Righteous, O Lord,** This is referring simply to the Lord sending the plagues onto the earth. Our Holy Father has given this world ample warnings, and sadly to little avail. To cover but just some of these warnings as an example...Man has always had Jesus Christ and His Word of Truth, equally today we are a warning by what we preach and how we live the pending outcome to those within the Church that hold to apostate type doctrines do see and hear us, then of course even clearer warnings by that which is to come by the Rapture of the Saints, the 144,000 Jews, the angels that have spoken and shown signs in the heavens, and the two witnesses, all these and more...God will not give up as long as there is one soul that will hear. **16:5...which art, and wast, and shalt be,** God is unchanging, The Lord is showing no mercy here because man does not want mercy, the soul of man has become unreachable even by God, as He will never violate man's will. As a matter of sad truth man stands against the Most High with horrid blasphemy. This God that has brought swift Justice is the same God that lovingly holds you and me. Sin must be and shall be accounted for either we believe in Christ's wonderful work at the Cross or we believe in satans lies. **16:5...because Thou hast Judged thus.** Again God's Judgment is Righteous and correct, He has Judged and His Judgment is right and correct, and thus the angel endorses the Lords actions.

Revelation 16:6 For they have shed the blood of Saints and Prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

They shed the blood of the Lords elect and now it is blood that they must contend with, but not the Saving, Cleaning, Precious Blood of The Lamb...**16:6 For they have shed the blood of Saints and Prophets** This refers to those that did not take the mark or worship the beast and most if not all have become martyrs put to death by the ungodly. **16:6...and Thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.** The beasts worshippers are getting that which they have pulled down upon themselves. They denied the Christ and rejected the promptings of the Holy Spirit, they have spelt the blood of God's children, let it be known that this Judgment is by their own actions. God loves and holds dearly to His Heart His Saints and Prophets, and when one lifts a finger against one of them they lift a finger against God. When one of His children is touched He is touched. And folks you sitting here are Saints, Prophets and Priests, and yes the world has had a go at you which grieves The Father.

Revelation 16:7 And I heard another out of The Altar say, even so, Lord God Almighty, True and Righteous are Thy Judgments.

This should have been translated "**And I heard The Alter say**" **16:7 And I heard another out of The Altar say** This is The Alter of **Rev 6: 9-11** Those from The Alter who have been crying "**How long, O Lord, Holy and True, do You not Judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood**". There is some thought that this is a voice of an angel but it would seem to fit the past Scriptures that this is the voice of those calling on God's Judgment to be done. **16:7...Lord God Almighty, True and Righteous are Thy Judgments.** This proclaims that their prayers and cries are being answered. They are being avenged. And they join with praise with the angel in **verse 5** saying **True and Righteous are Thy Judgments.**

Revelation 16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

It would seem that this angel will effect the heat of the sun! **16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun** No one but God can touch the sun, it is beyond man's ability and thinking. This is a picture of the Power of our God. **16:8...and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.** As said before the Lord has given this world so many warnings, even this book is a blue print for the future and yet man ignores it. The sun is about to create hell on earth, they have boils, no water, and within an instant they are burning within a great heat. Notice that this Holy awesome and Righteous angels are given the Power to preform these mighty Works, not even an angels can tamper with the sun unless they are given such Power!

Revelation 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the Name of God, which hath Power over these plagues: and they repented not to give Him glory.

Even in this horrid state man refuses to repent! **16:9 And men were scorched with great heat** This will be in the geographical area of the antichrist. This will effect those that took the mark of the beast. Somehow God shall protect those that did not take the mark! How? Just as The Lord protected His people against the plagues found in **Ex Ch 7-12** the water turning to blood, the land being covered by frogs, lice, flies, livestock pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness and the killing of firstborn children. Not one Israelite was effected by anything there named, they walked in the light provided by God...They had no frog, lice etc. issues and no on died in fact they grew stronger. **16:9...and blasphemed the Name of God** Here is the hard truth, within the region effected there is over a billion people and most have taken the mark. They have no doubt as to Who was bringing upon them these troubles as we are told in this verse they cursed His most Holy Name. The false prophet has lost his emphasis, (see **Rev 13:13**) he called down fire from heaven! Who on earth wants more heat? His power is gone. It is as if God has said "**You wanted fire from Heaven, so here have it...fire from heaven**".

16:9... and they repented not to give Him glory. This tells us about the condition the heart of mankind has arrived at. You would think millions upon millions would repent by just seeing what the Lord has done but they cannot as their hearts do not have The Faith that God requires...Faith in the only Begotten Son of God, for God so loved the world that He gave His only...they cannot through their hate see The Truth, that is why on the day of Judgment Jesus will appear to them as The Lamb, the Sacrificial Lamb, then they will believe. I thought it strange that some commentators believe this is a certain geographical area but God our God can do anything....I believe their claim being a geographical area is correct as the armies that are building up to fight against the antichrist are not effected for The Lord is clearing the way for the battle of Armageddon. The antichrist quite possible is also with his army away from Jerusalem, as we will see in next weeks study.

To give God glory means to believe ALL that He has said and to worship Him due to this Truth. God is not prideful so does not get a swollen head from the praise, but we gain great joy as our spirit tells us HE IS all there is and loving Him is where complete fulfilment is found.

Surly that receives an AMEN?

Chapter 16:10-21

THE BOOK OF REVELATION TO JOHN

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Revelation 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

Once again this is only over the allotted area **16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast** The antichrist has taken up as his own the great City Jerusalem. We see that this vial is poured out over the place of his seat, this is a confined area. The goal of the antichrist is world domination but at this time he does not have it nor shall he ever. The bible does NOT teach that the antichrist will rule the world, that everyone on earth will be forced to take the mark, and all will bow down to his name and rule! Daniel and the other books at no time mention Canada, America, Mexico, New Zealand, Australia, the Pacific Nations, Japan, Argentina, Chile, Africa..the list just goes on and on. The greatest misinterpretation for this comes from **Rev 13:7** which says **“And power was given him (the antichrist) over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations”**. This in truth speaks of the kindreds, tongues, and nations contained in the Old Roman Empire. We make a mistake if we read too much into Scripture or not enough. **16:10...and his kingdom was full of darkness** This is the exact opposite from the previous plague. This is like the darkness from **Ex 10:21 And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.** **16:10...and they gnawed their tongues for pain** This is a pain of the greatest known human level, one that causes them to bite into their tongues in a hope to find pains release. The rest of the world shall be seeing the throne and kingdom being placed under God’s wrath. **(Not to mention the two witnesses from Rev Ch 11 are still being televised around the world doing things that the false prophet could only dream of)**. The Book of **Daniel** gives us reason to think the antichrist is not in Jerusalem **Dan 11:44 But news out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him (antichrist): therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.** This seems to indicate that the antichrist is not in Jerusalem at the time of this outpouring of this vial, rather he is out awaiting the final blow with his armies that will claim his life.

Revelation 16:11 And blasphemed The God of Heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

All had been greatly warned **NOT** to take the mark. **16:11 And blasphemed the God of Heaven because of their pains and their sores** They have willingly drunken from the vines of the Wrath of God which is being poured out without mixture (**no mercy**) into the cup of His indignation. So great was and is their hatred for The Truth that eating their own tongues is better than calling on Salvations Help. **16:11...and repented not of their deeds.** God is indeed the all knowing God, the Temple is closed so that no man can enter, why? He knows the hearts of man, they will not, nor would they ever repent. A prayer for Gods Mercy shall not and cannot be offered by a Saint for these people. In truth they are in the darkness of satans throne, a place cold and bare of any hope or love, a cold felt living darkness. They willingly, blasphemy our Lord God and Father.

Revelation 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

The Euphrates rivers runs a distance of 2.800km (1.740 miles) running through Syria, Turkey, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt just to name some...**16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up** Again this is contained to the Old Roman Empire area. The Lord is clearing the way for the battle of Armageddon. God has promised to give to Abraham, Isaac, and to Jacob a great portion of this land, and He shall keep that promise. **16:12...that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.** In the Greek this says 'The Kings of the sun-rising'. We see other countries getting involved such as quite possible China and Japan, these countries are not receiving the same torment that the Roman Empire nations are. This battle is spoken of in more detail in [Ez Ch 38 & 39](#).

Revelation 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

This filth is within them and around them...ugh...disgusting. **16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs** Evil spirits have and continue to play a massive part in the worlds decline. What John was permitted to see is to the naked eye of man is invisible, which is the same as the demon horseman in [Rev 9:7](#) and the hellish cavalry in [Rev 9:17](#). These spirits are unclean due to the immorality of every sort of action they are involved in, killers, owners of death, sickness and disease, rebellion and bondage. **16:13...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.** Fire comes from the mouths of the two witnesses, a sword comes out of the mouth of Jesus, this is satans weak attempt to copy our Lord and God Jesus Christ. These spirits are empowered, causing, and publishing satans unholy plan for conquest and power. They will deliver a persuasive and deceptive message which in these last days will lead many to a level of unprecedented, unconditional, commitment of evil. They shall belief the lie and side with the antichrist at Armageddon and suffer the eternal consequences for such foolish actions.

Revelation 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that Great Day of God Almighty.

They are unclean spirits, demons, workers of inequity producing miracles. **16:14 For they are the spirits of devils** This is a massive flood of demonic power being released onto the earth. The antichrist shall speak great and wonderful things [Dan 11:36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that which is determined shall be done.](#) The devil is right at home with religion... in fact it is his baby, Christianity is not a religion but a relationship. Man shall listen to words being spoken and become persuaded to follow the liar, these words appeal to the carnal mind. **16:14...working miracles** Again this can be or rather should be a warning for us! God is not the only One that can do miracles.

Just because someone is preaching a Christian message and it is followed by miracles that in itself does not 100% guarantee it has or is coming from our Lord **1 Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.** The safest and greatest way to see if it is coming from our Lord pertains to the message... does it take one into the Work of Jesus at the Cross? Not every teacher is necessarily inspired by the Spirit of God so try the spirits by the law which God has given us, **For the Law of the Spirit of Life** will teach you all Truths and these Truths are all about Jesus Christ and what he did for mankind! We are to test the spirit by the Written Word, which The Holy Spirit shall guide you into. This is the Law of Jesus' testimony, meaning His crucifixion! If any man speaks incorrectly respecting the Lords Work then the spirit which is active is not of God. satan cannot teach or preach The Truth. **1/** hear and listen to what is being said. **2/** Be alert to The Holy Spirit Whom is in you. **3/** wait His guidance, this may take seconds or weeks, so do not commit to anything 'new' mentally or spiritually. **4/** Trust God! He shall show you/me the answer in His Word in due time. **16:14...which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that Great Day of God Almighty.** Many have taught that these countries and kings are under the antichrists control but it would appear this is not so. The need for demons to persuade other armies to follow him would not be necessary if they already were followers! The kings of these armies are going to see and fall for the miracles that these men do whom have been sent to them under the pretence and power of demons spirits. Nations shall be inspired to oppose Christ fulfilling **Psalm 2:10-12 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from The Way, when His Wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their Trust in Him.** They will oppose Israel and God shall oppose them. satan still holds to the false belief he can win by wiping out God's people. The antichrist holds no care for those that are biting their tongues off in the effected area of his kingdom and seat! **16:14... the battle of that Great Day of God Almighty.** The words "**God Almighty**" are used to show His Power over all the earth. The antichrist is feeling pretty good, his plan is coming together. But the truth is God has simply allowed it. **God Almighty** shall allow all these armies to gather together which the antichrist thinks once he wins this battle he will wipe out little Israel. This will be the largest army ever gathered together. But **God Almighty** said through His Prophet Ezekiel **This is what will happen in that day: When Gog attacks the land of Israel, My fury shall come up in My Face. Thus will I magnify Myself, and Sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know I Am the Lord, Ez 38:18-23.** The foolish false prophet and the antichrist are about to be served the bitter truth, eternal sufferings of hell. These two people shall become well known in all countries due to their anti-Jesus Christ stand, this shall happen **during the seven year Tribulation and not before.** Today no one has the depth of knowledge required to workout truly who they are, it could be two of many candidates. As followers of the Crucified and Risen Lord we are commanded to love, and only love, to put names towards these horrendous titles is no less than cursing our fellow man, this is unwise and ungodly, rather we should be praying for all, and I mean all mankind to be saved just as we undeserving are. A point of note: For those that attack the pope, the heart of the pope and every roman catholic could in one second turn truly towards The Lord! Equally so could many of the worlds government leaders and officials so again we need to be careful with our judgments calls.

Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

The Lord announces His coming, the world beliefs not, but as a thief comes in the night so it shall be done. **16:15 Behold, I come as a thief.** These words show the effectiveness that the antichrist is having, the world is sinking (**the whole world**) into unbelief **2 Peter 3:3-4 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."** We see these kings about to join the antichrist...many countries are falling.

16:15 Blessed is he that watches...and keeps his garments The antichrist has not and will not have power over **all the earth**, yes the world seems to be swaying under his deceitfulness but still many remain defiant against the antichrist. This is a time of only two beliefs, either one is for the Lord or against Him, the antichrist has set himself up as the only truth, the only true religion, he has not just attacked the Christian faith but ever religion on the face of earth! **16:15...lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.** This is being naked to the Judgment of God, suffering the consequences and shame of rebellion. The Second Coming of the Lord which we will study in **Ch 19** is going to be the most destructive event ever recorded. Every Saint even from Abel on will come back with the Lord as a man of war. He first came as a baby, to become The Saviour, He was mistreated, beaten, spat on, whipped, crowned with thorns and placed on a Cross this time He comes back as God Almighty, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the all crushing unstoppable Holy Judge...followed by billions of Saints.

Revelation 16:16 And He gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

“He” meaning The Lord God Almighty gathers them in one place **16:16 And He gathered them together** The Lord has used His Power and total Control over satan causing him to bring these armies together. **16:16...into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.** This is a literal place called “the Mount of Megiddo” including “the Plain of Esdraelon”. It is also called ‘The valley of Jehoshaphat’ and “the valley of decision” for the first time satan may consider that he has lost and shall also for the first time ever...seriously consider his new and up coming residence. YAHOO...Which is No: 666 hell Street, Lake of Fire.

Revelation 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his Vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from The Throne, saying, It is done.

Can anyone think where the term it is done or it is finished comes from? **16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air** The reason this is not poured out onto the earth is that both heaven and earth shall share the effects of this Vial. Of course satan is referred to as the prince of the power of the air plus we wrestled against host of wickedness in the heavenly places. This is the last few days of the Great Tribulation. **16:17...and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the Throne, saying, It is done.** This voice I believe is that of God our Father Who was in the Temple during this time. Thus, the declaration which follows gives The Divine perspective on the end results. This Voice is coming from the Inner Sanctuary, remember The Temple was filled with smoke and no man could enter? So what is done? Jesus cried it is finished from the Cross. The domination of sin, shame, and wickedness is done...the antichrist and the false prophet are done...satan’s total reign on earth is over (**However he will after 1000 years return not to rule the world but to to have one last ditch attempt to overturn God, this ends badly, very very quickly for him**). The Voice of the highest authority cried from the Cross and this time the Voice bellows from The Temple. The Lord Jesus’ Prayer is about to be answered “**Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven**”

Revelation 16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a greater earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

We see in **Rev 8:5** and **Rev11:19** earthquakes...This is the third time such has happened but this is far above any other. **16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings;** This marks the conclusion of the Seven Vials, which brings an ending to God’s Wrath. This could also be when the Lord returns ‘with all of us that remained Faithful to The Calling’ **Mat 24:27-30** wrote regarding this **For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shines even unto the west; so shall also the coming of The Son of Man be. For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.**

Immediately after the Tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of The Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see The Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with Power and great Glory. The antichrist shall look up just as he is about to take total control over Jerusalem and see The Son of Man appearing... One would imagine the fastest known sprinter on earth 'Usain Bolt' will look like a legless cripple compared to the pace the false prophet and the antichrist shall be moving at that given time. **16:18 and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.** This could be the shake that causes the Mount of Olives to split in half as His Feet touch the soil. Many a country within the Old Roman Empire shall really feel the effect of this shaking, it is going to be the greatest earthquake ever recorded on earth, it will be felt around the world.

Revelation 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His Wrath.

Jerusalem shall feel the brunt of this might and upheaval. **16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts** The earthquake divides the city into three parts from these three parts a tenth part shall be completely destroyed as recorded in **Rev 11:13. 16:19...and the cities of the nations fell** This has the potential to effect many cities in Europe. Iran, Turkey and China have massive fault lines running under them, in the past these countries have had hundreds of thousands die from quakes, 490,000 from Turkey and 200,000 from Iran and China just under 1.5 million. **16:19... and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His Wrath** It appears Babylon will receive the brunt of this destruction. Both **Ch 17 and 18 of Rev** shows just how sever it shall be. This is the very ending days of the Tribulation and at this time the two witnesses shall be lifted up. (see **Rev 11:8-13**)

Revelation 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

This is not like the earthquake from the sixth seal in which “**every mountain and island was moved out of its place**” from this one we see that every island flees away and the mountains are no longer found. **Ps 46** speaks of such an event, and covers this verse really well.

Revelation 16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

This is instant death, **16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent** each hailstone weighs just over 45kg. Buildings, cars, trees, people anything caught in this down pour will be destroyed quickly. God had **Ez 38:22** write **And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 16:21... and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.** Man shall even at this time rather curse God than seek His mercy. It is man that has truly abandoned the Lord not the Lord them, yes at this time God is pouring out the final portion of Wrath, but man asked for it in a total blasphemic state. (blasphemic is not actually a word I just made it up...but it sounds pretty awesome) We must not let such heavy truths weigh us down, we need to keep a level head understanding God is in control, we need to live and smile and laugh, we need to enjoy His Goodness and Love, and pray for those that will be left...The 144,000 along with all the others need our prays today...May God bless us and keep us all safe...amen and amen.

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In the last chapter of Daniel we read he is told to “shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase” Dan 12:4. This indicates that certain major prophecies that previously wouldn’t have made sense will be understandable as the end approaches. This is for us today, our times 2023.

The seventeenth chapter of Revelation is without doubt the hardest to understand. This Chapter is ‘a slight review concerning the current proceedings’...Explaining some of the past occurrences. The events spoken of in this Chapter start about midpoint of the Great Tribulation period, but in truth it goes right back to the dawn of time. If we interpret them correctly, we can see the powerful efforts of satan to proclaim a counterfeit way of salvation. This has been his goal from the start of time, nothing has changed! As this chapter opens we will see the root problems of the world. We will study the cunningness of satan to fool man drawing them into a false belief, also sadly, the infiltration of darkness into Christianity. Religion has been given many names but God calls it as it is “the great whore” It is in fact a state of spiritual adultery or spiritual fortification. When we read Revelation in truth we should be seeing things as God does. Many times the world will perceive a thing as beautiful when, in reality, God sees “the great whore”. At times the Church applauds its own efforts (the flesh) while God calls it “spiritual fornication, how horribly sad.

Revelation 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, come here; I will show unto thee the Judgment of the great whore that sits upon many waters:

The angel no longer carries a Vial as it is a past event: **17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me** Awesome, the angel just starts talking with John. As long as we continue in The Faith of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified we shall not fall. satan can do nothing regarding the Message, however if we start to preach a hairy fairy man pleasing gospel he can and will corrupt us. **17:1...saying unto me, come here; I will show unto thee the Judgment** The angel tells John to get closer. Judgment must come, sin shall be dealt with, there is no such thing as a small sin and there is no such thing as a sinless man but by the virtue of the Lord’s Sacrifice! All that are Covered by Christ Blood have been Judged regarding their sin and found not guilty, in fact found never to have sinned as The Holy Blood is Powerful! But those that deny The Christ shall be Judged not for their acts of sin but the denying of the Lords sufferings and death. **17:1...of the great whore** The word “whore” here is usually translated “harlot” Religion, which man has devised in order to somehow please the Lord is in fact “the great whore”. The Holy Spirit through Paul uses terms such as “adulterous,” relating to a Christian who tries to live other than that which has been prescribed by The Lord God through the Work of His Son on the Cross. **17:1...that sits upon many waters** The word “waters” means “people” think about the horror of these words the whore that sits upon many people! This suggests gross usage and abuse.

Revelation 17:2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

The entire earth has been controlled in some way by religion **17:2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication** This shows that this sin of religion effects not just the people but the kings of nations also. What is it that separates a God believing Christian from a religious person? In one word ‘relationship’ The Lord is a Loving, Breathing, Talking... son and daughter protecting Father, hence ‘a relationship based on and in Grace & Truth’. **17:2...and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.** The spirit of false religion is powerful, there is only one way Salvation can enter their hearts and that is by them being washed in the Blood of The Lamb by The Holy Spirit working through believers to deliver His Word, His Way.

1 Thess 1:5 For our Gospel came not unto you in Word only, but also in Power, and in The Holy Spirit, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. The angel said 'been made drunk' and 'her fornication', this is not the use of wine and literal immorality but rather they are metaphors showing the depth of sin here. Being made drunk by her wine of spiritual darkness, taking another god, throwing insults of denial related to the Work Jesus did at the Cross... Believing that self worked efforts combined with the Blood of Jesus earns salvation! This is the greatest insult one can throw at the Father Son and Holy Spirit!

Revelation 17:3 So He carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

The Lord gave John a vision 17:3 So He carried me away in the spirit John was not taken physically into the wilderness. In this vision, the Apostle will see the opposition of satan all the way from the beginning, even unto the end. If we correctly interpret chapter 17 of Revelation, then we will understand satan's greatest methods of operation against the plan of God. satan's method has always been to offer up his own brand of religion, which denies Jesus' Sacrifice, and in turn causes such blinded followers to turn against true followers of Christ. Cain and Abel a fine example of religion verses truth. 17:3... into the wilderness: The word "wilderness" means uncultivated, uninhabited, and inhospitable region. Mat 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. In the spirit John was shown satan's plan, a hostile barren land, religion may look good for a while but in the end, the cold and dead truth emerges, as it does in all sin leaders. 17:3...and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast This is of course the 'great whore' of verse one, organized religion. She symbolizes every false salvation counterfeit offered from the very beginning of time unto this hour. 17:3...a scarlet coloured beast The scarlet colour indicates blood and refers persecution. As said it started with Cain doing his own thing including the cold blooded killing of his brother. It is claimed 200 million plus people have been martyred for their Faith in Christ. The great whore will murder many Saints during the first half of the Great Tribulation but when the antichrist comes to power over the 10 kingdoms, the great whore will be destroyed. 17:3...a scarlet coloured beast The word 'beast' used here is NOT the antichrist, The Book of Daniel explains it being "nations such as Babylon the lion, Medo-Persian the bear, etc...If you study these empires of the past you will note religion is stamped throughout their existence. 17:3...full of names of blasphemy As we look into the OT it is obvious that the counties (names) surrounding Israel are in the most part controlled by demonic hosts, placing horrid religious systems into place (blasphemy). 17:3...having seven heads and ten horns. This is the scarlet beast the woman is sitting on. The seven heads represent seven empires which persecuted Israel, six as history clearly shows are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and from the seventh horn' in the future' the confederated ten nations which shall arise out of the Old Roman Empire territory.

Revelation 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

The cup may be gold but the hand that holds it is pure darkness 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour Many say she is the catholic church however she represents false religions...she has ridden this beast from the very beginning before the Catholic church came into being, false religion started with Cain. As the beast was coloured in scarlet so is the women and it pertains to persecution. 17:4... and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, This speaks of the false richness of religion such as islam and catholicism they are very wealthy in both money and untruths selling blazing lies. 17:4...having a golden cup in her hand The greed of man's eye falls upon the cup rather than the hand of darkness that holds it.

17:4...full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: The cup looks good on the outside but it is full of evil sufferings and death within. The word fornication used here is not a sexual act but the denial of the Work of Jesus at the Cross. It is a following of another religion another husband.

Is 54:5 tells us...**For your Maker is your husband.** She (**the great whore**) represents a false way of salvation but we must follow and glory in **Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.** We should only glory in Jesus' bravery & victory.

Revelation 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, mystery, babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.

The name is written on the forehead meaning there is no excuse for being deceived. **17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written** It would seem that the forehead is the place where the recognition of belief and faith are written. The 144,000 are sealed **in** their foreheads, believers have the seal **in** their foreheads and of course **the woman** has it **on** her forehead as those that follow the antichrist have the number of the beast **in** their foreheads also. **17:5...mystery,** The word **mystery** separates spiritual babylon from the literal babylon, religion always holds a level of mystic. There is no mystery in Christianity...God's intent is clear "**He gave His only Son and those that believe shall have everlasting life...**" clearly seen for all to receive. Yes there are events that had or are still being hidden from us related to the understanding of Bible prophecies, but Eternal Salvation is simple and clear. **17:5...babylon the great** This presents that which is great in the worlds eyes. Many false religions which are so wealthy and powerful put on a good show for the world to see. The word mystery differentiates between the religious babylon and the commercial babylon, the latter which is dealt with in the next chapter. **17:5...the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.** This speaks of the content of the cup. The mother of harlots can only produce such spiritual adulterers. This is the abomination of the whole earth and has been since Adam. False religions always produce works of the flesh which ends in death and hell fire. This to is also true of the church that leaves the Work of the Cross. satan is the master deceiver and will do all he can to move believers onto another jesus. We need to remember, everything we do must come from the foundation of the Work Jesus Christ did at the Cross. All doctrine and Christian beliefs come from that Holy Place. Any church that places anything above what Jesus did is babylonizing the truth...ouch. The book of Revelation comes to us due to the Work of Jesus at the cross.

Revelation 17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the Saints, and with the blood of the Martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Millions off Saints have been murdered by this evil whore's religions **17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the Saints,** From the very beginning of time the opposition for The Truth was in place. It started with Adam but it was from Cain where we see the first real replacement for the Blood Sacrifice. Cain did not deny a need for the Sacrifice he just changed the way it looked, a making of his own hands and this major sin ended in the murder of his brother! **17:6...and with the blood of the Martyrs of Jesus** This moves on into the future from Cain as Christ's followers are persecuted murdered & martyred. Rome after the death of Paul started a massive persecution of Christians. From then onto today it is believed over 200 million Christians have be murdered.

17:6...and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. God has opened up for John from the beginning of time the cause of all the opposition and persecutions, and he is amazed. From Cain on satan has taught deception, moving everyone away from the work of the Cross. Today we have the obvious scenarios, the unbelieving, Islam, Catholicism, and so on...but even in the Church the correct order has been upset or offset. Two things here **1/** The Government in the Church is the Government we should be praying about, how it is run! It is one of satans greatest weapons, if we have incorrect understanding of the leadership requirements and thus follow a worldly order then The Holy Spirit is limited as to how He would like to function.

2/ The modern Church is in most cases Cross illiterate. Due to this they have an incorrect scriptural directive leaving the Church Government with no true rank or Godly order which constitutes unbelief. The Work of Jesus at the Cross is never rejected by theological reasons but pride, and man's self-will. This is serious and many brothers and sisters in the Lord do such, trying to keep a commandment or by the work of their hands or placing an ordinance or symbolic act above the Lord's Finished Work, hence we have Jesus saying [Mat 25:28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents](#). They all received from The Lord but due to unbelief in the Power of that which was given them some will have what they have taken from them.

[Revelation 17:7 And the angel said unto me, wherefore do thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carried her, which has the seven heads and ten horns.](#)

John is about to have the mystery explained to him. [17:7 And the angel said unto me, wherefore do thou marvel?](#) This does not mean the angel was surprised John marvelled but rather the opposite. He knew John would marvel at the sight before his eyes and would need an explanation. John is seeing into the spirit world as few have ever seen, this is as how God views the activities of the armies of satan. [17:7... I will tell thee the mystery of the woman](#), Even though it was addressed first the explanation is given last in this chapter. The angel uses the word 'mystery' in connection with the woman. The Bible tells us the beast carries the woman, so she is separate from the beast itself. Actually the beast is political and the woman is religious. It is the religious part of her that ([the great whore](#)) makes up the mystery. All religion have elements of mysteries in them. The woman will be explained after the beast 'which carries her' is revealed. [17:7...and of the beast that carried her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns](#). This is to be further explained covering the seven heads referring to the seven empires which persecuted Israel. And the ten horns that symbolize the ten nations which are yet to come The beast must be thought of differently from the seven heads and ten horns. This will become more transparent as we go on. We are of the Body of Christ and therefore satan's kingdom has no power over us.

As long as we believe in His Blood, His Sacrifice, and His Resurrection Power.
Amen and Amen.



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Revelation 17:8 The beast that you saw was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in The Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

This 'beast' is not the antichrist but a satanic prince. **17:8 The beast** This beast is first spoken of in chapter three. He shares the same title as the antichrist being 'beast' which in the Greek is (theerion) meaning 'a wild beast, untamed to the obedience of Christ and God' This beast is in fact a powerful fallen angel, a satanic prince which has amazing war like abilities. John wrote in **Rev 13:2 and the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion...**The great Prophet Daniel also saw such a vision. **Dan 7** which goes on to further explain the lion representing the Babylon Empire, the bear representing the Medo-Persian Empire, and leopard being the Grecian Empire. This vision John saw being the Leopard with bear like feet, mouth as a Lion tells us this satanic prince was also involved in these past empires. This prince of darkness is second only to lucifer in power. **17:8...that thou saw was,** The word 'was' tells us this angel had been used in the past. Actually, his last involvement was the Grecian Empire under Alexander the Great, little did he know that he was being aided by the second most powerful angel in satans kingdom, as shall the antichrist in the times to come. **17:8...and is not;** This angel was put into custody so to speak after the Persian Empire fell, the words 'and is not' simply mean he was not active in John's day. He was in the pit. **17:8...and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit,** This day was in the future from John's writings howbeit he may be released even this very hour, God only knows. The role he will play is similar to that of the past, to aid the antichrist in amazing war like strategies. This means for a sort time God has released him from the 'bottomless pit', one could will imagine that he and satan along with all the other fallen powers believe he escaped by his and satans own power, might, and strategic planing, God is in control over all that happens in the heavens and on the earth...nothing happens without His permission. **17:8...and go into perdition** This just means after a short time of being fooled by his own stupidity he shall be consigned to the eternal lake of fire, satans future home. **17:8...and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in The Book of Life from the foundation of the world** The scripture makes it clear that there will be a lot of people on the earth at this time whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and they shall be amazed at the antichrists power and carefree actions. There will be three types of peoples on earth at this time. **1/ Unbelievers** who have taken the mark...billions still being fooled by satans lie, they shall not see or understand that the antichrist is being aided as Alexander the Great was by the powers of darkness. **2/ unbelievers** who do not have the mark, rejecting the antichrist demands and claims, these armies (**being more than one**) will oppose him at Armageddon, **3/ Believers** in Jesus Christ whose names are written in The Lamb's Book of Life and have the Seal of Christ in them, which I believe to be The Holy Spirit. **17:8... when they behold the beast** This is obvious...the world cannot see the spirit world, the unsaved hold this wicked man the antichrist in a state of high reverence due to the things which are done through him, things he foolishly believes are of his own doing. **17:8...that was,** This is a repeat of that which we have just said, this has happened and is going to happen again...This speaks of the time the satanic price aided Alexander about 2350 years ago **17:8...and is not,** This speaks of from the time the fallen angel was placed into the bottomless thousands of years ago, hence he is in 'contained isolation' **17:8...and yet is.** Means that he has been, or is going to be released to aid the antichrist, this is in our time frame 2023 on.

Revelation 17:9 And here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits.

True wisdom is believing that Jesus the Son of God paid the sin debt at the Cross for all mankind. **17:9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom.** Those that believe the Word of God! Not hard aye? This Book of Life explains clearly to the believer the things that were, are, and shall be. And only those that are alive in Christ will be able to understand this Book, hence those who have their names written in the Lambs Book of Life are the one's full of God's Wisdom, which is in fact The Holy Spirit. The Book of Revelation is the only Book on earth that gives true futuristic insights and the world just allows it to sit unopened, why? Unbelief! **17:9...The seven heads are seven mountains** These refers to the seven empires, six of which have been. Egypt attempted to destroy Israel, the Assyrian empire 3 hundred years later did succeed in destroying the Northern Kingdom of Israel, and they would have done the same to southern Kingdom of Judah but for an angel wiping out 185,000 soldiers (see **2 Kings 19:35**). Babylonian empire which took Judah captive ending Israel's independence. From that time on they became subject to the Medo-Persian, Greece and Roman Empires. **17:9... on which the woman sits.** She sits on the mountains being empires, she is different from them but closely connected. She dominated these empires with her wicked religious philosophical doctrines and theories just as islam, catholicism, hinduism etc. do today.

Revelation 17:10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

This is the seven heads **17:10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen** These are as said above, Egypt, Assyria, babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece. These nations were in their time the most powerful nations in the world and yet little Israel stands today and they have been reduced to tourist sights or have ceased even to exist. **17:10...and one is** This is in John's day. This was the Roman Empire which had power for 1000 years, it pulled down the Temple of God and abused His people and today Israel still stands and the power of Rome is just history, a memory. **17:10...and the other is not yet come;** This speaks of the seventh head, which is symbolised by the ten horns, It was not present in John's day nor has it been presented to us yet. This will come forth from the Old Roman Empire, we know this because God revealed it through **Dan Ch 7. 17:10... and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.** This will take place within at least part of the first half of the Great Tribulation. The time allotted will be shorter compared with the other six that preceded, and as compared with the one that follows being the eighth to which it will be merged. The antichrist shall stand against all religions at this time, claiming himself to be god. **Thess 2:4 who (The antichrist) opposes and exalts himself above all that is called god or that is worshipped (Christianity, buddhism, islamic and all other faiths will be trampled on by him), so that he sits as god in the temple of god (rebuilt by man, not even close to the Temple The Holy Spirit directed to be built in the OT), showing himself that he is god.**

Revelation 17:11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes into perdition.

The eighth head is the satanic prince which aids the antichrist. **17:11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth the beast that was, is not, and even is...**it is of course the satanic prince. The antichrist will gain his full-swinging power at about mid tribulation. **17:11...and is of the seven,** Again refers to the fallen angel, satan is a created being and cannot be in two places at once so is dependent on these untrustworthy angels. **17:11...and goeth into perdition.** This so called satanic prince is about to become a bubbling pad of angel dung in hell, never to return and harm the living again.

Revelation 17:12 And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

The confederation of the ten nations which are soon to be revealed **17:12 And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings**, These are kingdoms or nationalities, who at this very time are waiting on the fall of the sixth head then their allotted but short time shall come. The sixth horn was Rome which was actively ruling in John's day. **17:12...which have received no kingdom as yet**; As just stated it is to come...This time is close at hand, there is but one thing needed to do to allow it to gain power, the removal of the True Spirit filled Church. **2 Thess 2:6-8 And now you know what is holding him back,(the Living Church) so that he may be revealed at the proper time (he has not been revealed so Christians should stop guessing as to who this person is)**. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work(2023); but the one who now holds it back (**the Living Church**) will continue to do so (**power of prayer**)till he is taken out of the way (**speaks of the Rapture**). And then the lawless one (**antichrist**) will be revealed,(**Christians will never know who this person is... yet so many point their judgmental fingers at the pope and so on...**) whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the Breath of His Mouth and destroy by the Splendour of His Coming. Sorry folks but for us the antichrist will remain an unknown lost and hell bound soul as he cannot make his appearance until the Light of the world is removed, being the Church. How long after the Rapture is the revealing of the man of perdition the Bible does not say. **17:12...but receive power as kings one hour with the beast**. This tell us two things **1/** Ten nations shall come to power as one before the antichrist, making up the seventh head. The reason for this is they will stand against Israel being their answer for the Palestinian problem which plagues the Middle East. **2/** They will eventually join forces with the antichrist, realizing that to oppose him would be certain defeat. **Dan 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things**. This little horn is the antichrist. Daniel goes on to tell us from where the antichrist will come from **Dan 11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north (the antichrist) 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 pass over**. The country that is immediately north of Israel is Syria, think about this he could even be a Syrian Jew, one thing that is for sure Israel will more than trust him, they will worship him.

Revelation 17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

The ten nation confederation **17:13 These have one mind**, They will join forces with the antichrist but not before three of the horns are plucked up by the root. The antichrist shall wipe out three of these nations before the others crumble, those nations are Greece, Turkey, and Egypt **Dan 8:8-9** shows us this. **17:13...and shall give their power and strength unto the beast**. The anti-christ has arrived at his full power.

Revelation 17:14 These shall make war with The Lamb, and The Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and Faithful.

This war is against Israel **17:14 These shall make war with The Lamb**, Really this has been going on since the beginning of mankind. There shall be believers on earth in these end times hence John uses the words '**The Lamb**'...The antichrist hates anyone that has Faith in Christ, equally he hates Israel, but above all he hates the Cross, the Blood, the Atoning Work of Jesus Christ. Satan must rid the world of these annoying believers and then wipe out Israel before he can take his place on the world's throne, this of course will never happen. The world since Cain has been at war against the Blood of the Lamb, but during the 19 hundreds it has intensified, we have always had in days gone by those who were open about their antichrist stand but today we have millions within the church coming against the Blood of Christ, such as the word of faith movement etc...

The Rapture is near folks. **17:14... and The Lamb shall overcome them** This speaks of The Lamb's Victory at the battle of Armageddon but equally what He did at the Cross. Jesus paid for all past, present and future sin by suffering and offering of His Life at the Cross. Satan holds the world in bondage which he gained control of by deceiving Adam. The Work of Jesus at the Cross took from the evil one any hold he has on a believer, Satan has no unsettled claim against us as all has been taken care of by the Blood of The Lamb. **17:14...for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings:** Who is King and Lord? All praise be to our God for it is The Lamb of God who holds the title of King of kings and Lord of lords...**17:14...and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and Faithful.** I thank God I am with Him and I pray every reader of this paper is! If you are with Him you will not love your life even unto death! What that means is "it is no longer I that lives 'tonight' but Christ Who lives in me" this is a willing surrender, a giving over to Him of one's life! Three words called...chosen... faithful..**1/ Called:** The whole world is called **John 3:16** and the great commission is unchanged...go ye into ALL the world..He died for all peoples.**2/ Chosen:** All are chosen, freely the Gift of Life has been given (**Christ**) freely many shall receive Him and be called children of God (**by giving Christ their lives**) **3/ Faithful:** We are not called to be successful but to be Faithful! The word 'Faith' in the Christian Bible must never be separated from the Work Jesus did at the Cross. Our Faith must be in that Work, for it is there that Grace Works! That is why we see the Word **Lamb** used here, it was **The Lamb**, it is **The Lamb**, and always will be **The Lamb** from where victory comes. Even in the last chapter of Revelation, after Satan, death, and sin are no more **The Lamb** is!!! In Him we will for ever trust. Amen

Revelation 17:15 And he said unto me, The waters which you saw, where the whore sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

This explains **Rev 17:1** which said "come; I will show unto thee the Judgment of the great whore that sits upon many waters": **17:15 And he said unto me, The waters which you saw** This is speaking about **verse 1**, the word 'waters' is symbolic of 'many peoples from many nations'. Water when deep enough covers everything, the angel is telling John that religion is like that of deep waters it is covering not just the Old Roman Empire but the whole world, religion is a powerful enemy. **17:15...where the whore sits**, The word whore as explained refers to any type of religion. This includes man within the Church trying to do things his way, law keepers etc...The whore is not the Catholic Church, Jesus died for the pope and all his followers and we are commanded to bless, not curse. Where does the whore sit? Where did the whore show herself for the first time? The Catholic Church was born about 1,520 years ago with the first pope being inducted in the Seventh Century. It is part of the problem and it is indeed a false religion but this whore has worked her wickedness since around 3000 BC. The word **sits** proclaims her control, her wealth, her power. Other religions just to name a few are the Russian Orthodox Church, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Shintoism, Mormonism etc... as a matter of fact there is only One Way, One Truth, and One Life...all others amount to whores. **17:15...and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.** As said this is the whole world (**this is where she sits**) billions upon billions are in hell due to following her. She was born well before the Catholic Church, she first showed herself with Cain, changing the Sacrifice of Blood to some other thing, being the work of man's hands.

Revelation 17:16 And the ten horns which you saw upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17:16 And the ten horns which you saw upon the beast, This is the seventh head, horns symbolize power and authority, hence 'nations' **Dan 7:7, 24** tells us they are within the Old Roman Empire. **17:16 these shall hate the whore**, It seems quite possible that this is Islam as they dominate that area. Remember there is a 'little horn' which will overthrow three of the other horns, this is the Antichrist. Islam claims Ishmael is the rightful heir to Abraham and not Isaac and so the hate begun.

The 'little horn' will turn against the other horns and become the power over them all. The antichrist hates Israel but he also hates islam and that should be simple to believe as he the so called son of the devil and hate is all he has.

Revelation 17:17 For God has put in their hearts to fulfil His Will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the Words of God shall be fulfilled.

God will use satans agenda to bring about His Word, as He has since the beginning of time.

17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil His Will Man rules but God over rules, amen. The Lord has never, and will never violate the free moral agency of man's will, but He has and will continue to manipulate the circumstances that man walks in. **17:17...and give their kingdom unto the beast** This is the time the antichrist shall overpower the three horns Greece, Turkey, and Egypt and the remaining seven shall surrender to him for it is better to be a living coward than a dead one. **17:17...until the Words of God shall be fulfilled** Fulfilled simple means 'finished' **Zech 14:2-3** speaks of the armies gathering for the battle of Armageddon, the one thing these opposing armies have in common is they all hate Israel. **Eze Chapters 38 and 39** speak of this, and how the Lord shall in one swoop deal with them all.

Revelation 17:18 And the woman which you saw is that great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.

The great whore, mystery babylon the great. **17:18 And the woman which thou saw is that great city** Refers to the rebuilt babylon in **Rev Ch 18**. False religion started with Cain but organized religion began with Nimrod (see **Gen 11:5-9 Nimrod built the tower of babel, referred to as a pagan temple**). As it began so it shall end. **17:18...which reigns over the kings of the earth.** Refers to the power this religion will have over the earth until the ten nation confederation destroys it. satan hates everyone and every thing, which kinda fits his ending as I am sure he will hate more than ever his eternal home. Religion rules over the kings, who rule over their subjects and so on. True Christianity has only one ruler! Yes, we have Elders and the like but they are to rule as Christ directs, in His Love, if one does not abide by the governing body (**Church**) which is directed by the lord they are not to destroy such a person but gently bring correction. A Christian teacher will teach what The Holy Spirit has told them to preach but he should not lord it over the congregation (**not if he is a true believer of Christ**) We have a Godly order which must be followed, man has not set this in place but The Spirit. We have a horizontal submission, one that brings true changes with the soul of man. One that is set in place by the One True God Jesus Christ. To whom be all glory honour and praise. Amen.

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION
TO JOHN**

Revelation study text: **study scripture in red...Other scriptures used in blue...side comments in pink**

Revelation 18:1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was Lightened with His Glory.

Great things are about to happen **18:1** And after these things I saw another angel come down from **Heaven** This angel precedes Christ, and indicates the approach of another far greater than he. He is announcing the Second Coming of Christ Jesus. **18:1...having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.** No name is given to the mighty angel, possible Gabriel or Michael, the idea is that the light that comes forth from this angel lights up babylon showing the inhabitants the worthlessness of all they held onto, as this angels light is nothing compared to the Glory that is about to appear!

Revelation 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

An angel cries out due to the sin against his Lord and ours. **18:2** And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **babylon the great is fallen** The religious babylon shall fall, many claim the antichrist shall rebuilt the city which means it will be pulled down, not all Scriptural Prophecies of babylon have been fulfilled which leads one to this conclusion of the rebuild, others however claim they were fulfilled however not in a literal way. Today a replica of the famed ishtar gate, the main processional way, the ninmakh temple, the ishtar temple and others are all in various stages of completion. Also being completed is the 4000 seat greek theatre as well as other facilities, it seems babylon is being built. **(satan has always copied the Lord God Almighty and as He has Jerusalem, satan will have I believe his babylon)** **18:2...and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.** This is a mass infestation of darkness and evil, a power which has not been seen on earth, satan is setting up the religion of the beast, catholicism, islam, and any other religion in the Old Roman Empire area will be crushed by the beast.

Revelation 18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

All nations have drunk of the wine of evil but not all will remain under the antichrists rule. **18:3** For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, I am quite sure babylon will exist as a city in the end times, but 100% sure of what it symbolizes being all the false religions that have ever been in the world. The word fornication points towards any living soul that believes anything outside of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. A plan was made before the foundation of the world to rescue mankind and this plan has not changed...the Cross, the Blood, the Body of the Lord Jesus is the planned payment of the owed debt, to use any other way is an insult to The Heavenly Father. **18:3...and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her,** This speaks of the world leaders, all governments, and political systems over all the ages have moved against the Truth of Jesus Christ committing spiritual fornication. Today more than ever the Church is being challenged not to allow government control to rule over their lives. From all appearances the NZ government has done well in aiding people during the covid scare...but they have also feed and driven... fear! Working to develop total control over the communities. Do not be deceived the governments of the world serve satan who in turn is unwittingly doing God's Will! **(That does not mean individual members within world Governments cannot or are not being Saved)** **18:3... and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.**

Paul wrote the love of money is the root of all evil! Satan almost always covers his rubbish with gold or silver linings. Today we have the prosperity church, the word of faith church both push a type of money gospel and both are a massive part of the apostate church. Does God not bless a giver? Oh yes, absolutely! But His blessing will always cause one's tent to expand and I speak firstly of one's relationship with Jesus, growing Faith and Trust, however He is not confined to any stereo type of blessed blessedness.

Revelation 18:4 And I heard another Voice from heaven, saying, come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Translated the Voice is saying come out of the Babylon spirit... **18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven** This voice is from 'another' meaning it 'may not be' either an angel or the Lord. This voice could be a fellow servant of John. If so, one would think the point being made is "listen to the voices that the Spirit has chosen to speak through on earth", **1 Thess 5:19-21 Do not quench The Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything...** All prophecy must be heard and tested. I have given this matter some thought and am leaning towards the voice being that of a man due to what **Rev 19:10** is about to tell us (**But be it The Lord an angel or a man the outcome is the same!**). Back to the question why the voice of a man then? God is opening up the depth of Truth in this Book like never before! We live in times of great spiritual urgency and sadly times of even greater opposition to what Jesus did at the Cross by our peers. Many proclaim they understand The Truth but continue to teach lies, their church being full of people is more important than The Truth as this brings fame and money...how foolish. The Book of Revelation is about God and man...and as seen here He continues to bless man. On earth we have the appointed men and women of God to whom we need to hear howbeit always testing their words. **18:4...saying, come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.** This is a strong warning that the spirit of evil can and will fall upon believers if they do not harken unto God! Two points here, **1/** If the believer leaves the prescribed method of Salvation, being what Jesus did at the Cross then pending doom awaits **2/** Allowing the world to encompass them, politics, material values, seen success, wealth, foolish scriptural debates and arguments ending in sinful actions of shame etc... Sin has only One Overcoming Master, our God, Jesus died and rose from the grave taking control, the same Spirit that lifted up Christ is working within us to awaken our awareness, it takes The Blood of The Lamb and the in working Power of The Holy Spirit to make us more than overcomers... so we must remain in His Work and walk carefully in this world...the world of sin is so powerful it is impossible for us to win outside of His Grace.

Revelation 18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Any type of sins uncovered by the Blood brings the Judgment of death! **18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven** All sin is waved in the Face of God, He sees all things, He knows all things, nothing is hidden, yep every thing we have said, done, or thought, has gone before God. **18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.** This is every sin ever committed over all the ages of time, every sin that has not been covered by The Blood of The Lamb, nothing is forgotten, nothing will go unpunished. But for The Blood covered believer **Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.** Hallelujah, All praise to the Lord Jesus Christ. We place all honour onto Jesus for what He did at the Cross and The Father places honour onto us for honouring His Son's Sacrifice.

Revelation 18:6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

God alone hands out vengeance, He alone pays evil with the reward evil deserves. **18:6 Reward her even as she rewarded you**, The Saints have no part in the dishing out of this Judgment it is God and God alone. The only way to stop such Judgment is by placing one's Faith in Christ.

18:6...and double unto her double according to her works: This in truth brings the contest on earth to an end, all sin will be addressed, all evil under the guise of babylon will be judged. **18:6...in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.** The world order, sin and satan will get double. But believers will get what is called “possessing the double” **Isa 61:7 Instead of your shame (bankruptcy) you shall have double honour, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be theirs.** Jesus gives us this, satan will get the complete opposite as to all his followers. What Jesus did at the Cross is beyond our human minds to fathom.

Revelation 18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Religion always brings self glorification. **18:7 How much she hath glorified herself,** Religion has been put into place by man with one goal in mind, to demand God’s attention by works! **Eph 2:8-9 For by Grace are ye saved through Faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the Gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast** The Work of Jesus at the Cross takes away any boasting from man. Equally this is why Jesus said **Lk 9:23 And He said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.** **18:7...and lived deliciously,** Money, is the greatest issue with the world, greed. God does bless man and abundantly so, but Jesus made is very clear where our treasure should be! **Mat 6:19-20 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 18:7...so much torment and sorrow give her:** We reap what we sow, and the babylon spirit has been building Judgment up from the beginning of the fall of man. Torment and sorrow comes quickly against the unrepentant sinner. **18:7...for she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.** blind pride, self righteousness, she calls herself a queen, God calls her the great whore, she claims to be married without sorrow, God says she shall see great sorrow, dethroned and widowed by death’s arrival.

Revelation 18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is The Lord God who Judges her. In one day, alas in one hour, she shall be destroyed, many claim by a nuclear war but I believe the Lord is saying that is wrong (**more on that later**). **18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine** This points to the great earthquake in **Rev 16:18** The Lord controls the elements and the outcome is the fulfilment of His Word. In one day we are told “**her plagues come**’ ...all the sickness, calamity, death and horror she has out-poured will consume her. **18:8... and she shall be utterly burned with fire** This city has become one of the most marvellous and beautiful cities in the world...built over an area which contains 60% of the world’s oil supply. This shall cause massive explosions and one mighty and unstoppable fire. **18:8... for strong is the Lord God who Judges her.** God’s Word is final, Judgment has come and it has been dealt out in just one day. The shortness of time necessary for God’s final punishment stands in plain contrast to the boast of this ‘great city’. This suggests that ‘**the great whores**’ boasting was totally unsupported. Just on the note of a nuclear war if such was to happen then all the armies needed to fulfil God’s Word along with Jerusalem would be wiped out, this plainly goes against God’s word. If one country used the bomb then others would follow before it detonated. See <https://nuclearsecrecy.com/nukemap/>

Revelation 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Much of the world has brought into the lie of babylon and shall lament her ending. **18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication** these are the ones that have gone after her with lustful eyes, turning totally away from The Son of God’s marvellous Works.

Rev 18:9... and lived deliciously with her, As we saw in our study last week the antichrist had sent out deceiving spirits who lured these kings into this position by the promises of great wealth, power, and rule, **Mat 4:8-10 Again, the devil takes Him (Jesus) up into an exceeding high mountain, and shows Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And says unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me.** satan has done to these kings exactly what he tried to do to Jesus but they failed big time, greed along with every evil desire however grips these kings. **18:9...shall bewail her, and lament for her,** Babylon symbolizes the entirety of the kingdom of darkness, they cry loudly with wailing and deep sorrow. Babylon in just one day has lost 6000 years of religious growth. Burning to the ground, going up in smoke never to rise again, the power, prestige, money and rule...gone.

Revelation 18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, alas, alas that great city babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy Judgment come.

No longer great! **18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment,** One would imagine all this shall be caught on TV, the worlds press will indeed be there as Armageddon is also ragging in the vicinity of Jerusalem. This is but days before the greatest destructive event ever to take place on earth happens. Jesus Christ with all His Saints shall return. With the destruction of babylon all shall know and understand the tormentor has become the tormented. **18:10...Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, alas, alas that great city babylon** All the kings and their followers see the end, foolishly they weep as all they believed is falling short and failing to reach its goals and riches. This is more than just the wiping out of a city... this is the end of the kingdom of darkness. satan looks up to see an angel with chains in his hand...this is all happening at the same time **Rev 20:1-3 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 18:10...that mighty city! for in one hour is thy Judgment come.** One hour! And we thought it was powerful what God did in the world with covid, all..all... the issues that plagued the earth in one hour are wiped out. We have had all the Judgments, the Seal, Trumpet, and Vial Judgments and Hallelujah this is the last **'The Judgment of God'**. satan shall return but for a short time, and some that are on earth after the thousand years of peace shall be deceived by him...then comes the lake of fire. Not one believer that goes from this life to the Lord's Side as a Saint shall be tempted, in fact you will be glorified. Amen.

Revelation 18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buys their merchandise any more:

They that sold their souls for a short time gain shall weep, how greed holds fast. **18:11** And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; This clearly shows the condition of the unredeemed heart. They made their wealth without the slightest concern for others will-being, and still hold no concern, but for themselves. **8:11...for no man buys their merchandise any more:** Their sorrow is because no man buys!!! This is the power of greed, it held and holds these people in a love affair with money and power, how foolish.

Revelation 18:12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

The 'Great whore' wore the same clothing as above she was "arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls" remember the cup she held, all saw the gold etc. but not the dark, wicked deathly hand that held the cup. The power of religion has taken its toll over all of the earth, man had become just as she was...clothed in falsehood and lies, the Cross of Christ rejected for the foolish gain of stupidity. This does not mean the world has become 'one', but religion of 'all types' had spread over the face of the earth. The word religion means an organized system of beliefs, ceremonies, and rules used to worship a god or a group of gods. It can also be an interest, a belief, or an activity that is very important to a person or group which becomes just about an unbreakable habit, sports can fit into this bracket if the viewer is not wise.

Revelation 18:13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

The world shall carry on, as a matter of fact outside of the Old Roman Empire things are still carrying on, howbeit in a state of fear, many of the above things are needed and aid in man's survival. But of course things will be done differently under the care of the Lord. No longer will man be a slave to another man's desire or greed, drugs, alcohol, gambling, porn and such things will no longer be. At the time of John writing this approximately one-third to one-half of the Roman Empire's population consisted of slaves who were traded, sold or killed at the slightest whim. Man sold his soul for little gain!

Revelation 18:14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

That which man sold his soul for has gone! Been taken away! **18:14** And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee Jesus said (paraphrased) in Lk 12:16-18 you cannot store up all your fruits and sit back believing all is well with your soul, thou fool this night your soul shall be required of you. All they placed their faith in is gone and sure Judgment awaits. **18:14...and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.** In effect all that the world has offered from the start of time was temporal. **Mat 16:26** Jesus said "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world but lose his soul"?

Revelation 18:15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

The world is still functioning howbeit also waiting the outcome of the Lords Righteous Judgment.

18:15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment The world has seen the end of what it thought was an ageless power, and it is about to see something even greater begin. **18:15...weeping and wailing** Sin always delivers such, tears and brokenness. All that satan gives fails to bring lasting joy but Faith in Christ brings Eternal Peace, Joy and Love. The world shall weep and wail and no one will be able to hide.

Revelation 18:16 And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

This is the view point of the unredeemed. **18:16 And saying, Alas, alas that great city** The Lord obviously does not agree with the term ‘great.’ The world in past, present and future times did, does and shall hold up high the values governed by greed and self driven prosperity! **18:16...that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!** The false and temporary richness of the world.

Revelation 18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every ship-master, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

All they can do is watch, no one on their knees praying, no one repenting, no one has the Fear of The Lord, this is unbelievably sad, how far man has fallen. **18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought.** For us today this should serve as a warning, do not put your trust in things that will decay and rust. Death comes to all, no one, and nothing in or on creation escapes its grip. A wealthy man had just past away, they asked the grieving son “how much did he leave” his answer...“He has left it all.” Our trust must be in Jesus Christ not false wealth and fame. Amen. **18:17...And every ship-master, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,** These people could be struck down at any moment, hell directed, but whilst they are still alive their concern is towards their god...money! This is speaking of people from all walks of life, all levels of wealth, all religions and beliefs. They stood afar unable to grab the realisation that God’s Mercy is still being offered, and yet they weep for her without a thought of The Lord, how greed can sink so deeply into a man’s heart is truly astounding. Let the reader understand this...Our hearts are no better than the above mentioned, the only thing that separates us is the Grace of Jesus Christ...we should be far from boasting...

Revelation 18:18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, what city is like unto this great city!

Tears for the loss of their money but not one tear for the loss of their souls. **18:18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning** For seven years tribulation has ravished the lands, they have seen the Seal, Trumpet, and Vial Judgments of God, along with all the mighty signs in the heavens, plus the two witnesses have prophesied words that had been fulfilled in front of them. **18:18...What city is like unto this great city!** They cry! They lament the destruction of sin’s city! How foolish the city at this time is ablaze and filled with death..yet they lament not for the dying!...But rather because of their income loss...I cannot understand such greed for money and hate towards Jesus.

Revelation 18:19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

Again the weeping and wailing not for their condition but the loss of wealth! **18:19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, alas, alas that great city,** Two things that have no bounds, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the universe. The Bible uses the casting of dust over one’s self as a showing of one being broken, of very low spirit **Job 2:8.** Wailing and weeping are words the Lord used in conjunction with being separated from The Master. So two meanings here **1/**The term here is of the flesh expressing its displeasure, pain and sorrow **2/** The Lords uses the words to express the spirit of man’s eternal agony.

18:19...wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. Trading their Salvation and Eternal Joy for a short term gain. Genius has its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped. [Mat 16:26](#) For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Revelation 18:20 Rejoice over her, you heaven, and ye Holy Apostles and Prophets; for God has avenged you on her.

The Lord calls for rejoicing **18:20 Rejoice over her, you heaven, and ye Holy Apostles and Prophets** Folks...this is prayer being answered! And praise for the Living God must follow, our rejoicing is in the Lord and all that He has done. Evil has at last been put to the Sword of God. Righteousness shall reign in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. All the Saints from the beginning of time until this time shall rejoice greatly hence the titles Apostles (NT) and Prophets (OT). **18:20...for God has avenged you on her.** How great is God's Grace? He paid the price, He suffered and gave His life, we just received freely! You are His child and today/tonight He is watching over you (**even in times when you determine not to think so**) He has not forgotten one word spoken against you, the smallest act of hostility against you, nothing escapes His watchful Eyes, He will avenge you and uphold your person as His Love for you is deeper and higher and wider than the world it self..

Revelation 18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, thus with violence shall that great city babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

Violence shall bring the end of the city...so sever it shall never be seen again! **18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea** All the opposition to the cause of Christ, all the persecution of God's children, all the hindrances and hurts levelled out towards those of the Faith are about to be answered. [Math 18:6-7](#) But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! This People that continue to act as such shall be cast into the sea/lake of fire. **18:21...saying, thus with violence shall that great city babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.** The era of evil shall end in violence. The second coming of The Lord is one to be feared, for He shall fight against those nations, no Lamb, no Sacrifice, no Mercy...The Mighty Warrior, the Lord of lords and King of kings is His Name, for it is He that shall fight. [Eze 38:22](#) And I (Jesus) will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him (antichrist and followers), an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. The antichrist and his followers are going to be defeated, they are going to die, but death will reveal the greatest horror of horrors, through their greed and stupidity they have been serving an evil demon who has by his wicked and deceitful actions cast them all into the pit of hell.

Revelation 18:22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; Music be it rock, pop, country, hip hop, metal etc. has just ended, folks the music the world makes is evil, stop turning it on! It is one of the main contributors driving people into hell! **18:22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee** Entertainment has just stopped abruptly. The first mention of music in the Bible is found in [Gen 4:21](#). satan was called lucifer which means 'son of the morning' The word music is not used but the Lord said to [Job 38:7](#) "the morning stars sung together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy" It is believed satan led this heavenly choir. Speaking of the devil [Ezek 28:13](#) used the words 'tabrets' meaning a musical instrument and 'pipes' referring to his singing ability.

Rev 18:22 and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; The world order which has just been set aflame was run by the greed of money and power, which was made by exploiting their crafts. Communism, democracy, or any other ideology including globalization cannot work, the heart of man is evil and greed shall rule so the poor will always be poor. 18:22 and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; babylon shall become wealthy, incredibly powerful and much to be desired by all the world. The millstone characterizes its ill gotten gains. It will push via the underground drugs, porn, child slavery, it shall make Vegas look small with its drinking and gambling. It has put a millstone around the necks of Billions of souls.

Revelation 18:23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

The false light of evil has been put out. 18:23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; The city has been destroyed but there is a greater meaning to these words, satan has from the beginning misguided many with a false light, presenting some truths but denying the principle Truth being the Work of Jesus Christ at the Cross, deceptions dull light is being put out! 18:23... and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: No longer will man corrupt this holy institution, no longer from thee... babylon, will words of Truth be defiled.

18:23...for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; The word 'for' takes us to the three reasons inviting this Judgment. 1/ "great men" in the Greek is *meg-is-tanes*, which means "the chief, noble, the king of society." These are the men/women who are worshipped, honoured, such as rock and sport stars, wealthy businessmen/women etc.. They have power in society; they control the destinies of men, and live in super luxury which everyone is supposed to want, it is in this place that people think one receives true happiness, this false light and belief is a perversion and a prostitution of Divine Values and Priorities, a work of the great whore, a religion of deceit. 18:23...for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. 2/ In the Greek "sorceries" in the Greek is 'phar-ma-keia' meaning 'medication, potion, and witch craft' As stated before babylon holds a great portion of the worlds oil but also is very active in the drug business along with every other transgression committable. The babylonian system will use whatever method it can to poison the minds of man kind deceiving them with illusions and seductive spirits, this place is the worst ever...

Revelation 18:24... And in her was found the blood of Prophets, and of Saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. The first reason was a perversion of values, the second reason drugs, witch craft, demonic activity etc., and this being the third reason is the murdering and persecution of the Saints of God, this has happened since Cain and will continue until the end of time. The babylonian system is simply a trumped-up religion, we can easily understand false religions from catholicism, islam right onto communism...but what about a believer trying to live for God by another means than The Cross, I speak of works, command keeping, the flesh loves to have a part in the outcome so it may glory! What of them? What does this have to do with the blood of the Saints, all though this verse does not directly address this subject I feel it is worth a mention...I personally know people that used to walk in the Light but have traded the Truth for a lie...hence the great whore has murdered them, they have pushed away the Life giving Blood as they do not understand the Work of Jesus at the Cross. May we walk in a state of thanksgiving, remembering it is by Grace we live. Amen.

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Revelation 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and Glory, and Honour, and Power, unto The Lord our God:

This brings about the second coming of the Lord...“**Alleluia**” the end of all sin for a thousand years “**Alleluia**” **19:1** And after these things... These things...being all that has happened during the Great Tribulation coming to an abrupt end. **19:1** And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, This coming statement should bring both joy and sorrow just as it did for John when he ‘ate’ (Read) the little Book...What they are shouting with joy is the complete opposite of what is being screamed with terror on earth. This is what all the prayers of the Saints have been gearing to...The Lord Jesus Christ rightfully ruling over all the earth, **Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven**...note this is the sound of people, I believe that to mean all of mankind that have been lifted up into heaven due to their Faith In Jesus Christ! **19:1...saying, Alleluia**; This word is used four times in **Rev 19:1-6**... it is not found any where else in the New Testament. **19:1...Salvation**, The antichrist has been claiming he is the true salvation but on this day and at this hour all will know that ‘**Salvation belongs to our God, Who sits upon the Throne**’. We use the word ‘**Salvation**’ so flippantly that the great cost it comes with is lost, it is best summed up by Paul in **1 Cor 1:17** as “**Jesus Christ and Him Crucified**” Salvation comes from the greatest of sufferings and death. **19:1...and Glory**, The short term glory the antichrist **tried to hold** has been taken away. Glory in the Greek is ‘**doxa**’ referring to **beauty, grandeur, dignity, and royalty**...none of which this wickedly evil, low life, satan worshipping loser had or is...this belongs to the One and only; Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings. Many believers try to hold onto something that will fade away, a false glory, self- appreciation? It is not worth it? Pride, self-worth, mind dilutions self-righteousness...are all places of false glories...I pray The Holy Spirit will give me the faith and strength to rather have Jesus than all the silver and gold in the world! **19:1...and Honour** In short, this will be offered to the Lord of lords as He alone is worthy, the antichrist demanded it using fear as a means. Jesus is so Holy, so Perfectly Righteous, just His mere appearance demands knees to bow and tongues to confess...**9:1...and Power**, This is exciting, never before have we seen such Power unleashed, this is going to cause all on the earth to shake and all in heaven to rejoice greatly. **19:1...unto The Lord our God**: The song of Heaven, true feelings being released in praise “**be to our God forever and ever amen**” the redemption of the world awaits the Lord... Alleluia.

Revelation 19:2 For True and Righteous are His Judgments: for He has Judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and has avenged the blood of His servants at her hand.

God Judges with absolute Righteousness. **19:2** For True and Righteous are His Judgments: Man shall be unable to fault His Judgment. In truth (**speaking just for myself**) His Judgment of me being not guilty, but rather innocent, as if I have never sinned is a bit overwhelming, what a wonderful Lord and God we serve. **19:2...for He has Judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication** All false religions, false ways of being saved, all the works of man shall come under this Judgment. The great whore which operated even back in cain's day has paid the price for her abhorrent act of spiritual fornication, anything outside the Work Jesus did at the Cross is sinful corruption. **19:2...and has avenged the blood of His servants at her hand**. Abel was the first to be killed by false religion and from that time on, millions of others have paid the ultimate price for their Faith in Christ and His work. An important reminder. Jesus Himself spelt His Blood due to these lies! The Holy and Almighty Father is going to avenge such evil!

Revelation 19:3 And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

The second time Alleluia is used **19:3 And again they said, Alleluia** It was used first because babylon was Judged, and this one is cried out as the Judgment of babylon is irrevocable and eternal, again this is a cry of joy from the people of heaven. **19:3...And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.** This is due to the work of Jesus at the Cross, sin is done for. More than 260 times babylon is mentioned in Scripture, It was the city of nimrod the grandson of Ham, he built babel, and from that time on it has been a symbol of rebellion against God. babylon is the root word for all evil, man's wickedness, all types of iniquity, war, pain, and sufferings, death both natural and spiritual have their beginnings in this dark place. Horrid babylon views gold and silver in the same way it views man's soul, no more than just useful merchandise (see [Rev18:12-13](#)) Even with the aid of science, instead of learning to appreciate man's soul he has become even more evil and reckless, gambling, alcohol, drugs, sexual acceptances, murdering in the name of war for money, oil, land, then we have abortions, not too mention the exploitation of workers world wide, and the cheapest of labour in third world counties where they should not be called workers but slaves, big businesses that rip off buyers at will, companies that continue to destroy without concern the world and those in it, ragged relationships within families...The worth and dignity of man is only found in the Holy Bible, so great is it that God's Son willingly laid down His Life so we may live! we should all offer praise to Him.

Revelation 19:4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that Sat on The Throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

They all fell down to worship together **19:4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on The Throne**, The 24 Elders represent all the redeemed for all ages of both the OT and NT saints. Despite all of satans foolish work heaven is full of Saints. The four beasts or better translated the Living Ones represent God's Creation which means it is about to serve in the manner it was made for. **19:4...saying, Amen; Alleluia.** Both the Elders and Living Ones for the first time join in harmony. The Elders represent The Saved so can say **Alleluia**, this word was not completed for the Living Ones as earth was still in torment but at this time...Hallelujah... they all come together. The third time **Alleluia** is used.

Revelation 19:5 And a voice came out of The Throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great.

An unidentified voice tells all to worship the Lord **19:5 And a voice came out of the Throne** The most powerful place on earth and in heaven, in fact as far as I know the most powerful place anywhere! What is decided on there 'IS'. **19:5...saying, Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great.** IS...It is time for all to sing praises in one voice.

Revelation 19:6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for The Lord God Omnipotent Reigns.

This is loud **19:6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude**, This is in answer to the voice from The Throne! This is the voices of every believer from the beginning to the end time. **19:6...and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for The Lord God Omnipotent Reigns.** The words '**waters and thunderings**' declares the volume of the praises of deep joy and heartfelt thanks unto our God. Anyone who claims to be truly born again on earth and can only muster a prayer at dinner time under their breath of thanks in my opinion needs to wake up, shape up, and put on their Holy Spirit make up.

Revelation 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for The Marriage of The Lamb is come, and His wife has made herself ready.

This is awesome, the bride and Groom: Note Jesus even at this point in time is called **The Lamb...** which speaks of the Sacrifice on the Cross **19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice...** Great and mighty things are about to take place, in my opinion greater than the overthrowing of the antichrist. The One who Saved us is about to carry on doing what He has always done..blessing us in ways unimaginable. **19:7...and give Honour to Him:** When this day arrives all we will be able to do is Honour His Holiness, what He did for us at the Cross **will forever be remembered**, it is the reason we are in heaven and not hell. **19:7...for The Marriage of The Lamb is come, and His wife has made herself ready.** This is happening just before the second coming of The Lord. This tells us all the Saints regarding the first Resurrection have come in to the blessedness of the Lord. Saints from both the Old and New Testaments...those that looked towards the Cross and those that looked back into it. Some claim that the wife is the NT saints only but the Lord is called "**The Lamb**" which comes from the OT and is a Jewish term. **19:7...herself ready.** A believer can only be made ready by their Faith in what Jesus Christ did at the Cross, the Blood, it is the only way. There is no such thing as partial Justification, being Saved by works or rituals etc...Rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ will differ related to how one has given themselves over to the Lord in Faith but at no time is one going to be seen or judged as better or purer than others as we are all under the Blood and Saving Grace of God. Whilst on earth I can not become more Saved! But I can become more Holy by The Power of The Holy Spirit! For only He can search, Judge, and Cleanse our hearts...we decide as to how much access He will have into our lives! How much we will give ourselves over to Him.

Revelation 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the Righteousness of Saints.

Get excited, this is us the Saints of God...**19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white** Clothed in glory, in His blessed light unlike the great whore. The attire of religion is spiritual nudity where as Righteousness and Salvation are spoken of as being a garment. What will we be clothed in then? Linen, yes...but more, Adam was clothed as God, in His image made He man **Ps 104 says He covers Himself with Light as a garment!** Then King David wrote **Ps 17:15 As for me, I will behold Your Face in Righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake with Your Likeness.** Then Daniel wrote **12:3 and they that be wise shall shine** as the brightness of the firmament...as the stars for ever and ever And Jesus Himself said **Mat 13:43 Then shall the Righteousness shine forth as the sun** in the Kingdom of their Father. And again **Mat 17:2 And Jesus was transfigured before them, and His Face did Shine as the sun,** and His raiment was white as light And John penned **1 Jn 3:2 But we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is...**The garment we shall be clothed in is His Glorious Light.

19:8...clean and white: for the fine linen is the Righteousness of Saints. The second part of this verse tells us what we have just said is right! Linen is the Righteousness of the Saints! Meaning the words "fine linen" is symbolic of Righteousness which we receive through what Jesus did at the Cross (**It ALWAYS comes back to the Cross**). Remember the man that came to the wedding banquet without the right garment which is in fact the Righteousness of the Saints? He was cast into outer darkness where darkness lives and belongs! There was NO light in or around him. Beyond the physical element, light in the Bible stands for the spiritual illumination of Truth. It encompasses all that is Pure, Good, and Holy, as opposed to the darkness of evil. God's Word in **Ps 119:105 "a Lamp for my feet (how to walk with Jesus)and a Light for my path (how to stay in Him)"** At this very moment every believer that walks in The Spirit is having the Light of Christ shone into and onto their hearts and spirits, each moment we become as the Light, each moment we become like Him...each moment our spirits are clothed in a Light so bright it would outshine the sun (**One can only walk in The Spirit if they remain in the Work of Jesus at the Cross**).

Revelation 19:9 And he said unto me, write, blessed are they which are called unto The Marriage Supper of The Lamb. And he said unto me, These are The True Sayings of God.

Truth should be written about and shouted from the highest mountains 19:9 And he said unto me, write, blessed are they which are called unto The Marriage Supper of The Lamb “He” is a man speaking, not an angel. Every born again believer shall be called into this Supper, this is a “never before seen or felt, awesome event”. The word “called” in the Greek is ‘kek-le-me-noi’ meaning ‘called to Salvation’, this is for every believer that has lived, all the Saved are called, some teach three types of people being called, the redeemed of the Bride, the guests, and the servants...this is incorrect...people...Jesus is Faithful...all are called to be the bride. Rev 19:9...And he said unto me, These are The True Sayings of God. You can take this to the bank, everything God does, thinks, and states...is complete and absolutely unfailing Truth... always.

Revelation 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, see you do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of your brethren that have The Testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is The Spirit of Prophecy.

The appearance of this man had John thinking it was Jesus speaking to him! As he was Dressed in light! 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, see you do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of your brethren This should have just made it clear to every one that this is a man speaking to John, why it was not seen by bible scholars of the past just proves that The Holy Spirit can hide anything from anyone at anytime for the good of all. All commentaries I have read on this call this man an angel. An angel is indeed a fellow servant but an angel cannot be ‘brethren’ this word simply means a fellow Christian or a member of a male religious order. In The Gospels we see God using Moses and Elijah (men) to appear before the Lord Jesus, Peter, James and John. 19:10...that have The Testimony of Jesus: This speaks of the ministry of the Blessed Holy Spirit, The Testimony of Jesus is His awesome Atoning Work at the Cross, amen! Jesus simply means Saviour...and that is His and our Testimony, this man and all others died with their Faith being in Jesus Christ and Him Crucified! 19:10...worship God: We are not to worship anything or anyone else but God. So the worship of the virgin Mary is cast out, so is the worship of angels or that little wooden fat man etc...The idea is our very being, all our thoughts, actions, and words should be directed by The Holy Spirit...He is not a mixture of different God’s nor does He answer to a thousand different names which has brought disorder and confusion to the world. Be Holy as I Am Holy says the Lord. Living **In Christ** covered by **His Blood** is the only way to have The Holy Spirit bringing one to this place of true worship and praise. It is impossible for a believer to worship the Lord unless they understand the Work Jesus did at the Cross. The Cross is not a doctrine but rather the place from where all doctrines come from! Jesus died at the Cross but something else also happened, He did not JUST die...He over came the evil one and paid the sin debt owed by man to God The Father by His sinless offering, this in turn allows The Holy Spirit to live in us as the blood of bulls, goats and sheep could not take away the sin debt. Everything we receive folks and this is so important...everything we receive from God comes exclusively through the Cross, not the wooden poles but what Jesus did there, Justification plus the ongoing Sanctification comes from this on going Work. 19:10...for The Testimony of Jesus is The Spirit of Prophecy. This is what we have just been reading and speaking about the Cross...Jesus is the main theme throughout the Word, from Abel on we see sacrifices upon sacrifices being made for sin, every time we see the words “The Faith” it refers to the Work of the Cross, in fact Paul uses such terms no less the 170 times in his 14 letters (Epistles). We must continue to preach above all things the Work Jesus did at the Cross, whilst remaining totally under the direction, correction, and Love of the Mighty Holy Spirit, being washed continually in the Blood of The Lamb. The Lord is allowing us to understand His Word and the reason for this is we are dying to self desiring Him to take control in and over all we do! All glory, praise, and honour, to our Lord, God and Saviour. Amen.

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Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from Heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

This chain is real but not made from iron or steel but a substance we do not know of **20:1 And I saw an angel come down from Heaven** Angels have been and shall continue to be part of God's overall plan, howbeit there has only been four named in scripture Gabriel, Michael, satan and apollyon, however after the Work of the Cross all we receive comes from the Blessed Holy Spirit, but once the Church is lifted up they are back into their Work big time. **20:1...having the key of the bottomless pit** This is the same place earlier recorded in **Rev 9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.** This key was given to satan to open the pit, then at some time taken from him, this time it will be opened and he shall be thrown into it for a thousand years. The unnamed angel that holds this key for the Lord Almighty is very powerful indeed...he is one of ours Hallelujah. **20:1...and a great chain in his hand.** Angels are spirits and therefore cannot be held by anything man can develop but God is not a man...He has chains that no spirit can get out of, in fact spirits/fallen angels were Judged before man was created. We see in **Rev 9:14** four angels that have been **bound** being released for a short term.

Revelation 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and satan, and bound him a thousand years,

My flesh thinks "I hope this angel is not gentle on satan, I hope he really lays his hands on the old serpent" but this angel will only do that which he has been told to do! **20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and satan** It was the Archangel Michael who cast satan to the earth, so it could be possible that the unnamed angel is Michael. Names have meanings **1/** dragon: shows power, **2/** serpent: means cunning **3/** devil: man's accuser **4/** satan: adversary. **20:2...and bound him a thousand years,** This angels mission is to bind with chains the devil and incarcerate him, satan shall not deceive man for that term of time.

Revelation 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Time always runs out, and so shall the 1000 years. **20:3...And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him** This seal is thought by some commentaries to be over his mouth and by others to be upon the prison door either way the seal prevents him from causing any more issues for the term of his imprisonment. The devil had a seal placed on Jesus' tomb which was burst open by Holy Power, the same shall not happen with satans seal, he shall be shut up and silenced. **20:3...that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.** satan shall temp the nations once again, he shall try to rule the earth, we are told this will be only for a short time, and how long is a short time...only God can answer

Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and Judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Rev 4:4 Tells us the thrones and the Judgment pertains to the 24 Elders. **20:4...And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and Judgment was given unto them** As stated these are the 24 Elders who represent the entirety of the Plan of God, which includes all the redeemed from all times and ages.

There is a strong possibility that 12 come from the OT and 12 from the NT. Their job is to pass onto those that have come from the Great Tribulation the same blessings the Church received. **20:4...and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands** This is clearly speaking about believers during the Great Tribulation and not those that died before this time of evil started. These are those that repented of their sins during the Tribulation period fullstop. That means they received Jesus as their Saviour and believed on the Work of the Cross. They loved not their lives even unto death, they worshipped Jesus, and Jesus only. **20:4...and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.** Here is the reward, they share with the Saints of pre-tribulation the full blessings...reigning and being with the Lord of all Glory for 1000 years.

Revelation 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first Resurrection.

These are the one's that rejected the Work of Jesus, the unsaved. **20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.** This of course goes back to the beginning of time. At the end of the thousand years they shall stand before the Great White Judgment Seat which is called by John as **the resurrection of the damned** see **Jn 5:28-29**. **20:5...this is the first resurrection.** There are two Resurrections the Resurrection of the just and the resurrection of the damned, these will be separated by a time gap of no less than a 1000 years. The Resurrection that we shall be involved in is also called the Resurrection of life, the Resurrection of the just and of everlasting life.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and Holy is he that has part in the first Resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be Priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

This is great news...for ever to be with The Lord. **20:6 Blessed and Holy is he that has part in the first resurrection** This speaks as said above of all peoples from the beginning of time up to those that did not get the mark. Obviously this is saying we were Saved by our Lords Work, and that we have much to be thankful for! We have been Blessed by The Lord God Almighty and Christ The Son, and as no man can make himself Holy this must also be seen as His Handy Work, hallelujah, of The Blessed Holy Spirit. We are made Holy by the on going Sanctification Work of The Holy Spirit, by Faith we are called Holy and that is our heavenly position. But The Mighty Spirit through The Blood of Christ Jesus Works on our 'condition' pulling it ever nearer to our heavenly position, so our condition will one day line up with our heavenly position. **20:6...on such the second death has no power**, The second death is being cast into the Lake of Fire. Why is it called the second death? When Adam and Eve sinned they died to God and man has been since that time 'the walking dead' Jesus said in **Math 8:22 Let the dead bury the dead.** Man **must** be born again. **20:6...but they shall be Priests of God and of Christ** We shall serve The Lord as Priests. Folks this is amazing stuff...we shall serve God, see God, hear God, be in and feel His constant super Loving Presence wow...**20:6...and shall reign with Him a thousand years.** The Kingdom Age being 1000 years, we shall reign with 'Almighty God' which means being part of His Government which will be unlike any that the world has seen. Israel will except Jesus as others will at this time around the world, they have seen what seemed to be the unstoppable power of both the antichrist, false prophet, then witnessed the Return of the Lord. What they witnessed with the Presence of The Lord Almighty arriving was the very mountains being moved, and the heart of man failing...they saw one of our Lord's angel pluck the screaming, cowardly, and doomed, antichrist and false prophet up and cast them away with ease...for ever. It may seem hard calling these men such names but their evil and hate against Christ and His chosen people is unequalled by any man that has ever walked the earth.

Revelation 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, satan shall be loosed out of his prison, This is the abyss being the place of satan's imprisonment during the millennium, his final punishment will be in the lake of fire. The abyss in the NT is described as a dark prison for the fallen angels and demons, all are under God's total control as seen in these scriptures Lk 8:30-31 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.plus Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the Judgment of the great day. As we have read in Revelation the abyss is the place from which the beast arises (Rev 11:7; 17:8). It is important for us to understand as a result of the Work of Jesus at the Cross the activities and freedom of satan and his host of evil has been seriously restricted by the Power of our God. However as we also read when the Fifth Trumpet is sounded the demonic forces are released from the abyss and shall be given partial freedom to perform their harmful activities and sadly when the sixth Trumpet sounds they along with the newly freed angels of darkness will be permitted to torture and kill at will (see Rev 9). God does all things well, satan is being released to show mankind what is in their hearts! He shall as He has for all that have lived give them the right to choose between good and evil. He has shown them His Great Love but man will even at this time reject The Saviour, after being with the Lord for a 1000 years mankind still wants to do things his own way. It is my understanding that there is no death over this 1000 year period but child birth and such other activities shall continue.

Revelation 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, gog, and magog,

This time it is not just the Old Roman Empire but whole world. **20:8** And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, gog, and magog There are several reason as to why the Lord allows such to happen, the main one being to rid the world once and for all of all the hearts that have not, and will not except Jesus as Saviour. Jer 17: 9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? "I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." Even after 1000 years of peace and loving prosperity man will believe the deceitfulness of the evil one and rebel against our Lord. This time it is not just the Old Roman Empire, unlike before the Holy Spirit tells John it will be the 'four corners of the earth'! Man has been under Christ's rule for a thousand years but of course they are still but flesh and in the end flesh shall rise up even to it's own hurt, much like a heroin addict trying to find a vein to shoot into (We should be fearful regarding our ability to walk away from The Christ! And with this in mind pray for His Mercy, Grace and strength to keep us in His Will). The wording gog and magog used here is in Hebrew and is expressive for multitude and magnitude. **20:8...to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea**. This proclaims that most of the people of the earth shall throw their weight behind the devil. As stated these people are not glorified but as Adam lives in the flesh (Sin nature being alive). Note: The bible does not teach when Jesus returns the inhabitants of the earth shall become born again. Further proof of this is The Fathers Throne does not come to earth until after all sin is dealt with.

Revelation 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the Saints about, and The Beloved City: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

The only thing you can say about satan is he is beyond stupid to think he can overcome the Lord's Word. **20:9** And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the Saints about, and The Beloved City This is satan's last failing effort to over throw God's Kingdom, the last time Jerusalem will have to put up with his stupidity. This attempted battle has no antichrist but the devil himself being possibly visible to man, but undoubtedly in any way leading the charge. I write attempted battle as that is all it will be.

20:9...and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. Wow...This army, the people satan gathered caused the Lord absolutely no issue or concern...unlike Armageddon He does not even gather the Saints, angels, or any other thing but rather just simply sends fire down to consume the army in one quick blast...in the famous words of Bugs Bunny...ah..da..da...dat's all folks....

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. The antichrist and false prophet after a 1000 years will not care for satan, the pain is so great they can only scream, there will be no revenge finding in the Lake of Fire. 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone This is the end of satan, he shall no longer play a part in creation. The devil under the Power of God's Righteousness and Holiness ruled over the earth before man was made in God's image. We see this by this Scripture Gen1:2...the earth was without form, and void, with darkness covering the face of the deep. There is NO darkness in God so this darkness came from an outside force of evil before the world was populated by man. Therefore one can only assume there was a destructive upheaval that cast the earth into darkness. Jesus going to the Cross had absolutely nothing to do with satan for the devil had already been Judged and today awaits his pending doom. The Cross has everything to do with Jesus paying man's debt owed to The Father for The Father is indeed the greatest victim, He has never sinned against anyone but everyone and I mean everyone has sinned against Him. Man could not pay this debt the price was just far too high Ps 49:7-8 tells us No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them—the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough (No man could pay this debt but Christ) then Ps vs 15 says But God will redeem My Soul (Jesus Christ) from the power of the grave (He shall not see the inside of hell): for he shall receive me. Selah. The death of Jesus, in giving up so much glory out of Love and Honour to The Father, has repaired all that has been dishonoured by the sins of God's people. The reason, and the only reason satan is still here is God is using the devil to reveal the condition of man's heart to themselves. 20:10...where the beast and the false prophet are The only two men that shall not stand before the Great White Judgment Seat, they have been in the Lake of fire for 1000 years this the antichrists, false prophets and satan's eternal home, along with every other type of evil doer that is not washed in the Blood of The Lamb. 20:10...and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. There is not much to say here, this is eternal, there is no let up of the pain, two men have already been there 1000 years so it is not a pathway as some claim to redemption. Do not feel sorrow for these murders, they have killed, maimed, abused and raped uncountable numbers of God's people but the greatest sin of all they placed Jesus the Son of God on the Cross without remorse or fear, rather they spat into the Face of God The Father. One could ask is not hell a place of darkness and the answer is no...it is Justice.

Revelation 20:11 And I saw a Great White Throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose Face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Share Power and Majestic force 20:11 And I saw a Great White Throne, All the unredeemed shall stand before this Throne. This happens after the Millennial Reign. This proves God's Pure Justice, all shall agree that they deserve the punishment, all shall show true remorse at how they treated The Son of God, but alas it is too late. 20:11...and Him that sat on it There are no rainbows, there are no Seven Lamps as in Rev 4, this is the Living Lord God Almighty, this is His Purity, Justice and correct retribution. 20:11... from whose Face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. His Face, even causes heaven and earth to flee, there is a new earth and heaven about to appear, the Lord is going to bring new life to them as satan and man have contaminated what was once magnificent. There is no place found for the things of an evil past.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the Books were opened: and another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were Judged out of those things which were written in the Books, according to their works.

Two books are opened! 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; This is the Resurrection of Damnation. We urgently need to be praying for all of mankind. 20:12...and the Books were opened: and another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the Books, according to their works. Two books, the first reveals every sinful action of thought, word, and deed by all who stand before the Lord. The second is the Book of life, their names will not be found in it and all shall have rendered unto them that which is Just and Right. The Book of life does not reward man based on the brownie point system but on how one received The Truth of Jesus Christ's Atoning Blood.

Revelation 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were Judged every man according to their works.

This simply is saying no one will escape, no matter where one dies or how they died they shall be brought to Justice. 20:13...and they were Judged every man according to their works. God is Just so all shall see their works to be evil...Math 7:22-23 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your Name and in your Name drive out demons and in your Name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' The Work of Jesus is the dividing line, He lets them speak then answers with 'I **NEVER** knew you'

Revelation 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

After this the nail holes of the Mighty Lord are the only reminders of man's wicked past. 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire Three things 1/ Death, be it physical or spiritual is the result of separation from God. The wages of sin is death. 2/ Hell was the place where all the unredeemed went after death, everything that sin has caused, which in the end is death was contained in hell finds itself cast forever into the Lake of Fire 3/ This is the final destination, never to be seen or thought of again...all wickedness has been paid for. 20:14...This is the second death. There is no reprieve from this place or state.

Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in The Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire.

This is so heavy! Is your name in The Book of life! Are you truly born again! Casting out demons in the Lords Name, going on long or short fasts, quoting scripture perfectly, praying each day for hours on end, preaching the word, sharing your biblical insights, helping the widow and the orphan, giving 100% of your time to charities or all your money, attending every church gathering, bible study, home group, or Christian rally does not mean you are!

Father... I ask in The Name of Your Son Jesus Christ that through The Blood of The Lamb You start a mighty Work within us at this very moment, that You bless us with Your Holy Presence and take hold of everything within us, all our beliefs, all our wants, all our doctrinal understandings and cast them into the sea of naught...We are here because You paid the price for our sin, we are here because You called us...at this moment I and along with any others that are reading this...pray... That we surrender all to You, take us, strip us of all we are from the inside out, and wash us in Your Blood that our sin nature would die never to be revived...I can nor can anyone else do anything but lay ourselves down at Your feet calling on Your Mercy. I ask You to teach us about Jesus, I ask You to do all that is needed to bring both myself, my family and friends unto the Judgment of the Righteous. I ask this in the fear of the Lord, in Your Holy Name which is the Name above all Name's... And I believe for mine and those I prayed for Salvations... In the Name of The Lamb of God

Jesus Christ I Pray...Amen and amen.

Revelation study text: **study scripture in red...Other scriptures used in blue...side comments in pink**

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Everything is new, we have no past! **21:1 And I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away** Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create New Heavens and a New Earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. And also in Isa 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. Then Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for New Heavens and a New Earth, wherein dwells Righteousness. The Lords Will has been done in heaven and on earth, heaven and earth have passed away but His Word remains. The Greek word for 'pass away' is 'par-er-cho-mai' and means 'to pass from one condition to another', the Greek word for 'new' is 'kai-nos' and means 'freshness with respect of age'. All is new and it shall never need another face lift. **21:1...and there was no more sea.** This does not mean no water, the mass area taken up by the oceans shall become land, which will have rivers, lakes, waterfalls and such scenery words fail to describe...God is good. No longer anything separating the nations.

Revelation 21:2 And I John saw The Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband.

John has been blessed in an outstanding way **21:2 And I John saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem** As said everything is new, this Holy City has not been touched by man, no sound of a hammer has one heard, this is God's Blessed City, no evil or sin shall ever be found in her. Jerusalem has at last been placed under the Lord's Loving Arms. This would not be possible without the Lord's courage in going to the Cross, His Blood was poured out onto the ground, His Blood has paid the price to have all things made new. **21:2...coming down from God out of Heaven** Jesus came down from heaven, the Baptism of The Holy Spirit came down from heaven as does the New Jerusalem. Salvation is a gift from Christ, we offered nothing towards it and equally we played no part in the design and building of this City. **21:2...prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband.** Jesus said He has prepared a place in His fathers house for us...This is for all the redeemed of God, it is going to be massive. Note: The Word states it is 'as' a bride.

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, The Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

At last God shall dwell with man and man with God. **21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven** 21 times this term has been used and this is the last of them...This great voice brings an important Message. **21:3... Behold, The Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.** Thousands of years ago God walked with man, then the horror of sin griped man's heart and destroyed the union between man and God. This has been the "A" plan, the only plan, God introduced the Sacrificial system which Abel used correctly, which was a picture of Christ on the Cross. Some 2,500 years later Moses was given the Plan for the Tabernacle which included the Holy of Hollies, where the Ark of the Covenant and Mercy seat, with the Cherubim's were, this all points strictly to The Cross of Christ. Then again some 500 years later God called Jerusalem the Place for where His Name would be upheld, we see the building of the Second Temple the place where the High Priest worked again speaking of the Cross of Christ. Again about a 1000 years later the Work of the Cross was done by Jesus and man received the Mighty Holy Spirit which brings us closer to God's desire to dwell with us. At the Second coming Christ will come down once again to dwell with man but sin shall still be present for a short time.

Our Holy God cannot except this state, so a thousand years on at the end of the Millennium sin is no more and The Son shall give All Power to The Father who shall then at last, come and dwell once again with man. 1 Cor 15:25, 28 For He must Reign, till He has put all enemies under His Feet. And verse 28, And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall The Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be All in all. The work of Christ at and on the Cross has always been the Plan. The Book of Revelation and indeed the whole Bible is about this Mighty Work, if one cannot see this then the Word of Revelation and the Bible will not be interpreted properly, hence the apostate church etc...

Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

This is the Love of God. 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes This means every tear drop. This refers to every heartache, sorrow, and pain. Sin has brought nothing but hurt and poverty. This does not mean God shall wipe every ones face but rather that the Cross of Christ has placed all into a sinless state where no tear of sorrow shall be. 21:4...and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain From thus did all the tears roll. Sin caused separation from God and that is death, Jn11:25 Jesus said unto her, I Am The Resurrection, and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live Victory in Jesus by the way of the Cross allows this to be. Sorrow comes from Eve Gen 3:16 "In sorrow you shall bring forth children" Everyone born will be plagued by this sorrow right throughout their lives until they surrender to Jesus. The pain spoken of here is not just physical pain but that which comes with the broken heart, Jesus said I have come to heal the broken hearted. And crying is simply the outward sign of deep anguish. 21:4...for the former things are passed away. Jesus prayer has been answered in full "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven". It is at last **God's Kingdom...**

Revelation 21:5 And He that sat upon The Throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these Words are True and Faithful.

How blessed was, and is John 21:5 And He that sat upon The Throne said... "He" is The Father, The Lord God Almighty, and when "He" speaks all listen! There are **seven points to this message**, 21:5...Behold, I make all things new. **The first part of the message:** The NT uses the word "new" in two different ways being something that has been brought into a new existence **or** something that has been outworn and given a 'new' and fresh aspect. The latter is used in this scripture. 21:5...And He said unto me, Write: for these words are True and Faithful. **The second part:** The message in it's fullness must not be lost, so John is told to write it down. He is told the 'Words are True and Faithful' meaning this will be brought to pass.

Revelation 21:6 And He said unto me, It is done. I Am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give unto him that is athirst of the Fountain of the Water of Life freely.

The third part: 21:6 And He said unto me, It is done. I Am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. The same Words "It is done" are used in Rev 16:17 proclaiming the Judgment of the world being finished. Now God proclaims the same Words "It is done" stating that His New Creation is finished. Satan and sin will not enter as in Gen 3. This is God speaking "He Said"...The heavens and the earth will be revived but death and the grave never again to be seen, death the last enemy of man gone for good. All prophecy is finished, all He has promised you as His children He has carried out. 21:6...I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the Water of Life freely. **The fourth part:** This speaks in fact of the Cross of Christ, The Lord is saying to John "This is for all generations from the great past to the end of time" Once we have been lifted up from this earthly realm we immediately receive the 'Water of Life'.

If one dies without the ‘**Water of Life**’ then there is no repentance left **Zech 13:1** In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. There is only one fountain that has the Power to cleanse sin, and that fountain flows from the Work of Jesus at the Cross, the Blood of The Lamb, **1 Jn 1:7** But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleans us from all sin. The last word in this verse ‘**freely**’ is important, no one has done a thing to earn their Salvation it comes as a gift from God. Justification (**the first act of being Saved**) is a gift and so is Sanctification, and here stands a problem most Christians try to earn this by works of some type. The only work we can do is give ourselves to God and allow Him to do as He will in and through us, anything else is an insult to Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:7 He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.

The fifth statement: **21:7 He that overcomes shall inherit all things** The Lord has stated this seven times already to the Seven Churches of Asia. So we should know how to be an overcomer... aye? The Holy Spirit links Salvation and overcoming into one thing our ‘position’, the Work of Jesus at the Cross allows this, it means our position is Saved, Holy, made Righteous by The Blood of The Lamb. In short He starts to lift our condition to the expectable ‘position’. But we read in **2 Cor 13:5** Examine yourselves to see whether you are in The Faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? The test is understanding our sin condition! We are sinners made clean by His Blood, we overcome by the Power of The Holy Spirit Working through The Blood of Jesus! We should fear wrong doing and desire Holy living as this is pleasing to The Lord, love is the key...do we love the Lord more than our own lives? **Gal 6:14** But God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. **21:7...and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.** The sixth message: True believers are ‘In Christ’ which makes them/us part of the family of God, the term ‘In Christ’ goes beyond a basic study they are deep and profound words with the deepest of meanings. **Rom 8:15-17** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received The Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. Everything hinges on the Work of Jesus on the Cross and our Faith, allowing The Holy Spirit to guide us ‘into’ all Truth. **1 Cor 1:17** For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach The Gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect. The Cross of Christ, the Work of our Saviour demands only one thing, **1 Jn 5:4** For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our Faith. For our Faith places us into Christ by the Power of His Crucifixion, Amen? Folks if the Gospel you are hearing is not notably changing or challenging you to desire change then we need to pray for you tonight, and you need to be honest with the Lord.

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

The seventh message: **21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars,** As said above if The Gospel is not continuously changing or at least challenging your life then it is not from the Lord **2 Cor 13:5** Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in The Faith. Test your- selves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! The works of the flesh are obvious (see **Gal 5:19-21**) However fearful and unbelieving are somewhat linked together.

The Cross of Christ is the dividing line within the Church, persecution comes from within! A true believer does not incite a war against other Church members but the carnal minded will openly attack the Work of the Cross of Christ. They not only oppose the Lords Work but feel the need to berate it. They fear true surrender and desire to win the world by their religions trash. Religion brings 'fear' fear brings 'unbelief' unbelief brings 'abominable' (being hate) abominable brings 'murder' and murder brings 'whoremongers' who in turn idol worship towards the wrong God, and one becomes nothing but liar. 21:8...shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. This completes the seventh part of the message. This speaks of the eternal destiny of Christ-rejecters. The seven statements/messages in brief are 1/ I (God) make all things new 2/ Words are True and Faithful (He will do as He said) 3/ He is the Beginning and the End (He knows all things) 4/ If you thirst you shall drink from the 'Water of Life' freely (You will be In Christ) 5/ overcomer's inherit all things (We overcome by The Blood and giving Him our life) 6/ I will be His God, and he shall be my Child (We are made one by being In Christ) 7/ Christ-rejecters will be cast into the Lake of (Christ is rejected by unbelief in His Work at the Cross or by adding or taking away other religious things from it) fire and brimstone: which is the second death awaits such.

Revelation 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the Seven Vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, The Lamb's wife.

John is told even at this time the Lord is still 'The Lamb of God'! 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the Seven Vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me As said angels play a massive part in the Lords plan, this angel may be the same one that showed John the scarlet-clad harlot, and the great and guilty babylon. If this is the same angel, he cried "it is finished" but at this moment he writes it is beginning. 21:9...saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, The Lamb's wife. Four things here 1/ Some have concluded The Lamb's wife to be the Church alone, this is incorrect. The Lamb's wife includes every single believer from all time. There is no way the great OT Saints mentioned in Heb 11 shall be excluded. 2/ There is only one kind of Faith and that has not changed since God killed the first animal to cover Adam and Eve..the Blood Sacrifice, the Work of Jesus at the Cross. 3/ the term 'Lamb' used by the angel clearly shows there was, is, and can only be One Sacrifice to which man did, does and shall offer...that of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every Blood offering before the Cross pointed by Faith to it, Calvary was always the plan. 4/ Peter speaking to the Jews said Acts 4:12 Neither is there Salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be Saved. OT and NT Saints, Jews, Gentiles, male and female of all colours etc...shall come together as the bride.

Praise God, what matters in all truth is we come together believing that He is Who He says He is, and that we hold fast to the teaching of The Work of Jesus at the Cross, for the Resurrection came from such. All must travel by this path there is no other way. Praise God He has sent a forerunner in the Name of His Son, Jesus Christ who has paved the way for us, all we need to do is confess our weakness and sin and let Him move in our blessedness changing us from glory to glory...Amen.



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Revelation 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that Great City, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from God, John saw the “the Holy Jerusalem”. 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain Some commentators say this was a vision others say John was carried to the mountain, I say he saw what the Lord wanted him to see be it by vision or in person. 21:10...and showed me that Great City, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from God, This is called ‘the Bride, the Lamb’s Wife’ because of those that inhabit it. If you are truly IN CHRIST you will live in this Kingdom of majestic wonder and beauty. This is what the Work of Jesus Christ at the Cross has afforded us, not by the work of man’s hands but by His Spirit and Power. 1 Cor 2:9 & Isa 64:4 It is written no eye has seen, nor ear heard, neither have it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him

Revelation 21:11 Having the Glory of God: and Her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

God’s Glory shines from the city. 21:11 Having the Glory of God: Of course this is what makes this City...The Shekhinah Glory of God, meaning the abiding presence of God. Although God is Omnipresent, He has chosen to manifest His presence in certain locations and at certain times within history. This is the physical manifestation of God called the Shekhinah Presence/Glory, and we are there, I pray we may all feel the Shekhinah Presence...Hallelujah.

Rev 21:11...and Her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; This is the radiance of God’s Glory. This is hard to explain...It refers to colours constantly changing, which would be indescribably beautiful. It is abundant in colour, for a jasper stone is of that manner, but yet it is clear as crystal meaning that the sight is not obstructed at all. Study takes one into strange places, the rainbow has seven major or solid colours and they always appear in the same order, when clear white Light passes through water or a prism, it refracts into different colours in a particular order, making a rainbow effect. In truth white light is not actually white but is composed of a whopping spectrum of colours over a million! Seven solid colours (7 being God’s number) are formed they are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet These visible colours can never change, howbeit the l.g.b.t (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) flag has only six colours in it (man’s number 6) they have removed ‘indigo’, I pray they may be blessed and also enter into God’s Holy Truth.

Revelation 21:12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates Twelve Angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the Twelve Tribes of the children of Israel:

Twelve stands for God’s Government 21:12 And had a wall great and high We shall see that this wall is very decorative and carries great spiritual connotations, it stands about 67 meters high.

21:12...and had twelve gates The North, South, East, and West will all have three Gates within them. The distance between each gate on each side will be about 375 miles or just under 604 km. This City shall be ruled by the Just and Perfect Government of God (hence the number 12)

21:12...and at the gates Twelve Angels An Angel is appointed to each gate, as a guard of honour unto The Lamb of God. 21:12...and names written thereon, which are the names of the Twelve Tribes of the children of Israel: This proclaims that the ‘Lamb’s wife’ is made up of every believer, be it before the time of the Cross or after that mighty Work. Every gate shall have the Name of one of the Tribes of Israel of which we are a part.

Revelation 21:13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

Three to each side...the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...each side is the same everyone that lives, lives due to the identical process of the Cross. 21:13 On the east three gates Possibly the names of Joseph, Benjamin, and Dan 21:13...on the north three gates Reuben, Judah, and Levi 21:13 on the south three gates; Simeon, Issachar, and Zebulun 21:13 and on the west three gates. Gad, Asher, and Naphtali. Abraham by Faith believed God and from the womb of Sarah the Israelite nation was born and through them The Saviour would come. Israel is the foundation from which God built all things, Jesus was born a Jew, lived the perfect life as a Jew but opened the door for the world to enter into His Rest. The great Plan of God as it regards Salvation includes the entirety of the world, however it came to the world by the way of the Jews. Rom 11:17 If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root So the Twelve Tribes and the names of the Twelve Apostles are held up in their entirety as the Word of God, meaning God through them brought all we see into being. And Jesus Christ Who is the Light of this City, is the fulfilment of the entirety of the world. The presence of the Twelve Angels at each Gate proclaims this is God's City as the Twelve Tribes and Twelve Apostles names emphasize the fact that the City is for the Lamb's wife, which consists of all the Redeemed who have lived. (This City is HUGE)

Revelation 21:14 And the wall of the City had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the Twelve Apostles of The Lamb.

Again that number 21:14 And the wall of the City had twelve foundations Paul wrote in Eph 2:19-20 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His Household built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the Chief Cornerstone. A buildings foundation has three crucial roles, 1/ Supporting the load of the entire building, (Jesus through the Apostles carried the Church) 2/ Keeping the structure standing even when the elements wreak havoc, (satan was prevented from killing, murdering and destroying) 3/ Preventing the grounds moisture from seeping into the building, (the sin nature was put to death). 21:14...and in them the names of the Twelve Apostles of The Lamb. Gates will not open properly if the foundation is wrong, the Salvation message they brought through The Holy Spirit by The Blood of The Lamb is what gave them Power to operate correctly. They gave themselves over to The Will of The Lord (we have read of their sufferings) Howbeit the greatest of them all was and is the Lord of all Glory, Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

This is not the angel speaking to John as we will see later in Ch 22. 21:15 And he that talked with me John had a man speak to him (see Rev 19:10) and this is also a man as we shall see. 21:15...had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. This measuring is done as all things in God are perfect and have excellent and sound reasons behind the act, it will be measured in multiples of twelve revealing the perfection, fulfilment, and completion of all of God's purposes for His redeemed people. His Government is perfect nothing needs to be added or taken away, as the end of Revelation tells us... do not take away or add a thing lest you be cursed this in truth speaks of the Cross as Revelation is all about that marvellous Work. The Book of Revelation uses the word 'Lamb' 28 times, the 'Lamb' speaks of His Sacrifice. The 'Lamb of God' said it is finished...so folks... add not nor take away from His Work!

Revelation 21:16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

The size is about 1,500 miles (2414 km) per side and height. This City would take up half the land space in the USA for length, and width. The height reaches beyond the boundaries set by space.

Revelation 21:17 And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

This man looks as an angel, but as written he is a man clothed in Light. At last folks the measure of man comes out at the same measurement by God, it is by The Blood that this is so and only by The Blood.

Revelation 21:18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

This is going to be amazing, our home...21:18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper A precious stone, which shines forth many colours which constantly change, nothing on earth today comes even close to this majestic beauty. 21:18... and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. This is not being symbolic this is a fact...the City and wall are outstandingly beautiful, made from pure gold and jasper stone.

Revelation 21:19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

Revelation 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

It appears that the foundations are not as we would think, being buried under ground but rather out in the open for all to see, all these stones mentioned bring out the dazzling display of the rainbow colours this is going to be... like...wow...Jesus said In My Fathers house are many mansions...folks He is preparing a place for you and me...amen!

Revelation 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

Two things here 1/ a pearl comes about firstly by the oyster being wounded/ pricked which causes it to go into protection mode which starts the development of the pearl. 2/ The round and perfectly shaped pearl needs no workmanship upon it apart from a shine! (howbeit not all are shaped perfectly and thus they are rejected and sold cheaply) Jesus suffered and there is no need to do anything but believe in His perfect Workmanship. 21:21 every several gate was of one pearl This is stating not all the Gates are made from a massive pearl but every several Gate (3rd). 21:21...and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass The Tabernacle and the Temple of old were made largely with gold, including the furnishings or whatever...this always symbolizes the Deity of Christ. The 'purity' of gold is a picture of Jesus' Person so Pure, so Perfect it is as transparent as glass.

Revelation 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for The Lord God Almighty and The Lamb are the Temple of it.

The Work of Jesus at the Cross has changed every thing. 21:22 And I saw no temple therein What this is saying is the earthly Temple was a gap filler. 21:22...for The Lord God Almighty and The Lamb are The Temple of It. 1/ The OT Temple was used for man to worship God, The Holy Father dwelt in the Holy of Hollies between the Mercy Seat and the Cherubim. The sin debt was not paid at this point for the blood of goats and bulls could not remove sin.

Man could not stand before a thrice-Holy God so the Temple was needed, the High Priest was the only one that could go into The Holly of Hollies and only once a year, he was the mediator between man and God. 2/ Since the Work of Jesus at the Cross we no longer need a Temple nor a man to serve as a High Priest as Christ has become our High Priest, we are in Him, and He is in us, and He is in the Father, so that means we are also! 3/ The Temple will be rebuilt during the Millennium Reign (some say Blood Sacrifices will be reintroduced, they will be offered to The Lamb of God) Jesus will rule for the 1000 years however He will not force one person to believe or to worship Him as the eighth chapter of Ezekiel portrays, sin shall still be on the earth as the heart of man is evil above all other things. The expressed reason for this time is to show the world that Jesus is King, He shall sit on The Throne of David and rule as seen in 2 Sam Ch 7 serving also as Prophet and High Priest. Israel will be the premiere nation at this time, pointing the rest of the world to the Saviour, Jesus Christ, but as stated no one will be forced to serve Him. 4/ The perfect age arrives at the end of the 1000 years, at last “Hallelujah” God The Father will dwell with man Himself, He and the Son will be the Temple and we shall worship within Him.

Revelation 21:23 And the City had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the Glory of God did Lighten it, and The Lamb is the Light thereof.

Only the City has no sun the earth shall still have the lesser light. 21:23 And the City had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it The way this is worded clearly shows there is a sun and moon. This proclaims the Creator has no need for or of creation but creation needs Him. The Light of God over powers the weaker light of the sun, imagine a candle trying to outshine the lights in a rugby stadium...it just has no effect. 21:23...for The Glory of God did Lighten it, and The Lamb is the Light thereof. Once again the word ‘Lamb’, all things have been made possible by The Sacrifice of Jesus. The Father and The Lamb Lights the mighty City whilst we are all filled and surrounded by The Holy Spirit.

Revelation 21:24 And the nations of them which are Saved shall walk in The Light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

Glory to God 21:24 And the nations of them which are Saved shall walk in The Light of it The words “of them which are Saved” are not in the original scriptures, it should read “And the nations shall walk in the Light of it” there are no unsaved walking on the earth at this point nor shall there ever be again. 21:24...and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. This refers to the leaders of nations who will honour the Lord in every way. There is Deity: God The Father, God The Son, God The Holy Spirit, there will be Angels, Cherubims, Seraphims etc...there will be the Glorified Saints and then the natural sinless people as God intended who will never die.

Revelation 21:25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. Again the City shall be bathed in His Light continually 21:25 And the Gates of It shall not be shut at all by day Coming and going for all shall be continual as there is no sin, no curse, the beauty of this City and the outside world is unimaginable. 21:25...for there shall be no night there. Day and night shall be the norm outside of the Great City but the Light of the Lord shall never be put out. This Light is not Light as one thinks but is living, embracing, empowering. This light is Love which man on earth today could not handle.

Revelation 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

This simply means there is only goodness on earth, only awesomeness, where praises of our God can only be sung for He is all that is Good.

Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defiles, neither whatsoever works abomination, or makes a lie: but they which are written in The Lamb's Book of Life.

“It is done” a finished Work needs no work done on or in it. 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defiles, neither whatsoever works abomination, or makes a lie Unlike Eden there is no satan, he is cooking and I do not mean with a pan or pot. The earth or the City shall see no sin as there is no sinfulness, everything is under the gaze and care of The Spirit of Life, this is perfection. 21:27...but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. As we have said all along this is the Work of Jesus Christ at the Cross, but at this point there is a difference The Lamb of God has taken away ALL sin. Everyone living has believed and in times past given their lives to The Father through The Blood of The Lamb and by The Power of The Holy Spirit. Folks keep looking towards and placing your Faith in the finished Work of Jesus at the Cross. Amen and Amen.

Chapter 22:1-14

THE BOOK OF REVELATION TO JOHN

Revelation study text: study scripture in red...Other scriptures used in blue...side comments in pink

Revelation 22:1 And he showed me a Pure River of Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of The Throne of God and of The Lamb.

This water has life in it. 22:1 And he showed me a Pure River of Water of Life, clear as crystal This proclaims that this River starts at The Throne of God and His Throne is at the top of all things 1,500 miles high. It shall wind it's way down to the bottom branching out into all areas, possibly going around the whole globe. The river is in fact a type of The Holy Spirit, Jesus said if anyone thirsts let him come unto Me and drink, this River will give Life to the drinkers (for those that have not been glorified). 22:1...proceeding out of The Throne of God and of The Lamb. The word 'Lamb' tells us this has been made possible by the Work of Jesus at the Cross. Once a believer dies, he or she shall find themselves in this place in Heaven, Jesus told us His Father's house is already there He is just preparing a place for you in it!

Revelation 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the River, was there the Tree of Life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the nations.

This is amazing. 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, The River flowed it seems down the middle of the golden path, we are not told how wide this street and river are but the river that Ezekiel spoke of that will flow during the Millennial Reign is a mile wide! (see Eze Chapters 40 to 48) 22:2...and on either side of the river, was there the Tree of Life, This Tree is not 'A' tree as there are tree on either side of the river. One would imagine there will be thousands and that they correspond with the River of Life. It shall be found growing along the sides of this Great River, not for the use of those in the glorified bodies but for those that are not in such a state. 22:2...which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: We are not told the nature of these twelve fruits, but twelve relates to the Government of God which showcases the manner of Eternal Life referring to the individuals in question. It would seem as they drink from the water of Life so they shall eat also from the Tree once a month. 22:2...and the leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the nations. This Tree's Leaves presents total healing for all the nations, but even more than that anyone that eats or drinks from this place one would think they will not age past that of the Lord Jesus as sweet Eternal Life is in The Lord, and I believe what they are eating and drinking has the Power of The Spirit within it.

Revelation 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but The Throne of God and of The Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him:

No more darkness, no ore temptation. 22:3 And there shall be no more curse Mankind will no longer toil and turn the soil. Adam's sin is no longer. 22:3...but The Throne of God and of The Lamb shall be in it; As stated above we see total purity The Power of The Spirit of our God is every where. One Throne not two, the idea is that the authority and ruler-ship will be as great with God The Son as with God The Father. 22:3...His servants shall serve Him: This comes from Ex Ch 21 where the servants so loved the Master they did not want their freedom but desired servant-hood.

Revelation 22:4 And they shall see His Face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads.

We have been brought with a great price. 22:4 And they shall see His Face; This means a great relationship will be had between the servants and the Master. All of us are in Him and hold the same standings and status. Adam hid his face from the Lord but we shall look into Him. 22:4...and His Name shall be in their foreheads. The 144,000 had His Name written into their foreheads (see Rev 14:1) and so shall we. I believe this means our lives and thoughts will be only towards pleasing Him.

Revelation 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them Light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit...The Light of Life. 22:5 And there shall be no night there This is the third time this is mentioned, the point being the reason or cause for no night. Earlier we are told "And the Lamb is the Light thereof" Rev 21:23 The Godhead as One. 22:5...and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them Light: This presents the source of the Light. 22:5...and they shall reign for ever and ever. This is speaking of the "servants" in verse three. By choice we become servants, an act of surrender... Acts 2:18 And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; But by adoption we are children Rom 8:16-17 The Spirit Itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

Revelation 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and True: and The Lord God of the Holy Prophets sent His angel to show unto His servants the things which must shortly be done.

The word angel should rather be messenger as we shall shortly see Rev 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and True. One of the Names of the Lord is "Faithful and True" however what John is seeing is so outstanding that the messenger tells him these sayings are Faithful and True, do not doubt them. 22:6...and The Lord God of the Holy Prophets sent His angel The word "agg-e-los" can mean both angel and messenger, in this case it should be messenger. 22:6...to show unto His servants the things which must shortly be done. This time has not yet arrived but will be so sometime after the Rapture pointing to the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keeps the sayings of the Prophecy of this Book.

Read and believe His Word. 22:7 Behold, I come quickly This will be at the crucial point of Armageddon and it shall be sudden and final. 22:7...blessed is he that keeps the sayings of the Prophecy of this Book. This is the only Book in the world that gives a preview of the future. We see in Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the Words of this Prophecy, and keep those things which are Written therein: for the time is at hand. And in this chapter the same Blessings are stated. We all need to understand the Living Words Word...Amen and amen.

Revelation 22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things.

John saw and heard and fell to his knees. 22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard them This is speaks of a faultless witness. John is writing "I have done that which is even beyond my best to present in writing the perfect truth" 22:8...And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things. John is over-awed, this man clothed in light looks angelic. John has made this mistake before kneeling to worship that which one should not, this is the reason for the over-awed statement.

Revelation 22:9 Then said he unto me, see you do it not: for I am your fellow servant, and of thy brethren the Prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

John is told "worship God"...man was made to worship the Creator. 22:9 Then said he unto me, see you do it not: The same words were used in Ch 19:10 this man will not except worship. This should serve as a warning as to how easy it is to fall to the deceitfulness of our minds, John fell to worship this man in the Heavenly Home, John the great Apostle how much more could we be overcome? This is why I push and shall continue to push the keeping of our eyes on the Work of Jesus at the Cross. 22:9...for I am your fellow-servant, and of thy brethren the Prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. There are two words added to this statement that is not in Rev 19:10...he states "I am from your brothers the Prophets" so he is not just a brother but one of the OT Prophets. The words "worship God" should be clear, plain, and obvious.

Revelation 22:10 And he said unto me, seal not the sayings of the Prophecy of this Book: for the time is at hand.

We are very, very close to the end of the Church's role on earth. 22:10 And he said unto me, seal not the sayings of the Prophecy of this Book This tells us that all the things written are meant to be understood, over the past ages this has not been the case as The Holy Spirit has been revealing layer upon layer of this Truth but today He is giving the Church open eyes to understand which makes me all the more confident that all we have studied has come from The Spirit and it is accurate, right, and true. 22:10.. for the time is at hand. This is from John's day on...as bit by bit the Revelation is given to the reader. This Book is meant to be mastered by the Saints and has been moving to fulfilment from the day it was written.

Revelation 22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is Righteous, let him be Righteous still: and he that is Holy, let him be Holy still.

Choose who ye will serve! 22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still Man is building up Judgment by their own acts, words and thoughts. There are no chances on the other side of life, no purgatory, no way out from hell. This is once again a Cry from the Heart of The Holy Spirit as He closes off the Canon of Scripture, the whole Bible from beginning to end tells us about The Sacrifice of our Lord and the need for us to believe and repent. He died that we may live! 22:11... and he that is Righteous, let him be Righteous still: and he that is Holy, let him be Holy still. Man has no Godly Righteousness and can do nothing at all to aid their Salvation process this is ALL done by the Work of The Holy Spirit through the Work of the Cross of Christ, which embeds us with His Holiness.

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Are you dyeing to self? 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly It will be sudden, in an hour unknown to man but do not become a rapture seeker. You and I can feel the urgency of The Spirit telling us to pack our bags...He is telling us, for lo He returns. 22:12...And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, Jesus is both Saviour and Judge and hands out to all rightly that which one deserves, not on their own merit but according to their Faith in the Word and Work of Truth.

22:12...to give every man according as his work Do we understand these words, good works never produce proper Faith, but correct Faith will always produces proper Works. Die to self, kick religion out and fall at the Feet of Jesus...that He may raise you up, it is at the Cross where all things are done and no where else. The Holy Spirit Works through the finished Work done by Jesus and only through the Finished Work.

Revelation 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Every thing is in Christ. **22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end** God never had a beginning nor will He ever end. This simply means the Salvation process begun with Him and will end with Him. **22:13...the first and the last.** This repetition points out that you and I had nothing to do with this process, He has done it all and we should give Him praise.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they that do His Commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the City.

“They” means us...all believers that hold fast to the teaching of “The Lamb of God” **22:14 Blessed are they 1/** They who read this Book **Rev 1:3 2/** Blessed are they who die in the Lord **Rev 14:13 3/** Blessed are they who watches and keeps his garments **Rev 16:15 4/** Blessed are they who are called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb **Rev 19:9 5/** Blessed are they who are called Holy and have a part in the First Resurrection **Rev 22:7 6/** Blessed are they who keeps the saying of the Prophecy of this Book **7/** Blessed are they that wash their robes in the Blood of the Lamb.

22:14...that do His Commandments, Originally John wrote ‘**Blessed are they that wash their robes in the Blood of the Lamb**’ This was changed in A.D. 1516 as it was felt that no one can be Saved by just believing in what Jesus did! They felt strongly one must do some type of works. This is why one MUST STUDY what one reads and not rush into a mistake made by many claiming “this is what the Bible says and that is the end of it” There are inconsistencies, howbeit rarely found in the translation of the Bible. There are 4,000 Greek and 8,000 Latin Manuscripts versions written as far back as A.D. 300 which back this statement up related to the changed wording. This was changed based on a system of merit, see writings by W. A Criswell on the subject of ‘Doctrines by merit’.

22:14...that they may have right to The Tree of Life, The Tree of Life is of course what Jesus paid on the Tree...His death for our lives...The Tree grows because of Him. **22:14...and may enter in through the gates into the City.** God’s Grace is the only reason you or I shall be able to walk within this City. We keep perfectly the Commandments of God not by our strength but by His Spirit through The Blood of the Lamb which is His Grace unmerited.



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Revelation 22:15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loves and makes a lie.

Jesus Saves believers from sin, not in sin...the basic foundation of The Gospel is to change one's life meaning we need to come out from the sin room of wickedness! Which can only be done under the Power of The Holy Spirit. **22:15 For without are...**Being without is not outside the Great City but outside the Will of God, in short burning in the Lake of Fire. **22:15...dogs** The Hebrew word 'keleb' means 'dog, male prostitute, homosexual, sodomite'. **Deut 23:18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the Lord thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the Lord thy God.** **22:15...and sorcerers** Speaks of witchcraft, incarnations, fortune-telling... **22:15...and whoremongers**, This is all types of immorality, unbelief, and so on **22:15...and murderers**, This is the killing of a person be it within the womb or without, and the killing of others personality. **22:15 and idolaters**, This covers false works of faith and anything else that takes the place of God Almighty within the heart of man. **22:1...and whosoever loves and makes a lie.** This is important the world lives within this lie but it applies to Christians also, we cannot live in unconfessed hidden sin and expect to be lifted up by the Lord. If you are not honest with God about your life then the road of hardship is before you which opens up the possibility of eternal separation from the Living God....If you are not changing or being challenged to change then I feel it is due to a lack of understanding of the Power of what Jesus Christ did at the Cross, which creates a self driven and therefore dishonest approach, again, these hardships the believer unnecessarily faces come about by having faith in the wrong source and object...being Jesus and the Work He did at the Cross. **Gal 5:16-17 But I say, walk by The Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against The Spirit, and the desires of The Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.** The Holy Spirit teaches believers about Jesus and the Work of The Lord on the Cross if one does not walk with Him one hinders His Teaching! Be honest with The Lord, ask Him to change every part of you, even that which you like.

Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the Churches. I Am the Root and the offspring of David, and the Bright and Morning Star.

satan is not, was not, and never will be the Bright and Morning Star. **22:16 I Jesus** This is important in that it is Jesus, the words "I Jesus" is the only time used in the Bible, He, the Son of God and is saying I AM closing off the Canon "It is finished". **22:16...have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the Churches.** The word 'angel' here means messenger, firstly I think it is speaking about John, then it speaks about all the Pastors, leaders, teachers from all the respective Churches in question from all time, which includes the leaders from our Church. The Lord demands that we teach with certainty the events that are approaching and not to do so would be wilful ignorance. The reason for the Book of Revelation is that we may know what is going to happen to this world and to speak up, teach the Truth. The word 'Churches' is used in the plural. The Lord is going to deal with each Church according to way it has allowed the Light to shine, be bright or dim, each Pastor shall answer to Christ. Remember Jesus holds each Pastor in His Right Hand (**Rev 1:16, 20**) **22:16...I Am the Root and the offspring of David**, This projects the incarnation of Christ to the top of the table. Jesus became man to Save a failing world, and only He could do such a powerfully wonderful thing such as this. Jesus gives great honour to David in this statement, King David is the first human name used in the New Testament **Mat 1:1** and as we see the last human name used in the New Testament. The Lord Jesus is the offspring of David but is the greatest, He is David's Lord born from David's kin but without the blood of man, He is the Messiah of Israel and the Saviour to the world. **22:16...and the Bright and Morning Star.** The new day is about to be born, Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star.

Num 24:17 “There shall come a Star out of Jacob...” The term Morning Star should give us hope...a new beginning is about to burst through the darkness. We all have time to give ourselves to the Lord’s goodness, as the Bright and Morning Star He is saying “I can help you begin again! I can make you what you ought to be” Amen? This is great!!!!!!

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that hears say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the Water of Life freely.

This is the greatest invitation ever given to any person that has lived. **22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, come** Again this is the last cry of The Holy Spirit saying to a hurting and dying world “**come**”. There is no discrimination. There are no qualifiers, all are welcome no matter who they are or what they have done...all they need to do is obey, and come unto The Lord’s Arms. Salvation is a gift for anyone that will respond, free, and openly presented! Please note that The Holy Spirit and the bride are joined as one in this plea! The Church must be in tune with the message of the Work of Jesus at the Cross. We must walk with The Holy Spirit remaining in His Power of Truth. The world leaders and politicians do not have the power or the answers...WE DO! There is no one else in this world saying “**COME**”. We must start to pray for the Power of The Church In Christ to arise. We must present the real Jesus, **2 Cor 11:3-4** tells us “**But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his cunning, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that comes preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if you receive another spirit, which you have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well put up with his lie.** Let us be wise and not allow ourselves to be deceived. The message is simple and easy, Jesus Christ and Him alone Crucified. **22:17...come. And let him that hear say, come** The debt has been paid, if you can feel The Spirit saying ‘**come**’ within yourself then “follow, obey” and allow The Spirit to do the Work of Jesus Christ within you so that the True Living God can do His Almighty Work through you. We all hear, but not all respond correctly, choose who you will serve The Spirit or the flesh, but as for me and my family we will serve the Lord. **22:17...And let him that is athirst come.** This is spiritual thirst, the cry for God in man’s soul. Unredeemed man has no idea how to fill the void they feel within themselves, they use drugs, sex, booze, money, gambling and such to fill the emptiness of a thirsty soul. Jesus is knocking on the door of their hearts and we need to be walking, talking, faith holding examples of His Truth. The River of Life flows from anyone that will allow Him to enter. **22:17...And whosoever will, let him take the Water of Life freely.** Whosoever is an invite to the whole world, not one soul needs to miss out! And folks we should appear as invitation letters that have been sent out by the Lord of Love to a needing world. You can only drink from the Water of Life if you ‘look towards Jesus’ ...what Jesus did... and who Jesus is. The Lord Jesus is God, but folks that can not save anyone, Jesus was a Miracle-Worker but that saved no one, Jesus was and is the Healer but again that saved no one, Jesus was the greatest preacher but that saved no one, I could go on and on with this list but the point is it is the Blood, the Suffering, the broken Body, the death of The Saviour that Saves the world...we must preach Christ Crucified. Let then drink from this message of Truth.

Revelation 22:18 For I testify unto every man that hears the Words of the Prophecy of this Book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this Book:

The Holy Scriptures which make up the complete Canon being the Word of God along with Revelation must not be changed in it’s meaning, howbeit this is a warning against adding or taking away from ‘this’ Book of Revelation. **22:18 For I testify unto every man that hears the Words of the Prophecy of this Book** Simply this is stating that the Words of this Book are from The Lord God Almighty and all that John has written is therefore trustworthy and true. **22:18...If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this Book:**

The Judgment of God will come upon anyone that misuses these Words of Prophecy adding man's understanding that causes the Word to change which removes it's meaning. We are being told "do not add to any off these Words". Two things here **1/** These plagues can come upon man even at this hour and in fact have and are being used to punish unbelief. **2/** If a preacher, teacher uses these Words incorrectly they may find themselves here after the Rapture, as unbelief will hold one captive. **Jn 10:35...Tells us scripture cannot be broken;** And in **Deut 4:2 Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it...** And also in **Pro 30:6 Do not add to His Words, or He will rebuke you and prove you a liar.** Throughout the Bible we are warned treat the Word with care. Unbelief is the underlining factor that causes man to change The Word...the world does not change It as they do not read or believe It, and sadly many Saved people cannot except the Written Truth also.

Revelation 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the Words of the Book of this Prophecy, God shall take away his part out of The Book of Life, and out of The Holy City, and from the things which are Written in this Book.

Once again only a professing believer could change these Words. **22:19 And if any man shall take away from the Words of the Book of this Prophecy** This is the opposite from the above verse but what remains the same is the warning against changing the Prophecy. Again we must be warned from changing any of the Bibles Prophecies. **Mat 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every Word that comes from the Mouth of God'".** God's Word from **Gen to Rev** is Truth and should be treated as such. The end time Prophecies in **Revelation** start with **Rev 1 the Revelation of Christ to John** then... **Rev Ch 2 & 3** the Church Age unto the Rapture...**Rev chapters 4 & 5** reveals the great Vision of The Throne of God...**Rev ch 6** through to **18** proclaims The Great Tribulation...**Rev Ch 19** records the Second Coming of the Lord...**Rev Ch 20** speaks of the Kingdom Age...**Rev Ch 21 & 22** presents the Perfect Age. We can have differing views and levels of understanding of this Book but we must not change the 'constant message of Prophecy' given in it.

Revelation 22:20 He which Testifies these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Jesus is the Amen, it shall happen as He said. **22:20 He which Testifies these things** This proclaims that the office of the Messiah as Saviour is repeated again and again throughout the Prophecy. He is The Lamb that was slain, and His Blood washes sin away and only His Blood. Jesus speaks of Himself here and His Testimony as True and Trustworthy. **22:20...saith, Surely I come quickly.** These are the last words written from the Mouth of the Lord Jesus within The Holy Scriptures. He is returning very, very, soon, His Words are Truth and shall be fulfilled to the letter. These Words should fill our hearts with joy, all the sorrows of life are about to end...I say come Lord Jesus come...Amen. **22:20... Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.** Amen and amen, hate, poverty, starvation, murder, immoral acts, and the like will not stop until He returns. With Him is the cure, and the cure is Himself. If one has the same Spirit that John the Beloved had, and has, then they will not want to delay the Return of our Loving and Mighty Saviour.

Revelation 22:21 The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

What a blessing John received in seeing and writing this awesome Word! This could have ended with a warning to observe these Words, but The Holy Spirit allowed the words of John to be used **The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.** Grace...what wonderful words...God's awesome Saving Grace, and it is not just for the few but for the whole world. Amen and amen. The '**constant message of Prophecy**' given in this Book is?

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We could write a book on this! 1/ Jesus is alive 2/ He paid the price 3/ the Church needs to be prepared 4/ the world needs to hear the message 5/ we can not do this in our power 6/ there is much pain coming 7/ deception shall flood the earth 8/ The Perfect Age is coming...quickly...9/ sin satan and the old world are gone...10/ The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Reign for ever more AMEN, Praise and all Honour be to the Lord Jesus Christ, who has given to us this awesome information for our well-being, growth and joy.

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the Presence of His glory with exceeding joy, Amen

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