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Personal Introduction

It was early morning Sunday, February 12, 1989 in the Southern California city of Garden Grove, somewhere about 4:30 AM that I was dreaming about my little hometown of La Isabela where I was born and grew up, in the northern coast of central Cuba. It was one of those dreams that just seemed to keep on going all night long. It was a very dark night in the dream and my wife was walking with me, I was trying to get to “my father’s house,” that’s how I was referring to it in the dream even though in reality I always called that house “my home.” Since I was born in that house in 1947 and it was from the front porch of that same house that was built on stilts over the water, that I got in a small boat eighteen years later and came over to America where I was granted political asylum in 1965. In the dream there was a great deal of gunfire that had erupted throughout the entire small town, which made it very difficult to navigate the narrow streets to “my father’s house” where we would be safe. In the dream I was feeling so guilty that I had gotten my wife in such a mess, since in real life she refuses to travel to Cuba where she feels that it is not safe to go. Continuing with the dream, I knocked on the door of a house less than a block from where I was trying to go, and we were given shelter within that house. However, I was so restless that I kept pacing back and forth and could not find rest, trying to figure out how I was going to get us to “my father’s house.” Finally I got so exhausted that I found a chair in the kitchen where my wife had been sitting around a table and gratefully enjoying the company of our gracious hosts. As I sat down, my mind was still racing; I refused to engage in trivial conversation, keeping my focus on the dangers that surrounded us and on the goal of getting safely to my appointed destination.

Realizing this, those who sat around the table asked me to teach them about all that was taking place and what it meant. Breathing a sigh of release I said to myself: “Finally someone is taking seriously all these events that encompass us and are now desirous to know what they mean.” In the dream I immediately began to tell them that these were the signs of the end times; I had barely spoken these words when all of the sudden the walls around me disappeared, the darkened skies rolled away in an instant and I was not dreaming anymore! It is so hard to accurately describe what takes place during a spiritual vision because what one experiences is usually lost in the narrative, since the feelings cannot be adequately explained. In an instant I found myself in a realm more real than anything I’ve ever encountered in my life. How could I explain the shock I experienced when faced with the empirical evidence of the existence of another dimension? I was in it! There is no human way to describe how the spiritual mind is able to process so much more information when heighten into the euphoric state of the dimension of the heavenly lights. Instantaneously I was able to think, reason, question, test, and apply myself to understand what was happening within me in many different levels simultaneously, while at the same time observing and participating in the external events that were unfolding around me.

John 21:25 “And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if *they were written one by one*, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.” This Scripture is not an exaggeration! The events that take place in one second of time in the spiritual realm in which Jesus operates, would take millions and millions of words to properly detail, catalogue and explain. Within seconds my eyes saw Him! As the skies receded and I was looking up into the bright white sky, Jesus came out into full view out of the east. He was walking in the air towards me at a very rapid pace but yet at the same time, it was like if He was moving at the speed of light. I know that what I am saying does not make sense, but like I said; extra dimensional experiences elude natural explanation. It was like if someone was rapidly walking on top of a flat train cart going forward while the train is moving at an incredible rate of speed. I was able to perceive both movements at the same time that they were occurring even though He was headed towards me on nothing but bright sky. I feel so inadequate trying to explain the multitudes of feelings that I experienced the very instant that I first saw Him. Next month it will be nineteen years since I had the vision and this is the

very first time that I am truly making an effort to write about it in detail. And the only reason that I am doing it, is to try and put into context the why I am writing this expository work on the book of Revelation. My desire is to prepare you for what I believe to be the time for the soon coming of our King and Savior, even our Lord Jesus Christ!

A variety of things happened within me when I first saw Him; there was no order as to how they happened, I was able to experience them simultaneously. I remembered seeing His eyes intensely focused on me, the expression on His face was: I AM coming to get you! I was trembling to my very core, there is a Scripture in **Isaiah 6:5** that really nails this experience: “So I said: ‘Woe is me, for *I am undone!*’” I swear I could feel every cell in my body trembling so hard that they became unglued from one another, while at the same time marveling at the fact that I, for the first time in my life was fully aware of how many of them it took to form my physical body. While I was experiencing both, the joy and the fear of His glorious countenance from a still great distance away with a kind of natural telescopic vision, a very intellectual discussion was taking place in my mind as to whether I should try to remember what Jesus looked like and be tempted to make an mental image of Him when I came back, or erase His likeness from my cognitive mind so that I would not have to deal with that aspect of the vision when I came back. So here I was fully aware that what I was experiencing was not the actual rapture but a rehearsal of it, with the ability to retain or release certain parts of the experience.

From the time that I first saw Him and had the manifold experiences of which I just shared a couple with you, to the time that He reached the place where I was standing there could not have been more than a couple of seconds. It happened so fast that even though my mind was processing information at a great rate of speed, He was much faster than even my ability to turbo-think. It was like a violent collision, He came from a great distance away with great velocity; without slowing down He crashed into my chest. That was how it felt at first, but then I realized that it was His right hand that had reached and grabbed my chest as He flew by. The closer that He got to me the more that I trembled, that's when I realized that His holiness was too glorious for my carnality and the cells that form my body were rapidly dying their own individual deaths. I found myself going from zero to the speed of light in less than a microsecond. The speed into which I was suddenly thrust into caused my tongue to flatten like a pancake within my mouth, causing me to feel the empty cavities of missing teeth feeling up. In an instant everything that died became alive, I could feel new teeth growing inside of my mouth, and every cell in my body became reanimated into a perfect man. His touch together with His glorious light brought forth an indescribable new life.

While I have been describing the physical aspect of my experience in the catching away, there were other things taking place as well in my spiritual side. The closer that Jesus came to me, the more aware that I became of my spirit man within me. I was able to experience the “real me” for the first time in his full entity. The more of the physical “me” that died, the stronger the spiritual “I” was able to emerge, such dichotomy cannot be properly explained, it has to be experienced. But this one thing I know for certain, in the midst of the torrential flood of emotions that I was experiencing, a vigorous new man rose up from within me, and with a strong masculine voice and with uninhibited zeal, he cried out incessantly with strong conviction: “HALLELUJAH! HE KEPT HIS PROMISE!” Over and over again he repeated this shout with greater exuberance each time he shouted it.

The duration of the entire vision, not counting the dreaming part, could not have lasted over a minutes' time. But in those precious few seconds I experienced more love and more fear, more death and more life, than I could ever experience if I could live hundreds and hundreds of years. I now have a totally different concept of

reality, and an ability to understand visions from a very different perspective as you will see as you read my rendering of the visions detailed for us in the book of Revelation by the apostle John.

My wife was abruptly awakened when she felt my body shaking uncontrollably as I was lying on the bed. She reached over and grabbed me on the chest to wake me up; my chest and belly areas were so sensitive from experiencing Jesus' touch, that when she grabbed me I screamed so loud that it brought me out of the vision. After experiencing that other dimension, coming back to this one was so disappointing, but my experience was so vivid that I could not stop talking about it to my sleepy wife at 4:45 in the morning. I got up and went into my living room to pray, but I could not stand still not even for a second. I phoned my mom and woke her up crying that Jesus was coming soon and that she needed to get ready, it was before five am. I was so charged from the experience that I repented before God of all the people that I had neglected to witness to. I swore that I would tell everyone I knew about Jesus plus everybody else; I was so on fire with the zeal of God that the only thing that mattered to me at the time was winning souls for Jesus Christ. Whether good or bad that euphoria waned as the day passed. If I didn't come down I know they would have locked me up. As I taught adult Sunday school that morning, people were staring at me in a weird sort of way, no doubt wondering what kind of happy influence I was under. By the time evening came I got in bed early so that I could feel closer to the experience, as I lay there, my belly and chest areas got so sensitive again that I could not bring myself to close my eyes, fearful that he would touch me again, and just as fearful that He would not.

A few months later, having given myself enough time to digest the experience and with the knowledge that I could now make a rational decision as to the purpose for which God revealed the vision to me, I came to the conclusion that Jesus wanted me to learn about end time prophecy and about the sign of His soon coming. My wife and I entered into a new covenant with the Lord that year; we gave to Him our future, our business, our home, as well as all our personal desires. Needless to say our emphasis changed from normal church attendance and our normal church involvement which we were part of since we got saved in 1976, to a radical pursuit of preparation, training and the all needed times of deliverance that we had to go through, in order to fully let go of those things that hinder the flow of revelation from the Holy Spirit.

Eight very difficult years went by; I learned that when God reveals radical things, the enemy steps up with equally radical tricks and attacks. But I also learned that those are the things that God allows in order to refine us and to bring us to total trust in Him and Him alone. During those eight years we had months and months out of every year with no work and no income, every morning I got up I had a choice to make, I could worry about our desperate situation or see it as one more day of home bible schooling, I stayed true to the revelation and chose to study the bible and the signs of His soon coming. After many long hours, months and years of studying and seeking the revelation that only the Lord is able to bring, the framework that would allow me to understand the book of Revelation became clear. Everything made perfect sense all of the sudden, all the pieces of the puzzle started to fall into place. I remember thanking Jesus for His great patience, and I wondered inwardly as to how many times Jesus thought how hardheaded I was. I had piles and piles of notes, charts and genealogies all over the pool table that had become my working station, as I wrote the date in a notebook where I made entries of important discoveries, I realized that the day when I finally received the understanding of the framework of the book of Revelation, was much to my surprise February 12, 1997, exactly eight years from the time I had experienced the rapture of the church of Jesus Christ in a vision.

The Framework

The greatest obstacle that kept me from understanding the Revelation was my old mind set. Everything that I new about the book of Revelation was that which was commonly taught by many of the end time prophecy teachers. As long as I tried to build on that old foundation, nothing made sense. I had to put away that which was commonly accepted as fact and begin with a new slate, and allow the Lord to build the new foundation for my understanding strictly from His Word and not base it on old ways of understanding or the traditional way of thinking.

My intention is to give you the framework of the book of Revelation, so that you will be able to make sense of its contents in a chronological manner, hoping that as you begin to connect its chapters together that they will become very clear to you, even as the events unfold before you in a way that explains the meanings of the many prophecies that are being fulfilled. It is my hope that you will be in awed of God's great prophetic Word being unveiled right before your very eyes and that with great confidence in the final outcome, because of your ability to understand it, that you will make ready to meet your soon coming King without hesitation or doubting.

There are four things needed to put the framework into place, and I will explain why they are needed.

- 1) The revelation is **Two Fold**
- 2) The revelation requires a **Chronology**
- 3) In order to create a **Timeline**
- 4) So that the proper **Alignment** can be made.

The book of Revelation tells the story of what is taking place at the same time in *two different dimensions*. When we watch a movie about a historical event, the screen play tells us that the events are taking place simultaneously even though we actually see them in two separate scenes. The only difference is that the book of Revelation is not telling us what is taking place in two separate physical places at the same time, but rather, that which is taking place in our physical dimension and that which is taking place in the spiritual dimension at the same time, but it is revealed in separate scenes. Without this basic understanding the book of Revelation *will not make any sense*. Everything that takes place in our physical dimension is the direct result of the events that are taking place in the spiritual dimension. So if we are going to understand the unveiling we need to have a *chronology* of the events taking place in both the spiritual account as well as in the physical account. Why is this important? Because we are of this physical dimension and spiritual things do not make sense to the natural mind. So by having a physical and spiritual chronology of the same events we can create a *timeline* of the physical event that we understand and makes sense to us, and then *align* it through the scriptures with the spiritual timeline of the same event.

The first question we need to ask ourselves as we begin reading a chapter is this; are the events that I am reading about taking place in the *natural* realm or in the *spiritual* realm? The second question is; what is the *chronology* of the events taking place? The third question is; can I make a *timeline* out of it? Once you establish a sequence of chapters that reveal a natural timeline and a spiritual timeline, then the idea is to *align* the natural timeline that we understand with the spiritual timeline that does not make sense, and then try to interpret them in the light of that which we understand. You will find so many scriptures that will connect them together so beautifully that you will be astounded.

Let us Begin!

Revelation 1:1-8 “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants — things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to *the word of God* (*spiritual dimension*), and to *the testimony of Jesus Christ* (*physical dimension*), to all things that he saw. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ***Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.*** Even so, Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,’ says the Lord, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’” *Italics added for emphasis.*

Verses 1-3 The introduction and benediction.

Verses 4-8 Greeting and theme of the book. (*Highlighted*)

As we continue reading we need to establish which realm the revelation is presented on, the physical or the spiritual.

Revelation 1:9/11 “I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called *Patmos* for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ...to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

The very first thing that John tells us is that he is in a physical place; an island named Patmos which is still there today. This gives us the first clue to this revelation: it begins in a physical setting; then he is told to write what he sees and send it to seven churches which are located in seven physical cities, some of which are still there today. Then John turns around to see who is speaking to him and he describes what he sees in very physical terms.

Revelation 1:12-15 “Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the *Son of Man*, clothed with a garment down to the *feet* and girded about the *chest* with a golden band. His *head* and *hair* were white like wool, as white as snow, and His *eyes* like a flame of fire; His *feet* were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters.”

The term *Son of Man* refers to Jesus' human nature. Then John describes Him in human terms, having *feet*, *chest*, *head*, *hair* and *eyes*. This is clearly a physical revelation and the message given to the seven churches is a physical message that can be understood by human natural means. Most end time prophecy teachers agree that the seven letters to the seven churches give a prophetic outline of the church age from beginning to end from a physical point of view. Some of the events prophesied about the earlier churches have already been fulfilled. This means that from chapter one through chapter three of the book of Revelation we get a clear chronology of physical events which detail a timeline leading us to the last two churches; Philadelphia and Laodicea.

Revelation 3:8/10-11 “I know your works. See, I have set before you an *open door*, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, *have kept My word*, and have *not denied My name*... Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the *hour of trial* which shall come upon the *whole world*, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, *I am coming quickly!* Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.”

The end time Philadelphia church represents a group of believers who will go through an open door (*rapture*). These are Christians who keep God's Word (*believe God inspired the whole Bible*) and have not denied the name of Jesus (*His deity*). They will be kept from the hour of trial (*God's wrath*) that is coming upon the whole world. This church will bear witness and be part of the greatest outpouring of God's Spirit ever experienced by mortal man, in prelude to the greatest outpouring of God's wrath ever experienced by mortal man.

Revelation 3:17-18 “Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and *have need of nothing*’ — and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked — I counsel you to buy from Me *gold refined in the fire*, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.”

Laodicea represents lukewarm Christianity. It has no need of God, just the form of godliness. It has become indifferent to the deity of Jesus nor does it really care about the authenticity of God's Word. Believes she can stand on her own religious traditions and survive. Gold represents salvation which she will have to purchase through the refining fire of God's righteous judgments during the Day of God's Wrath! These “believers” who make up this church will not be rapture! They will not go through the open door.

Two Fold

Revelation 4:1-2 “After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in *heaven*. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, ‘*Come up here*, and I will show you things which must take place after this.’ Immediately *I was in the Spirit*; and behold, a *throne set in heaven*, and *One sat on the throne*.”

Following the same principles that we studied earlier, we will notice immediately the words *heaven* and *come up here*; also *I was in the spirit* (*realm*) and a *throne set in heaven*. Clearly, John is not in this physical realm anymore, he has been taken into another dimension of time and space. The revelation here will be of a spiritual nature and it will not make sense to us in the natural, we will have to interpret its symbolic meanings. It is also critical for us to find a chronology in this revelation and to establish a timeline for the purpose of aligning it to the physical church age revelation that we understand.

Many if not most end time prophecy teachers will tell us that the above verses represent the rapture of the faithful Philadelphia church going through the door that will be opened for her, and the lukewarm Laodicea church being left behind. But if we believe that, we will find that from here on out is hard to find any cohesive application for the scriptures which follow that would make much sense at all to us here in the natural. Here is what I mean; If the church is removed in chapter four and the Jews are not sealed (*anointed*) until chapter seven, whose minding the store in between? God has always had a human entity to represent His interests here on the earth. On Mount Sinai the nation of Israel was chosen to do His bidding, and they were His representatives here on earth until the sealing anointing was removed from them on the day of Pentecost and that job was conferred to the Church because of Israel's rejection as a nation of Messiah Jesus, in spite of the many Jews who believed in Him.

Luke 20:13-16 “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.’ But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.’ So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those vinedressers and *give the vineyard to others*.”

When Jesus told the Jewish religious leaders this parable, immediately they understood what it meant, they protested vigorously and refused to accept it, but it happened just as Jesus told them it would, they crucified and killed the Son, then the owner of the vineyard threw them out and gave the vineyard to so somebody else: the church. Ever since the day of Pentecost the church has been the authorized (*empowered*) entity that represents God's interests here on the earth as stated on **2 Corinthians 5:20** “Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.” This era is commonly referred to as the Church Age. So when the church ceases to be the representative of God here on earth, either by removal as in the case of the Philadelphia church or by rejection as in the case of the Laodicea church, some other entity has to be anointed (*sealed*) to continue as God's representatives here on earth. And as we know Israel has seven years left on their contract with God to fulfill their prophetic destiny according to **Daniel 9:24-27** or what is commonly referred to as “The seventieth week of Daniel.”

Zechariah 12:10 “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on *Me whom they pierced*. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”

The promise also stands that as the faithful Philadelphia church is removed from the earth, Israel will look on "Me (Jesus) whom they pierced" and will repent greatly and received Him. Then they will be anointed again by the Spirit of grace and supplication; then a fountain for the removal of their sins will be opened for them as they now become God's anointed entity on earth. If the church is removed and Israel is not restored immediately, God is left without duly representation here on the earth, something that has never happened. Because of this, some believe that the rapture does not take place until the middle of God's wrath in order to make up for that gap of time until the Jews are sealed in chapter seven. But that will also violate the promise that God made to His faithful church: "I also will keep you from the *hour of trial* which shall come upon the *whole world*." **Revelation 3:11** This time period being a full 7 years. How do we solve this problem? The *two-fold* solution is that we were given the physical revelation of the Church Age in chapters one through three, and now we are going to be given the revelation of the same Church Age but in spiritual terms in chapters four through six. Heavens view of the same period of time. So that when we get to chapter seven where the Jews are anointed (*sealed*) again, is in reality right after the rapture of the Philadelphia church in Revelation chapter three.

Revelation 4:5 "And from the throne *proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices*. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God."

Following our method prescribed earlier we need to find a chronology to establish a timeline for when this is happening and align it to our present day so that we can understand it. As you read chapter four you will find *One who sat on the throne*, not doubt God our Father, we will also find the *Seven Lamps* which represent the Holy Spirit in this vision, but where is Jesus? Well we know what Jesus looks like in His resurrected body for John described Him in great detail in chapter one, but is clearly obvious that Jesus is not revealed here in the human form in which we know Him. From the throne *proceeded lightnings, thunderings and voices*. What was Jesus called before He came into His physical body? He was called The Word of God! What did The Word of God look like before He became flesh?

John 1:1-4 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, *and the life was the light* of men."

John said that he heard voices (*words*) proceeding from the throne along with lightnings and thunderings; since this is a spiritual revelation we need to look for the symbolic meaning instead of the literal, especially since we know that there are no thunder storms in heaven. What John is describing is a great deal of energy being released from the midst of God's throne.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living (*life giving*) and powerful (*energy*), and sharper than any twoedged sword..."

What a beautiful description of the pre-incarnate Jesus. The Word of God is the life giving energy that proceeds from God's throne and sustains everything with His life. **Acts 17:28** "For in Him we live and move and have our being." So here is our first great discovery, chapter four of Revelation has to be place before the crucifixion and not after the rapture, for *The Word of God has not put on the body of Jesus yet!* This vision of heaven is a picture of what heaven looked like before The Word became flesh.

The Dispensational Clock

The first thing Jesus unveiled for us on chapter one was the introduction of the physical chronology of the church age within the context of the seven churches. The spiritual chronology introduced to us here on chapter four begins first within the context of God's seven dispensations of time and ends by introducing us to the spiritual chronology of the seven churches in chapter six of Revelation, when the seven seals are unveiled.

Revelation 4:6-7 "Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were *four living creatures* full of eyes in front and in back. The first living creature was *like a lion*, the second living creature *like a calf* (ox), the third living creature had a *face like a man*, and the fourth living creature was *like a flying eagle*."

I call this revelation of the four living creatures a dispensational clock. And just like in a natural clock we have to be taught how to tell time, we also have to learn how to read and interpret this dispensational clock. If you want to know what time is in heaven, this dispensational clock will tell you.

The seven dispensations are:

- 1) **Innocence** (*Adam and Eve*)
- 2) **Conscience** (*All who lived before Noah's flood*)
- 3) **Human Government** (*After the flood: not judged yet*)
- 4) **Promise** (*Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*) 5) **Law** (*Israel*)
- 6) **Grace** (*The Church*)
- 7) **Kingdom Age** (*The thousand Years Reign of Christ*)

The living creature that looked like a **lion** represents the dispensation of **Human Government**; the **calf** or a better rendition the ox which is the beast of burden, represents the dispensation of **Law**; the face of a **man** represents the dispensation of **Grace**; the **flying eagle** represents the thousand years **Kingdom Age**. All these remain to be judged according to the **Promises** of God which are found in His Word.

One of the sure reasons for us to know that we are living in the last generation today is that for the first time since the Tower of Babel, **human governments** can come together to a place like the United Nations and speak whatever their native language is and be understood by everyone. At the same time Israel who represents the dispensation of **Law** is present as a nation for the first time in nineteen hundred years. And at the same time the Gospel of Jesus Christ (**His Grace**) in being preached by the church all around the world, telling the world to get ready for Jesus' soon return to set up the **Kingdom Age**. All in accordance with His **Promises**. We are the first generation in human history to witness the restoration of all these three dispensations simultaneously to their predestined positions. The book of Revelation is about God's dealing with these three entities in accordance to what He has promised. Because of their sins God judged the dispensations of **Innocence** and **Conscience** never to be dealt with again. But when the peoples sinned against God at the Tower of Babel, God dispersed them and reserved their judgment for the time of the end. For Israel God ordained four hundred and ninety years of punishment, four hundred and eighty three of those years were completed according to **Daniel 9:26** when Jesus died on the cross. Leaving seven years that begin after they are anointed again, when God will use those seven years to bring to a close (*judge the dispensations of*) human governments, Israel, and the church, and set up His Eternal Kingdom. This is the theme of this wonderful book; the fulfillment of all God's promises. **Daniel 9:24** "Seventy weeks are determined for your

people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, and To anoint the Most Holy.”

But I am getting ahead of myself here; we can tell what time it is today on God's dispensational (*heavenly*) clock by the simultaneous presence of these three dispensations here on earth in their predestine positions, but what about when John saw them in Revelation chapter four? Where was the big hand then?

Revelation 5:1-3 “And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with *seven seals*. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And *no man* in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.” KJV

I made the statement earlier that chapter four of Revelation belongs before the crucifixion and not after the rapture. Chapter five proves this statement right. The hand on the dispensational clock points to the dispensation of man. They are looking for a man (*above, here or beneath*) who is worthy and able to unseal the seven seals; in other words a man who is able to usher in the church age which is represented by the number seven.

Revelation 5:4 “And I wept much, because *no man* was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.” KJV

Surely, before The Word became flesh there was no man who qualified for this undertaking. Since John sees no man at first who is qualified, is a reaffirmation to us that John was first shown the vision of The Word proceeding out of the throne before the incarnation, and now in chapter five John will witness the before and after of how The Word became flesh and accomplished the work of salvation which is now made available to all mankind.

Revelation 5:5-6 “And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the *Lion of the tribe of Judah*, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the *midst of the throne* and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a *Lamb as it had been slain*, having *seven horns and seven eyes*, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.”

What a beautiful sight! The elder in heaven sees Jesus as a Lion (*King—Ruler*), the Lion of the tribe of Judah. But when John looks he sees Jesus as a *Lamb that had been slain*, such is our view of Him from our human condition. Notice that this *Lion—Lamb* is in the midst of the throne where earlier was seen “From the throne *proceeded lightnings, thunderings and voices.*” Confirming once and for all that Revelation chapter four belongs before the crucifixion, while chapter five details His work of redemption as viewed from the spiritual vantage point. Having *seven horns and seven eyes*: Like if we needed more proof, here we are given a connection to a Scripture that will confirm that we are within the proper *alignment*. **Horns** is a symbol (*remember this is the spiritual side of the revelation*) for physical strength; **Eyes** is the symbol for spiritual strength (*power*) and *seven* means perfect or complete: Meaning that He the *Lion—Lamb* has total and complete physical and spiritual strength and authority, as He told His disciples before He was taken up to heaven. **Matthew 28:18** “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘*All authority* has been given to Me in *heaven and on earth.*’”

This above verse places Revelation chapter five squarely at the ascension of Jesus Christ to His heavenly glory. This for sure is a radical departure from anything that I had been taught in the past; it is something that I never heard taught in my life before. The only way that I can explain this, is that it was a mystery that the Lord has chosen to reveal in our present day and age. **Revelation 1:20** “The *mystery* of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The *seven stars are the angels of the seven churches*, and the *seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches*.”

Here is the revelation of the mystery which was not possible until we made the proper alignment. The seven stars represent the spiritual revelation of the Church Age: stars and angels symbolize things that are out of reach and things that are invisible; spiritual things. If we continue with this understanding, it simply means that the seven seals that Jesus unseals in heaven correspond to the physical unveiling given to us here on earth in the seven letters that were given to the seven churches. Since this is such a radical departure from the teachings that we have learned in the past, I want to make sure that before we move into understanding the meanings of the seven seals, that there is no doubt in the reader's mind that the events recorded in Revelation chapters four and five were fulfilled when Jesus ascended into heaven and that they are not to be interpreted as future events.

The Word of God: The Son of Man

The Word of God is perfect, not only in truth but in application as well. When a truth in God's perfect Word is revealed it will be in complete contextual harmony, especially when applied and understood within its proper setting. Psalms 22, 23 and 24 record the events that take place in Revelation chapters four and five. I will link these events to one another in the hope that from the double witness of these Scriptures the reader will be convinced beyond doubt of the two-fold message that this radical revelation is trying to convey to us.

Psalm 22:12-16 “Many *bulls* have surrounded Me; strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me with their mouths, like a raging and roaring *lion*. I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. For *dogs* have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet.”

One thousand years before Jesus hung on the cross, The Holy Spirit revealed the spiritual version of what really took place on the cross on that faithful day. We saw in Revelation chapter four the meaning of the lion, ox and man, that they represented different dispensations. Here we see how Jesus defeated the spirits (*driving force*) behind those dispensations and how He took away from them their authority to impose their own rule.

The spirit behind the lion (*human governments*) stole the dominion from Adam's descendants who survived the flood and corrupted all physical authority through injustices and rebellion, i.e. Nimrod, who led the first open rebellion against the commandments of God. Jesus the Last Adam regained that authority on the work of righteousness that He accomplished on the cross by His submission to the will of the Father.

Colossians 2:15 “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He (*Jesus*) made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. (*the cross*)”

The spirit behind the bull/ox (*religious authorities*) corrupted their spiritual authority through idol worship and compromise, i.e. Semiramis and Tammuz/Nimrod (*Mother and child cult, established after Nimrod was killed for his rebellion*). Jesus became our High Priest through His sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection from the dead, and reinstated the true worship of the Living God by providing free access to all mankind to the goodness and graciousness of God.

Hebrews 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.*”

The dogs (*mankind*) represented the helplessness of the gentile world that without the truth of God's Word revealed to them would all perish without hope. Jesus' Gospel of Grace was introduced to a lost world from the cross of Calvary.

Ephesians 2:12-13 “That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of *promise*, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off *have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*”

Jesus, glory be to His great Name, defeated the power (*spirits*) behind the governmental authorities of this world (*lion*); and the power (*spirits*) behind all the religious orders of the world as well (*bull*), so that He could give the Bread of Life to gentiles (*dogs*) like us, who were once without hope. So here we connected Psalm 22 and Revelation 4 and revealed how Jesus defeated all our enemies, physical and spiritual on the cross of Calvary; and this is what He accomplished for us.

Psalm 23:1-6 “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

The King of Glory and His Kingdom

This is the heading for Psalm 24 in my Bible; it could be the heading for Revelation chapter five as well. But before I try to connect the two let me explain a few things that will help us to better understand them. The Word of God left heaven and entered into the body that God prepared for Him. **Hebrews 10:5** “Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: ‘Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a *body* You have prepared for Me.’” After The Word entered the body that we know as Jesus who is the physical manifestation of the Word of God: “The Word became flesh.” **John 1:14** The Word of God remained within the body that we know as Jesus the Christ. Why is this so important? Because when The Word returned to heaven it took back the resurrected physical body with Him and the new name giving to His physical nature.

Philippians 2:8-11 “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. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him *the name* which is above every name, that at the name of *Jesus every knee should bow*, of those in *heaven*, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

It would be interesting to know how the heavenly creatures reacted when The Word of God came back to heaven with a physical body and a new name, and heard the command given by the Father that everybody in heaven was to bow to Him. This brings us back to the events recorded in Revelation chapter five and their connection to Psalm twenty four.

Ephesians 4:9-10 “Therefore He says: ‘When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.’ (Now this, ‘He ascended’ — what does it mean but that He also *first* descended into the lower parts of the earth? *He who descended* is also the *One who ascended* far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)”

Now remember that what I am trying to do is to connect Revelation chapter five to the time when Jesus was taken up to heaven after His resurrection from the dead. I am trying to prove it from the testimony of a second Scripture.

Psalm 24:7-8 “Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, *you everlasting doors!* And the *King of glory* shall come in. Who is this King of glory? *The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.*”

When Jesus descended into the lower parts of the earth, He confronted Satan and his entire wicked host who were hiding behind the gates of hell itself. Within those gates was Paradise the place of comfort for the departed souls of righteous men of old who were not able to ascend into the third heaven where the glorious light of God radiates. The blood of bulls and goats was not able to remove their sins only cover them. But when the precious blood of Jesus was poured on the heavenly Mercy Seat their sins were atoned for in full, and once and for all removed. The Lord descended to redeem His precious possessions — the souls of faithful ones who patiently waited for their redemption — and to take them up with Him.

Job 4:10 “The roaring of the lion, the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions are broken.”

What a beautiful spiritual picture! Here is the translation in our common vernacular: Jesus the King of Glory kicks down the gates of hell and bruises His heel, shatters all the teeth of the spiritual enemies that surrounded

Him on the cross, takes away from Satan the keys of death, hell and the grave. He rises triumphantly and takes with Him up to heaven the spoils of His victory, the souls of just men made perfect.

Psalm 24:9-10 “Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you *everlasting doors!* And the King of glory *shall come in.* Who is this King of glory? *The LORD of hosts,* He is the King of glory.”

After descending and destroying the enemies below now Jesus is ascending, and as He arrives to the heavenly gate, the angel with the flaming sword that God placed at the entrance of the gate to the garden of Eden asks: Who goes there? For no human was ever able to have access again to the Tree of Life. Our Savior responds strongly: Open Up! I am the Lord Almighty, the resurrection and the Life, the King of Glory in the flesh! And I am bringing up all my spoils with Me!

Psalm 24:3-5 “*Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?* Or who may *stand in His holy place?* He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. *He shall receive blessing from the LORD,* and righteousness from the God of his salvation.”

This is the same question that was asked in Revelation chapter five: “Who is worthy to open the books?” Of course no man was found worthy until The Word became flesh, fulfilled the law, paid in full for the sins of all mankind, and then took the scroll with the seven seals into His own hands and began to release the dispensation of Grace through His church.

Psalm 24:1-2 “The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters.”

Revelation 5:1 “And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.”

The scroll represents the deed to the earth which has always belonged to God. When Adam forfeited the dominion (*not ownership*) that was giving to him over it; he became indebted to sin with a debt he could not pay. When the time came for the dispensation of man to unveiled the grace of God upon the earth, no man was found worthy to usher in God's grace.

Isaiah 59:16 “He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him.”

Everything that we see in Revelation chapter five speaks of the work of redemption that Jesus accomplished for us on the cross. It also speaks of the transition from The Word of God to the Son of Man that took place when Jesus went up to the heavenly realm to release the dispensation of Grace with His glorified bodily form; for that's what was required by God.

Worthy is the Lamb

Revelation 5:11-13 “Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many *angels* around the throne, the *living creatures*, and the *elders*; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: ‘**Worthy is the Lamb** who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!’ And every creature which is in *heaven* and on the *earth* and *under the earth* and such as are in the *sea*, and all that are in them, I heard saying: ‘Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!’”

Now that glorified *Man* has destroyed the power of death, and taken back up the dominion that once was forfeited by (*the first*) Adam; all creation has to swear allegiance to the new (*last*) Adam. So we see the angels, the living creatures, and the elders cry out: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive the sevenfold (*spiritual*) blessing.” And from the physical creation; heaven, earth, beneath the earth and the sea and all that is in them comes a fourfold (*physical*) blessing of acceptance as well. Righteous Man (*Jesus and His church*) have regained control over all the demonic foes that have plagued mankind.

Luke 10:19 “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

If these blessings were part of a future event, something that has not yet occurred, then Jesus the last Adam has not yet received the dominion and we would still be waiting for its fulfillment to take place. However that would be in full contradiction of Scripture, for in **Matthew 28:18** Jesus told us that “**All authority** has been given to Me in *heaven and on earth*.” Since I have clearly demonstrated that Revelation chapters four and five unveiled the events that took place before, during and immediately after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the spiritual perspective, then the only thing that we have left is the unsealing of the seven seals in chapter six which will complete the spiritual revelation of the Church Age.

The First Seal

Revelation 6:1-2 “Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, ‘Come and see.’ And I looked, and behold, a *white horse*. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out *conquering and to conquer*.”

The notion of the seven seals being part of the church age and not part of the seven years of God's wrath upon the earth will be very difficult to accept by traditionally minded students of the book of Revelation, because to my knowledge it has not commonly been taught; at least I have never heard of it before or since the Lord gave me this revelation. But if you stay with me until we get to chapter seven of Revelation where the first conjunction of the two fold revelation takes place, it will be very hard for you not to agree with this teaching.

If the first seal has already been opened then we need to ask ourselves; when was it opened? In order to determine that, we need to decipher the meaning of the symbols given along with it, since we are still on the spiritual side of the revelation of the Church Age. The first four seals reveal four different riders on four horses of different colors; let us begin with this question: Why were horsemen selected to depict these four stages of the revelation?

2 Kings 9:20 “So the watchman reported, saying, ‘He went up to them and is not coming back; and the driving is like the *driving of Jehu* the son of Nimshi, for he drives *furiously!*’”

Back in Bible days a watchman on the wall would spot from far away a galloping horse as it approached the city wall by the dust that it kicked up. They were trained to ascertain the identity and the intentions of the riders by the way they rode their horses. The closer the horseman came to the wall, the easier the intentions and identification of the riders became. We are like the watchman on the wall trying to figure out who the rider is and what his intentions are. At first we just verily see a small cloud of dust, but the closer the event gets to us the clearer our understanding of it. With this in mind I will take up the meaning of the rider in the white horse. This rider represents the journey of the spirit of antichrist which one day will reach his destination here on earth (*the wall*). When was it that the first seal was opened and the spirit of antichrist released?

1 John 4:3 “And every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard *was coming*, and is *now already in the world*.”

Isn't it amazing that John the writer of Revelation is the only one of the New Testament writers that mentions the word antichrist. If the white horse represents the antichrist as most teachers agree, then the seal that released his spirit into the world had already been opened during the days of John and is galloping to his final destination, which is his personalization during the events that comprise the Day of the Lord. So our alignment points to the unsealing of the first seal during the apostolic age.

The Second Seal

Revelation 6:3-4 “When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, ‘Come and see.’ Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to *take peace from the earth*, and that people should *kill one another*; and there was given to him a *great sword*.”

This horseman obviously represents wars. We may say that we have had wars since the beginning of time and that's true. But there is a hint here to a very specific war that will have a very profound effect upon all the nations of the world.

Matthew 24:4-8 “And Jesus answered and said to them: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, *‘I am the Christ,’* (*antichrist*) and will deceive many. And you will hear of *wars and rumors of wars*. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For *nation will rise against nation*, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. *All these are the beginning of sorrows.*”

Notice how Jesus begins with a warning against the spirit of antichrist in connection to the unsealing of the second seal which took place after the spirit of antichrist was released. This red horse of war reached his zenith during World War II and brought about the unification of the nations of the world under one mind and purpose, plus the birth of the nation of Israel. The great sword represents the unleashing of the atomic era that changed forever the equation through which the true rulers of the earth make decisions. Money and the “families” that control the flow of it have always been the true power that rules the nations. Wars and conflicts have been their way of life, they don't take sides, they just profit from it. No matter how bad one nation got they had plenty of land and mansions in another. When the nuclear era began it was immediately clear to them that one could not hide from the consequences of an all out atomic war. The best they could hope for was life in an atomic shelter and dehydrated food; this of course was unacceptable to them. How do you prevent an all out nuclear war? One world government! How can they achieve one world government without an all out nuclear war? One world economy! You heard the saying: “Is the economy stupid.”

The Third Seal

Revelation 6:5-6 “When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, ‘Come and see.’ So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a *pair of scales* in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and *do not harm the oil and the wine.*’”

The classic way that people with money manipulate the lives of other people is through the purse strings. First they give you things to make you depended of them and then they threaten to take them away if you don't behave in the manner they want you to. Weather we know it or not our financial future is at the mercy of very few people. If they so desire, they can raise or lower interest rates in a whim thereby affecting the lives of millions of people for good or bad, they can do this with our oil supplies or any other indispensable commodity. This is the spirit that drives very independent nations to their knees and is very much at work today in conjunction with the first two seals, to bring about the new world order we heard so much about. In Bible days the oil and the wine were the things upon which their economy was heavily depended upon, without them their economy came to a grinding halt. One day soon we'll have to make a decision here in America like many of the nations of the world already have; and that is to dump Israel for the sake of maintaining our life styles. Have you notice how those who have the most oil are usually the ones who hate Israel the most.

Matthew 24:7-8 “...And there will be *famines*, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. *All these are the beginning of sorrows.*”

The Fourth Seal

Revelation 6:7-8 “When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, ‘Come and see.’ So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was *Death*, and *Hades* followed with him. And power was given to them over a *fourth of the earth*, to *kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.*”

This fourth seal will be open as a prelude to the beginning of the seven years of the Wrath God upon the earth.

Ezekiel 14:21 “For thus says the Lord GOD: ‘How much more it shall be when I send *My four severe judgments* on *Jerusalem* — the sword and famine and wild beasts and pestilence — to cut off man and beast from it?’”

As you can see, the four seals represent the unfolding of four distinctly unique forces working together to bring about the right conditions that will precipitate the introduction of God’s four severe judgments upon the earth to announce to the world that the closing of the dispensation of Grace is at hand. We need to understand that in the spiritual side of the revelation, time is revealed as the progression of advancing forces working together, rather than as physical events that follow one another.

Zechariah 12:3 “And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.”

There is no room in the new world order for Zionism. Israel has demonstrated her ability to retain her identity through many centuries of Diaspora. The United Nations believes that they were the ones who gave birth to the nation of Israel and they aim to abort her. The forces at work behind the four seals will culminate in the attempt to wipe Israel off the map, this war will involve one fourth of the earth. This invasion will cause many casualties in Israel and in the nations involved in it: **Ezekiel 38:1-6**, and as they close in on Jerusalem our Lord Jesus Christ will intervene on their behalf, preparing Israel to receive Him as their Messiah.

Zechariah 12:10-11 “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem...”

Instead of jubilation for their great deliverance and the destruction of all their enemies, there will be great mourning. Why? In that day Israel will realize that they crucified the Son of God and rejected their Messiah, they will be so broken that they will go into a time of great mourning. Individual families throughout all of Israel will go into seclusion and repent and mourn for their past misdeed. This will pave the way for the rapture to take place and the sealing of the 144,000 first-fruit offering to be accepted by our Lord on their behalf. But before that, we will look and see what the consequences are for their and the world’s rejection of Messiah in the next two seals. We will see this pattern of four forces working together to bring about two results that will culminate with the seventh being a point of transition and or completion. We will see them in the seven trumpet judgments and the seven bowl judgment as well.

These four forces working together bring about the persecution of the Jews.

1ST SEAL: WHITE HORSE

2ND SEAL: RED HORSE

3RD SEAL: BLACK HORSE

7th SEAL: The beginning of the wrath of God.

4TH SEAL: PALE HORSE

5TH SEAL: The Jewish Holocaust

6th SEAL: The deliverance of Israel and the rapture of the church.

The Fifth Seal

Revelation 6:9-11 “When He opened the fifth seal, I saw *under the altar the souls* of those who had been slain for the *word of God and for the testimony which they held*. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘*How long*, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until *both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren*, who would be killed as they were, was completed.”

Under Christ Jesus we who believe are judged on the cross. For all practical purposes we died when we confessed Jesus as our savior and Lord, we passed from the judgment of death into life eternal through the vicarious sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf. We will face the judgment of rewards for the deeds we have done in this body with the life that belonged to Him after we “died” in Christ. Our salvation is secure but our reward is not, but we will not have to go through the wrath of God’s judgment. **Rev 3:10** “I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.” The price that the Jews have to pay for having rejected their Messiah is this; they have to endure the judgment of God’s wrath, which means they have to die in order to enter into their salvation; that is why they go into deep mourning when they realize that they missed Jesus who was their substitute for death.

“I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain.” All that a burnt offering (*death*) leaves behind is ashes under the altar. These are not Christian martyrs; they are Jews testifying to their heritage in the Word of God. Their cry to the Lord is: How long before you avenge us? The Lord’s response to them is: “until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.” Six million Jews paid with their lives during Hitler’s Holocaust (*burnt offering*), and since then many more have died execution style just for the mere fact that they were Jews, looked like Jews or had Jewish sounding names. The fifth seal details the consequences suffered by the Jews while the four (*horsemen*) spiritual forces shaped the geo-political landscape so that the sixth seal could be unveiled, which will usher in God’s unavoidable judgment upon a Jew hating world.

The Sixth Seal

Revelation 6:12-17 “I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and *the sun became black* as sackcloth of hair, and *the moon became like blood*. And *the stars of heaven fell to the earth*, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and *every mountain and island was moved out of its place*. And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! *For the great day of His wrath has come*, and who is able to stand?’”

Out of all the seven seals this one is the easiest to align because of the multiplicity of Scriptures that refer to this event in great detail. So far we've taken a brief look to the physical chronology of the Church Age and touched on the spiritual condition of the last two churches that will be present during this end time. In the spiritual chronology of the Church Age we dealt with the four forces (*spirits*) that will be at work behind the scenes to usher in the Great Day of the Lord's Wrath. The first thing we need to establish is this: Will the righteous Philadelphia church experience all of the cosmic disturbances caused by the opening of the sixth seal before she is taken away in the rapture?

Acts 2:17-21 “And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy (*this part of the prophecy was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost*). *I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved (this part of the prophecy is yet to be fulfilled).*”

On the day of Pentecost when the church of Jesus Christ was ordained (*sealed/anointed/filled with power*) Peter quoted this Scripture. The first part of this prophecy was fulfilled on the day of her inception and the last part (*my italics*) will be fulfilled on the day of her departure. Notice the similarities (*which I highlighted*) with the opening of the sixth seal.

On the face of this great cosmic upheaval the unbelievers of this world will be running to the bomb shelters, while the children of faith that have been looking for His appearing will direct the fearful to *call upon the name of the Lord and be saved*. Unfortunately many believers have been taught that they will be taken away unexpectedly so they have failed to prepare themselves for an event like this. I wonder if in the face of such calamities their faith will hold up. My friends, this is the very reason why I am writing this revelation, so that this Day of the Lord will not catch us unprepared. *For the great day of His wrath has come*, and who is able to stand? **1 Thessalonians 5:4-9** “But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so *that this Day should overtake you as a thief*. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, *putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation*. For God did not *appoint us to wrath*, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

I will continue to connect the opening of the sixth seal with the rapture of the church, but before I do so I have to deal with the misconception of the word *tribulation* verses the Day of the Lord or the Day of His Wrath. Unfortunately the seven year period of God's wrath upon the earth has been called *the tribulation period*, and this will be a time of great tribulation to be sure, but since we are not going to go through the wrath of God (for *God did not appoint us to wrath*) we associate it with not going through any tribulation.

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have *tribulation*; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

What's the difference between tribulation and the Wrath of God? Here is how I define it: Tribulation is when the world persecutes you for your testimony of the Word of God. The Wrath of God is when God brings the world into judgment for persecuting His saints that rightly testified about His Word. While those who testified of His Word have been persecuted (*undergone tribulation*) for centuries and centuries, the Day of the Lord is a very specific period of seven years, 2,555 days to be exact. You will find that during the sixth seal the Wrath of God has not yet started because of this statement in **Revelation 7:3** "Saying, '*Do not harm the earth*, the sea, or the trees till we have *sealed the servants of our God* on their foreheads.'" I do not want to get into the seventh seal yet, for I need to set the scenario from other Scriptures that will usher in the Day of the Lord. But I wanted to make sure that you understand that the Wrath of God has not started yet during the sixth seal, only the birth pangs or as Jesus put it: "*All these are the beginning of sorrows.*"

Ezekiel 38:19-20 "For in My jealousy and in the *fire of My wrath* I have spoken: 'Surely in that day there shall be a *great earthquake in the land of Israel*, so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and *all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence*. The *mountains shall be thrown down*, the steep places shall fall, and every *wall shall fall* to the ground.'"

If we compare Ezekiel's rendering to the opening of the sixth seal and to the initiation of the church in Acts chapter two, we will find amazing similarities in these prophecies of such grand scope that they all have to be detailing the same event.

Luke 21:25-26 "And there will be *signs in the sun*, in the *moon*, and in the *stars*; and on the *earth* distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; *men's hearts failing them* from fear and the *expectation of those things which are coming* on the earth, for *the powers of the heavens will be shaken.*"

Here is Luke's version of the same event, again look at the similarities with Ezekiel's prophecy and Joel's prophecy quoted by Peter on the day of Pentecost "*I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath*" clearly connecting them to the end of the church age. They can only mean one thing: The powers of the heavens will be shaken before the rapture of the church!

Matthew 24:29-31 "Immediately *after the tribulation* (*the persecution of the people of the Word*) of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the *tribes of the earth will mourn*, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And *He will send His angels* with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will *gather together His elect* from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

The tribes of the earth will mourn: Zechariah foretold the deliverance of Jerusalem and spoke of the mourning of the tribes of Israel associated with the appearance of the one they had pierced; it appears that the tribes of the earth will mourn as well for Him. This could be a reference to the Laodicea church that is scattered around the world as they realize that they have to die during the days of wrath in order to enter into their salvation (*buy gold: salvation refined in the fire of God's Wrath*). The great revelation here is that according to Ezekiel and Zechariah, Israel will be invaded by an overwhelming enemy force, Jerusalem will be surrounded by foreign armies at the Lord's prompting and God will chose that event to show Himself Holy to ALL the nations of the earth. Then He will rapture His church and establish Israel as His anointed servant. And during those last seven years He will put an end to all the dispensations of man and bring in the Age of Rest, His Eternal Kingdom, otherwise known as the Kingdom Age.

Daniel 9:24 "To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy."

The Rapture of the Church

Revelation 7:1-4 “After these things I saw *four angels* standing at the *four corners of the earth*, holding the *four winds of the earth*, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. Then 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 granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have *sealed the servants* of our God on their foreheads.’ And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed.”

This teaching began with the assertion that the revelation is two fold, the events revealed in their physical settings are then portrayed from the heavenly or spiritual point of view. I made the point that the first three chapters of Revelation concerned themselves with the practical or physical unveiling of the Church Age, and that the following three chapters gave us insight into the unfolding of the Church Age from the spiritual perspective. What we have here on chapter seven is what I will call the first conjunction between the physical and the spiritual realms. A grand opening of the door that separates the physical realm from the spiritual realm. **Revelation 6:14** “Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up.” For a moment of time (*I don't know how long*) the barrier (*wall*) that keeps us from seeing into the spiritual realm will be removed for the purpose of allowing all mankind to see that the great day of His Wrath has come. Through this opened door the faithful Philadelphia church of Jesus Christ, those who have died in Christ and the ones that remain, will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air to forever abide with Him. As the angel steps through this opened door ascending from the east and having the seal of the Living God (*resurrection / rapture*); he will transfer the authority giving anointing from the church back to the children of Israel who will then make an offering to the Lord (*devote them for His service*) of twelve thousand young men from each of their twelve tribes. This transaction will probably be handled by the Two Witnesses who will at this time step through that opened door as well and prophesy (*give them the ordinances that apply during this period of time*) for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Revelation 7:9-10 “After these things I looked, and behold, a *great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues*, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”

This is the rapture of the church! A great multitude without number, out all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, shouting at the top of their lungs: Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb! Our sufferings finally over, our long hard journey finally completed He will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Revelation 7:11-12 “All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.’”

The heavenly host who have worked so hard behind the scenes to protect and watch over the heirs of salvation, will fall prostrate on their faces and give seven-fold praise to the God who is able to keep His promises and deliver His true and faithful church unscathed.

Revelation 7:13-14 “And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, these are

they which came out of **great tribulation** (*not the great-as in one*), and have washed their robes, and made them white in the **blood of the Lamb.**” KJV

The rapture happened so quickly that John who was looking down to the events that were unfolding here on earth all of the sudden sees this great multitude around the throne in heaven worshipping God and wonders aloud: where did they come from? And John is told that these are the ones who come out of **great** (*Greek: **me-gas** is plural, meaning greats / more than one*) **tribulation**. These are the saints of all the ages who were caught up to heaven, not just us; many of them paid the ultimate price for their faith with their lives, others having to endure unspeakable horrors at the hand of ungodly sinners without denying the faith. These are not there because they missed the rapture and had to go through the judgments of God here on the earth. They are there because they washed their robes and made them white in the precious blood of the Lamb.

Before we open the seventh seal there is something else we need to attend to before we can continue. Due to the firmly held belief of many that no one will know about the day or hour of the rapture I will have to spend some time explaining the meaning of the verse found in Matthew 24:36.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

The many Scriptures I have shared with you so far paint the picture that we will know that the Rapture of the church is imminent due to the events they foretell will precede it. However we have been told time and time again that no one knows of that day and hour in contrast to other scriptures that warn us not to let this day catch us unprepared. So, what gives?

Matthew 24:36-37 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the *days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*”

For years I believed that Jesus was speaking of the rapture in the above verses and like a parrot I repeated it to everybody else. When I was confronted with the overwhelming evidence the Scriptures I shared with you earlier presented me, I had to ask the Lord, what did You mean when You said no one knows the day and hour? His answer was simple: Scripture interprets Scripture; do not assume, before you repeat some else's teaching, test it to see if what you assume can be corroborated by other Scripture.

The days of Noah: Since Jesus included a Scripture reference along with that verse, I decided to go to the days of Noah and see if the people who lived in Noah's day *new the day and hour* of their impending destruction, since this is what that portion of Scripture seems to imply, that is that they didn't know the day or the hour of their prophesied end.

Genesis 6:3/8 “And the LORD said, ‘My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be *one hundred and twenty years*’...But *Noah found grace* in the eyes of the LORD.”

I was amazed to find that the Lord had a fixed time for the day of their destruction of one hundred and twenty years. There are three components to a date: **day, month** and **year**. If Jesus was to say that He would return on September for example, every year we would look for His return on September, yet He may never come in our life time because a month by itself is not a fixed date. It would be the same if He said that He was coming back on the nineteen; that would be open ended as well. But what if He said He was coming back in 2009, then we would know that any day within that year it would become a certainty. For the people of Noah's day who lived life spans well over nine hundred years, one hundred and twenty years was not a long time; one hundred and twenty years to them would be the equivalent of twelve years in our present day life span. Evidently not too many people took God at His word or maybe they just did not care. But Noah did, and it was his belief of what God said that found him grace and the ability to prepare for himself and his family a way out. So *they knew* in the days of Noah which year their end would come. But wait, there is more!

Genesis 7:4 “For after *seven more days* I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.”

Amazing! Seven full days before the destruction began, God told Noah what He was going to do. So Noah knew the year and prepared for it, then he was told seven days ahead of time of the impending doom. Now Jesus said that as the days of Noah were, so also will be when He returns. But we just read that no one knows the day or the hour and assumed that He was speaking about the rapture, yet the Scripture Jesus gave us as reference tells us otherwise, for Noah knew the year, prepared himself for it and was rewarded with an early warning. Either Jesus made a mistake and gave us the wrong Scripture reference or we assumed wrong. Well we know Jesus never makes mistakes so *we assumed wrong*! Since the faithful of old were told the day of the

end a week in advance, we need to ask ourselves: will it be like that with us? How about those who are preparing themselves for His return, will it be revealed to them ahead of time? Is there a fixed year for us today?

Luke 21:28 “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

When we view these end time prophecies through the scenario portrayed under the opening of the sixth seal it makes a lot more sense if we view them as something we should be looking for and know, rather than as something to be ignored because we are not suppose to know them. Because as the destruction of Jerusalem becomes imminent, the powers of the heavens will be shaken and the people of the world will panic. The believers who are looking up will be rejoicing because they know that they are about to be taken away from all this chaos.

One Hundred and Twenty

Why did God choose the number *one hundred and twenty* to signal the close of their dispensation? Why did the Holy Spirit chose to fall on about *one hundred and twenty* disciples? Is there a connection to the end of the Church Age and the number one hundred and twenty? Was Jesus pointing us to a hidden mystery in regards to the days of Noah? We have been dealing with the two fold nature of the book of Revelation, the physical and the spiritual. I believe there is a double meaning in the account of the days of Noah as well. There are two ways to keep time: The physical method which relies on the rotation of the earth on its axis and around the sun to give us the times and the seasons. And the spiritual method which is not depended on any physical means. God chose the Sabbath to be His spiritual clock that would point all mankind to His day of rest, which is the entrance into His Kingdom Age. The way God's spiritual clock works is through cycles of years of rest. Every seventh year is a year of rest, when a cycle of seven rest years (*forty nine years*) comes to a conclusion; the fiftieth year is called the year of jubilee (*canceling of all debts*).

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable (*jubilee*) year of the LORD."

The close of the church age will complete God's spiritual clock of *one hundred and twenty cycles* of *jubilees* (*six thousand years*), through which God has provided forgiveness and has cancelled the debt of sin of all the saints (*a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues*) throughout all the cycles of the ages of mankind (*dispensations*). And the rapture and resurrection will allow them to enter into God's day of rest with their new physical bodies.

Spiritual Clock: $120 \times 50 = 6,000$ Six Thousand Years.

So when Jesus told His disciples almost two thousand years ago that the end of the age would be like it was during the days of Noah, He was encrypting a message for those living near the end of the six thousand years of time, that we should be careful not to be like the people of Noah's day who ignored the warnings and were caught unprepared the day their age closed.

Matthew 24:38-39 "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and *did not know* until the flood came and took them all away, *so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*"

Clearly Jesus is making a distinction between those who knew, prepared themselves, and were ready (*Noah and his family*) and those who did not make preparation for the for-ordained year of their demise. Now we are not privilege today to know when the sixth thousand year ends exactly because we do not have an accurate physical calendar, but Jesus did tell us that the last generation would not pass away until all these things would be fulfilled.

Genesis 2:3-4 "And God blessed the *seventh day*, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. *These are the generations* of the heavens and of the earth when they were *created*, in the day that the LORD God *made* (*work*) the earth and the heavens." KJV

I believe that there are *one hundred and forty four* generations from Adam to the rapture that completes the physical clock. Just like there are *one hundred and twenty* cycles of *fifty* (*jubilee*) from Adam to the rapture that completes the spiritual clock. In the physical clock a day represents *one thousand years* and an hour represents *one generation*. There are twenty four hours (*generations*) in one day (*a thousand years*) for a total of one *hundred and forty four* hours (*generations*) that must elapse before we can enter into the Sabbath which is the day of rest.

Physical Clock: $24 \times 6 = 144$ generations in six thousand years.

That is why an offering is required by the Lord of *one hundred and forty four* thousand young men at the time of the rapture, fulfilling the prophecy of **Genesis 2:3-4** which indicates the completion of the generations before we can enter into the final day of rest (*seventh day = one thousand years*). I also believe that we are that *one hundred and forty fourth* generation. Which I believe began with the rebirth of the nation of Israel.

Psalm 90:1/4 “Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all *generations*...For a thousand years in Your sight are like *yesterday when it is past*, and like a watch in the night.”

2 Peter 3:8 “But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord *one day is as a thousand years*, and a thousand years as one day.”

As the events of the sixth seal conclude in Revelation chapter seven, we witness the conjunction of the spiritual and the physical dimensions of time (*144,000 Israel*) and space (*120 the church*) coming together in a spectacular climax which produces the life giving energy of the resurrection of the saints, the rapture of the church and the spiritual restoration of the nation of Israel. Hallelujah!

I took a lot of time to explain that Jesus was not speaking of the rapture when He said that no one knew the day or the hour. But my job would not be complete if I fail to explain through the Scriptures what He meant by that statement. So let me take a few more moments before we go back to the seventh seal.

A Day Known Only to the Lord

Matthew 24:36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but *My Father only*.”

To try to make sense of what Jesus was really speaking about I needed a Scripture to enlighten me on what a day known only to the Lord was about, and He showed it to me!

Zechariah 14:6-7 “On that day there will be no light, *no cold or frost*. It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime — *a day known (only) to the LORD*. When evening comes, there will be light.” NIV

I used the New International Version translation because they pickup on something that correlates with the end time account given by Matthew.

Matthew 24:20 “And pray that *your flight may not be in winter* or on the Sabbath.”

The Scripture that quotes Jesus telling us that no one knows the day nor the hour, in its greater context is speaking of a time of great persecution that will cause the Israelites to have to flee to the mountains. And the uncertainty of the day has more to do with a day that does not end than with reference to a date.

Zechariah 14:5 “Then *you shall flee* through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. *Yes, you shall flee* as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You (*Him*).”

Jesus told His disciples to flee to the mountains when they see the desecration of the holy place happening within the temple.

Matthew 24:15-16 “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, *standing in the holy place* (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea *flee to the mountains*.”

All these events are connected with that which is taking place during the middle of the seven years of God's Wrath upon the earth, not the beginning when the rapture takes place! In the middle of those seven years when the desecration of the holy place occurs, God will miraculously stop time to allow His chosen saints to escape the antichrist who has just taken over the temple mount. They will flee to caves that the Lord will open for them where the old cities of refuge east of the Jordan were originally placed by Moses. The resurrected saints and those who go up in the rapture will be clothed with glorified bodies like those of the angels and will not be able to procreate. The Lord will keep a remnant of the Jews alive through the global cataclysm and carnage of those seven years who will repopulate the nation of Israel and occupy the physical land promised to Abraham during Christ's thousand year reign.

Matthew 24:40-41 “Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.”

Imagine the world wide chaos when all of the sudden the sun refuses to set and time stops, the clocks will stop moving, they will be useless for no one will know the real time. It will truly be *a day known only to the Lord* when God resets His heavenly clock. Humans will have to wait for earthly motion to start again and then reset

all their clocks to the new time. Today, clocks that orbit earth aboard satellites move at a different speed than land based clocks: after all motion stops, so will all the clocks.

Daniel 7:25 “He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to *change times and law*. Then the *saints shall be given into his hand* for a time and times and half a time.”

Daniel is clearly speaking of the antichrist activities during the middle of God's seven year judgment as corresponding to the day known only to the Lord. And because of the world wide time failure the antichrist will introduce a new world time order. I will have more to say on this as we progress, but we need to understand that during the second half of the seven years of God's Wrath there will be no saints left alive in Israel except for those whom God will hide under the earth. What will this mean? That means the breaking of an Old Testament oath to His servant David.

Jeremiah 33:20-21 “Thus says the LORD: ‘If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will *not be day and night in their season*, then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers.’”

After the saints are given over into the hands of the antichrist for a time and times and half a time, (*1,290 days see Daniel 12:11*) it will be the very first time since the creation of man that God will fail to have a human entity anointed by Him to represent His interests here on the earth (*desolate means vacant*). Jesus the root and the offspring of David rules today through His anointed church. After the removal of His anointed church, Israel will rule out of Jerusalem as God's anointed entity, but because of rebellion against the Two Witnesses, God's covenant with the seed of David and the Levites His priests will be revoked, which can only be done by the breaking of God's covenant with day and night. That is why time has to stop in the middle of the seven years of God's Wrath upon the earth. So from that time on God will turn His prophetic ministry to an angelic agency. **Revelation 14:6** “Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting *gospel* to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.”

Well, we sure got ahead of ourselves here, but this was a pivotal point that had to be made in order to continue with the two fold teaching concerning the book of Revelation. I will have a lot more to say on the above subject as we cover the following chapters that deal with that period of the unveiling.

The Seventh Seal

Revelation 8:1 “And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was *silence in heaven* about the space of *half an hour*.”

This moment of silence marks the beginning of the most excruciating time in the history of all mankind. This seven year period of God's judgments (*purification*) upon the earth will bring about the restoration of the earth's physical environment back to the way it was before Adam prompted the curse.

Hosea 6:7 “Like Adam, they have broken the covenant — they were unfaithful to me there.” NIV

But since we are starting a new chapter after the conjunction of the first six chapters that took place in chapter seven, we have to ask ourselves this question again: is this revelation physical or spiritual? The phrase “*silence in heaven*” seems to indicate that the revelation will begin from the spiritual perspective. The term “*half an hour*” could also be taken as an indication that this two fold revelation will be about the first half of the seven year judgment. **1 John 2:18** “Little children, it is *the last hour*; and as you have heard that the *Antichrist is coming*, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.”

John seems to imply that the time called *the last hour* is the time when the spirit of Antichrist will be personified.

Revelation 3:10 “Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from *the hour of trial* which shall come upon the whole world, *to test those who dwell on the earth*.”

Here Jesus calls this seven year period *the hour of trial* which will *test those who dwell on the earth*, and this hour will begin after the Philadelphia church is removed, so the half hour could be referring to the first half of the seven years of God's wrath. From this time to the triumphant return of Jesus to take over the reign of the soon to be vacated throne of David there will be a total of *twenty six hundred days*. To those few humans that survive this seven year plus ordeal it will seem like an eternity.

Revelation 8:2-6 “And I saw the *seven angels who stand before God*, and to them were given *seven trumpets*. Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the *prayers of the saints, ascended before God* from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and *threw it to the earth*. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.”

The vision of the seven angels who stand before God confirms that this revelation has to be viewed from the symbolism of the spiritual perspective. Like incense which rises as smoke when thrown into the fire, the prayers of the martyred saints of the ages that asked “how long before you avenge us?” Are now thrown into the fire of God's Day of Wrath, and that fire in turn is thrown down back to the earth to exact recompense for all those misdeeds of the past against the saints of the ages.

Deuteronomy 32:34-35 “Is this not laid up in store with Me, sealed up among My treasures? *Vengeance is Mine*, and recompense; their foot shall slip in due time; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things to come hasten upon them.”

Since this is a spiritual revelation it will follow the same pattern that we saw within the unveiling of the revelation of the seven seals. There were seven seals, there are seven trumpets. The first four seals released the spiritual forces behind those events that would bring about the necessary conditions upon the earth to accomplish the purposes of God. Four riding horseman were used during the first four seals to indicate that their progress would be developing in stages within the panorama of history. Trumpets are use here to indicate the urgency with which these events will soon take place. The first four trumpets will release the four spiritual forces necessary to shape the development of the conditions that will soon unfold. The three remaining trumpets are classified as “woes,” the first two “woes” (*fifth and sixth trumpets*) will reveal the consequences of the first four soundings of the trumpets just like the fifth and sixth seal did. And the seventh trumpet “woe” will usher in the final judgment of God called the seven “bowl” judgments, just as the seventh seal ushered in the seven trumpet judgments. The first six trumpets will cover a period of *one thousand two hundred and sixty days* from the rapture to the middle of the seven years of God’s wrath, as we will see when we get to the physical part of the revelation. The seventh trumpet sounded in chapter eleven will usher in the second half of God’s wrath and will cover one *thousand two hundred and ninety days* with five evenings and mornings in between the two for a total of *twenty five hundred and fifty five days*: $7 \times 365 = 2555$. In chapters eleven and twelve we will have the second conjunction of the spiritual and physical revelation. Seven represents the church so she was resurrected in the transition between chapters six and seven, twelve represents Israel who will be resurrected in the transition of chapters eleven to twelve. In chapters eight and nine we have the spiritual rendering of the first six trumpets and in chapters ten and eleven their physical allocation. This conjunction at the end of the eleventh chapter to the twelfth will result in the bodily resurrection of those who missed the rapture and had to obtain their salvation through the refining fire of God’s judgments.

The third “woe” will cover a period of one thousand two hundred and ninety days that begins after time resumes in the middle of this seven years time of wrath. At the end of these twelve hundred and ninety days the “bowl” judgments will begin and they will be poured out over the kingdom of the Antichrist for forty two days, after which he will be captured alive and thrown into the Lake of Fire. Then the Lord will bring out of the caves the Jewish remnant that will repopulate Israel during the Thousand Year Reign of Christ which will take three days. **Hosea 6:2** “After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight.”

7 years X 365 = 2555 days plus 45 days added according to Daniel 12:11-12

<u>1260 days (5 days)</u>	<u>1290 days</u>	+ 45 days =	2600 days
First Half	Middle	Second Half	Bowl Judgments Total

The First Trumpet

Revelation 8:7 “The first angel sounded: and hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.”

The Second Trumpet

Revelation 8:8-9 “Then the second angel sounded: and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.”

The Third Trumpet

Revelation 8:10-11 “Then the third angel sounded: and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.”

The Fourth Trumpet

Revelation 8:12 “Then the fourth angel sounded: and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.”

In these first four spiritual visions there is no physical time factor so we have to keep this in mind in order not to get confuse. The events described under the first four trumpets will take twelve hundred and sixty days to complete. Also notice their spiritual nature implied by the “one third” which appears with all four trumpets. During the fourth seal power was given over “one fourth” of the earth to bring about a fourfold judgment. The number four represents the physical realm so we had human (*invading armies*) against human (*Israel*) conflict as a result. Number three represents the spiritual realm. What we will have during these twelve hundred and sixty days is an invasion of spiritual creatures that will interact with physical humans. This will be a time of conflict between demons and humans.

Revelation 8:13 “And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, ‘*Woe, woe, woe* to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!’”

These *woes* are the consequences or the result of the force exerted by the spirits at work behind the first four trumpets.

The Fifth Trumpet = First Woe

Revelation 9:1-6 “Then the fifth angel sounded: and I saw a *star fallen from heaven to the earth*. To him was given the key to the *bottomless pit*. And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have *the seal of God* on their foreheads. And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for *five months*. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and *death will flee from them*.”

Within the three woes we will have a clear chronology so as to establish a timeline so that when we get to the physical part of the revelation we can make the proper alignment.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them *in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air*. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

In order to put this in the right context we need to understand what took place in the “heavenlies” during the rapture in chapter seven, Jesus came to the clouds in order for us to meet Him in the air, or the second heaven where the demonic hierarchy now sits.

Ephesians 2:2 “In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the *prince of the power of the air*, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.”

During the resurrection and rapture in chapter seven, Jesus dislodges this demonic structure from the second heaven and throws them down to the earth. The picture unveiled during the first four trumpets shows the impact that these falling demonic entities have upon both the human and natural environment. Meanwhile the resurrected saints of the ages will abide with Jesus in the realm of the second heaven until the earth is made ready to receive the Lord and His saints at the appointed time.

A star fallen from heaven to the earth: This fallen entity has the key which unlocks the bottomless pit and releases the demonic host into the human natural realm. These demons have power to torment all the inhabitants of the earth for five months except those who have the seal of God upon their foreheads. Here we now have our first time line: there will be five months from the rapture to the end of the first woe. Although the events depicted during this period of time seem extremely cruel, I can clearly see God's hand of Grace at work during this time. This is a time in which the Lord will show the inhabitants of the earth who had refused His offer of grace, what hell is like. They will endure continue torment from the demons they have been serving unawares all this time (*the demons behind their selfish acts will be revealed*), and without the ability to die they will learn what hell is really like. The difference here is that during this time they have the opportunity to repent, unlike the people in hell now, and at the end of these five months they will have the privilege to die in the Lord and be spared the hell that they now know is for real. Those who have the seal of God upon their foreheads will be spared this torment because they have already repented and went into a great time of mourning when they first saw the Lord after the opening of the sixth seal, and all they have to do now is to wait for the time of their martyrdom.

Revelation 9:11-12 “And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon. *One woe is past*. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.”

After a vivid description of what those demons look like we are told what the name of their king is in both Hebrew and in Greek, his name means Destroyer. After researching those names I found that Apollyon has a relation to perdition which may refer to the Antichrist brought back from the pit where he has been since the days of Moses. More on this in later chapters.

Psalm 78:49 “He unleashed against them his hot anger, *His wrath*, indignation and hostility — *a band of destroying angels*.” NIV

The Sixth Trumpet = Second Woe

Revelation 9:13-15 “Then the sixth angel sounded: and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, ‘Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.’ So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to *kill a third* of mankind.”

From the concept of grace that most Christians have today is hard to understand why death is necessary in order to inherit the salvation Jesus has purchased for us. The Bible tells us that it is appointed unto man once to die, then comes the judgment. Yet Jesus said that whoever believes in Him and lives will never die, that is why Paul said that absent from the body is present with the Lord. You see, we cannot be born again without dying first on the cross of Calvary; that is dying to self. We are not our own we have being purchased with the blood of Christ; we are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:15-16 “If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so *as through fire*. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

All Christians after the resurrection from the dead must appear before the judgment seat of Christ as through fire, in any area that they failed to die to self they will suffer loss. Their salvation is guaranteed only because when you are born again you are passed from death unto life. These people who missed the age of grace can only be saved through selfless dying.

Revelation 12:11 “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, *and they did not love their lives to the death.*”

They must repent of their sins and be willing to die to inherit eternal salvation which is clearly portrayed before them now like never before. But even after been exposed to what hell is really like for five months, some whose desire to hold on to this present life is so strong that they will refuse to repent.

Revelation 9:20-21 “But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not *worship demons*, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

During the physical judgment of the fourth seal, four natural plagues were unleashed which materialized at the unveiling of the sixth seal against mankind to strike a fourth of the earth. During the spiritual judgment of the trumpets, three spiritual (*supernatural*) plagues are unleashed at the sixth trumpet call.

Revelation 9:18-19 “By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed — *by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths*. For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.”

Anyone who misses the grace that is so freely offered to all of us today by hanging on to this present world, will one day have to face the consequences of that indecision, through fiery judgments just like the saved after the rapture. Some will be fortunate enough to have people who love them praying for them, that when the powers of the heavens are shaken they will call upon the name of the Lord and be saved. They will have no

reward in heaven because their lives were spent in the futility of selfish pursuits. Others will believe that the cosmic upheavals are just a thing of nature and will be swept into the horrors of hell here on earth for five months, and then if they repent and are willing to give up their lives, they will enter into eternity as through the flames of hell itself. Incredibly many will sell their souls for a few more years of life here in the earth and suffer eternal damnation.

Lord grant us the grace to live a life of true selfless love while here on earth, love that will draw as many souls as possible to Your cross. Because You are not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. Amen!

Physical View of the Six Trumpets

Revelation 10:1-4 “I saw still another mighty angel *coming down from heaven*, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his *head*, his *face* was like the sun, and his *feet* like pillars of fire. He had a little book open in his *hand*. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, *seven thunders uttered their voices*. Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, ‘Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and *do not write them*.’”

Our key here is “coming down from heaven” and it tells us that we are now shifting the scene of the same event into the natural realm. The description of head, face, feet, hand, confirm this is a physical revelation. Just like the seven churches are the physical representation of the Church Age and the seven seals are the spiritual representation of the same time period. Here the seven trumpets are the spiritual representation of the first half of the Day of His Wrath. The seven thunders represent the same time period from the physical point of view. The difference here is that the physical message that will be conveyed during this period of time has been sealed to us. I can only speculate on what the message of the seven thunders was; I believe it has to do with what type of sacrificial death will be required of those who have repented in order for them to be resurrected at the end of this 1,260 days. The Lord has kept it from us lest we pilfer the grace shown to us by believing that if we miss the rapture we will just do this other thing, not knowing that perhaps that type of attitude will guarantee that those who entertain it will never be able to enter into His day of rest.

Revelation 10:5-7 “The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, but in the *days of the sounding of the seventh angel*, when he is about to sound, *the mystery of God would be finished*, as He declared to His servants the prophets.”

There are two resurrection periods appointed for the end time: One is called the first resurrection and leads into the day of His rest. The last resurrection takes place before God's final judgment for all mankind one thousand years after the first resurrection. *Every person who is alive and dies* before or during this seven year period of God's Wrath, if they are not resurrected somewhere before our Lord's thousand year reign begins, that person will be damned for eternity, because when they are bodily resurrected at the thousand years end they will be judged and thrown into the lake of fire, which is the *second death*.

Revelation 20:5-6 “But *the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished*. This is the first resurrection. *Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection*.”

The first resurrection period has three stages and all three lead into the one thousand years Day of His rest. The first stage of the first resurrection takes place at the end of the sixth seal in chapter seven, and before God's day of Wrath begins, and it will be accompanied by the rapture. Those who are alive and looking for His (Jesus) appearing will be caught up and transformed into their new bodies in an instant.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And *the dead in Christ will rise first*. Then *we who are alive and remain shall be caught up* together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

The second stage of the first resurrection takes place three and one half days after the end of the one thousand two hundred and sixty days period ends, which is what we are covering now; that is why it says “*the mystery of God would be finished*” and it will be accompanied by the selection and removal to under grown caves of the Jewish remnant that will repopulate Israel during the millennial reign of Christ. In other words, the first stage covers the resurrection of the saints of the ages including the faithful during the church age. The second stage covers the resurrection of restored Israel who died during the first half of God's Wrath and includes the lukewarm Christians that will truly repent and die during this period of time. The two witnesses and the 144,000 first fruit offering to the Lord will die within this period of time as well, and will be resurrected during the second stage of the first resurrection.

Revelation 11:11-12/14 “Now after the three-and-a-half days the *breath of life* from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, ‘*Come up here.*’ And they *ascended to heaven in a cloud*, and their enemies saw them...The *second woe is past*. Behold, the *third woe* is coming quickly.”

Right after this second stage of the first resurrection, the seventh trumpet will sound and it will usher in the third woe; the second half of God's Day of Wrath and it will last for one thousand two hundred and ninety days. At the end of which those who are beheaded for refusing to accept the mark of the beast during this second half will be part of the third and final stage of the first resurrection.

Revelation 14:13-16 “Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, ‘Write: Blessed are the *dead who die in the Lord* from now on.’ ‘Yes, says the Spirit, that they may *rest* from their labors, and *their works follow them.*’ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, ‘Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.’ So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.”

This will be the resurrection of the diehards; Those from the tribe of Dan who dabbled with the antichrist but will not go as far as to receiving the mark of the beast, hard core backsliders and those who have managed to hide thus far and were found by the maniacal followers of the antichrist and choose death rather than the mark of the beast rebelling to the end, but into life for once.

Isaiah 13:11-13 “I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the *arrogance of the proud*, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will *make a mortal more rare than fine gold*, a man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the *wrath of the LORD* of hosts and in the *day of His fierce anger.*”

I got ahead of myself again, but I had to show how important it is for us here today to die to self. In view of the reality that except for that small Jewish remnant that God will protect supernaturally and very few others that somehow will manage to survive, everybody else who goes through this period of the time of God's Wrath upon the earth will have to earn their salvation by entering through the door of death. Since as of this writing we are still on this side of the rapture, let us make every effort to conform to Christ Jesus' death in the here and now that we may live with Him when He first appears.

2 Timothy 2:11 “This is a faithful saying: for if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him.”

Physical Timeline and Events

Revelation 11:1-3 “Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, ‘Rise and *measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there*. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. And I will give power to my *two witnesses*, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.’”

These Two Witnesses who stepped through the opened door during the first stage of the first resurrection/rapture are the charge de affairs for 1,260 days, the first half of the Day of God's Wrath. They will handle the sealing of the 144,000 since they will have the ability to know to which tribe each of them belong. They will lay down God's laws that will apply for those who will obtain righteousness during this period of time. They will also rebuild the temple and the altar of sacrifice and restore the daily sacrifice. While at the same time fighting off Israel's enemies and protecting them through supernatural means.

Revelation 11:4-6 “These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. And if anyone wants to harm them, *fire proceeds from their mouth* and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over *waters to turn them to blood*, and to strike the *earth with all plagues, as often as they desire*.”

From this physical account we can see how some of the events first released in the spiritual realm during the sounding of the four trumpets now manifest themselves in the natural realm.

The Two Witnesses

Permit me a short narrative of what I believe will take place in lieu of all that we have read so far. At the end of days (*6,000 years in God's calendar*) Israel will be invaded by a confederacy of nations which are mentioned by **Ezekiel 38**: This vast army will surround Jerusalem the capitol of Israel, ready to destroy the Jewish nation for ever. God is working behind the scenes and is drawing this army against Israel in order to show Himself holy by bringing upon this invading army sudden destruction. All the nations of the world including Israel who rejected Jesus the Lamb of God at His first coming will know from this time on that Jehovah is the only true God and Jesus the Living Word is His Messiah.

The powers of the heavens will be shaken and all kinds of natural phenomena will be unleashed against these invading armies and the nations behind them. Earthquakes caused by the movement of the foundations of the mountains and the cosmic chaos which will ensue will cause many to panic and greatly fear that which is coming. Some will lose faith believing that the end of the world is at hand and that they will perish with it; and will fail to see this as the beginning of the Day of the Wrath of God and of the Lamb. It is during this time of great tribulations and upheavals that all those who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Will believers see these events as a prelude to their deliverance and rejoice? Or will they panic in great fear and believe that the Lord has abandoned them? I believe there will be both, that is why I am writing this revelation so that we will not be caught unawares and lose our crowns to the powers of fear. In the midst of all these dreadful signs the trumpet of God will sound and the dead in Christ of all the ages will be resurrected triumphantly and the faithful who are alive will be caught up with them to meet the Lord in the air.

The carcasses of the dead bodies of the confederacy that invaded Israel will litter the Israeli country side so that it will take seven months to clear the land of all their dead bodies. The Two Witnesses will be seen by the world as aliens from outer space with supernatural powers with which they torment them for all their sinfulness. They will blame these Two Witnesses for releasing the demonic hordes that will inflict awful pain on all the unsealed inhabitants of the earth for the first five months, and then for releasing the angels that will kill many more after that. They will wage war against them, constantly looking for a weakness that they can exploit and use against them in order to kill them, and will find none. The antichrist will arise and show all of mankind that he can kill the two witnesses for them if they make him their ruler. They will enter into a seven years covenant with him. Many Jews will join into this covenant with him later when they reject the message of the Two Witnesses. This Jewish rebellion will take place three hundred days into the 1260 days of the ministry of the Two Witnesses. This rebellion will begin as soon as they find out that they have to die in order to enter into God's Day of Rest. God will judge them for this rebellion by removing from them His protection. That will allow their enemies to kill their protectors (*the Two Witnesses*) at God's appointed time.

Daniel 8:13-14 "Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, 'How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled — the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, *the rebellion that causes desolation*, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host that will be trampled underfoot?' He said to me, '***It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings***; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated.'" NIV

After the death of the Two Witnesses the antichrist will break the covenant that he made with the many nations of the world and demand that they worship him as their savior and Messiah (*turn over to him control over their governments*). He will then demand that anyone who does not bow to him by refusing to take his mark on their hands or foreheads is to be beheaded.

Daniel 8:26 “And the vision of the *evenings and mornings* which was told is true; therefore seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future”

The reason why the angel told Daniel that there would be so many evenings and mornings instead of saying so many days is because when the earth stops rotating and time stops after the Two Witnesses come back to life, the clocks will not be moving because there is no time to record. Some may want to add during that time those hours and days when the earth did not move as time counted. But the Lord does not reckon it as time elapsed if the evening and morning did not take place. For that is a day that is known only to the Lord. So the extra time that will allow the elect to flee to the mountains is not reckoned as days until evening and morning returns.

Revelation 11:7-10 “When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and *kill them*. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies *three-and-a-half days*, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, *make merry, and send gifts to one another*, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.”

Their dead bodies lying on the temple grounds will be a time of great rejoicing for the nations of the world who are fooled into believing that they can fight God and win. This prophecy is so amazing that foretells how the nations will celebrate their victory in a Christmas like atmosphere of drinking and self indulgence.

Daniel 9:27 “Then he shall confirm a covenant with *many for one week*; but in the *middle of the week* he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

Matthew 24:15-22 “Therefore when you see the ‘*abomination of desolation*,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea *flee to the mountains*. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in *winter* or on the *Sabbath*. For then there will be *great tribulation*, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those *days were shortened*, no flesh would be saved; but for the *elect's sake those days will be shortened*.”

One week covenant: Means a time period of seven years or $365 \times 7 = 2,555$ days.

Middle of the week: Means a period of $1,277 \frac{1}{2}$ days or half of 2,555 days.

For the elects sake those days will be shortened: Great tribulation here means that the antichrist aims to kill every living Jew to gain control over a Jew hating world. Those days will be cut short for the sake of the Jewish elect that will repopulate the nation of Israel during the Kingdom Age.

1,277 ½ days is the middle of the week of years: 1,260 days to the abomination that causes desolation means that those days were cut short seventeen and one half days. That means that those days have to be made up because God ordained a week of years 2,555 days to complete His wrath.

Daniel 12:11-12 “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the *abomination of desolation is set up*, there shall be one *thousand two hundred and ninety days*. Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the *one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days*.”

From the time that the abomination that causes the desolation is set up, to the beginning of the judgments that will befall the kingdom of the antichrist: There will be 1,290 days and the judgment will be completed before the end of the 45 days.

1,290 + 45 = 1,345 days. Blessed is the elect who will make it to that day of restoration. If you add the first half 1,260 and the second half 1,290 we are short by five days of the seven year total of 2555 days. **1,260 + 1,290 = 2,550 days.**

The Two Witnesses are killed after the 1,260 days of their prophesying: *“The nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.”*

I believe the day they begin to prophesy will be a Sabbath and their last day of prophesying will also be a Sabbath because 1,260 days are divisible by seven. That means that they will be killed on a Sunday after their 1,260 days fully come to an end. Their bodies will lie exposed for three and one half days; that will take them to early Thursday. At which time they will come back to life and be taken up to heaven.

Revelation 11:11-13 “Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, *‘Come up here.’* And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. ***In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell.*** In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.”

Desolation means vacated: The throne of David is now empty; no anointed ruler remains to challenge the power of the antichrist. The elect has to flee to the mountains for their lives. This great earthquake that causes a tenth of the city to collapse will allow the elect to flee Jerusalem through the Mount of Olives, the mountain valley that will enable them to escape to their place of refuge called Azal. In the Day of Atonement one goat is selected for the slaughter and the other one in lead into the wilderness.

Zechariah 14:4-5 “And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of ***Olives shall be split in two, from east to west,*** making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. Then you shall ***flee through My mountain valley,*** for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah...”

Seven thousand of the antichrist's army will be killed in this earthquake and in their fear the rest of them will not immediately pursue God's elect into their caves that will open up during this great earthquake. It will take all of the elect three full days to reach their destination (**Hosea 6:2**) because they will be fleeing not just from Jerusalem but also from the mountains of Israel. If their flight begins on a Thursday afternoon many of them will not reach their destination before the next Sabbath. If they travel during the Sabbath they violate God's law which is punishable by death. If they wait, the antichrist forces will kill them.

Zechariah 14:5-7 “...Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You. It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish. It shall be one day which is known to the LORD — Neither day nor night. But at ***evening time it shall happen that it will be light.***”

Since the Sabbath begins at sundown the elect will be able to continue their fleeing as long as the sun does not set. There will be no cold and no frost during this time allowing them to flee without any weather interruptions, since this will probably happen during the winter time around mid February or early March. Once the evacuation is completed, five evening and morning days would have elapsed from the time that the two witnesses were killed to the time that the seventh trumpet blows which will be on the very next Sabbath.

1,260 + 5 evening and morning days + 1,290 = 2555 days.

The Seventh Trumpet

Revelation 11:14-16 “The *second woe is past*. Behold, the *third woe is coming quickly*. Then the seventh angel sounded: and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God.”

It always amazes me that when things look the darkest here on earth is usually when the greatest victory has just been won. When Jesus died on the cross no one on this physical plane could have imagined the tremendous victory that God had just accomplished for all mankind. Is the same here, there is no body left here on earth who is anointed to carry on God's plan in the natural. But in heaven the proclamation is made: “*The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!*”

Revelation 11:17-19 “Saying: ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of *the dead, that they should be judged*, and that You should *reward Your servants the prophets and the saints*, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth. Then *the temple of God was opened* in heaven, and *the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple*. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.’”

Here is the second conjunction of the physical and the spiritual of which Israel is now the focus. The Lord will have an overview of their dispensation in chapter twelve. When the Two Witnesses came back to life they heard a voice that said: “Come up here” that was the resurrection from the dead of those who died in the Lord during the first half of the Day of His Wrath, and just like after the first stage of the first resurrection in chapter seven they had to appear before the judgment seat of Christ, a judgment of rewards or lack of them. Here we see the same thing, a judgment of rewards for those who have just been resurrected.

The reference: “the temple of God was opened” I believe has to do with the completion of the numbering that occurred on **Revelation 11:1** “...Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.” The dispensations of **Law** (*Israel*) and **Grace** (*the Church which includes Innocence and Conscience*) have now been completed and the saints out of those dispensations have been redeemed. Only the diehards or stragglers remain to be rescue and that will take place and the end of the 1,290 days that are just about to begin. These saints will be a mixture of those considered to be part of the church (*Laodicea*), Jews (*tribes not sealed*) and maybe some disillusioned government supporters who will refuse to take the mark of the beast after is introduced.

Revelation 15:1-4 “Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the *seven last plagues*, for in them the *wrath of God is complete*. And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the *victory over the beast*, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. They sing the *song of Moses*, the servant of God, and the *song of the Lamb*, saying: ‘Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested.’”

This will all take place at the end of the second half of the Day of His Wrath (*1,290 days*). But now let us go back to chapter twelve and review the spiritual summary Jesus gives us of the journey of the dispensation of Law as seen in Israel's history.

Spiritual Summary of Israel's Journey

Revelation 12:1-2 “Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a *woman clothed with the sun*, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of *twelve stars*. *Then being with child*, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.”

Let us remember that the spiritual account puts the emphasis on the events and is not concerned as much with time elapsed. The woman clothed with the sun represents the enlightened twelve tribes of Israel. The child that she carries is The Word of God which has been entrusted to her: through the pen of Moses and from the mouth of her prophets and psalmists His Word becomes alive to us, and the character and nature of a true and loving God is revealed to a thirsty world. From this revelation we learn of His purity and holiness, that righteousness and justice is the foundation of His throne. We also learn that we cannot measure up to His standards. But somehow shed and unblemished innocent blood is accepted as a substitute for our sins and transgressions. Through the rituals and rehearsals contained within His written Word and the traditions of Israel we find His finger pointing us to a final Sabbath Day of Rest. Then, one afternoon in the history of the humans, the sun refused to shine as the Son of the Living God hung on a cross naked and bleeding. He poured His life to redeem fallen man. Israel had not only penned the Word, but one of her many virgins provided Him a body for His sacrifice.

Revelation 12:3-6 “And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, *fiery red dragon* having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. *His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth*. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. *She bore a male Child* who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was *caught up to God and His throne*. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there *one thousand two hundred and sixty days*.”

Out of all the glorious days of Israel's history none can be compared to the greater glory of that of giving birth to the Savior of the World. It is one thing for theologians and learned men to try to portray with words and symbols the glory and the dignity of the Almighty God. But just one single glance of the Word made flesh in His interaction with His human creatures; the qualities and attributes of a perfect God demonstrated in His perfect love towards His human kindred, is sufficient evidence of His perfect goodness and trustworthiness. Men's mortality had become men's unconquered dragon until the evening which began the first day of the week the stone was rolled away that blocked all men's eternal dreams and in His perfect sacrifice men found acceptance, forgiveness, but most of all His peace.

Revelation 10:7 “But in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, *the mystery of God would be finished*, as He declared to His servants the prophets.”

The mystery of lawlessness is that from the days of Adam man has had to deal with a fallen creature called the dragon and one third of fallen angels that do his bidding. Seven strong spirits form his spiritual hierarchy and ten world powers (*horns*) manifest into our physical realm all his demonic influence. Jesus Christ defeated him and all his hordes on the cross of Calvary, then He was taken up to heaven as our intercessor and empowered His church (*seven*) to make known to the principalities and powers (*the demonic hierarchy*) of this day; the great day of their demise.

Ephesians 3:10-11 “To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be *made known by the church* to the *principalities and powers in the heavenly places*, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Then according to His eternal purpose God protects Israel His bride for 1,260 days and feeds her with His Word of comfort, love and acceptance and prepares her for her dual role of ministering to Him in heaven with glorified bodies but also to minister to His Messiah here on earth by bringing Him forth children of righteousness during the day of His Rest.

Rev 14:1/4 “Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, *having His Father's name* written on their foreheads... These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.”

These were evidently killed during the final days of the first half of God's Day of Wrath and were resurrected when the Two Witnesses came back to life during the second stage of the first resurrection.

Revelation 12:7-9 “And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in *heaven any longer*. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; *he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*”

This is the battle that took place when Jesus came for His church before the opening of the seventh seal. Satan and his hordes were removed from the second heaven and thrown down to the earth as we saw them interacting with humans during the trumpet judgments. And how Israel was protected and fed the Word of their prophecies by the Two Witnesses for 1,260 days during the first two woes.

Revelation 12:13-14 “Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. But the woman was given *two wings of a great eagle*, that *she might fly into the wilderness* to her place, *where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time*, from the presence of the serpent.”

We learned from **Daniel 12:7/11** that the term: a **time** (*one year*) and **times** (*two years*) and **half a time** (*half a year*) refer to a time period of 1,290 days or the second half of the seven years of God's Wrath. Israel was protected during the first half by the Two Witnesses, but they are now dead and resurrected to heaven so God provides for them “*two wings of a great eagle*” because the elect have to be physically protected during this time so that they can repopulate the nation of Israel again during the millennium reign of the Lamb of God.

Exodus 19:4 “You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on *eagles' wings* and brought you to Myself.”

The term “wings of a great eagle” speaks of the supernatural things that God will do to bring them to their place of refuge where Satan cannot touch them. We saw after the Two Witnesses were killed that a great earthquake opened a valley through the Mount of Olives to allow them to escape. We saw how time stopped before the Sabbath for them to arrive at their caves opened by that earthquake, where they will live for the next 1,290 days plus.

Revelation 12:15-17 “So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to *make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*”

The antichrist will try to stop the elect's exodus but he will be no match for the mighty wonders that our Lord will do on their behalf. The rest of them however, who have not been selected to survive this ordeal will give their lives as martyrs of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 37:31-32 “And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root *downward*, and bear fruit *upward*. For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and those who escape from Mount Zion. *The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*”

When the antichrist bridges the defenses around Jerusalem, the Lord's feet will touch the Mount of Olives and split the mountain in two to allow the elect to escape to the place prepared for them. But those who are destined for captivity and for the sword will be delivered into the hands of the antichrist at that time. For them a martyr's death is the only door that remains open into the Day of His Rest.

Luke 17:33-36 “Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and *whoever loses his life will preserve it*. I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. Two men will be in the field: the *one will be taken and the other left.*”

This has been mistakenly applied to the rapture. But notice the time sequence which is taking place, it begins at night and then continues during the day. The rapture takes place all over the world simultaneously in the twinkling of an eye. One taken and the other one left is a reference to the fulfillment of the feast (*rehearsal*) of the Day of Atonement which takes place during the middle of the seven years of God's Wrath.

Leviticus 16:8-10 “And Aaron shall *cast lots* upon the two goats; *one lot for the LORD*, and *the other lot for the scapegoat* (*Hebrew = Azazel*). And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a *scapegoat into the wilderness.*”

{5799} `lzeaz; [] — `aza'zel, *az-aw-zale'*; from 5795 and 235; goat of departure; the scapegoat: — scapegoat.

Zechariah 14:5 “Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal.”

{235} lz"a; — 'azal, *aw-zal'*; a primitive root; to go away, hence, to disappear:

Revelation 12:14 “But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle (*supernatural miracles*), that she might fly *into the wilderness* (*disappear*) to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.”

Keep in mind that the first half of the seven years of the Day of God's Wrath is always referred to as 1,260 days or forty two months (42X30=1260). The second half is always referred to as a time, times and half a time, which according to Daniel 12:11 is a time period of 1,290 days, with 45 days added afterward.

Isaiah 2:19-21 "They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily. In that day a man will cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which they made, each for himself to worship, to the moles and bats, to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.

Deuteronomy 32:10-13 "He found him in a desert land and in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. As an *eagle* stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, *spreading out its wings*, taking them up, *carrying them on its wings*, so the LORD alone led him, and there was no foreign god with him. He made him ride in the heights of the earth, that he might eat the produce of the fields; *He made him draw honey from the rock, and oil from the flinty rock.*"

So will it be for the chosen ones of Israel that will inherit the physical promises God gave to Abraham; that they would physically inherit the Promised Land in all its fullness, but first they must be protected and preserved until the time of the end.

Numbers 35:13-14 "And of the cities which you give, you shall have *six cities of refuge*. You shall appoint *three cities on this side of the Jordan*, and *three cities you shall appoint in the land of Canaan*, which will be cities of refuge."

Prophetically, Moses instructed the children of Israel to select six cities when they came into the Promised Land and designate them as cities of refuge. Three cities of refuge east of the Jordan and three on the west side. In the loosing war against the forces of the antichrist, I believe that there will be three remaining strongholds on the mountains of Israel (*Judean Hills*) west of the Jordan, one of them being Jerusalem. After the Two Witnesses are killed, those who are on those strongholds will flee to the mountains east of the Jordan through valleys that will be opened by the great earthquake caused by the feet of Jesus splitting the Mount of Olives. The places where those cities of refuge east of the Jordan were, has long been lost, but not to God, who will open the ground and lead His children into well hidden under ground caves. Within those caves oil and honey will flow for food and lighting as well as some kind of manna that will keep them alive and well nourish until the time of their rescue.

Isaiah 2:19 "They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.

Spiritual Summary of the Antichrist's Journey

Revelation 13:1 “Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a *beast rising up out of the sea*, having *seven heads* and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.”

Revelation chapter seven was selected to detail the end of the Church age. Chapter twelve was selected to describe Israel's journey, their dual purpose of providing spiritual as well as physical ministers unto the Lord, and the closing of the dispensation of Law. There is just one more item left for the Lord to deal with; the dispensation of Human Government, or as they are called in Revelation 11: the kingdoms of this world. Revelation 13 starts by revealing to us the nomenclature of the sevenfold demonic infrastructure which is the driving force behind all the nations of this world. Just like the number seven represents the church the body of Christ, and at her resurrection/rapture we find that the saints of old that were under the dispensations of Innocence, Conscience and Law all come to life on the basis of the Promise, and become part of the body of Jesus as well. Proving that the number seven in the church represents the spiritual force behind all the righteousness that sustained and empowered the saints from all dispensations.

Isaiah 11:1-2 “There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The *Spirit of the LORD* shall rest upon Him, the *Spirit of wisdom* and *understanding*, the Spirit of *counsel* and *might*, the Spirit of *knowledge* and of the *fear of the LORD*.”

In this spiritual Menorah the Spirit of the Lord is the center branch with three branches to His right and three branches to His left forming the seven lampstands. All righteousness, wherever it might be found emanates from the pure light of these seven candlesticks. Jesus is the physical embodiment of this Light.

Revelation 1:12-13 “Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the *midst* of the seven lampstands *One like the Son of Man*...”

As a copy cat, there is a demonic force called the mystery of lawlessness and it is the iniquity that emanates from this seven headed dragon and illuminates all the dispensations of the world with his false light that Jesus calls darkness. These are seven spirits which form the arch or principalities that provide Satan's covering of darkness for all the wickedness that is in this world.

Matthew 6:23 “But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore *the light that is in you is darkness*, how great is that darkness!”

Just like Jesus is the embodiment of the true Light, the antichrist will be the embodiment of this false light which has been propagated upon the human race through the ages and now will be personalized in the physical body of the antichrist.

2 Thessalonians 2:7-8 “For the *mystery of lawlessness* is already at work; only He who now restrains (*the church*) will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the *lawless one will be revealed*, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and *destroy with the brightness of His coming*.”

This personalized false light will lead the world straight as it has always done, but at the end of his allotted time the True Light will destroy him and all those who choose to follow darkness.

Revelation 13:2-4 "...The *dragon* gave him *his power, his throne, and great authority*. And I saw one of his heads as if it had been *mortally wounded*, and his *deadly wound was healed*. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast? *Who is able to make war with him?*'"

For the sake of brevity I will not deal with the symbols that give the pedigree of the beast, suffices to say that this beast represents all the malevolence at work behind all the kingdoms of the world that worked within every dispensation. Satan the dragon who is spirit gives this physical man, the antichrist, all his power and authority; evil is now personified. Having studied in the past the seven heads (*spirits*) of the dragon, I ventured to name them as to better identify their functions. I will list them for the purpose of identifying the head that is mortally wounded and is miraculously healed.

Orion: Is the center branch of this demonic Menorah, all those who died without Christ see his false light and are drawn to it until it is too late. He has been identified as the god of the dead.

Behemoth: This spirit is best described as the Lust of the Flesh and is the driving force behind all egocentricity. Is like an insatiable beast that can never be satisfied; our fallen nature.

Belial: Wickedness and worthlessness; represents all the works of the flesh. All the deeds done out of selfish ambitions.

Egypt/Babylon: Represents the world and the things that are in the world; the Lust of the Eyes and the Pride of Life.

Ahab: Represents the spirit of compromise; its function is to rebuild the walls that have been torn down by the Spirit of God.

Jezebel: Introduces false doctrines into the church by the teaching of demonic doctrines and false prophecies.

Antichrist: Is the physical personalization of all of the above.

Just like Jesus is one person and He represents all the qualities of the Spirit of the Lord in His one physical body; so will the antichrist, one person, will possess all the qualities of the dragon which are represented by his seven heads (*spirits*). The head that is mortally wounded is the physical manifestation of the spirit of the dragon namely the antichrist. While the Two Witnesses are preaching selfless martyrdom in order to be resurrected and to physically enter the Kingdom Age. The antichrist will be preaching that you do not have to die in order to become immortal like God, and will use himself as an example of one who has died and yet is now physically alive without submitting to God.

Revelation 13:5-8 "And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for *forty-two months*. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to *make war with the saints and to overcome them*. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Here is our timeline of forty two months or 1,260 days which places him, the antichrist, opposing the Two Witnesses during the first half of the seven years of God's Wrath. Since the Two Witnesses had power to bring fire down from heaven and kill those who opposed them, it is obvious that the beast the (*antichrist*) was hit with one of their fiery blows, but for some reason the physical body of this antichrist cannot be killed which encourages the inhabitants of the world to follow him, until he conquers the saints and takes over the reigns of the new world order.

Revelation 13:10 "If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints." NIV

The Identity of the Antichrist

Is this beast, the antichrist immortal? Who is He and where does he come from? Does the Bible reveal this man's identity? Remember this principle; everything that God does Satan imitates. After the Two Witnesses who had been taken from this earth without dying and kept safe in heaven awaiting for this moment were introduced back into the earth, Satan responded immediately by introducing into the earth his two witnesses as well to oppose them; the antichrist and the false prophet.

Numbers 16:29-30 “If *these men die naturally like all men*, or if they are visited by the common fate of all men, then the LORD has not sent me. But if the LORD *creates a new thing*, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they *go down alive into the pit*, then you will understand that these men have *rejected the LORD*.”

During the days of Moses there was a rebellion that was led by Korah, who challenged Moses' authority in how he was setting up the priesthood. Two hundred and fifty leaders joined him in this rebellion along with two other men; Dathan and Abiram. It's interesting what Moses said that if these men died a natural death, that which is common to all man, that then the Lord had not sent him. But that if God creates a new thing (*something that has never happened before*) and these men go down to the pit of hell alive, then you will know that they have already been judged (*rejected the Lord*). In those days Moses represented God, Aaron the high priest represented Jesus as our High Priest, and Joshua represented Jesus the conqueror of the promised land. Korah represented Satan, and Dathan and Abiram represented the antichrist who makes war and conquers the saints and the false prophet who introduces the worship of the beast.

Revelation 13:11-12 “Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had *two horns like a lamb* and spoke like a *dragon*. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”

The two witnesses who were taken to heaven without dying had to come down to the earth, fulfill their duties as to why they had been kept alive all this time and then had to die before they could be resurrected and go back up to heaven because:

Hebrews 9:27 “And as it is *appointed for men to die once*, but after this the judgment.”

But if the Lord did something totally new when Dathan and Abiram died and He kept their bodies alive in the pit and eternally judged them so that they could never die again when they rose, that would explain why the people of the world follow them, since they believe that they found the key to physical immortality without God.

Revelation 19:20 “Then the *beast was captured*, and with him the *false prophet* who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. *These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.*”

One thousand years before the final judgment of God is introduced, the beast and the false prophet are captured and thrown alive into the lake of fire which is the second death. God could not do this without violating His own law unless these two had already died and had already been judged. These two false

witnesses have been in Hades (*the pit*) for at least 3,500 hundred years, waiting to fulfill their destiny and unleash hell's demonic hordes against the children of man.

John 17:12 “While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost (*destroyed*) except the son of perdition (*destruction: Abaddon. Apollyon: destroyer.*), ***that the Scripture might be fulfilled.***”

Just like John the Baptist was a type of Elijah who will be one of the Two Witnesses destined for martyrdom, Judas Iscariot was a type of the antichrist destined for eternal doom.

Revelation 13:15-18 “He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast ***to be killed***. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to ***receive a mark*** on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding ***calculate the number of the beast***, for it is the ***number of a man: His number is 666.***”

Once the Two Witnesses are gone and the covenant of the days and nights is broken, the throne of David is vacated (*desolate*) and no anointed priestly remnant is left to oppose wickedness upon this earth; the antichrist will usurp all world power through great miracles, signs and wonders with which he will deceive the nations of the world. Once in control he will abolish all religions and will demand, which has always been Satan's desire, to be worshipped unconditionally by all mankind. Since the devil cannot read the human heart and therefore will not know who is really worshipping him with a true heart, he will demand an outward sign, a mark that will guarantee that those who take it will belong to him forever. There will be no mercy and no exclusions; those who refuse to give him their souls will die the horrible death of beheading. Not everybody will go quietly, for he will have to make war against some of the nations and will conquer them. He will probably achieve total domination over the earth by the end of his first 666 days of rule. At which time he will make an image of himself and empower that image to carry out his decrees and the false prophet will act as a priest who will mediate between the peoples and the image of this heinous beast.

The Mark of the Beast

Let him who has understanding *calculate the number of the beast*, for it is the *number of a man: His number is 666*. We are told to calculate the number of a man (*the antichrist*) and that his number is 666. There is a lot of room for wild speculations here, so we better make sure that we stay within the confines of Scripture if we are to make the right sense of this riddle. We need to find a Scripture that teaches us the principles that God Himself uses to calculate things.

Deuteronomy 32:7-8 “Remember the days of old, consider the *years of many generations*: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee. When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the *sons of Adam*, he set the bounds of the people according to the *number* of the *children of Israel*.” KJV

Moses tells us that God set up time boundaries (*comparisons*) between the sons of Adam (*human race*) and the children of Israel (*sons of Elohim or children of light*). In other words, just like the redeemed of the ages (*sons of Elohim*) were represented by a calculation of numbers, by using that calculation we will be able to figure out the mechanics needed to unlock the riddle of the number of the sons of Adam or the number of the antichrist. The sons of Elohim in the original Hebrew text which they translated as children of Israel, has a numerical value of 153. The number 153 is the number which represents all the saints (*sons of light*) of all the ages which came out of all the dispensations of time and the years of many generations.

John 21:11 “Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, *one hundred and fifty-three*; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.”

The last time Peter dragged the net in from the water it brought in a large catch of fish numbering 153, symbolizing the final completion of the redemption of all the children of light. If we can figure out the calculations that God employed to arrive at the number 153, then according to Moses we can use the same calculations on the mystery of the mark of the beast. The resurrection of the church represents the sons of light that come into the Day of His Rest out of all the dispensations and is featured by the number of candles: *Seven Lampstands* in the tabernacle that Moses made. In the Holy place there were two pieces of furniture that rested opposite of one another they represented the church: the resurrected body of Christ, and the sons of Israel with their physical inheritance. The Seven Lampstands stands in for the church (*the enlighten ones*). The table of Show Bread with its twelve loaves of bread stands for Israel (*physical*), this two (*Israel and the church*) are the Lord's two witnesses to a world that is full of darkness. Known today as Judeo Christian values. Enoch and Elijah, who were taken up alive, have stood in the heavenly Holy Place as human witnesses of God's righteous dealing with man. Enoch the seven from Adam a representative of the body of Christ the church, and Elijah who was taken out of Israel represents the number twelve. These two witnesses during the beginning of the nation of Israel stood next to the Table of Showbread as shown in the priestly ephod as the Urim and the Thummim. In our human timeline Elijah is not even born yet, but after Elijah got there, he had access to the past as well as the future, as we will see in the latter chapters.

Exodus 28:29-30 “So Aaron shall bear the *names of the sons of Israel* on the breastplate of judgment over his heart, when he goes into the *holy place*, as a memorial before the LORD continually. And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the *Urim* and the *Thummim*.”

By the time we get to Zechariah the prophet, we find that these two witnesses have been moved to the other side of the room next to the seven golden lampstands.

Zechariah 4:2-3/14 “And he said to me, ‘What do you see?’ So I said, ‘I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left’...So he said, ‘these are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.’”

Now that we have all the components in place and since we know how everything unfolded during the first twelve chapters of Revelation, let's put them together in the right sequence and add them up so that we can solve the mystery of the 666. In the tabernacle the only entrance was on the east side, the Altar of Great Sacrifice stood inside in front of it; underneath it were the ashes from the sacrifices. Next was the Laver where the priest washes before they go into the Holy Place. In Revelation chapter seven we see an angel ascending from the east having the seal of the Living God. The ashes at the bottom of the altar represent the dead of all the ages, only those who died in right standing are made alive to fulfill the Scripture that says that He gives us beauty for ashes. As the angel goes up the altar he catches those who have offered themselves on the altar as a living sacrifice to the Lamb of God (*they have picked up their cross and followed Him*) and they are raptured.

This is the first stage of the first resurrection. Those resurrected from the dead and those who were caught alive and transformed in the rapture must now appear before the judgment seat of Christ (*Laver to be washed and clothed*) before they can go into the heavenly dwelling. Then the angel proceeds into the Holy Place and goes before the seven lampstands where the unification of body, soul and spirit is completed. Then we are taken to the Altar of Incense which stands before the Holy of Holies and we shall forever be with the Lord from that time on.

Now the Two Witnesses who stood next to the seven lampstands cannot be left on the Altar of Incense because they have not yet faced their final judgment which cannot occur until they die. So as the angel proceeds with the Two Witnesses, he comes to the Table of Showbread and multiplies the twelve loaves by twelve, representing the twelve tribes of Israel and for the display of the number 144 which represents the completion of the last generation. In the physical we see the two witnesses sealing 144,000 young Israelites as a first fruit offering to God. The two witnesses are then killed at the end of 1,260 days and along with the 144,000 first fruit offering who have already died, as well as those who believed their message and had died at the hands of the four angels that were released to kill a third of mankind, and are now resurrected after three and one half days and are taken up to heaven where we then read:

Revelation 11:19 “Then the *temple of God was opened in heaven*, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.”

Once those saints were brought up to the Altar of Incense the mystery of God is completed and the curtain is removed.

Revelation 10:7 “But in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, *the mystery of God would be finished*, as He declared to His servants the prophets.”

This concludes the redemption of the saints of the Most High, the completion of the body of Christ. Now let's see if we can follow the numbers as they add up to 153.

$$7 + 12 \times 12 + 2 = 153$$

The saints represented by the number *seven*, taken out of all *one hundred and forty four generations* bearing a *double witness* (*two*) of God's faithfulness to all His promises. Notice that in the Lord's equation we find plus and times, or adding and multiplication.

John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to *steal* (*take away*), and to kill, and to destroy (*by dividing*). I have come that they may have life (*plus*), and that they may have it more abundantly (*times*)."

We know that the number of the antichrist is 666; we also know that he will rule unopposed by earthly anointed authority for 1,290 days and then he and those who worshiped him will be judged by the seven bowls judgments for forty two days. Following the calculations we learned from the 153 equation we will now try to figure out the meaning of the mark of the beast.

$$6 \times 6 + 6 = 42 + 1,290 = 1,332 / 2 = 666$$

The mystery of the mark of the beast is this: For 1,332 days a man who is not anointed by God will sit on the throne of David and rule over the inhabitants of the earth. He will have power to kill every living soul who does not bow and worship him. No other time from the days of Adam or ever again will this ever be so. The antichrist's rule will be divided into two sections of 666 days each. The first 666 days he will rule as a conqueror and the second 666 days as a god sitting in the temple of God.

Ezekiel 28:2 "Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, in the midst of the seas,' yet you are a man, and not a god, though you set your heart as the heart of a god."

Daniel 12:7 "Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a *time, times, and half a time*; and *when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.*"

So it is that the number of a man is the number of the days that he has rule over the children of man.

Two Fold Review of Chapters One through Fifteen

Chapters one through three reveal the physical unveiling of the church age. Chapters four through six their spiritual counterpart. In chapter seven we see the first conjunction between heaven and earth and the first stage of the first resurrection. In chapters eight and nine we see from the spiritual perspective the first half of the Day of His Wrath (*1,260 days*). And in chapters ten and eleven their physical counterpart ending with the second stage (*conjunction*) of the first resurrection. In chapter twelve we saw Israel's spiritual journey and dual purpose, ending with the feet of Jesus touching on the Mount of Olives and giving the woman two wings of a great eagle in order for her elect to flee to the place where they will be protected for a time, times and half a time from the dragon's rule. In chapter thirteen we saw the spiritual journey of the antichrist, his identity and we solved the mystery of the number of the days of his rule. In chapters fourteen and fifteen we will see from the spiritual perspective an overview of several events. Starting with the 144,000 saints that were resurrected and what their special ministry to God and to the Lamb is. We will see three angels that will proclaim from heaven the rules that apply to those left here on earth who will now want to be saved. We will see the resurrection of those who are saved during the second half of the Day of His Wrath thereby completing the final stage of the first resurrection. We will then see those who remain and have taken the mark of the beast being gathered together to the place of God's final judgment which will start at the end of the 1,290 day period.

The Ministry of the 144,000

Revelation 14:1-5 “Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having *His Father's name* written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. They sang as it were a *new song* before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and *no one could learn that song* except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed *from among men*, being *firstfruits to God and to the Lamb*. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.”

Israel is the wife of Jehovah and the church the bride of Christ; these 144,000 have His (*Jesus*) Father's name written on their foreheads and they sing a special song that only they can sing to God and to the Lamb. This is what I believe this means: Israel's present calendar of years is off by about 240 years of the about 6,000 years of biblical history we now have. If we have 144 generations in this 6,000 year period, the average age at which the transfer to the new generation occurs is 41.666666 years. $6,000 / 144 = 41.666666$ These are the generations of the sons of Adam that comprise the entire human race.

The generations of the sons of Elohim (*sons of light/children of Israel*) who through the ages have had to undergo the judgments of God which are represented by the number forty, have offered as a firstfruits offering to God one generation out of every thousand years (*1,000 years is as a day to the Lord*) as a daily sacrifice unto the Lord. Sons of Light generations: $144 \times 40 = 5,760$ Jewish calendar years which corresponds with the year 2,000 in our present day calendar and as close as we can get by today's reckoning of time to the 6,000 biblical years from the time of Adam. $6,000 - 5,760 = 240 / 6 = 40$ or one (**1**) generation out of every thousand (**1,000**) years was given to the Lord as a firstfruits offering that belonged to the Lord, they were never counted and are now symbolized by the special ministry that these 144,000 (*one thousand per generation*) undefiled virgins have unto Jehovah and unto the Lamb. They have now become the witnesses who testify on behalf of every completed generation.

$144,000 / 1,000 = 144$ Or one thousand per generation (*day*).

2 Peter 3:8 “But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and *a thousand years as one day*.”

The Three Angels

The First Angel:

Revelation 14:6-7 “Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the *everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth* — to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people — saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.’”

I made the statement earlier that not too many people will survive the second half of the Lord's Day of Wrath, simply because there is no godly anointed authority to protect any significant remnant left on the face of the earth. Every single person that receives the mark of the beast will be killed at the end of this judgment period — every single one — no exceptions. And the antichrist is going to kill as many as do not receive his mark. So an angel from heaven preaches the everlasting gospel to all the inhabitants of the earth which is: “Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin!” They are told to worship God alone at the cost of their very physical lives.

Revelation 14:12-13 “Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who *keep the commandments* of God and the faith of Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, Write: ‘*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.*’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.’”

The Second Angel:

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

Babylon represents ALL the false religions of the world including secular humanism. **John 14:6** “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. *No one comes to the Father except through me.*” Every religion that does not preach that the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is the only atonement, and His resurrection the only true life, is demonic, and they will be judged during this time. Satan who has had to masquerade behind all these false religions to deceive people into worshiping him, will now destroy all religious orders and all governmental structures that are based on man made philosophies. He will introduce a foreign (*demonic*) order of institutional government and demand absolute and direct open worship through the antichrist.

Daniel 11:37-39 “He shall regard neither the *God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god*; for he shall *exalt himself above them all*. But *in their place* he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a *foreign god, which he shall acknowledge*, and *advance its glory*; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.”

The Third Angel:

Revelation 14:9-11 “Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and *receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand*, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be

tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and *they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.*”

The good news is; they can still make it into the Day of His Rest; the bad news is they will have to be separated from their heads for a while. Obviously the devil does not have the power that God has and some humans will escape without taking the mark of the beast. Those who survive this ordeal without taking the mark of the beast will live on to the thousand year reign of Christ and will live under His rule. We are not told how many throughout the world will survive without taking the mark of the beast, except that there will be but a few. **Isaiah 13:12** “I will make man scarcer than pure gold, more rare than the gold of Ophir.” NIV

The Third and Last Stage of the First Resurrection

Revelation 14:14-16 “Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat *One like the Son of Man*, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel *came out of the temple*, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, ‘Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.’ So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.”

Since this entire revelation is given from the spiritual perspective there is no time sequence implied between the events, just the events themselves. We know that this time of harvest is taking place at the end of the 1,290 days because it precedes the judgments that begin at that time.

Revelation 15:2-3/8 “And I saw something like a sea of glass *mingled with fire*, and those who have the victory *over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass*, having harps of God. They sing the *song of Moses*, the servant of God, and the *song of the Lamb*... The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to *enter the temple* till the *seven plagues* of the seven angels *were completed*.”

These resurrected ones sing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb meaning that they are the Jewish remnant of the tribes of Dan and Ephraim that were not sealed in the seventh chapter, and those left from the Laodicea church, who finally had their eyes opened to their retched condition through the refining fire of God's wrath. They were always counted as part of the 153 because they come out of the church and out of Israel. They are not allowed to go inside the temple and join their brethren until the judgment of the seven last plagues is completed, so they have to stand on the sea of glass mingled with fire outside the temple where they undergo their judgment of rewards.

Jude 23 “But others *save with fear, pulling them out of the fire*, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.”

Revelation 15:3-4 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: ‘Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! *Who shall not fear You, O Lord*, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested.’”

The Great Winepress of the Wrath of God

Revelation 14:17-20 “Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, ‘Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe. ‘So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and **threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God**. And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and **blood came out** of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.”

As I said earlier, chapters fourteen and fifteen give a spiritual accounting of the second half of the Lord’s Wrath which is referred to as a time, times, and half a time because of the mystery of the 45 days that are added to the 1,290 days (*Daniel 12:11-12*) to complete God’s final judgment upon the earth. The events described above summed up the last bowl judgment when the Lord returns and kills all those who have the mark of the beast and have given their souls to Satan. This forty two days of judgment will begin on a Saturday and end on a Saturday ($6 \times 7 = 42$) right after the resurrection that takes place at the end of 1290 days.

Revelation 19:19-21 “And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. **And the rest were killed with the sword** which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.”

All the final judgments that remain to be executed have their spiritual pronouncements in chapters fourteen and fifteen.

Revelation 15:1/5-8 “Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: **seven angels having the seven last plagues**, for in them **the wrath of God is complete**... After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. And out of the temple came the **seven angels having the seven plagues**, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels **seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God** who lives forever and ever. The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.”

The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath

Revelation 16:1 “Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, ‘Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.’”

In chapter twelve we saw Israel's spiritual journey, in chapter thirteen we saw the antichrist's spiritual journey. In chapters fourteen and fifteen we saw the spiritual journey of those who will live through the era of the time, times, and half a time, the code name for the second half of the seven years of the Wrath of God. In chapter sixteen we will see the spiritual execution of the seven bowls that will complete the judgment of God.

I am inclined to believe that the seven bowls which begin at the end of the 1,290 days will be poured out one every Sabbath beginning on a Sabbath and conclude forty two days later on the Sabbath, ($7 \times 6 = 42$) with the complete destruction of the kingdoms of this world and the capture of the beast and the false prophet at the end of these forty two days. Each bowl fulfills that which was left lacking during the seals and the trumpets; there is no one fourth or one third here, these are the full measure that will complete all things.

First Bowl

Revelation 16:2 “So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a *foul and loathsome sore* came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.”

Leprosy is a type for sin in the Bible, a leprous sore with a foul odor signals that it is incurable. Periods of seven day cycles are prescribed for those infected to be brought before the priest. I believe these sores represent their unpardonable sin which prevents them from ever entering into His Day of Rest.

Leviticus 13:4-5 “...Then the priest shall isolate the one who has *the sore seven days*. And the priest shall examine him on the seventh day...”

Second Bowl

Revelation 16:3 “Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became *blood as of a dead man*; and every living *creature in the sea died*.”

After examining their sores it is established that their wound is incurable, and since life is in the blood, the blood of a dead man is poured out on the sea of humanity that has been infected by the mark of the beast, there is no hope for any of them.

Jeremiah 30:12-13 “For thus says the LORD: ‘your affliction is incurable, your wound is severe. There is no one to plead your cause, that you may be bound up; *you have no healing medicines*.’”

Third Bowl

Revelation 16:4-7 “Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying: ‘*You are righteous*, O Lord, the One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. For *they have shed the blood of saints and prophets*, and You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due.’ And I heard another from the altar saying, ‘Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.’”

Jesus told His disciples that when the Holy Spirit was to come upon them that out of their bellies should flow streams of living waters. Those who received the mark of the beast have been baptized into Satan, now they are partakers with him for the sin of all the shed blood of the saints and prophets that he has caused. God is righteous in disowning them for they have become one with the devil.

Fourth Bowl

Revelation 16:8-9 “Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, *and power was given to him to scorch men with fire*. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and *they did not repent* and give Him glory.”

The sun has been worshipped by so many through the ages and so much of that demonic influence permeates our society today. For worshipping the creature instead of the creator the sun will retaliate against humanity with a fiery blast. But is too late for those who have the mark of the beast, for their sins do not permit them to return to the Lord.

Fifth Bowl

Revelation 16:10-11 “Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and *his kingdom became full of darkness*; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and *their sores*, and did not repent of their deeds.”

With every Sabbath stroke it is evident that their sores (*sins*) are incurable. The false satanic light that they have been so diligent in worshipping is exposed for what it really is: utter darkness.

Sixth Bowl

Revelation 16:12-16 “Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw *three unclean spirits like frogs* coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are *spirits of demons*, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, *to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty*. ‘Behold, I am coming as a thief.

Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.’ And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.”

Following the same principles that we saw during the seals and the trumpet judgments, the first four represent the forces at work behind the scenes to bring about the desire conditions that will enable the judgments to take place, and the seventh will accomplish the transition or completion desired by God.

The period of darkness during the fifth bowl is reflective of the human condition of their time. They do not see nor comprehend God or His plan, so they follow blindly the false demonic signs that are leading them to the day of their slaughter. A curious statement is made as a warning for someone to keep their garments or covering in place; I wonder if He is talking to those who have not accepted the mark of the beast and telling them not to come out of their hiding places lest they also be deceived by the allure of these three frog-like demons.

Seventh Bowl

Revelation 16:17-21 “Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, ‘It is done!’ And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and *great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth*. Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. *Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found*. And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.”

The physical fulfillment of the bowl judgments are not seen until we get to the end of chapter nineteen. The spiritual release of these seven bowls allows us to see the rise or journey of all the wicked spiritual forces behind all human tragedies, sufferings, and their judgments, which will take place in chapters seventeen and eighteen. But before we get into them let me expound on what I believe our physical environment will evolve into by the time we get to the end of this 2,600 days journey, since in the seventh bowl we see a great cataclysmic event of unimagined proportions take place.

I made the statement when I started that God will restore the physical conditions of the earth to the way they were before the days of Noah's flood. As you know the people of Noah's day lived life spans well over nine hundred years. Some have taught and I am in agreement with, that during those days a majority of the water in our oceans today was up somewhere in our upper atmosphere and served as a canopy or covering that filtered the harmful radiation from the sun. They lived in the shelter of a type of greenhouse that allowed creatures to live incredibly long lives. This protection will be offered once again to those humans that will repopulate the earth during the millennial reign of Christ; as Scriptures tell us that long life spans will be restored as well as protection from nature's creatures.

Isaiah 65:20 “Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.” NIV

Isaiah 11:6-9 “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.”

Isaiah is referring to the conditions during the Kingdom Age.

Job 38:9 “When I made the *clouds its garment*, and thick *darkness its swaddling band*.”

God is speaking to Job about the earth when He first created it as having a thick layer of clouds around it that kept the harmful rays of the sun (*dark*) out.

Genesis 7:11-12 “In the *six hundredth year* of Noah's life, in the *second month*, the *seventeenth day* of the month, on that day *all the fountains of the great deep were broken up*, and the *windows of heaven were opened*. And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.”

The days of Noah begin in the sixth chapter; the cataclysm begins in the six hundred year of Noah's life. Six being the last day of laboring before entering into God's Day of Rest (*like the days of Noah*). A very precise date is given of day, month and year when something in the great deep broke, perhaps a planetary or cosmic alignment that pulled the earth apart at the seams and released extreme heat that caused the waters on the atmosphere to condense and fall to the earth for forty days and nights. Our original world was void of great mountain ranges or deep oceans, as the waters that fell engulfed the earth, the oceans following the gravitational pull of the moon formed a harmonic tide of tsunami proportions raging all across the earth.

Psalm 104:6-8 “You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the *waters stood above the mountains*. At Your rebuke *they fled*; at the voice of Your thunder they *hastened away*. They went up over the mountains; *they went down into the valleys*, to the place which You founded for them.”

In order to stop the raging tides, the air pressure increased and forced the weakened (*thinner*) layers of the earth's crust to collapse under the weight of the waters which then stooped into the ocean basins of today, and in that process it forced the edges of those basins (*subduction zones*) to rise up and form the great mountain ranges that dot many of today's oceans.

Genesis 8:1-3 “And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God *made a wind to pass over the earth*, and the waters *asswaged* (*stoop--secreted*); the fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; and the waters returned from off the earth continually (*the harmonic tides were stopped*): and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.” KJV

Are the events of the seven trumpets and the seven bowls reversing that process? How is God going to put back up in the atmosphere all the water needed to restore that canopy during His thousand year reign?

Revelation 6:14 “Then *the sky receded as a scroll* when it is rolled up, and *every mountain and island was moved out of its place*.”

We read that during the cosmic events that take place during the sixth seal when the 2,600 day period begins, that the foundations of the mountains and islands are moved out of place, setting in motion the events that follow and then conclude with the seventh bowl near the end of the 2,600 days.

Revelation 16:20-21 “Then *every island fled away*, and the *mountains were not found*. And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent...”

Notice the difference in the language, from “moved out of its place” to “fled away” and “not found” meaning they are now gone; all the great mountain ranges of the earth collapsed. During the fourth bowl power is given to the sun to scorch men with great heat and no doubt evaporate large amounts of water. When we take into account that the second and third bowls are poured over all the oceans and all the water resources of the earth bringing with it some kind of chemical reaction that turns them into something like a mixture of water and blood, maybe for the purpose of faster evaporation. It could very well be that large amounts of those waters will be transferred into the upper atmosphere in a very short period of time, thereby causing extreme darkness

over all the earth because of the rapid condensation of these waters in the upper atmosphere, which is what we see during the pouring of the fifth bowl, total darkness.

“And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent.” With the seventh bowl we also see rocks falling on the earth like hail, these weigh about a hundred pounds each, probably the remnant of the mountains that were hurled into outer space as they collapsed during the greatest earthquake that the earth had ever experienced. Just try to imagine for a second how terrifying all of that would be. Anyone crazy enough to think that they can somehow make it through these ordeals without taking the mark of the beast and surviving all these great cosmic events and wars is clearly void of sound reasoning. I have no idea how many of the six billion plus inhabitants of this earth will be left at the end of these 2,600 days, but one thing is certain, you are better off repenting and accepting Jesus as your savior and Lord right now and thereby assuring yourself a swift ride out of here before things heat up.

Mystery Babylon

Revelation 16:19 “And *great Babylon* was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of *His wrath*.”

So far we have seen the close of the church age and the culmination of the dispensation of Law. The seven bowls released the spiritual forces that will usher the termination of the dispensation of human government. But before that final judgment concludes, and since this is a two fold revelation, God is going to reveal the corrupted power (*spiritual force*) driving all the governments that have ever existed on the face of the earth and bring judgment upon them as well.

Revelation 17:1-6 “Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, ‘Come, I will show you *the judgment of the great harlot* who sits on many waters, *with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication*, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.’ So he carried me *away in the Spirit* into the wilderness. *And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns*. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.”

Since one of the seven angels who had one of the seven bowls is bringing this revelation to John, it tells me that it begins in the spiritual realm, which is confirmed when he is carried away in the spirit. That means that symbols will be given to portray the spiritual realities that are taking place in this vision. The good news is that the same angel that reveals this spiritual vision to John will also give him the physical interpretation of the vision. Let's take them one at the time:

“Come, I will show you the judgment of *the great harlot* who *sits on many waters*, with *whom the kings of the earth committed fornication*”

The great harlot represents the demonic spiritual force behind ALL the false religions of the entire world, which can be typified by the city of Babylon from which ruled three of the world empires. Babylon's own Nebuchadnezzar, the kings of the Medo-Persian empire and Alexander the Great. This mystery religion had its origin in Egypt; passed through Assyria before settling down in Babylon, finally ending up in Rome. Wherever the seat of power was she followed.

Revelation 17:18 “And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns (*through demonic influence*) over the kings of the earth.”

The many waters represent the people who worship and serve these demonic idols, and the kings of the nations cater to these demonic entities in order to maintain their favor and retain control over the peoples (*committed fornication*).

Revelation 17:15 “Then he said to me, ‘The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.’”

“And I saw a woman sitting on a *scarlet beast* which was full of names of blasphemy, *having seven heads* and *ten horns*.”

The seven heads symbolize the seven world powers through which the “woman’s” demonic influence persecutes the saints of God; namely Israel and the Church. The last beast will rise out of the seventh world power to make war with the saints and afterwards he will destroy the woman (*organized religion*) herself and confiscate all religious properties.

Revelation 17:8 “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and *will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition*. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”

The beast is the antichrist who will be the personification of all the evil demonic forces that fueled the persecution of the saints.

Revelation 17:10-11 “There are also seven kings. Five have fallen (*Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece,*) one is, (*Rome as of John’s writing*) and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must *continue a short time* (*1,260 days*). The beast that was (*taken alive to the pit*), and is not (*during John’s writing*), is himself also *the eighth*, and is of the seven, and is *going to perdition*.”

John is describing the journey of this mystery religion “woman” and the kingdoms “vessels” on which she has traveled. John confirms what Daniel prophesied; that at the time of the end; the reign of the seventh king, that it will be a unified world order. I believe they will become unified after God destroys the nations that attack Israel and sends the two witnesses to lay down the law. The beast which at first will be unknown to most will rise up to head this united nations conglomerate, by killing the two witnesses after 1260 days he will begin to consolidate his power and by the end of 666 days, he will become dictator at large and supreme ruler, this eighth and final persecutor of the saints is the one who will go into perdition (*the lake of fire*) because he has already died and has been eternally judged. (*the beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition*) The seventh world empire will be headed by ten horns (*powers*) that will end up giving all their ruling authority to the antichrist.

Revelation 17:12-14 “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority *for one hour* (*the seven years of God’s Wrath*) as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and *they will give their power and authority to the beast*. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”

Here their journey ends; their destruction correlates with the pouring of the seventh bowl, at which time the antichrist and the false prophet are captured alive and thrown into the lake of fire, while all their followers are killed by the sword that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lamb.

The Fall of Babylon the Great

Revelation 18:1-3 “After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was *illuminated* with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, ‘Babylon the great *is fallen, is fallen*, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a *prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!* For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.’”

The word “illuminated” indicates that something that had been hidden is now revealed; what’s been revealed here is that the demonic infrastructure that gravitated around the worship of self has been exposed. The demons of commercialism and exploitation that pandered to the corrupt vices of the masses have now been exposed and deposed. The system of false religion and secular humanism that entangled humanity is not needed any more; is abolished in one hour and with them go all the demons that influenced all that selfishness and debauchery. Like a communist dictator, the beast will demand the total and complete sacrifice of his followers, their one and only goal from now on is to be prepared to fight against the Lamb; victory at all cost will be their hopeless cry.

Revelation 18:4-8 “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘*Come out of her, my people*, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, “I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.” Therefore her plagues will come in one day — death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.’”

We need to remember that these die-hards who come out of her now were eyewitnesses to Jesus the Lamb of God coming down on the clouds of heaven and rapturing away the saints, they also lived through the five months of hell on earth and the ministry of the two witnesses. They saw the feet of Jesus split the Mount of Olives and provide a way of escape for the elect, and the raising from the dead of those who chose martyrdom.

Why are these die-hards having a change of mind now? The demons that deceived them have been driven out and locked down! For the first time ever or maybe in a long time they now get to see the misery of their condition and repent by refusing to take the mark of the beast. Many of the environmentalists and secular humanists will see for the first time the demons of self-righteousness that were behind all their labors. With these demons out of the way Satan will demand that they worship and forfeit themselves to him, for it will be known to all, that if they take the mark of the beast they will be with the devil forever.

Revelation 18:14 “The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and *all the things which are rich and splendid* have gone from you, and *you shall find them no more at all.*”

The world’s entire economic system is destroyed in one hour and now they find themselves at the mercy of the beast and will find none.

Revelation 18:23-24 “The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For *your merchants were the great men of the earth*, for *by your*

sorcery all the nations were deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth”

Selfish ambition and its partnership with demonic entities is the root of all bloodshed and the engine for the persecution of the saints who refused to get in bed with the god of this world.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: *For men will be lovers of themselves*, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, *lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God*, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”

Rejoicing in Heaven

Revelation 19:1-5 “After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, ‘Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! For true and righteous are His judgments, because *He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication*; and *He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her*.’ Again they said, ‘Alleluia! *Her smoke rises up forever and ever!*’ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, ‘Amen! Alleluia!’ Then a voice came from the throne, saying, ‘Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!’”

When Cain's non-blood sacrifice was rejected by God, Cain got very angry because of jealousy over his brother, because Abel's blood sacrifice was accepted. In order to understand all the great rejoicing in heaven over the judgment of the “great harlot” is imperative for us to see the tremendous influence that the demons behind the door of sin have exerted over all mankind though all the ages.

Genesis 4:6-7 “So the LORD said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? *If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door*. And its desire is for you, but *you should rule over it*.’”

Sin always has an accomplice which opens a door; a person who does wrong (*sins*) must go through that opened door, if he or she repents and does the right thing: applies the blood sacrifice (*asks God for forgiveness*) on the lintel and the two door posts (*take our sins to the cross of Jesus for those of us today*) of that opened door, then that person will disarm the demon behind the door of his power and have mastery over it. But if pride which is rooted in self righteousness prevents them from repenting and doing the right thing, then those demonic entities will demand blood from them. That is why Cain ended up murdering his brother Abel. All shed human blood, beginning with the righteous blood of Abel and ending with the judgment of the great harlot, is crying out to God for vengeance.

God's judgment is two fold, he judges the humans first according to the laws that applied to them in the dispensations from which they came. If they repented and made atonement for their sins, God forgives them and raises them up from the dead which was part of their judgment. If they did not repent, then they will remain dead until the final judgment which will take place at the end of one thousand years. But the demonic accomplices of humanity have never been judged yet, because once the person they committed sin with died, they were free to torment someone else, usually a family member and continued to follow their descendants.

Luke 16:27-28 “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for *I have five brothers*, that he may testify to them, *lest they also come to this place of torment*.’”

Perhaps the most frustrating thing for the saints in heaven is seeing these demonic creatures wreak havoc upon the whole of humanity with such impunity. These demons would say to Jesus: “Have You come to torment us before our time.” They knew that as long as man does not apply the blood of Jesus to the open door of sin, they had free range. But finally the hour of their judgment has come: this entity called Babylon the great (*false religion*) which was their vehicle with which they could operate freely in our earthly dwellings, has now become their eternal prison of torment. At this great sight every heavenly dweller rejoices mightily for the Lord's vengeance is fulfilled.

“He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her. Again they said, ‘Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!’”

“Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!”

Proverbs 7:26-27 ***“For she has cast down many wounded, and all who were slain by her were strong men. Her house is the way to hell, descending to the chambers of death.”***

The judgment of the great harlot and her demonic hordes I believe takes place at the end of the first 666 days of the second half of the seven years of God's wrath. I believe that this is the time that the antichrist, who is now totally possessed by Satan, consummates his power over all the nations and peoples and tongues of the earth. He will make an image of himself at that time, animate it and demand that only through that image worship be offer, he will refuse to share any adulation with any of the demonic entities that people have worshiped through the ages, and he has no need of them anymore. Even the false prophet will have to operate through this image of the beast for the next 666 days, and then their demonic rule will be completed at the end of the 1,332 (666 + 666 = 1332) days, at the end of which their destiny with perdition becomes a reality.

The Marriage of the Lamb has Come

Revelation 19:6-8 “And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, ‘Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, *for the marriage of the Lamb has come*, and His wife has made herself ready.’ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”

We have to keep in mind that everything that the devil does is an imitation of what the Lord does. Those who have taken the mark of the beast become the bride of Satan and are now married to the devil for eternity. Meanwhile in heaven the numbering of the saints is completed, this takes place at the end of the 1,290 days when the last stage of the first resurrection takes place. While the seven angels are pouring out the last seven bowls upon the kingdom of the antichrist for forty two days, in heaven the marriage of the Lamb is taking place.

Revelation 19:9-10 “Then he said to me, ‘Write: *Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!*’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true sayings of God.’ And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, ‘See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’”

This is it! Every saint, from the Garden of Eden (*innocence*), the days before Noah's flood (*conscience*) and after Noah's flood (*human government*), the Patriarchs (*promise*), Israel (*law*), the Church (*grace*), the first half and the second half of the Day of His Wrath, have all made their way into the wedding halls of heaven. The precious blood of the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world has washed away the stain of sin and made clean the garments of the saints. Those who through faith fulfilled the righteous requirements that their dispensation required, pointing them to the shed blood of Jesus Christ are now ready to become one with Christ for eternity. We are described as blessed, and when you contrast our ever indwelling joy which we are experiencing in the presence of Almighty God to the torments and painful gnawing that those who would not repent are experiencing, we are indeed BLESSED!

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

Revelation 19:11-16 “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called *Faithful and True*, and *in righteousness He judges and makes war*. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called *The Word of God*. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a *sharp sword*, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will *rule them with a rod of iron*. He Himself *treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath* of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**”

My favorite Scripture, indeed my motto is: “He that promised is faithful” and the very first thing we are told about Jesus as heaven opened and revealed Him is that He is called Faithful and True, and the second revealed name of His is that He is called The Word of God. In biblical context your name reveals your nature; as the dispensations of man are about to close, the message is very clear: The Word of God is true and all His promises are yes and amen. The statement that in righteousness He judges and makes war is solely based on the articulated premises written in Scripture that within God’s nature is His undaunted commitment to the fulfillment of every single jot and tittle, promise and statement contained within His written Word. In other words, what God said was going to happen, will happen; no matter how difficult or impossible it may seem, or how improbable or ridiculous to our finite minds it may appear. The events described in the passage above usher in the culmination of six thousand years of human wandering between good and evil, right and wrong, hope and desperation, trial and error, victory and defeat, agony and elation.

After this faithful day the scales of justice will always balance right, for He will rule them with a rod of iron as King of kings and Lord of lords. He will tread down all those who have been clearly marked for destruction and send them down to the Abyss, to await their final day of judgment at the end of one thousand years.

The antichrist and the false prophet will be capture alive and thrown into the eternal death which is the lake of fire, because they died a unique death (*their physical bodies remained alive*) when they went alive into the pit after they opposed Moses, and were eternally judged.

Revelation 19:19-21 “And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then *the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet* who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were *cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone*. And *the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse*. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.”

This will be a unique battle, the armies of this world will be arrayed in battle lines around Jerusalem and all the surrounding Judean hills with all sorts of humanly devised weaponry, backed up with all the incantations, sorceries and enchantments that can be made to summoned spiritual power from the prince of darkness who possesses them, with the sole purpose of denying the King of Glory entrance into the temple mount. In the Lord’s side there will be just one weapon used: the double edge sword of The Word of God, His immutable power will be in full display, He will just utter the Word and it will become a sword that will cut the throat of all His enemies instantly causing their blood to flow unhindered.

Isaiah 47:12-13 “Stand now with your *enchantments and the multitude of your sorceries*, in which you have labored from your youth — perhaps you will be able to profit, perhaps you will prevail. You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and *save you from what shall come upon you.*”

Revelation 14:20 “And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.”

This is a two fold battle that is taking place. While in the physical realm the total destruction of the human armies is completed, there is a spiritual battle that is taking place as well.

Revelation 20:1-3 “Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, *having the key to the bottomless pit* and a great chain in his hand. *He laid hold of the dragon*, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and *bound him for a thousand years*; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and *shut him up, and set a seal on him*, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.”

Satan is a gambler, always thinking that perhaps he might win. The first time that Jesus came, Satan gambled that Jesus would not endure the horrible death on the cross, from his point of view humans are not worth the trouble, boy was he wrong. For God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son to die on the cross and forever set us free from all our sins. At Jesus’ second coming he gambles all his demonic hordes as well as all his human converts in a desperate effort to prevent the inevitable, and as usual he loses again. This time he is locked up for a thousand years, even Satan has to cease from his labor on God’s Sabbath Day of Rest.

The reason he has to be release at the end of the one thousand years is because: the world will be repopulated by those few who survived; with an almost nonexistent mortality rate and a great and bountiful food supply, and near perfect conditions to reproduce, and with the absence of wars, the earth will be full of humans void of the knowledge of evil. Since humans created in God’s image cannot enter into eternity without first exercising their right to choose, they must be given that right before they can enter into eternity, so the devil will be released and he will make his case before humanity once again that they can be like God without God.

The elect and their seed will not err this time. Those who were preserved to repopulate physical Israel and possess the land promised to Abraham will live and serve their King “David.” They will teach their children right from wrong through the sacrifices that they will offer during those days in the temple, it will portrait to them the sacrificial death of the Lamb of God to atone for their yet to be dealt with sinful nature. They will live a life of service and devotion to the Lord in partnership with their fallen brethren now physically resurrected from the dead, who are cohabiting with them as ministers of our Lord.

The Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ

Revelation 20:4 “And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who *had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God*, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. *And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*”

Many of these beheaded ones fled after the abomination that caused the desolation took place, but they were not selected for preservation so they had to die the martyr's death, and now with their eternal resurrected bodies will minister to those who were preserved and their seed, to teach them the ways of eternal life and true dedication to Jesus, The Living Word of God.

Revelation 20:7-10 “Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose *number is as the sand of the sea*. They went up on the breadth of the earth and *surrounded the camp of the saints* and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

One may think in the context of what we have been reading; how could the descendants of an almost wiped out human race be so stupid? Well it wasn't long after the flood, while some of those few survivors were still alive that men rebelled against God. And after all, these are the descendants of extremely rebellious people who loved their independence so much as to refuse both the devil and the Lord Jesus Christ. They have now been living for a thousand years under a very rigorous dictator like religious government that does not allow them freedom to fulfill the sinful desires of their still fallen nature. There is no place to hide at this time; once the devil is released they have to choose sides. Since they now outnumber the saints by an incredibly sizeable number, they decide to wipe them off the face of the earth at Satan's instigation. The camp of the saints has no weapons, and no army to defend themselves with. So God Himself will intervene on their behalf with a fire that will devour their enemies in an instant. The devil who deceived them is immediately cast into the lake of fire, and not a moment too soon if you ask me.

From now on there is no need to choose anymore, all the choices have been made. This event will usher in the last resurrection from the dead which leads them into God's final judgment. The saints who have not yet died but are in the camp of the Lord will now receive their reward of eternal life as they appear before the Lord's judgment and find their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life. All those who died during the first six dispensations of man and were not part of the first resurrection will now rise from the dead and must appear before the White Throne Room Judgment along with those who died or were killed during the Kingdom Age.

The White Throne Room Judgment

Revelation 20:11-15 “Then I saw a *great white throne* and Him who sat on it, *from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away*. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one *according to his works*. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the *second death*. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life *was cast into the lake of fire*.”

The Bible says that it is appointed unto men once to die and then comes the judgment. So far we have discovered that whether a saint is resurrected, raptured, or in the camp of the saints with the Lord, they still have to appear before a judgment of rewards that will determine their eternal position or ranking, but they will never have to experience a second death. Those whose names have not been written in the Lamb's Book of Life will take part in the second death which is the lake of fire, but before they are cast into eternal judgment along with death and Hades they will be given a rank or degree of punishment in “accordance to their works;” which fulfills the Scripture of judgment after the first death. Hell is hell and no body should even think of any of its torments in any way, shape or form as tolerable, even for an instance, how much more for eternity. But it is obvious that the devil, the antichrist, the false prophet and the likes of Hitler, Mao, Stalin and the butchers of human history who took great pleasure in eradicating human life, will suffer much greater torment than those who just neglected God's plan of salvation for their lives.

During this time of the final judgment which will probably take place somewhere outside of the original creation, the earth and the heavens which were impacted by the sins of man and fallen angels, will be melted into a gas ball for the purpose of refinement and purification, after which they will be remade into our physical eternal dwelling place suitable for our God to dwell in it with us, His treasure possessions.

2 Peter 3:10-13 “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which *the heavens will pass away* with a great noise, and *the elements will melt with fervent heat*; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which *the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat*? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for *new heavens* and a *new earth* in which righteousness dwells.”

New Heavens and a New Earth

Revelation 21:1-4 “Now I saw a *new heaven and a new earth*, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was *no more sea*. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘*Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men*, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, *for the former things have passed away.*’”

For the old order of things has passed away: This “new order of things” is something which cannot be envisioned through our present human limitations. This is a new realm, a totally different dimension of physical presence which has never existed before. When Peter wrote about it, he called them the heavens, because the second and third heaven were separated at that time, Satan dwelling in the second and God ruling from the third, while humans labor here on the first heaven which is our physical realm. When Jesus came for His saints at the time of the rapture He evicted Satan from the second heaven and cast him down to the earth, thus solidifying the second and third heaven as one, so when John writes his vision of the future he describes them as earth and the *heaven* fled away.

The new *heaven* and the new earth that John saw indicates that the safety zone between the third heaven and the earth, which is what the second heaven was; a place of containment for death and Hades and every foul spirit and contaminated human soul, has now been done away with because the new earth is totally freed from any contamination. The second hand eco system that sustains our present existence will be done away with at that time. There will be no more need of oceans, sun, moon, seasons, nor the blessings of God to sustain them or the curses to withhold them.

This new order means an integration of an always existing and perfect spiritual eternity with a newly created physical dimension inhabited by beings who though created, are a similitude of an always existing and perfect God because God's eternal Spirit gives them life. Like a farmer who plows a never domesticated field, plants his seeds, waters and feeds them, protects them from pests and varmints, in due season he harvests his crops and then brings them into a refining process which produces for him a new kind of drink and a new kind of bread. He then joyfully partakes of the fruit of his labor which now becomes one with him and part of him.

Revelation 21:5 “Then He who sat on the throne said, ‘*Behold, I make all things new.*’ And He said to me, ‘Write, for *these words are true and faithful.*’”

Not only has the old order of things pass away, but there is a new order of things introduced. God's tabernacle is now within an eternal physical dimension where humans possess eternal physical bodies to dwell in. The question begs to be asked: Since God is Spirit, what does the tabernacle of God looks like? The body of Jesus is God's physical dwelling place! Just like Jesus is the head of His tabernacle (*body*) the church, now God our Father will presently inhabit and cohabit with His intricately weaved and laboriously perfected saints, who have now become the crowning achievement of His work of creation.

1 Corinthians 15:24-28 “Then *comes the end*, when He (Jesus) *delivers the kingdom to God the Father*, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. *The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.* For ‘He has put all things under His feet.’ But when He says ‘all things are put under Him,’ it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.

Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, *that God may be all in all.*"

Once death and Hades are cast into the lake of fire, the great white throne judgment takes place, at the end of which God our Father who has just recreated a brand new heaven and a brand new earth from the melted elements, will come and presently indwell the glorious physical body (*church*) that His divine Son has purchased and perfected with His blood, and place them into this brand new physical/eternal (*spiritual*) Paradise.

Then He says: "These words are true and faithful," in other words; you can count on them. How can anyone of us alive today miss the great contrast that exists between good and evil? In the midst of corruption and decay we can still find such great beauty and complexity within God's creation, be it in humans or animals or within nature itself. The fingerprints of a marvelous Creator can be found all throughout life itself, and they all beg to the fact that one day soon the restrains that submitted their full expectations to frustration will one day finally be removed, and the full array of their potentials will blossom into a never ending display of unfathomable glory.

Romans 8:21-22 "Because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now."

Living Waters --- Living Faith

Revelation 21:6-7 “And He said to me, ‘*It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.* I will give of *the fountain of the water of life* freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.’”

The eternal **I AM** can never be separated from His Living Faith (*it is done!*). In the garden of Eden He was portrayed as the tree of life with the connotation of a never ending supply of life. In His encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well He offered her living water and told her that: “But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” **John 4:14** Here again He portrays His ever lasting faithfulness as living, active, flowing, and available to anyone who thirsts. Let me share with you about the living faith that will enable you to overcome and inherit all things.

Romans 12:3 “...As God has dealt to each one *a measure of faith.*”

All humans have been gifted with the ability to believe, and is not just believing in the wrong things that gets us into trouble, but many of the faithful who believe in the right things; like the Word of God and all its promises, still do not operate in the *living faith* that is available to them for the purpose of becoming overcomers through possession of their promises. **It is done! I am:** It behooves us to understand the true meaning of this statement if we are to drink freely from the fountain of the water of life that is available for us today. And since the understanding of this truth may very well determine the future well being of someone who is reading this, I will take time here to try to explain it to the best of my ability.

The working of the (*measure of faith*) **common faith** that all humans share, and this includes many of the believers who follow Jesus today, can best be explained as lineal in nature. It can be full of past (*positive or negative*) experiences, or full of (*positive or negative*) future expectations, but very much lacking and in need for the present situation. Let me explain from Scripture how lineal (*common*) faith works.

John 11:21-22 “Now Martha said to Jesus, ‘*Lord, if You had been here,* my brother would not have died. But even now I know that *whatever You ask of God, God will give You.*’”

Here is a classic example of lineal faith at work: “If You had been here” she had faith for the past that was now gone and out of reach, now notice that she appeared to have faith for the present, for she also said to Jesus: “Whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” Implying that she had faith for a miracle in the now.

John 11:23 “Jesus said to her, ‘*Your brother will rise again.*’”

Jesus responded immediately to her statement of faith with the answer that her heart desired, which was that her brother would not have died. Now her brother was already dead, so the best solution is to bring him back to life. Jesus is simply dealing with the present situation which is that her brother is already dead.

John 11:24 “Martha said to Him, ‘*I know that he will rise again* in the resurrection *at the last day.*’”

Here again she demonstrates that she has faith for a future which is far and out of reach, but worthless for her present situation. This is because we humans think in lineal terms, in our minds the further we travel into the

future, the more distant we become from the past. So whenever we find ourselves lacking, we turn and hopelessly look at what might have been and then resign ourselves to a very unpredictable future of what might be, while remaining in a hopeless state.

John 11:25 “Jesus said to her, ‘**I am** the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. *Do you believe this?*’”

In our opening text at the beginning of this chapter Jesus said: “**I am** the *Alpha and the Omega*, the *Beginning and the End*.” Living faith is represented as circular. If you draw a circle and end at the point where you began, obviously the beginning and the end meet creating a space within the circumference. And just like in the meaning of the alphabet, everything ever written will be contained within the first and last letters of the alphabet in which it was written.

What’s so big about this you may say? In lineal or common faith God always seems out of reach, somewhere back on the bygone past or far beyond the distant future. In circular faith Jesus is standing within the circumference of that circle, and at the very center of time itself, this place is called the ever present **I AM**.

From the midst of that circle you can measure out to any part of the perimeter of that circle and find that the distance is the same. If you mark the place where you started the circle as “the past” and half way through you call it “the present” and when you complete the circle you call it “the future” you will find that the past and the future meet, and are ever present to the center of that circle. He is just as close to us now as He was on the day we were born, and just as close to the day we will die. As just as close to us as the promises contained within His written Word! He is the Alpha and the Omega.

To the Samaritan woman Jesus portrayed this revelation as something that once you partook of it (*will never thirst again*) you would not have to partake of it anymore; and that once you ingested it then it would regenerate inside of you, (*a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life*) and enable you to reach out into eternity (*future*) and receive the blessing already provided by faith, and appropriate it for the here and now. To Mary Jesus said; do you believe this? In other words, are you willing to let go of the past (*what might have been*), reach out into the future resurrection that you have faith for and bring it to reality, since your are standing next to the ever present **I AM**.

Hebrews 6:5 “And have tasted the good *word of God* and the *powers of the age to come*.”

Let us remember that Jesus is The Word of God as well as the Eternal **I AM**, and that His promises are yes and amen. Circular faith reaches into the ever-presentness of Christ and is able to partake (*taste*) of the powers (*miracles*) of the age to come. How can I do that? The opposite of lineal faith! Instead of saying “if God had been here,” let us say: “YES LORD! YOU ARE HERE.” In the midst of a desperate situation we may not feel Him anywhere near us, but you see, if we dare to believe that He is here now in our present circumstance, then we know that He is also present in the age to come where all miracles and the answers to every need reside. Jesus the “**I AM**” is the open door to our very present need, including our deliverance and salvation from that which is to come.

Psalms 46:1 “God is our refuge and strength, a *very present* help in trouble (*time of need*).”

If you notice as we have been reading the book of Revelation, how the Lord makes proclamations ahead of time as if they had already taken place. That’s because the word has to be spoken.

Romans 10:8 “But what does it say? ‘*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*’ (that is, *the word of faith* which we preach).”

First we have to believe within our hearts that Jesus has that which we have need of right now, then we confess with our mouth that which we believe within our heart.

Romans 10:9-10 “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

This is how easy it is to escape the horrors we have been reading about. If you dare to believe that God loved humanity so much that He provided a way out, then just speak it out: Say; Jesus save me from the Day of Your Wrath! I know that I am a sinner, I appeal to You on the basis of the mercy revealed in Your Word.

Even if you are handicapped to the point that you are unable to speak audibly, your heart will be heard ever so loudly in the court of His mighty presence, (*because you will not be mute in the future, as it is written: “every tongue shall confess”*) and as you speak the word of faith your name will be immediately engraved in the registry of heaven going all the way back to the day before the foundation of the world was laid, and with the ink of His precious shed blood.

Psalms 107:2 “*Let the redeemed of the LORD say so*, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.”

Once you confessed with your mouth what you believed in your heart, you are saved! Now all you have to do is confirm it by your testimony of: “I am saved in the great I AM.”

John 16:14-15 “He will glorify Me, for He will take of *what is Mine and declare it to you*. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that *He will take of Mine and declare it to you*.”

The agent that goes into the center of time where Jesus the Great I Am is ever present is the Spirit of Truth. The Holy Spirit sanctifies (*set's apart*) those who believe in God's truth and identified themselves with the ever present I AM by proclaiming they are (*I am*) what God's written word says of them when by faith they believe, trust and confess His Word.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 “...God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.”

“He who overcomes shall inherit all things.” Seems like our present situation will always defy the reality of God's eternal promises for our lives, so the battle will revolve around that which I believe that I am. If I believe I am what my present circumstance defines me as being, then I am stuck in a very limited part of my existence, carried along by the whimsies of the river of present time. But if I identify myself with the eternal ever present God and as part of His eternal plan, then my compass will not waver when the rapids and sudden turns of life try to overwhelm me, for my destiny is secure in my I AM. “And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”

The Second Death

Revelation 21:8 “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, *which is the second death.*”

It does not take any kind of faith or courage in order to go to hell; it does not require any sanctification or repenting either for that matter. Hell just flows downstream and everything that is not safely secured is carried along with it. When we view things from eternity's perspective, death is not the end of life but rather separation from it. What good is a resurrected eternal body if its lot is imprisonment and torment for eternity, yet this is the fate that awaits those who choose life outside of the I AM THE LIFE.

After the beginning and the end meet and complete this great circle that we call time, those whose names were not found in the Book of the I AM will be expelled from that great circle of life into outer darkness, void of everything that is good in life, yet alive unto misery and despondency for ever. Some may say that this kind of eternity is too great a punishment for some misguided short lived soul that somehow missed the true meaning of life.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 “He has made *everything beautiful in its time*. Also He has put *eternity in their hearts*, except that *no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.*”

Everything is beautiful in its time implies that eternal fulfilling life is offered to every human creature that reaches the age of accountability, but is a life that has to be shared with Christ the author of life. Failure to understand that there is no real fulfilling life outside of Christ becomes their doom.

Romans 1:18-21 “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because *what may be known of God is manifest in them*, for *God has shown it to them*. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that *they are without excuse*, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

Is not that God does not love them (*for God so loved the world*) but rather for righteousness sake that they are forsaken. If a mother with a house full of her children in her secured dwelling sees bandits and criminals beginning to perish outside her door due to an unforeseen snow storm, will she be acting in love if she exposes her children and herself to men of violence who will surely rob her and abuse her innocent ones if she lets them in? Or will true love protect and defend those who belong to her and trust her for their safety? You may say; God is God can He do something else to rescue those who are perishing? What if this woman had a side door to her dwelling place that read: “You are free and welcome to come in and enjoy the peace of our home and its safety. However as soon as you step through this door your nature will be changed and you will cease to be bandits and criminals.” What if they reject it and refuse to enter that opened door because they do not want to be transformed? They simply resent having their natures changed.

1 Timothy 1:19-20 “Having faith and a good conscience, *which some having rejected*, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, *whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.*”

Nature has no choice but to follow the course prepared for her before hand, and so the animals themselves follow their instincts without sound reasoning. Only man can elevate himself to the pedestal of God and reason as God reasons. The conclusion of all of man's reasoning is that outside of God there is no life of God. The epitome of fallen man is that self life to him is better to be desired than a life shared with Jesus Christ. Self life refuses the concept of eternal judgment, while accepting the notion of a self center eternal existence, without realizing that that is what hell is; separation from life with God. The irony of it all is that those who refuse to spend eternity under the life of God for the sake of hedonistic thinking, will have to share eternity under the dead-life of Satan who himself is the greatest of all egomaniacs.

This book of the Revelation of the author of life Himself; Jesus Christ, is a clear warning to all mankind that life itself cannot be sustained by its self life: **MAN'S LIFE IS DEPENDENT ON HIS CREATOR FOR SUSTENANCE.**

The Lamb's Wife

Revelation 21:9 “Then one of the *seven* angels who had the *seven* bowls filled with the *seven* last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, ‘Come, I will show you *the bride, the Lamb's wife.*’”

Notice the mention of the number seven three times in association with the introduction of the bride of the Lamb. The number three representing her spiritual (*eternal*) nature, number seven representing her eternal perfection. All those who through the ages have chosen to share in the eternity of the life of Christ, who were cleansed by His (*the Lamb's*) shed blood, can now have the assurance that no corruption or contamination will ever touch them again; they will forever be separated from it.

Revelation 21:10-13 “And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the *great city*, the *holy Jerusalem*, descending out of heaven from God, *having the glory of God. Her light* was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Also she had a great and high wall with *twelve gates*, and *twelve angels* at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the *twelve tribes* of the children of Israel: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.”

Some will teach that the city, the holy Jerusalem, not the church is the bride of the Lamb. But just like the city of Babylon represented all the mystery religions of all of the ages along with all their demonic hordes. The New Jerusalem represents all of the saints that come out of all the ages (*dispensations*) of time, and all of their unique qualities that form the eternal building which is the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, His body, of which Jesus is the head (*her glory*) and her light (*eternal life*).

The number twelve (*gates, angels, tribes*) speaks of the intricate interaction between the physical and spiritual dynamics which form this eternally alive edifice, which is so large that qualifies to be designated as a great city. The number six which has always represented man and time (*man's limitations*), is now introduced into a fourth dimensional realm of perfection which is represented by the number seven. So that now the number six (*representing the number of man and time*) exists in both ($six + six = twelve$) the physical and spiritual realms. The gate is opened between the angels (*spiritual*) and the tribes of man (*physical*).

Ephesians 3:18 “May be able to comprehend *with all the saints* what is the *width* and *length* and *depth* and *height.*”

In order to understand this fourth dimension from our three dimensional perspective I will try to explain it like this: Take a cube with its six sides, which are top, bottom, front, back, left and right sides. Each side a square equal in size to the others, and each representing one (*one thousand years*) day. Then in the very center of each square mark a point and draw from that point a straight line to the point on the opposite square.

Top line connecting with the bottom, front line with the back and right side with the left side. All six lines will intercept in the invisible center of the cube forming a seventh point by the conjunction of the six lines, which represents the Day of Rest which is one thousand years, or the seventh day. Let's say that this represents our present three dimensional existence expressed in the seven dispensations of time.

What is taking place when see the physical/spiritual New Jerusalem been lowered down into the newly recreated earth, is the introduction of this fourth dimension into our physical plane, something which is totally

unknown to us now, and the best way for me to describe it is like this: the spiritual is represented by a circle, which ends where it began and forms a never ending present with the I AM at its center, if we make this circle into the form of a sphere and drop it into the cube to conform with its dimensions, this sphere will make contact exactly with the six points in the center of the squares with its invisible center becoming the same center as that of the cube. This results in the opening of twelve gates with twelve angels (*spiritual doors*) and twelve tribes (*physical doors*). Hence their interaction is governed by the eternal I AM who reigns from the center as both the Lion and the Lamb over His united physical and spiritual kingdom.

Imagine a door leading out of our present physical dimension of time and space and into a spiritual reality where natural laws do not apply. We do this all the time in our dreams; we fly, we walk on water, we breathe under water, we run incredibly fast without tiring, we travel to far away places with just a mere thought. It seems like our spirits sometimes take us into a journey of the future Paradise that awaits us in Christ.

Revelation 21:14 “Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

The twelve gates (*spiritual/physical connections*) have the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. The twelve foundations have the names of the twelve apostles of the lamb. We know that when we multiply $12 \times 12 = 144$; Meaning that this eternal city is comprised of and inhabited by humans which came out of all the generations (*physical time*: 144) and out of all the dispensations (*spiritual time*: 7) and is headed by Jesus the Lamb (*physical*) and the Lord God Almighty (*Spirit*). $144 + 7 + 2 = 153$, which is the numerical value for *sons of Elohim*. The sons of Elohim are the humans that have now become physically eternal like the Lamb and spiritual like the angels.

Revelation 21:17/22 “Then he measured its wall: *one hundred and forty-four cubits*, according to the measure of a *man*, that is, of an *angel*...But I saw no temple in it, for the *Lord God Almighty* and the *Lamb are its temple*.”

The purpose of God from before the beginning of creation was to introduce His manifold spiritually perfect eternity into a new physical dimension, where created physical creatures could be made in His image and perfected unto His likeness. By becoming exposed to the knowledge of good and evil they would have the opportunity to become god-like. Sovereign in all their dealings, with the capacity to question and even choose wrong if they so desire. Those who would with their faculties and reasoning arrived at the conclusion that God is God alone, and that freedom and creativity along with eternal life cannot exist independent of Him, would without question entrust their all to Him who alone is able to disseminate His god-like qualities to His faithful children who trust Him.

Matthew 25:34 “Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the *foundation of the world*.’”

First Adam's Paradise Lost

By exposing Adam to the knowledge of good and evil, God placed all humanity in a very precarious situation. Man cannot become god-like without the opportunity to choose if he wants to be with God and like God. And the consequences of such a decision as to be like God without God are horrendous, as we well know today. The Bible declares in many places that righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne, so I cannot continue detailing the foundation of the heavenly Jerusalem until a deal with the ethics that were involved in God's dealing with Adam in the original Paradise.

Genesis 2:9 “And *out of the ground* the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. *The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden*, and the tree of the knowledge of *good and evil*.”

Perhaps the most controversial part of this teaching is the statement that I am about to make in view of the Scripture in verse seventeen of Genesis chapter two: *If Adam does not partake of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil the purpose of God we read about in the previous chapter could not have been fulfilled.*

Genesis 2:17 “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in *the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*”

If there is one thing I learned more than anything else through the unveiling of the Revelation of Jesus Christ is this: *Without dying to self there is no god-like life.*

We see this prerequisite throughout all the dispensations. Even in Grace there is the requirement of dying:

2 Timothy 2:11 “This is a faithful saying: for if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him.”

Matthew 10:39 “He who finds his life will lose it, and *he who loses his life for My sake will find it.*”

So we see that out of the ground (*physical element*) two trees are prominently displayed: One is the tree of life and the other is the tree of death. If Adam partakes of the tree of life, which by the way he is not forbidden to eat of, he will live forever in the condition he is presently in: innocence. He can never become god-like because that requires knowledge of both good and evil. So the premise here is for Adam to partake of the tree of death and then eat of the tree of life which is the antidote to death, then he can become like God and live forever with Him.

Here is the paradox: If Adam disobeys God in order to become like God he will be acting selfishly which will disqualified him, because dying to self is what opens the door to Jesus the tree of life (*he who loses his life for My sake*).

But if his disobedience is a selfless act done in the spirit of delivering another life from death; that would be a worthy endeavor on his part, for the Scriptures tell us that:

John 15:14 “Greater *love* has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.”

1 Timothy 2:14 “And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.”

Adam was not deceived into partaking of the tree of death. He willingly partook into the death of his bride Eve. In other words, the first Adam was to be a type of Christ who saw his wife as flesh of his flesh, being separated from her because of her transgression, he was willing to partake of her death in the hope that through his selfless act he might be able to eat the fruit of the tree of life and bring restoration to her and to himself.

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Now look at the similarities between the actions of Adam and Jesus on behalf of their brides. They both knew no sin, but willingly partook of sin in the hope of bringing restoration of life to the transgressor, in each case their brides.

1 Corinthians 15:45 “And so it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living being.’ The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.”

So the first quality of becoming god-like was fully displayed in Adam by the manifestation of selfless love towards his fallen wife. He passed the first test but failed miserably in the second. Like many today who are willing to sacrifice and give of themselves towards the lofty goal of helping others, yet forfeit the price for which they labor by their ignorance of the requirements of faith and trust in the eternal I AM.

Genesis 3:8-9 “And they heard the sound of the LORD God *walking in the garden in the cool of the day*, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, ‘*Where are you?*’”

Is very important that we understand the context in which this encounter is taking place. God knows everything at all times, He already knows that they have sinned. We are not told at what time of the day they sinned, but God waits until the cool of the day to come walking in the garden, which implies that this is His normal routine. When they hide from Him, He not only knows where they are hiding but why they are hiding and still He calls out to them to come and have fellowship with Him. There is something going on here that we need to understand if we are ever going to make sense of the plan of God for humanity that we see completed in Revelation chapters 21 and 22.

What's at stake here in this encounter is whether Adam gets to eat of the tree of life and give of its fruit to Eve his wife and redeems her and himself from the power of death. I believe that if Adam would had handle this meeting with God in the manner that the Lord was expecting of him to do, Adam would have been forgiven, clothed with immortality, and restored to reproduce to God a righteous incorruptible seed for six thousand years, and at the end of that time would have led all humanity into the seventh millennium as a true day of rest. The tree of life was still available to Adam if only he is able to pass the test of faith and eat of it.

Genesis 3:22 “Then the LORD God said, ‘Behold, *the man (not the woman) has become like one of Us*, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and *take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever*’”

Since we know that the tree of life is the Word of God, and since we also know that faith comes by hearing the Word of God, and that without faith it is impossible to please God, then Adam's failure had to do with his

lack of belief in the Word of God. Let me emphasize, is so very important that we get this, because everyday we like Adam are faced with the same decision that Adam had to make and failed at it, like we so many times do, and like Adam we needlessly suffer the consequences of our failures and cause others to be impacted by them as well.

What was God expecting from Adam? A savior! How could Adam be a savior you may ask? He was a willing partaker of sin, he knew no sin and took upon himself the sin of his wife; sounds familiar? It is important for me to note here that Adam at this time had not violated any of God's 613 Torah laws or the ten commandments or any of the commandments given to us in the New Testament; none. His "sin", which by the way God has not yet declared it sin until he first appears before the judgment of God, is that he tried to redeem the greatest gift that God had given to him, his bride. Well then, why was he judged and found guilty? Let us take an in depth look at his encounter with God in the garden.

Genesis 3:10 "So he said, 'I heard *Your voice in the garden*, and *I was afraid because I was naked*; and I hid myself.'"

What I am about to share with you right now is by far the most liberating revelation that I have ever received from God. Notice that Adam heard God's voice in the garden calling out to him, His Word (*the tree of life*) was calling out to him in spite of his wretched condition. How many of us in the midst of our darkest and willful sin have heard the voice of our merciful God call out to us to run to Him and obtain mercy and grace in the time of our greatest need. Isn't that how we got saved? We squandered the life and freedom that God gave to us in self-centered living and forfeited our peace, and yet God redeemed us. So how much more Adam, who got himself in this condition for the unselfish reason of redeeming his deceived wife? So what was Adam's failure? He was afraid (*fear is the opposite of faith*) to come to God because of his nakedness!

Genesis 3:11 "And He said, '*Who told you that you were naked?* Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?'"

The Word of God is the true representation of God's character which was fully demonstrated to Adam. God is love, God is compassionate, God is merciful; but the most important attribute of God is that His Word is true and what God declares is good *cannot be changed by anyone but God Himself*. Can you feel the righteous indignation in God's voice as He asks Adam about the one who has contradicted His Word?

Genesis 1:31 "Then God saw everything that He had made, *and indeed it was very good*. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

Genesis 2:25 "And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

Adam's failure was simply this: he believed the testimony of the devil over the testimony of God's spoken Word! God had said that Adam was good although he was naked, the devil told Adam that his nakedness meant that he was not good. Adam had a choice to make, whose report was he going to believe? Once he believed the wrong (*devil's*) report, the door to the tree of life was closed to him.

Let me share with you what I believe God expected Adam to do when they met in the Garden that faithful evening.

Adam has just partaken of the forbidden fruit although not for selfish reasons. His nature is immediately altered. His eyes are now open to a spiritual dimension of evil, and he is now able to see (*know*) both good and evil. For the first time he becomes self-aware and sees his naked condition and of how great a contrast exists between the naked condition in which he was created and the holiness of Almighty God whom he has been having fellowship with all this time.

He also becomes very much aware that he now must face the judgment of a righteous and holy God. The fact that God comes into the garden seeking fellowship with him as usual should encourage him to throw himself into trusting the Good and Righteous God whom he has been serving.

I can see Adam coming into God's presence but not as in the usual manner. Awareness of his nakedness makes him very uncomfortable before God's holiness. Instead of walking side by side with his loving mate, he now stands between her and God as to protect and cover her shameful nakedness. As they sit down in the grassy meadow they are both very aware that God knows how loathsome they both feel about themselves. However the attitude of God towards them of pretending that nothing is wrong is making it a lot more difficult for them to deal with this situation, they both look at each other apprehensive of what Father God is about to do to them.

God speaks as usual to them in what seems like trivial conversation and asks Adam this question: How was your day today? Adam cannot withhold his unconfessed sin any longer and tells the Lord how he disobeyed Him, partook of the forbidden fruit and now he feels so dirty, naked, unworthy of being in God's holy presence. He then takes responsibility for his failure to protect the precious wife the Lord had given to him, and pleads for God to have mercy on Eve his innocent wife.

God would have then asked Adam this question: Since you feel so dirty and naked and unworthy to come into my holy presence, why then did you come? Here is the answer that would have changed the history of all mankind, and it will also change the future of those reading this if they can also answer this way: Father God, you said that I was good after you made me even though I was naked before you. In spite of how horrible I feel, I choose to believe YOUR WORD about me that I AM GOOD, and until I hear You say otherwise I AM going to believe YOUR WORD no matter how bad I feel about myself.

The mystery of the spiritual battles that we face every day is this: Do we believe the Word of God or the lies of the devil? The lies of the devil are couched in the circumstances that surround us, and are fed by the wretchedness of our fallen condition. The truth of the Word of God is that He loves us, and the only demand upon us is that we believe what He says. Had Adam believed the Word of God instead of the lies of the devil and stated so before God, immediately God would have risen from His repose and told His children to wait for Him. Then He would have headed for the tree of death and along with the serpent He would have cast them out of the garden and into the lake of fire, since there was no use for them anymore. Then God would had fed them with the fruit of the tree of life which is the Word of God, the blood of Jesus which was shed from the foundation of the world would have been applied to them for the removal of their sins and they would have been clothed with immortality. Their seed would have been raised in the foundation of total and complete trust in the Word of God.

Now everything that I just wrote of what might have been with Adam applies to us today. The twelve foundations of the New Jerusalem have written upon them the names of the twelve apostles upon which the church of our Lord Jesus Christ is built as a habitation for our Holy God.

Ephesians 2:19-22 “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the *foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone*, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

1 Timothy 3:15 “If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, *the pillar and foundation of the truth.*” NIV

The truth is that *grace* is and was always intended to be the foundation of the holy temple which God is building. Grace did not come as an after thought to God because of Adam's failure. From before the very beginning God chose to demonstrate this by the statement of the blood that was shed from the foundation of the world. Without God's grace man could never be like God.

1 Peter 1:18-20 “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the *precious blood of Christ*, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was *foreordained before the foundation of the world*, but was *manifest in these last times* for you.”

When I made the controversial statement that Adam could not have become god-like (*in the image of God*) unless he purposely partakes of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which means he had to disobey God for the right reason, I based that belief in the fact that the blood of Jesus was already present in the Garden as the tree of life. Not only as an antidote for death but also as the vehicle for eternal god-like life in Christ Jesus the Word of the Living God.

Let me ask a theological question: if Adam partakes of the tree of life first and becomes immortal without the knowledge of good and evil, can he be like God?

Genesis 3:5 “For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and *you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*”

If there is one reason and only one, that will justify the existence of the devil is simply this: to point man to the fact that without the knowledge of good and evil man cannot fulfill God's destiny for him. God is GOOD AND THE ONLY GOOD, in God there is no evil whatsoever. The absence of God is evil; therefore everything that is not in God (*outside of God*) is evil. Just like light illuminates and dispels darkness, the absence of light is darkness. Darkness cannot exist in the light because it cannot comprehend light. But light exposes darkness, in which case it has to be aware of it without participating in it or with it.

Revelation 14:10 “...He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the *presence* of the holy angels and in the *presence* of the Lamb.”

Here is another theological question: If Adam is forgiven and restore after he disobeyed God as in the scenario I presented earlier, would the Word of God have to become flesh and die on the cross later? I believe the answer to be no! Why not? Because the Word already became flesh in the man (*Adam*) who in spite of the rigors of the overwhelming darkness that he incurred by his disobedience, dared to believe that God's spoken Word was of more absolute value than the many ill feelings that accompanied his transgression. You see, the Word becomes flesh and alive in anyone who dares to believe in it and trust it to the death, specially when

faced with a hopeless circumstance. Paper money is worthless compared to the value that the paper note represents. Its value comes from the guarantor of the note. From before the foundation of the world God gave His Word as a guaranty that if need be He would back it up with His own blood. And if you truly know God, then you know that Him saying it is just as good. For our God can never lie. His Word is the way, the truth and the life no one comes to the Father except through Him.

Romans 4:16-22 “Therefore *it is of faith* that it might be *according to grace*, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (as it is written, ‘I have made you a father of many nations’) in the presence of Him whom he believed — *God, who gives life to the dead* and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. *He did not waver at the promise of God* through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being *fully convinced* that what *He had promised He was also able to perform*. And therefore ‘it was accounted to him for righteousness.’”

The River of Living Waters

Revelation 22:1-5 “And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from *the throne of God and of the Lamb*. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits*, each tree yielding its fruit *every month*. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.”

In the midst (*axis*) of this four dimensional eternal reality sits God and the Lamb, the spiritual and the physical coexisting at its very core and interacting with one another. I represented it in an earlier chapter as a sphere rotating within a cube and opening six doors to the other dimension at their point of contact. Six doors from the physical to the spiritual and six doors from the spiritual to the physical. Even though there is no more sun or moon to govern motion in this eternity, there is still movement however, as implied in the phrase: *each tree yielding its fruit every month*. So that within this interaction every time that contact is made a door is open to a different reality of time and space, and life giving energy (*heat*) is released into that reality so that (*therapeutic*) healing proceeds forward and whatever energy was spent by its inhabitants is immediately restore.

Had Adam not sinned when he failed to trust God's Word over the devil's lies, mankind would have conquered and colonized every frontier including outer space. The black holes within every galaxy would have been the portals that allowed him to travel into the many dimensions that God has created. The molecules of the human physical body could have been easily scrambled and unscrambled at will and materialized within any point in the universe. Jesus demonstrated this ability with His physical body both before and after His resurrection from the dead. He walked on water thus defying gravity, He multiplied physical matter like fish and bread, He changed the chemical structure of liquids turning water into wine, He caused decaying matter like the body of Lazarus who had been dead four days to reanimate without losing his personality, so that He could manipulate not only the physical aspects of nature but also the unseen aspects to the utmost minute particles as to include the invisible soul of a man. After His resurrection Jesus made Himself to appear and disappear at will and was carried to heaven in a cloud.

What I am trying to say is that this River of Living Waters is the flow of energy (*visible and invisible*) that emanates from the Great I AM (*tree of life*) who is the axis of all life, who resides at the very center of time itself. And those who are able to come into the presence of the Great I AM would be able to travel anywhere in time, even today. God's name Yawed or Jehovah (yod hay vav hay) can be read as: I was, I am, I will be.

Revelation 22:13 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

These portals that will be opened for all the future inhabitants of the New Jerusalem are open today as well and few have traveled through them. The two witnesses, starting with Enoch who stepped through that portal over five thousand years ago, and who will come back not a single day older than when he left. The same with Elijah who has been there close to twenty eight hundred years. Why would God do this you may ask?

Matthew 18:16 “But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘*by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.*’”

When one travels into the presence of the Great I AM, past, present and future tense are all visible at the same time. Like in a great Cinerama dome all the viewer has to do is look in what ever direction he chooses and peer into the facet of time he might be interested on. Even though Enoch and Elijah were taken at different times and from different dispensations, the whole panorama of human existence, past, present and future is available to both of them. They bear witness to the fairness with which God has dealt with humans through the ages. It is to this fairness that they will testify when they prophesy to all humanity of their need to die in the Lord in order to enter into His promised rest. And their willingness to give their lives publicly so that they can enter into God's day of rest will convince many that their testimony can be trusted.

Deuteronomy 34:5-6 "So Moses the servant of the LORD *died* there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. And *He buried him* in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day."

The reason why Moses cannot be one of the two witnesses is because the second death is eternal damnation and the two witnesses will die. Moses already died and is buried and because of his righteousness he will never have to die again. And if God allows either Enoch or Elijah to never die, then He would violate His own law according to the Scriptures.

Hebrew 9:27 "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment."

However is very interesting that Moses is one of those few men who have traveled into the presence of the Great I AM and who was allowed to witness the entirety of the human history.

Numbers 12:6-8 "Then He said, hear now My words: if there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. Not so with My servant Moses; *he is faithful in all My house*. I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings; *and he sees the form of the LORD*. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?"

Now remember that the four Hebrew letters that comprise the Jehovah name can be read as: I was, I am, I will be. That is the form of God! He is the eternal I AM! And from the mouth of God Himself we hear that Moses was allowed to see His eternal form. Now as always we need to keep in mind that God does not do things capriciously, God always has a reason for doing the things that He does. Why would God allow Moses such a great privilege? If you have been following this teaching from the beginning, you know by now that I take a different approach to the way I view things in Scripture. Many theologians if not most believe that the history of the creation, the flood and the Patriarchs was handed down orally and that Moses wrote them down in the form of the book of Genesis that we have today. I'm of the persuasion that Moses wrote the book of Genesis in the same manner that John wrote the book of Revelation; he was an eye witness to it and he was told what to write and how to write it. Is amazing how many people do not have any problem believing that God can reveal the future ahead of time, but when it comes to the past, if is not written down somewhere it is somehow irretrievable.

He is faithful in all My house: The whole house (*temple*) of God is comprised of the past, present and the future of which we are writing about, the New Jerusalem; a conglomerate formed out of the 144 generations (*sons of Elohim*) that came out of the seven dispensations of time (*7,000 years*). The astonishing accuracy with which Moses details the future events that will befall Israel and beyond, leaves me no doubt that Moses was an eye witness to the building of God's house from the beginning of history and all the way through to

the end. The Tabernacle that Moses built is richly encoded with the secret mechanics of time itself. Within the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible that Moses wrote, resides the entire history of all mankind. Although I do not have the smarts to prove it, in my spirit I know this to be so. The book of Leviticus with its twenty seven chapters mirrors the twenty seven New Testament books where all the hidden mysteries (*twenty two*) are revealed. The New Testament being the key that reveals the Old Testament.

Leviticus is the axis of the Pentateuch; on one side, the physical connection is represented by the books of Genesis and Exodus which have fifty (*jubilee*) and forty (*sons of Elohim generation*) chapters respectively for a total of ninety (*finality and judgment*), followed by the book of Numbers with thirty six ($3+6=9$ *number for the spirit*) chapters and Deuteronomy with thirty four ($3+4=7$ *number for perfection*) for a total of seventy chapters (*spiritual perfection*).

If we could ever build some kind of super computer and take all the Hebrew letters in the book of Genesis and put them in order in one level plain, do the same with all the letters in the book of Exodus on a secondary level, then put all the letters in the books of Numbers and Deuteronomy in their own opposite levels as well. Then connect them through all the letters found in the book of Leviticus at the center of this hologram. As one rotates the level plain where the letters of Leviticus are, I believe that through their alignments one would find written within those five multiple levels as revealed by the light that travels through their alignments, the names of every human that has ever lived, along with the history of their entire lives, including words, though and deeds. I believe this type of alignment or a variation of it from the Pentateuch to be the books that are opened at the time of the White Throne Judgment. White refers to the pure light that will expose all that is secret and hidden.

Revelation 20:12 “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and *books were opened*. And *another book was opened, which is the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.”

The Book of Life (*the tree of life*) is the axis that rotates at the very center of time itself, and is in constant motion searching for those who would align themselves through faith with the salvation that God offers to all mankind; once a person is found who believes, their name is indelibly edged in the foundation (*core*) book of life itself in blood red ink from Emanuel's veins. To truly appreciate the writings of Moses, one must read them as through the eyes of one who has seen it all as in face to face, and has taken and hidden the precious revelations contained in all that he witnessed and encoded them for those who would dare to believe how great and awesome our God truly is!

Deuteronomy 32:7 “Remember the *days of old*, consider the *years of many generations*. Ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you.”

God's Four Carpenters

Zechariah 1:20-21 “And the LORD shewed me *four carpenters*. Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these (*four carpenters*) are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.” KJV

Daniel 3:25 “‘Look!’ he answered, ‘*I see four men loose*, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the *Son of God*.’”

Both, Zechariah's vision and the event that befell the three Hebrew children speak of the four architects that would fully reveal to mankind God's master plan for the human race. Though many prophets have had visions and dreams that revealed to them parts or a portion of God's plans, only three human mortals were chosen to walk in the midst of the fire of human destiny along with the human/divine Son of God.

While Jesus was here on earth, three offices were audibly conferred upon Him by God our Father Himself. Jesus was born The King but upon entering into His ministry He identified Himself with sinners in the ritual of baptismal. When Jesus laid down His outer garment by the shores of the Jordan river He was laying down His kingship in order to become one who ministers as a priest. As He came out of the water, the office of *High Priest* in the order of Melchizedek was conferred upon Him by an audible voice from Heaven.

Luke 3:22 “And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, ‘*You are My beloved Son*; in You I am well pleased.’”

Hebrews 6:19-20 “This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even *Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek*.”

Although Jesus laid down His kingly robe for a future time when He is to return and rule the nations with a rod of iron, while still here on earth as priest, God conferred audibly (**Luke 9:35**) upon Him the office of *King* of kings by transporting Him and three witnesses to the midst of the fire of the throne of God.

Luke 9:28-30 “Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. As He prayed, the appearance of *His face was altered*, and His robe became *white and glistening*.”

The office of *Prophet* was audibly conferred upon Jesus as well by God our Father after Jesus testified publicly about His death on the cross.

John 12:27-28 “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour?’ But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.’ *Then a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.*’”

Now these three offices represent the dispensations of Law (*revealed through Moses*), Grace (*revealed through Paul*) and the Kingdom Age (*revealed through John*). They are the three humans that were selected by Jesus, who holds these three offices as conferred to Him by our Father, to reveal them to us. Through

Moses, the Law was revealed in the context of the building of the house of God. To Paul was given to lay the foundation of the house of God, the church. And John was chosen to prophetically reveal the two fold nature of the house of God and its coming together as one, which he portrays beautifully in the New Jerusalem. Now Moses was never allowed to see the face of God Himself, but yet, when he came down from the mountain his face was shining with radiating light. May I propose to you that as Moses viewed from the axis of time all the human events as they were unfolding, that when it came for him to see the events that took place during Jesus' day, Jesus Himself walked into the center of time with Peter, James and John, and there discussed personally with Moses about His coming day on the cross.

From within the I AM, Moses was able to step fifteen centuries into the future, interact with humans from the future and carry back with him the glory that radiated from Jesus' own face. Like I said earlier, these three were not the only ones to be taken into that glorious place, but surely they were the ones to whom it was given to know the entirety of the mystery of God's plan.

Colossians 1:26-28 "The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is *Christ in you, the hope of glory.*"

These three laid down the foundation and the walls of the house of God which arch upwards, with Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, its foundation and covering. All four architects traveled back and forth through the portals of time and space guided by divine purpose, in order to procure divine perfection and the laying of a sure foundation for the habitation of God's people here on the earth.

The Fidelity of God's Word

Revelation 22:6-7 “Then he said to me, ‘*These words are faithful and true.*’ And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. ‘Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.’”

Unlike no other prophet, John was given the high privilege to write in great detail about the conclusion of the matter, unlike Paul who was told not to speak of them (**2 Corinthians 12:4**). When it is all said and done, there is one undeniable fact: The Word of God is True and it can be trusted. No matter how complex or difficult any situation may appear, how extravagant or vague it may seem, how little and insignificant a matter may be, the fact of the matter is that everything will come to a harmonious conclusion and everything will make perfect sense.

For you who are willing to believe all these prophetic revelations and take them to heart, there is a blessing in store for you. Because God's Word never returns void, it always accomplishes the purpose for which it is sent out. For you who believe in the God of Mercy, His Word becomes mercy to you. For you who believe in the God of Peace, His Word becomes peace in you. For you who pray and intercede for the souls of your loved ones lest they perish, I have good news for you; The Great I AM is watching over your prayers and your intercessions, and one day soon you may find out how valuable and instrumental in the salvation of those whom you love, your travail in prayer really was.

Revelation 22:10-11 “And he said to me, ‘Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.’”

John was so impressed by the reality of what he saw, it must have been so vivid to him to see the completion and conclusion of all of God's promises, that he started to bow down and worship the angel that led him through the vision of the great climatic finale. But after a firm rebuke the angel points out something to John of great importance: The exclusion of those who will refuse God's plan of regeneration. This present river of circular time in which we live does not end anymore than a circle could ever end. However, like in a figure eight, when the circular motion of time reaches its appointed apex it crosses over into a higher manifestation of existence through the mechanics of “from glory to glory”, but in order to do so it must leave behind all the inoperable parts which are not congenial with the new experience. Hence, the clear warning to those who refuse to conform to the Light of the Word: You will forever be left behind in utter darkness!

Revelation 22:14-15 “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the *right to the tree of life*, and *may enter through the gates into the city*. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.”

The tree of life is the eternal light that guides the regenerated soul, body and spirit, through the gates and into the eternal city of the Lord's delights. Just like the book of Leviticus with its juxtapositions of light engraves the names of the illuminated souls on its core. Today the gospel of Jesus Christ shines its light of hope upon the wretched darkened condition of the human soul, and all those who receive and welcome His light through brokenness and humble repentance are immediately pass from death (*613 Pentateuch laws*) unto life eternal.

Galatians 3:13-14 “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

Bright Morning Star

Revelation 22:16-17 “‘I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. *I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.*’ And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”

The symbolic meaning for the “Bright and Morning Star” is that the spiritual light that emanates from the body of Jesus now, is the same light that lighted creation before the sun was created on the fourth day. When God spoke and said “let there be light,” the Word that came out of God’s mouth illuminated and energized all the creation with a brilliant flash of pure white light.

Genesis 1:2 “*The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.* And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

The physical realm in which the human creation lives was nonexistent before the Light was manifested, because all physical things have form and embody energy (*light*) within their molecular structure; and we read that the earth (*physical realm*) was void of form, substance, and lacked light. Yet we know that God has always existed in His eternal state. What God did when He created us was to split eternity in half by introducing His Eternal Light into a realm outside of eternity itself. Thus enlarging the eternity in which He dwells into a new domain that retains His everlasting qualities but introduces a new form of existence (*humans that become eternal*) that never existed before which is probably quite exhilarating to God.

“I am the Root and the Offspring of David.” When Jesus says that He is the root of David and his offspring He is speaking to the fact that roots though hidden under the earth (*darkness*) benefit from the light that comes from above and bring forth fruit that never existed before, in our case: the redeemed of the Lord, humankind; who unlike God all had a beginning, but afterwards will be like God and they will always exist.

The admonition to “Come!” is urgently repeated twice because our present physical creation is ebbing away, it is temporal, and it is soon to be dissolved by the fire of His purification. All the byproducts that were utilized by God into perfecting the human race for their eternal dwelling will become obsolete and will be discarded into the lake of fire as refuse. The lake of fire was created for Satan and his angels (*demons*) not for humans!

2 Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, *not willing that any should perish* but *that all should come to repentance.*”

God has invested Himself into the human race, we are the object of His creation, and the crown jewel of His achievement. How many diamonds do you think the miner throws back? The enterprise into which God entered when He introduced His light into the void of nonexistence called darkness, was a very deep pit to be sure, and it would cost God dearly for that fortune to be had. The most precious and pure part of Himself: His Word, would have to be soiled while in a physical body, with the stain of sin. He loved His human creation so much, we are so valuable to Him that He was willing to dig into the lowest pit of hell itself to retrieve the distressed soul that cries out in agony for His mercy. Would you come today into His light?

Final Warning and Exhortation

Revelation 22:18-21 “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”

The solemnity with which the warning is given, emphasizes the fact that when John closed with the word “Amen” the canon of Scripture was completed. I fear for those who take it upon themselves to add to the Scriptures that have been handed down to us, and for those as well who remove, or who do not accept certain books of the Bible as inspired by God. Their reasoning being that “men” selected which books would be part of the Bible and which books would not. With that type of reasoning we could say that “men” selected what to write on the books that made it to the Bible.

2 Peter 1:19-21 “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, *which you do well to heed as a light that shines* in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, *but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*”

If God inspired every single word written by “holy men of God” and He did, will He then entrust the compiling and assembling together of those manuscripts to the will of man? I say not! The same God that moved men to write His Word, moved men to assemble them in their proper order. How could a perfect God rightly judge men in accordance to His Word if His Word was not perfectly presented to men?

Final Thoughts

The brief journey we just disembarked from in the unveiling of the book of Revelation was indeed full of excitement and intrigue. I am sure that there is so much more that we missed because of our inability to understand the fullness of God's revelations. My hope is that in the very small that we were able to understand, that enough light shined through to enlighten us to the fact that these events we just recounted are not fiction, they are real! They will happen! There is a very, very good chance that I myself, who I'm almost sixty one years of age as of this writing, will live and see the events that precede the rapture of the church, and will someday soon experience the real rapture this time, not just as a rehearsal as when I first experienced in the vision almost nineteen years ago.

Is not how much knowledge or information we possess that matters, but rather what we do with the little that we know. The battle that Satan wages against humanity has as its central objective the human mind. Man's ability to process information in a rational and reasonable manner equips him with the ability to make right decisions. If Satan can confuse that process through the perversion of the information available to man, then Satan can make the simple task of sound reasoning a lot harder to make, thus improving his chances that man will make the wrong choices, specially, as it pertains to the decisions that humans have to make concerning their final and eternal destination, therefore altering men's final destiny.

The mechanics that Satan employs to pervert the information that humans need in order to make the right choices, though clever and effective, is still in its rudiments a simple process. When a truth is presented in its natural form, is immediately accepted by the natural mind: the sun rises and it sets; light of day and dark of night; is all very simple, we just accept it. Is just as natural as a time to sleep and a time to awake. But what if you tell the simple mind that just naturally accepts those things as fact, for example; that the sun doesn't really rise? You see, when a simple truth that a person naturally believes and accepts as fact is challenged, immediately a split occurs within that mind, specially if the challenge has a practical truth to it, it causes our natural reasoning to become divided. It now needs a more complex way of understanding in order to regain the confidence and reassurance that it lost in what it believed.

Here is how the mechanics that Satan employs against our natural way of thinking works: he challenges the concept of truth that we naturally understand, we become divided to the point of needing a "higher" way of reasoning which is dependent on the human intellect. However, human "higher intellectual" reasoning always fails to live up to the standards of truth laid out in God's Word, because higher human intellectual reasoning violate spiritual principles that are clearly laid out for us in the Scriptures. And when spiritual principles are violated, they work against us with as much force as gravity does.

Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."

Isaiah 55:9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

Is folly to believe that we can fully understand through higher reasoning all the complexities espoused to the creation. No matter how deep our understanding on any facet of the creation is, we will always fall short of the grandeur it truly represents so long as we are limited by our human mortal frailties. So, like unto children who lack the capacity to understand mature subjects, God reveals Truth to us in a basic and simple but yet very powerful way.

The sun rises and it sets: There is a beginning and there is an end, an end that never ends because the sun rises yet again!

Light of day, dark of night: There is a God and there is a devil, there is good and there is evil, light is good and darkness is bad, and we have a choice!

Time to sleep, time to awake: There is foolishness and there is true wisdom. The greatest revelations come, not from higher intellectual reasoning, but rather through simple observation!

Yes! It is that simple.

Intellectually educated men find it offensive that the deep mysteries of the creation of life can be conceived through the simple observation of God's created wonders.

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 "But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ***that no flesh should glory in His presence.***"

Matthew 11:25 "At that time Jesus answered and said, 'I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have ***hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.***'"

So, what shall we say then? Should our convictions, as far as eternal things are concern, be held in the light of our basic understanding of good and evil, right and wrong, life and death, heaven and hell? Or should we put our confidence as it pertains to our eternal destiny in the hands of intellectual deadbeats that fail to pay homage to the One True God who not only gave them life and purpose, but also the ability to reason as well?

When I made my choice to follow Jesus Christ as my only Savior and my only Lord, I did not make the decision based on higher reasoning or intellectual understating, it was solely on the basis of need! I had such a huge void in my heart that only a huge God could fill it. A God who was bigger than the creation itself, yet thoughtful enough about His creation that He was willing to stoop down to the lowest levels of my humanity where my desperate need languished in total despair. There, with simple child like faith I responded to His love and accepted His free offer of forgiveness, and in an instant; darkness fled away, it was the beginning of a brand new day for me, I was awoken to my true destiny with Him!

Although I just wrote a book that deals with the horrors and cataclysmic events that propels mankind into what truly could be called humanity's last chapter, as it is my job to do since I am a teacher of His Word; still I am aware that to someone who may be reading this right now, it may be that you are now desperate enough to where you feel like your last chapter is about to be written off, and that your sun is about to set because of the great darkness that encompass you now.

It is my prayer that this testimony will somehow break through that gloomy sky that now clouds your vision, and that with simplicity of faith you will reach out your hand to a God that is desperate to reveal Himself to you in the fullness of His glory which was displayed when Jesus rose from the dead.

If such is your condition, just call out to Him right now in simple prayer:

Help me Lord and forgive my sin, in Jesus name. Amen!

Psalm 92:12 "The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree."