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## Know Them by Their Fruits

Greetings Brethren in Christ!

This fourth issue of *The Midnight Cry* is again chockfull of vitally important articles designed by Christ to help you, the reader, to know where He is Working. This is the purpose of this magazine—to reveal the one true Church of Christ and to wake you up to the seriousness of the times in which we live! Time is short!

You will find NEW BIBLE UNDERSTANDING only from Christ and His Church. Therefore as you read this magazine you will discover NEW TRUTH in these articles that come directly from the Word of God. And in all of the confusion caused by the split and splintered remnants of the former Worldwide Church of God, don't you really want to understand NEW TRUTH? TRUTH that you can prove is TRUTH!

NEW TRUTH comes through the grace of God—not me or any man (II Pet. 3:18). Jesus Christ is the living Word and the Bible is the written Word, thus as you prove from the Word of God what our articles are teaching, you are not following the beliefs of our writers or me, you are following the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church.

Each month our writers are producing in article form some of the 75+ NEW TRUTHS that are contained in our booklets, sermons and our other literature. It is our job to print and publish the magazine so that you may read and recognize where NEW TRUTH is being produced! Jesus Christ declares in John 14:6 that He is the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE! TRUTH comes from Christ! But it is your job to read and study as the noble Bereans of Acts 17:10-11 did—and to prove all things; hold fast that which is good (II Thess.5:21).

In last month's issue I submitted the article entitled *The 144,000 Firstfruits*. It was taken from our 160 page book, *Set Apart by Truth* that you may order or download from our website. I hope you read, studied, and were thrilled by that wonderful NEW TRUTH of *The 144,000 Firstfruits*. My article for this month is the fantastic NEW TRUTH of *The Innumerable Multitude* of Rev. 7:9-17. That subject is the culmination of the Great Plan of God and I am sure will be very interesting to you. Please read and let us hear from you.

Mat. 7:20 states: "you will know them by their fruits". The fruit of the Church of God's Faithful is NEW TRUTH revealed to us by the Living Christ—it identifies us as the Church that Jesus Christ built. Don't you really want to prove this out—and if it is indeed TRUE—don't you want to be a part of the Church of Jesus Christ? Sure you do! So, fasten your spiritual seat belt, get your Bible, and begin proving that which we are expounding.

Happy studies!

Your brother in Christ,







announced it, *in advance*, to the whole world!

When are the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound?

The time when the seventh angel begins to “sound” is when “the mystery of God should be finished”. It is when “there should be time no longer” or a time of no more delay (Rev. 10:6-7). *Sound* is Strong’s 4537 and means *to trumpet, to sound a blast, to sound a trumpet*. Here is a time when the seventh angel – the *Laodicean* angel – is on the scene. Although Gerald Flurry’s work as the leader of Laodicea (PCG) had begun as a very small sound in mid January 1990, this began to change to a strong blast by 1997.

We also need to understand the meaning of the words ‘*shall begin*’: these are Strong’s 3195 meaning *to intend, i.e. be about to be, do, or suffer something...* We must note that scriptures containing these same words, (Strong’s 3195), describe something that is about to be done, but *will cause suffering*. Examples of this can be found in Romans 8:38, Luke 7:2, Luke 13:9, John 4:47 and Acts 16:27. In each of these scriptures, *suffering* is about to be experienced!

In his booklet *The Little Book... unveiled at last!* (please request your *free* copy by writing to the nearest office listed on the back cover), Robert Ardis asks,

“What was it that Gerald Flurry and his Laodiceans did with a flourish after seven years that could be declared a trumpet blast, that everybody could hear... and will cause them much suffering?”

Here’s the answer from pages 33-34 of this same booklet:

“The answer should be obvious! For Seven Years Gerald Flurry followed his commission of warning the ministry and members of the WCG and the other ministers and groups that had split off from the WCG. Only a few hundred people were awakened by this tiny, barely audible WORK. But Christ blessed the Work. It was His Laodicean WORK. Mr. Flurry was very zealous and labored long and hard. However, by late 1996, Christ began removing His blessings from Mr. Flurry because of the abusive government that he had adopted. Consequently, unwise decisions began to be made. Gerald Flurry began giving



weird, way out “prophecies,” and biblically inaccurate articles and booklets began to be published. These were the DAYS of the VOICE of the Seventh Angel...barely able to be heard! Membership was falling off fast as the PCG ministry seemed in a rampage to cast-out anyone who dared ask the simplest question. Receipt of tithes and offerings naturally took a plunge. Gerald Flurry became desperate and opened his mind to a very rebellious and dangerous idea: HE WOULD CHANGE HIS GOD-GIVEN COMMISSION. There in late 1996 he decided to GO to the WORLD with the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

He knew this had been Mr. Armstrong’s commission and that it had been successfully accomplished; but he needed a “gimmick”. He would unlawfully seize Mystery of the Ages and attempt to “CONVERT the WORLD.” In mid January of 1997, the TRUMPET of the Seventh Angel SOUNDED. Mr. Flurry intended for EVERYBODY in the whole WORLD to hear the SOUND. Mystery of the Ages was offered to the World on television, radio and in major newspaper. A direct attack and counter-attack by two warring churches captured the interest of some of the major news media. Gerald Flurry turned his back on the Word of God. The TRUMPET SOUNDED and GREAT SUFFERING will ensue.

That same year, 6000 years after God had re-created the Earth and Man, on the Feast of Trumpets 1997, the grand announcement – the *main message of the “little book”* – the understanding that *Christ has*

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# STOP!

by Frank Borg

During the Philadelphia era of the Church of God it was believed and taught that at the end of three and one half years of tribulation, the seventh trumpet would blast - announcing the resurrection and the return of Christ to usher in the millennial reign and the setting up of the Kingdom of God. 1 Thess. 4:16 was often referred to in this context:

“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Can you imagine this earth shaking event in the history of mankind, which ‘every eye shall see’ (Rev. 1:7)?

(Before proceeding I humbly ask each reader to search the scriptures referred to in this article and meditate on what is being discussed. Prove that which is being stated is true and according to the Word of God. Ask God to open your mind to His Truth. Then, be true to yourself and believe God through the words of your Bible and not those of a man!)

Now, consider the following two scriptures:

1. “Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him...” (Rev. 1:7)

This is discussing Christ coming in the clouds at the sound of a trumpet (1 Cor. 15:52), with a shout (1 Thess. 4:16), much fanfare, announced, at the time of the first resurrection when “every eye shall see Him!”

2. “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame” (Rev. 16:15).

This is discussing an event when Christ comes quietly, without trumpets, unannounced, “as a thief”. Matthew 24:38 tells us that this event will occur at a time when Christ is least expected and while everyone is busy carrying on with their own pursuits and agendas. Revelation 16:15 is discussing a time when Christ will come and none shall see Him.

Deeply meditate on the above two scriptures and their meaning. Next, knowing that God’s Word is Truth (John 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13), and is not contradictory, ask yourself the following question:

Are not Rev. 1:7 (“every eye shall

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see Him”) and Rev. 16:15 (“I come as a thief”) discussing two separate events?

Without doubt, Christ cannot come as a thief if a trumpet is blown to herald and announce His return! If so, it would be a preposterous claim to state that He comes quietly, and secretly ‘as a thief’ (Rev. 16:15)! Additionally, remember that the Two Witnesses would have also been announcing the return of Christ for 1260 days prior to the event taking place! With the vis-



ible return of Christ made known to such an extent, this event would hardly be done in secret! Evidently, the above two scriptures are plainly and clearly discussing two separate events! Think about it!

Let us now take a look at another important scripture as we allow the Bible to piece this subject together:



**Behold, I will send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. (Mal. 3:1).**

The messenger preparing the way before Christ (spoken of in this scripture), is referring to the end-time Elijah, Mr. Herbert Armstrong. God restored all things pertaining to the gospel of the Kingdom of God through him. He was the only person used to pave the way for the return of Jesus Christ (Matt. 17:11), proclaiming our incredible human potential and the hope of the resurrection of God's people into His very own family. No one else did that!

Note that Malachi 3:1 further states that Christ shall 'suddenly come to his temple'! This means Christ will at some point come to His Church unexpectedly and abruptly, after the messenger (or the Elijah) prepares the way before Him!

Mal. 3:2 continues: "But who may abide the day of His coming?" The word "abide" could be translated

as 'comprehend' (see Strong's 3557). The question 'who may comprehend the day of His coming?' indicates serious doubt that many will be able to comprehend (Strong's 3557) or understand the day of His sudden coming to His temple/Church! Why would this

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be the case? Because He comes quietly, secretly and as a thief to His Church (Rev. 16:15)! A lack of faith in the Word of God causes people to doubt, resulting in a lack of belief and biblical understanding! To understand this subject, faith in what is written in the Word of God is required. God wants to see if we believe what He says in His Word!

Mal. 3:2 goes on to state: "Who shall stand when He appeareth?" The Hebrew word for 'stand' could be translated as, (a) 'confirm, establish, ordain, present, (b) endure, serve, stand firm, stand fast...' etc.

Who is today 'confirming', 'establishing', 'ordaining' and 'presenting' (Strong's 5975) the fact that Christ has already come to His Church

quietly, suddenly and 'as a thief'? Isn't the Church of God's Faithful (CGF) confirming this Truth to the scattered members of His Church, that Christ has come suddenly in this end time? Isn't

the CGF confirming the following announcement: "Behold, the Bridegroom has come!" (Matt. 25:6)?

**Who is today 'confirming'... the fact that Christ has already come to His Church quietly, suddenly and 'as a thief'?**

(Please request or download our booklet entitled, *The Midnight Cry!*)

Who is today 'enduring', 'serving' Him, 'standing firm' (Strong's 5975) and in submission to Him and His voice? Isn't it those who understand and faithfully follow Him and support His Work being done through the CGF?

There is more that we can understand from the phrase "Who shall stand when He appeareth (H7200)?" (Mal. 3:2). A close study of this phrase tells us why Christ came suddenly, as a thief, to His temple! The word 'appeareth' is an unfortunate translation of the Hebrew word 'raah' (Strong's 7200). In verse 18 of the same chapter it is correctly translated as 'discern'. At this time, Christ has not come to His Church to 'appear', but to 'discern'! What is He discerning?



**For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness (Mal. 3:2-3).**

Christ is discerning between those who serve Him, and those who serve Him not! He is closely watching and discerning God's begotten children to see who truly loves Him and will respond to His Voice as opposed to those who follow the dictates of men. In this end time, Christ has come suddenly to His Church, qui-





by John Durrad

In a most astounding revelation of Truth given to the Church of God's Faithful came the realization that the Day of the Lord and the Day of the Lord's Wrath are two separate events.

Mr H.W Armstrong and the World-wide Church

of God believed that the Day of the Lord and the time of God's Wrath are the same event. The Philadelphia Church of God still believes this today.

God had not revealed this most important Truth to Mr Armstrong or to Mr Gerald Flurry in this end-time. However, it is imperative that the PGC membership and those of the numerous split-off groups come to the full understanding of this vital Truth given to the Church of God's Faithful (CGF) through Mr. Robert Ardis.

The articles and sermons in the past regarding the return of Jesus Christ were confusing because the scriptures were not put together in a proper time order. Writers and speakers did not understand that which has been revealed to the CGF. As we shall see, it is the plain truth of the Bible that the Day of the Lord and the Day of the Lord's Wrath are not the same event. It is astounding how Mr. Armstrong, the end-time Elijah, was not given to understand this Truth. Evidently, it was not part of God's plan for him and the Church to clearly see this during his lifetime, otherwise prophesy couldn't be fulfilled

the way He intended. How great is our God who reveals Truths in His time, regardless of the human instrument used. God's timing is perfect and many Truths are withheld until the time is right and as we approach the visible return of Jesus Christ.

In his book entitled, *The Book*

**the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness (Zeph 1:14-15).**

Rev 1:10 quotes the apostle John as

being transported into the Lord's Day which is not just

about destruction, darkness and wrath. Other scriptures show that the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, secretly, and not with obvious terror and alarm (1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10).

On the evening of the Feast of Trumpets, October 1<sup>st</sup> 1997 Mr Robert Ardis asked God to inspire him in his sermon preparation for the next day. What God gave him was the astounding truth that 6000 years of man going

according to His own way had just come to an end and that we had now entered the Day of the Lord. There was no blowing of trumpets to mark this occurrence. There was no fanfare, no resurrection and no war with the Beast Power. The kingdom of God was not yet set up, but the Day of the Lord had begun! 6000 years were over as Christ had come secretly, as a thief in the night – and no one knew it!

God's people understand the principle of one day as a thousand years and that God allocated mankind 6000 years (day for a year of creation week) for him to rule himself. Christ has returned and nobody knew when it would be and

## The Day of the Lord



*of Revelation Unveiled at Last!*, Mr Armstrong mentions that the Day of the Lord is referred to in more than 30 prophecies (or scriptures). Let us remember we are looking at two very separate events: The Day of the Lord and the Day of the Lord's Wrath. Most of these scriptures do in fact refer to the Day of the Lord's Wrath depicting a day of destruction, vengeance, anger, battle, alarm, darkness, a dreadful day, a terrible day and so on.

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“The great day of the lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of



nobody saw Him because He came to privately discern - certainly not the time of God's Wrath!

The greatest mystery of all time, the day and hour of Jesus Christ's secret coming to His temple or Church (Mal. 3:1-2) has now been revealed. No one saw His secret return to His Church which was entirely different to what is proclaimed in Rev 1:7 where it states: "Behold, He comes with clouds and every eye shall see Him..."

The Day of the Lord extends throughout eternity. It was able to come as a thief in the night because we were not looking for it or expecting it!

"But surely," says the book of Amos, "The Lord God will do nothing but He reveals His secrets to His servants..."

And this event was revealed to one man, Mr Robert Ardis on the very day of Trumpets in 1997. No one has seen Christ yet! He hasn't come to appear! He has come to His Temple to discern who is righteous and who is wicked.

Christ is also here for another reason. The most horrifying time ever to occur in man's history is just ahead. The four horsemen of Rev 6 have been released and are riding over the earth. Christ is here to check on their progress! Do we see what He is doing? Do we see the conclusion to which world events are leading? Do we see the religious deception, war, famine and disease resulting from the ride

of the four horsemen (Matt. 24:8)? These horrors are increasing dramatically as the Day of the Lord progresses.

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# WRATH!

### Day of the Lord's Wrath

We have always thought that the Day of the Lord and the time of God's Wrath are the same event. We were waiting for the great Tribulation and the Heavenly Signs to occur before the Day of the Lord would begin. But the seventh seal is actually the Day of the Lord's Wrath which is only a one year period within the Day of the Lord. The Day of the Lord began before the opening of the seals, and continues on forever! Clearly, the Day of

the Lord and the Day of the Lord's Wrath are two events! We shall see this clearly as we proceed.

What follows the heavenly signs (pictured by the sixth seal)?



**For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? (Rev. 6:17)**

The prophet

Joel put the Day of the Lord's Wrath into chronological perspective. He wrote,



**The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood" – two heavenly signs – "before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord [or the Day of the Lord's Wrath] (Joel 2:31).**

The sequence of events is important. The heavenly signs occur immediately *after* the great tribulation and *before* the Day of the Lord's Wrath. This is not going to be some small insignificant event that

no one will notice. When God's Wrath strikes, people will scream in terror!



**Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the lamb (Rev 6:16).**

This wrath of God is a basic theme in the Bible. It isn't spiteful hate, but God's response to unrepented sin that has caused so much misery and suffering among humans.

The seventh and final seal is the time of God's Wrath or Day of the Lord's Wrath. It is split into seven trumpet plagues with the seventh trumpet plague also split into seven last plagues. Trumpets played a prominent part in events recorded in the Bible. They were used to call people together, to move the tribes of Israel and to celebrate the festivals. They were also

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used to sound the alarm in time of war and in the coronation of kings. Trumpets will also herald the Day of the Lord's Wrath. It will be a time of alarm in the world. Lightning, thunder, great noises and mighty tremors announce the beginning of God's Wrath. Contrast this with the return of Jesus Christ in 1997 to commence the Day of the Lord which occurred secretly without fanfare but nevertheless an important event just as this future time of great wrath!

## Difficult To Believe?

Why would human beings with God's Holy Spirit find it so difficult to understand and believe that Christ has already come to the earth in spirit, to observe the affairs of men? Visits have been His normal way of keeping involved with the overall plan of God. He saw the evil of the world in the days of Noah and instructed Noah in the building of the ark. He observed the building of the tower of Babel and came down and confounded the language: "Go to, let us go down, and confound their language..." (Gen 11:7). He visited Abraham and enjoyed a meal with him. He talked with Moses on Mount Sinai (Lev. 25:1).

Christ came suddenly, and no one knew except those set who were set apart by truth and growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (John 17:17; 2 Pet. 3:18). A very tiny group of faithful inner court members knew that Christ had returned to His Temple at the precise time it occurred. Christ came to inspect, investigate, discern and evaluate

that everything was on track, and in order, to happen as it has been prophesied to happen at the this momentous time! Now, one of the most exciting, fantastic and important events of history is on the horizon. The visible return of Jesus Christ to usher in the Wonderful World Tomorrow is about to happen in the Day of the Lord.

## Christ Is Here To Discern Not Appear

Today, Christ sees His Church mainly in rebellion, chaos and confusion, divided, split, splintered and blind. Look at your own life. Where do you stand? Are you a member of one of the 300 plus splits of the "churches of god" or have you given up on all that confusion altogether and are out there sitting alone? Are you fervently seeking the Lord? Do you believe we are now in the Day of the Lord?

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The Hebrew word for “appeareth” (or “appears”) is 7200 in Strong’s and is the same as rendered “discern” in verse 18:

“Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not (Mal 3:18).

No one has seen Christ yet because He hasn’t come to appear. That will come later in the Day of The Lord, after the Day of the Lord’s Wrath as already explained. At this precise moment He is carefully inspecting those worthy to escape the Great Tribulation and stand as His Pillars (Mal. 3:2-3).

By the time of the Wrath of God which is a year in duration (Ezek 4:6) during the Day of the Lord all those accounted worthy during the discerning of Christ will be in the Place of Safety.

Those members of the Church of God’s Faithful are praying ceaselessly and working fervently so that more and more people, espe-



cially those in the split and splintered churches of god, will realise that we are now in the Day of the Lord, and that the Day of The Lord's Wrath is a separate event yet to come.

We admit that this is new knowledge which may not be easy to accept at first, but remember the following admonition given to us:

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. (Hos. 3:6)

For more information on this vital subject please request our booklet, *The Day of the Lord 6000 years have ended*. In the concluding paragraphs of this booklet Mr. Ardis states:

“The NEW TRUTH you have studied in this booklet began to be

given October 1<sup>st</sup> 1997 on the Feast of Trumpets. At that time we entered the Day of the Lord and Christ returned suddenly to His Temple. You have not known this TRUTH until now – But NOW you have new RE-VEALED

knowledge! You are responsible for how you handle this knowledge. Christ identifies His One True Church through NEW TRUTH given only to that ONE TRUE CHURCH. The Church of God's Faithful, the Church of Jesus Christ is SET APART BY TRUTH! I sincerely hope this chapter and the entire booklet will help you to fully understand the vital subject of *The Day of the Lord...*”

All the membership of the Church of God's Faithful echoes that sentiment. Please request this booklet which will be sent to you free of charge. You will be eternally grateful that you did! ❖

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**The Mystery of God is Finished!**

suddenly come and the day of the Lord has begun was given.

This event has since opened up many of the remaining prophecies of the Bible – and NEW TRUTH is being restored at an unprecedented pace by Jesus Christ! ❖

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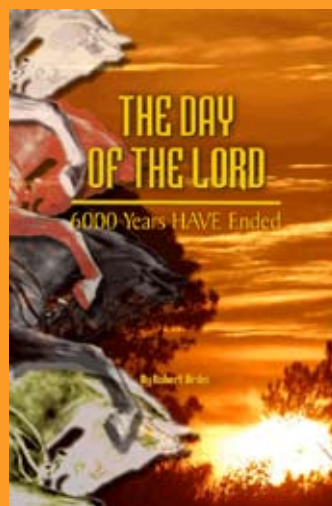
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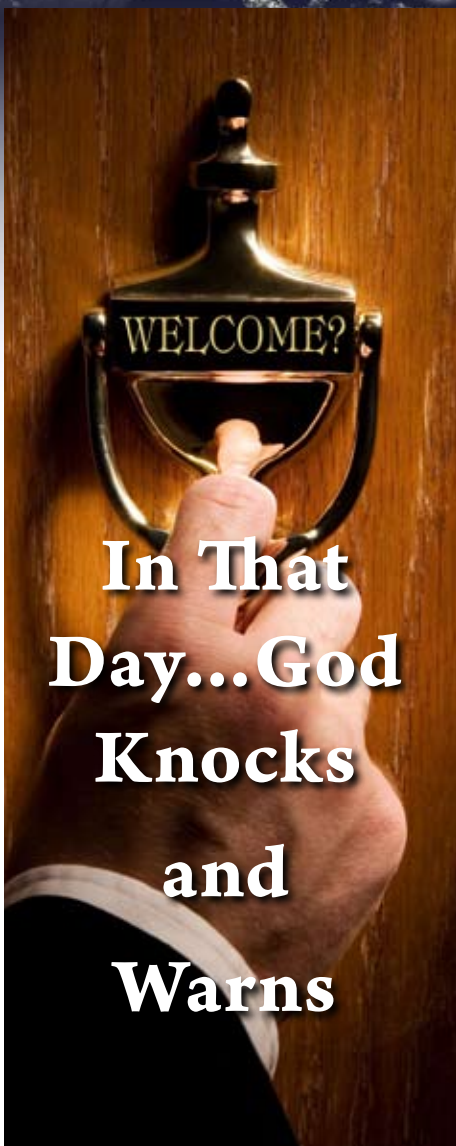
nounce the VISIBLE coming of Jesus Christ, IN ADVANCE, to the whole world! The Two Witnesses will certainly know their ministry lasts for 1260 days (Rev. 11:3 & 7).

I hope that, if received in a humble attitude and wanting to understand God and His Word, this article will propel you to find out more on this subject which He has given to His Church of God's Faithful through Mr. Robert Ardis. Please feel free to visit our website or request your free copy of the booklet *The Day of the Lord – 6000 years have ended*. Names and addresses will be kept confidential. It may be one of the best moves you could make this side of the tribulation! ❖

## Has the Day of the Lord Begun?

Rev. 1:10 says, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day...” Why would this statement be in any way relevant to John's vision depicted in Revelation unless it were discussing *the Day of the Lord*. You must prove the TRUTH before the 6th Seal is opened to usher in the worst time of trouble man has ever known. Call or download your free copy NOW!





## In That Day... God Knocks and Warns

by Peter Moss

This is the time in the history of God's Church when all baptised members of the entire grouping of congregations of what was the Worldwide Church of God, under the leadership of Mr Herbert W. Armstrong, need to be on high alert!

You have read in this issue of how Christ has come suddenly to his Church as a "thief in the night" (Mal. 3:1; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10). He has broken open the first four seals and the four horsemen of the apocalypse are riding across the

length and breadth of the earth, bringing death and destruction and disaster in their path. Christ is directing and orchestrating events! This is a prophesied event to warn the people of the world as a prelude to what is still to come. Yet, the main focus of Christ is on His Church! You and I who are baptised members of His Church need to take note!

Mal. 3:16-17 states:

“Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord harkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon His name. and they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts in that day (the Day of the Lord) and I will spare them as a man spares his own son that serves him.

“Spare them” from what? The Great Tribulation!

The focus of Christ is His Church. He is examining, investigating, testing and discerning between who is worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and stand before the Son of Man and who is not. Mal. 3:18 continues:

“Then shall you return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.

On page 40 of his booklet entitled “The Day of the Lord”, Mr. Robert Ardis writes:

God has sent Jesus Christ back to his spiritual temple, at the very beginning of the Day of the

Lord, to gather, lead and inspire his special treasure, his faithful elect. These faithful are very much aware of the fact that we have entered the Day of the Lord and are urgent to be “about our father’s business”. Only the Church of God’s Faithful has understood this pivotal truth until now! We must be “sighing and crying” over the abominations our Laodicean brethren are ensnared in by Gerald Flurry and the PCG, and also for the thousands of God’s “lost sheep” in the outer court of the spiritual temple, whom Satan has captured.

At this time, Christ is performing a Work to get the attention of those in Laodicea. Rev 3:20 states: “Behold I stand at the door and knock...!” Evidently, Christ is using the Church of God’s Faithful (CGF), His sixth candlestick that burns brightly within the inner court, to do a Work of knocking. On whose door is Christ knocking? His seventh candlestick (Church), known as the Philadelphia Church of God, is the Laodicean Church. Christ, through the CGF, is also working at waking up the 300+ split and splintered groups (Matt. 25) who make up the outer court of His spiritual temple. These are the unfaithful Philadelphians who can rightly be called the “lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matt. 10:6) or “the Synagogue of Satan” (Rev. 3:9).

God has some very strong words for the Laodiceans who do not heed Christ’s knock:

“So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue you out of my mouth (Rev. 3:15, 16).

God will spew them right into the



Great Tribulation where they can regain their crowns, only through the horrors of that terrible event ending in their martyrdom! Those in the “Synagogue of Satan” will

one day come to realize that the Church of God’s Faithful are the group that are loyal to God and His Truth: “Behold I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which

say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie, behold I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee” (Rev. 3:9), ❖



## In That Day! Which Day?

by Frank Borg

The Church of God’s Faithful (CGF) has been given clear understanding on the meaning of the biblical phrase “in that day”. God has shown the CGF that this phrase is referring to ‘the Day of the Lord’. As clearly proven in the CGF booklet entitled “The Day of the Lord”, this day begins in this end time before the commencement of the tribulation but extends beyond the return of Christ. Let us take a look at just three scriptures to clearly demonstrate this Biblical fact:

And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him (Mal. 3:17)

In this scripture, the phrase “in that day” refers to the end-time when Christ is here on this earth not to ‘appear’ but to ‘discern’ (Strong’s 7200). He is discerning who will make up His jewels. These will be spared from the fires of the Great Tribulation.

And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at

noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day: And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day (Amos 8:9-10).

As can be understood from this scripture, “in that day” refers to a time during the Great Tribulation.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim (Joel 3:18).

The phrase “in that day” is here clearly referring to the time during the millennium after Christ returns!

This undeniable biblical proof granted to the Church of God’s Faithful demonstrates that the phrase “in that day” refers to a time period which begins in this end time and extends well beyond Christ’s second coming. Understanding this phrase opens up a number of Biblical prophecies which have not been understood till recently!

# The Identity of the

# INNUMERABLE MULTITUDE!

by Robert Ardis

Our mighty God and heavenly Father has Plans for us that we cannot really comprehend. Eye has not seen nor has it entered into the minds of many that our fantastic future is to be members of the God-Family (I Cor. 2:9-10).

After Christ has completed all things in the Plan of God and delivered up the KINGDOM, God the Father will make this earth His Headquarters (I Cor. 15:24-28). Revelation 7:9-17 presents a finished picture of this great event and plainly identifies the Innumerable Multitude if the Bible is allowed to interpret the Bible. The problem with understanding this in the past is because of another misconception!

Verse 14 has caused us to think that this INNUMERABLE MULTITUDE of

people will come out of *THE GREAT TRIBULATION*, which is to come upon this entire world very shortly (Mat 24:21). Is this true? Is that what the Scripture actually states? Or is this another misconception? Verse 14 states:

“And I said unto him, [one of the Elders] Sir, you know. And he said unto me, *these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*”

It does state that they *came out of great tribulation*. However, let’s take a deeper look at this.

### Great Tribulation

The Greek word for ‘great’ is *me-gas*, (Strong’s #3173), and means: “exceedingly, great, high, large, loud...” The Greek word for *tribulation* is *thlipsis*, (Strong’s #2347),

meaning: “pressure, afflicted [-tion], anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble”.

Observe how these words are used in several other scriptures:

“For then shall be *great* [#3173] *tribulation* [#2347], such as was not since the beginning of the world, no, nor ever shall be (Matt. 24:21).

“For in those days shall be *affliction* [#2347], such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be (Mar. 13:19).

“Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Canaan and *great* [#3173] *affliction* [#2347]... (Acts 7:11 This is a part of Stephen’s great sermon).



“ How that in a *great* [#3173] *trial of affliction* [#2347] the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality (II Cor. 8:2).

“ Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into *great* [#3173] *tribulation* [#2347]... (Revelation 2:22).

“ ...in the world you shall have *tribulation* [#2347]... (John 16:33).

“ Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through much *tribulation* [#2347] enter into the Kingdom of God (Acts 14:22).

Mathew 24:21 and Mark 13:19 are unmistakably speaking of the most awful time of trouble ever to come upon mankind: the ONE and ONLY, *Great Tribulation*. Nevertheless, it is very obvious that the same expression, *great tribulation*, is used to vividly portray conditions in Joseph's day over 35 centuries ago! In Paul's day, 1900 years ago, the Corinthian Christians were experiencing *great tribulation*. The condition of *great tribulation* was manifested in the time of the Thyatira era approximately 5 centuries ago.

Our Lord is emphatic in John 16:33 that Christians will have *tribulation!* Acts 14:22 declares that Christ's

disciples enter into the Kingdom of God through *much tribulation!* Therefore, when we read Revelation 7:14, the Elder who is speaking to John is declaring the same thing as the scriptures we have just reviewed. Allow me to paraphrase what the Elder tells John. He says:

“ This INNUMERABLE MULTITUDE has entered into the Kingdom of God through much *trial* and *affliction!*

From righteous Abel to the last person qualifying during the Last Great Day will suffer trial, affliction, tribulation, persecution, and trouble in their effort to be born into the God-Family! Plain and simple!

The “GREATEST TIME OF TROUBLE EVER” refers to those called of God who are not accounted worthy to escape *the Great Tribulation*. Consequently, those *not accounted 'worthy' to escape* have to overcome *fires of great tribulation* in THE *Great Tribulation* to qualify for the Kingdom of God.

**From righteous Abel to the last person qualifying during the Last Great Day will suffer...tribulation, ... in their effort to be born into the God-Family!**

Innumerable Multitude will have successfully suffered through their *individual tribulations and trials*, through the power of God's Holy Spirit and the blood of Jesus Christ!

Once this *misconception* concerning

the meaning of “*great tribulation*” is removed, the TRUTH of the identity of the Innumerable Multitude is easily understood. Let's begin reading in Revelation 7:9:

“ After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people and tongues, stood before the Throne, and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palms in their hands.

John sees this fascinating vision following the sealing of the 144,000 Israelites in Revelation 7. The time pictured is immediately before the *Wrath of God* is poured upon the earth, therefore this fantastic scene is **not** in the proper time sequence.

This FUTURE occurrence is inserted at this point in the Book of Revelation apparently for the *reassurance* to those who will be in the Place of Safety. The *Day of the Lord's Wrath* upon this earth will be of such an incredible magnitude that even in the Place of Safety the effects of it will be seen and felt (see Isa. 24:19 and Rev. 16:17-21). Those there will need the written assurance of Revelation 7:9-17, that God's Plan will be successfully accomplished.

## Multiple Billions

The incomprehensible number of PEOPLE staggers John. They number in the BILLIONS! And they are ALL MEMBERS of the GOD-FAMILY. Also notice next in verse 10 that God the Father is THERE—on the earth! This certainly clarifies and substantiates the time when this vision will be a reality.

Let's lay this out in a step-by-step string of major events to be sure

the time sequence is understood:

1. Christ will visibly return and establish the Kingdom of God on the earth for 1000 years—the saints ruling with Him (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6).
2. After the 1000 years of the *World Tomorrow*, Satan will be released from his prison and shall deceive the nations that are in the four-quarters of the earth. The deception of these nations of people will be so complete that they will attack the very headquarters of the King of the earth, Jesus Christ (Rev. 20:7-9), thus precipitating total destruction upon that huge multitude.
3. The Second Resurrection, the Last Great Day, then occurs (Rev. 20:5)! This period of time is indicated to extend for **another 1000 years**—allowing all mankind who has ever lived to be given their opportunity to qualify for the Kingdom of God (II Pet. 3:8-9).
4. Christ will have successfully completed His mighty mission and relinquished control to God the Father (I Cor. 15:24-28).
5. God the Father will come to Planet Earth to make it His universe ruling headquarters (II Pet. 3:12-13).

It is plain that the *Great Day of God* and the success of His Great Plan are vividly pictured in vision for wonderful and necessary encouragement (Rev. 7:9). Verse 10 states:

“ And cried with a loud voice, saying, **Salvation to our God which sits upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb.** [Now, verses 15-17] **Therefore, are they before the throne of God** [in the New Jerusalem—on this earth], and serve him day and night in His

**Temple: and He that sits upon the Throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the Throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.**

Revelation 7:9-17 is a PREVIEW of the SUCCESSFUL CREATION of an INNUMERABLE MULTITUDE of GOD-BEINGS! The conclusion of God's great Plan is portrayed in these verses as BILLIONS of GOD-BEINGS stand before the Throne of the Father and the Lamb and begin to experience the JOYS of our salvation!

Matthew 25:23 gives a little insight into this marvelous future time:

“ His Lord said unto him, **Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**

And Romans 8:16-18 declares:

“ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

God's glorious Plan shall be successfully completed as seen in the description of the *innumerable multitude*—and just realize—we are called to be part of the Firstfruits of this multitude. What an honor and a blessing! ❖

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