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From the Editor ...



We are only a few days removed from the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread for this year, and we are counting down to the Day of Pentecost, May 19, 2013. Do you realize, as we count down to Pentecost, how short our time is to complete our work of awakening the “sleeping virgins”—the scattered and shattered churches trapped in the synagogues of Satan?

“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him (Matt. 25:1-6, KJV).

Most other Bible versions state verse 6 as, “Behold, the Bridegroom!” Or, “The Bridegroom is here!” Or, “Here is the Bridegroom, come out to meet Him!” This verse makes it plain that the Bridegroom is already here. It is apparent that you could NOT “go out to meet Him” if He had NOT yet come!

Verse 10 is more specific about the time of His arrival at the place where the initial festivities of the wedding will be held. The actual wedding will be conducted in Heaven AFTER the resurrection of the Firstfruits.

“And while they [the foolish virgins] went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut (Matt. 25:10).

Where would this place be that the door could be shut and the foolish could be locked out? The “foolish virgins” are mortal human beings, and could NOT go up to the Heaven of God's throne and knock on the door. No! This is a place here on the earth where the celebration of the wedding will begin! Christ is preparing a place for this blessed event to start. Also, this place of preparation will apparently be the “place of safety” for God's faithful and the “wise” to escape the Great Tribulation (See Lk. 21:36 and Rev. 12:6). Only those accounted WORTHY to escape will be there! All others will be “locked out”!

The CGF is the only church that can make that great announcement—“The Bridegroom is here”—“The Day of the Lord has come”—“The King is here among us”! Because the CGF—and the CGF ALONE—teaches that the Day of the Lord actually CAME on the Feast of Trumpets 1997! That was 15½ years ago!

Yes! The Bridegroom, the living Jesus Christ, came at the precise moment

in time as was predicted! The ten virgins are symbolic of the entire Church of God--but split, splintered and DIVIDED.

There are FOUR GROUPS of God's people represented in the parable of the ten virgins. First are the wise virgins. Second are the foolish virgins whose oil has run out, or who are at the point of their lamps going out. Third is the group that is issuing the Midnight Cry that the Bridegroom is here. The fourth group is the Laodicean PCG with the "oil" of truth revealed to Herbert W. Armstrong. The "foolish" will take too long investigating the PCG and will be "locked out" of the place where the wedding celebration will begin. How sad!

“Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh (Matt. 25:13).

Verse 13 warned us to WATCH, but none of us—the CGF included—were looking for Christ to come when He did, although Revelation 1:10 plainly states that John is already in the Day of the Lord before ANY of the seven seals are opened!

And we didn't know it until it happened! The Day of the Lord came as a thief in the night—and Christ came, "as a thief," secretly and suddenly, to His Temple, i.e., His Church!

Here is a fact. A new 19-year time cycle began on the Feast of Trumpets of 1997! Also on that date, 6000 years of mankind going its own way came to an end, and God's time—the Day of the Lord—began! Now we are just 3½ years from the completion of the 19-year time cycle! It ends on Trumpets of 2016, the 19th anniversary of the Day of the Lord.

As I stated, it is a fact that a 19-year time cycle began on Trumpets 1997 according to the sacred calendar. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, tells us that an active Christian must watch and pray! We have quoted Luke 21:36 so many times:

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted *worthy to escape* all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

In a recent sermon we saw how Jesus warned His disciples on His last Passover night, and admonished them to watch and pray because of the weakness of the FLESH.

“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak (Matt. 26:41).

And in Matthew 24:15 our Lord tells us: "...Whoso reads let him understand!" Therefore, in our watching, praying and trying to understand, sometimes speculation must enter into the picture. And this is the situation we are looking at here with this 19-year cycle.

Daniel 12:7 gives a definite sign which a Christian is to be WATCHING for:

“And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to "scatter" the power of the holy people, *all these things shall be finished* (My emphasis).

Strong's Concordance defines "scatter" as #H5310:

"naw-fats"; a primitive root; to dash to pieces, or scatter: --be beaten in sunder, break (in pieces), broken, dash (in pieces), cause to be discharged, dispersed, be overspread, scatter."

At the death of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, the former WCG with its thousands of members has been scattered (or dashed to pieces—shattered) into an estimated 300 groups or churches all in disagreement in one form or another.

Daniel 12:7 plainly declares that when this condition has been reached, ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE FINISHED! And this is what the New Testament shows happened right on time. Turn to Revelation 10:5-8 and notice the similarity with Daniel 12:7.

“And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer (Rev. 10:5-6).

Six thousand years expired, and MANKIND'S TIME would be no longer! Since that TIME of the Feast of Trumpets 1997, the Day of the Lord has begun once again and will continue throughout ETERNITY!

On the sacred calendar, October 1-2, 1997 marked the end of 6000 years, and a new 19-year time cycle began.

“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel [Laodicea—the PCG], when he shall begin to sound

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The Glory of Pentecost

by John Wood

It's the Day of Pentecost. Imagine yourself in the desert, directly in front of the mountain of God. Thousands of people are gathered all around you, eagerly anticipating the most glorious moment of their lives. These are the saints of God who have been instructed by Christ and His ministers for 1150 days. You think back on the wonders and miracles that you've witnessed during that time. Embedded in your mind is the miraculous, exhilarating transport to the place of safety in a whirlwind by one of God's holy angels. You've seen or maybe experienced miraculous healings—the blind receiving sight, heart ailments cured, all types of cancer eliminated, kidney disease eradicated, severed limbs restored, burn victims completely healed, and more. Additionally, you remember seeing a pillar of fire every night and a pillar of cloud every day during your stay in God's place of safety. You reflect on the safety and comfort you have felt in God's presence. You feel a rush of love and gratitude when you recall how Christ has fed, clothed, and sheltered you and your brethren during this time.

Moreover, you know that your children and other family members in the place of safety will be taken care of by the 144,000 physical Israelites who have just entered the place of safety. Perhaps your children will be in the same position you are in today. You are a Firstfruit, and you know this day will be the most thrilling, important and stupendous day of your life. You have been yearning and aching for this day for a long, long time. You have been counting down the days to today. The LORD of Lords, the King of Kings, the Messiah is here and your life is about to change forever.

Suddenly you hear the loud blast of a trumpet, the likes of which you have never heard. You see thousands of streaks of light ascend into the air directly above you. They seem to originate from all directions on the horizon around you. These streaks of light now form an intense glow overhead. The dead in Christ have been raised as God-beings, as the First Resurrection begins. Your turn is next. You are so excited, it feels as though your heart is about to leap from your chest.

A powerful energizing surge races through every cell in your body.

You watch your body instantly change from a feeble, vulnerable sack of bones, blood, flesh, and skin into a glowing, powerful, energetic, beautiful spiritual body. The feeling is indescribable. Your thought processes are profoundly deep and you see God's vast eternal plan with divine eyes. You see the intricate, minute planning that God and Christ put into the creation of the God family. You now see all with God's eyes.

You are rising into the air with these stupendously magnificent God-beings, who only a moment before were humble human beings like yourself. These are brilliant beings with intensely bright faces, and eyes that are so wise and intelligent they can read every thought, count every star, solve all puzzles, count every hair on every head, and count every molecule in creation. Their voices are like the roar of many waterfalls and their feet shine like brilliant brass. Their raiment is brilliant white as is their well-set hair. These are the firstfruits of God and you realize that they are far more magnificent than you ever heard or imagined. The brilliance of these beings is so intense, it seems that the sun has been moved much closer to the earth. You also understand that if the brilliance of these beings were not turned down, it would be as if 144,000 super novas had exploded.

As bright as these lights are, there is a Being that we are approaching that is brighter. This Being commands attention and respect. In His brilliant face you note the wisdom of an eternal mind with vast experience. He greets you warmly and introduces Himself as Jesus Christ. He welcomes you into the God family. With joy, you, along with the other firstfruits, greet your Re-

deemer with love and reverence. You are in awe of this marvelous, loving Being who had no beginning and who now will live forever more. In your mind there is great respect and love for this eternal God who was shamefully and viciously put to death for your sins.

Christ announces that all of us will be transported to Heaven where the Father dwells. Suddenly, you are heading north into space. You notice the earth, the sun, and the Milky Way Galaxy disappearing quickly behind you. A myriad of galaxies and universes appear and then disappear into the vastness of space. After this short exhilarating ride you enter a dimension of holiness and absolute perfection. You have arrived in God's Heaven. A vast sea of exquisite crystal clear glass mingled with fire greets your senses as you enter Heaven. The centerpiece of this vast Heaven is a great throne around which billions of angels are gathered. These angels have exquisite voices that are the epitome of singing perfection. They sing praises to the Holy One sitting on the throne.

John writes in Revelation 4:2-6,

“**And immediately I was in the spirit, and behold a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And He that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone; and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices:**

and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

You remember reading these words in your Bible many times. However, nothing could have prepared you for the overwhelming awe and majesty of the scene before you. The phenomenal Being on the great throne is God the Father. His face and body glow like a green jasper stone mixed with a red sardine stone. His face shows the light of eternal love and wisdom. His very being emits what He is. His bearing and demeanor reveal that He is the ultimate power and the originator and architect of all that exists. Your heart glows with love and respect for this awesome and benevolent Being.

The twenty-four elders appear to be high-ranking angels that minister to God Almighty. The elders have crowns of gold and are clothed in pure white raiment. They have deep reverence for God and fall down before Him and worship Him while casting their crowns before the throne. They know that all power is delegated by God and that He is more than worthy to receive their worship since He is the originator of life.

You notice the seven lamps of God burning before the throne. You realize that these seven lamps symbolize the the seven spirits of God which are love, life, truth, power, omnipresence, righteousness and glory. These spirits are symbolic of God and His family; you are now part of that most illustrious family.

Once again you notice the vast sea of glass which is clear as crystal and

mingled with fire. Near the throne, which is in the centre of the sea of glass, you notice four creatures full of eyes. John states in Revelation 4:7-8,

“**And the first beast was like a lion, and the second like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.**

These four beasts with their many eyes symbolize the relationship between God and man, in particular the relationship between God and the children of Israel. The lion of Judah is represented along with the calf or bull of Ephraim and the eagle of Manasseh. You understand that God will graft all of mankind into Israel, hence the face of man.

You hear the exquisite voices of billions of angels singing praises to God the Father and Jesus Christ. These marvelous, brilliant angels are arranged in rank. In ascending order you see angels, archangels, virtues, powers, principalities, dominations, thrones, cherubim, and finally the mighty seraphim. Their exquisite and loving voices permeate Heaven and fill all with a strong sense of love and adoration for God and Christ.

You are standing on Mount Zion in Heaven when Christ announces He will write the names of God the Father, Himself, and the new holy Jerusalem in your forehead and in the foreheads of your fellow God-beings. You feel the names appearing on your forehead and you see the names appearing on the other firstfruits. You feel a sense of satis-

faction and eternal fulfillment and know that at long last you are home, whereas as a flesh-and-blood human being you were only a pilgrim. Jesus reveals in Revelation 3:12,

“ He who overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and I will write upon him my new name.

Christ orders certain angels to pass out harps to the 144,000 firstfruits so that they may praise the Father with their singing. You learn a new song from Christ that only the 144,000 firstfruits of God are allowed to learn. John states in Revelation 14:1-3 and 15:3-4,

“ And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's named written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. ... And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name?

For thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

A great temple called the New Jerusalem is before you in Heaven. The city gleams with the glory of God. It shines like a beautiful green jasper jewel. It is one thousand five hundred miles high, one thousand five hundred miles wide, and one thousand five hundred miles long. The wall of the city is made of gleaming green jasper. The city itself is made of the purest gold and is pyramid-shaped, in order to picture the government of God.

You see twelve gates, three on each of the four sides of the city. Each one of these gates is a gigantic pearl with the names of three of the tribes of Israel inscribed on it. As you move around the city with Godly alacrity, you notice that the names of Reuben, Judah, and Levi are inscribed on the north gate. Joseph, Benjamin, and Dan are written on the east gate. On the south gate are the names of Simeon, Issachar, and Zebulun. Finally you see the names of Gad, Asher, and Naphtali written on the west gate. The city is made of the finest and purest gold. So fine and pure is this gold that it appears to look as clear as glass. The foundations of the city are garnished with precious jewels.

The first foundation is garnished with a bright green gem called jasper, which traditionally is identified with the tribe of Joseph. The second foundation you see is garnished with the dark blue sapphire gem, which represents the tribe of Benjamin. The chalcedony, a whitish gem, garnishes the third foundation; this stone is representative of the tribe of Dan. Emeralds garnish the fourth foundation. This bright green jewel depicts the tribe

of Reuben. The fifth foundation is decorated by the sardonyx, which is a grey-pink stone. This stone symbolizes the tribe of Judah. The sixth foundation is enriched by the sardius jewel, which is a reddish color. This precious gem symbolizes the priestly tribe of Levi. Chrysolite gems, which have the color of honey gold, garnish the seventh foundation of New Jerusalem. The chrysolite is traditionally associated with the tribe of Simeon. The eighth foundation is garnished with the beryl. This stone is a sea green color and represents the tribe of Issachar. The ninth foundation is garnished with the yellowish green topaz, which represents the tribe of Zebulun. The chrysoprasus stone decorates the tenth foundation of the city. This light green gem represents the tribe of Gad. The eleventh foundation is garnished by the jacinth, a lavender colored gem, which symbolizes the tribe of Asher. Finally, the twelfth foundation is garnished by the amethyst, which is a purple-violet gem. This stone symbolizes the tribe of Naphtali.

As you marvel at the beauty of this majestic building, you hear the distinct, clear voice of Jesus Christ. He invites you to have a private conversation with Him. You are humbled as this brilliant Being, who has existed from the beginning, begins the conversation. He warmly welcomes you to the family of God as He embraces you. You thank your Savior from the bottom of your heart for the epic, sinless life He lived in order to be the perfect sacrifice for you. You thank Him for the horrific sacrifice of His life so that you could be standing before Him this day as a Son of God.

Jesus accepts your thanks and congratulates you for enduring to the end. He then explains what your po-

sition and responsibilities will be in the Kingdom of God. He precisely specifies what your duties will be on the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement when you will be helping Him defeat the evil armies of this world and Satan and the demons. He also explains whom you will primarily be working with and why. Additionally, Christ reveals how you were specifically trained and seasoned for your office in the Kingdom of God. Your hearts soars as He tells you that it is time to meet our Father.

Jesus escorts you to the great throne set in the midst of Heaven and introduces you to the Father. Time seems to stand still as you see this indescribably good, wise, and powerful Being stand up. He bids you to approach Him. Your Father warmly welcomes you into His family as He embraces you. You thank Him for choosing you before the foundation of the universe. You thank Him for sustaining you mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually during the course of your life. Most of all, you thank Him for risking the eternal life of His Son in order to bring you into His family. This majestic Being explains why you were chosen to be a Firstfruit. The Father fully reveals your strengths and virtues and how they will be used for all eternity in your office in the Kingdom of God. The Father also explains how your weaknesses were turned into strengths through specific experiences and trials.

After your meeting with this wonderful Being, you meet many of the famous and not so famous people that constitute the Firstfruits. Many of the famous people introduce themselves to you. You meet such people as Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Israel, Jo-

seph, Moses, Joshua, Daniel, Mary, Elizabeth, Peter, John, Paul, Anna, Simeon, and Mary Magdalene--just to name a few. You learn details of their marvelous lives, and they learn about your profound experiences as a Firstfruit at the time of the end.

Soon after an angel sounds a trumpet and announces that it is time for the coronation of Jesus Christ as King of Kings and LORD of Lords. All gather at God's throne as God the Father confers the titles of King of Kings and LORD of Lords on His Firstborn of the Firstfruits. The Father crowns Christ with many golden crowns to represent all His titles, domains, and authority. You join in the chorus of "Long live the King! God save the King!" continuing in the tradition of King David. All heartily pledge their allegiance to the newly crowned King.

Eventually the time comes for the marriage of the Lamb. Revelation 19:7-9 states:

“ Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb, And He saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

The marriage ceremony takes place in the temple of God. Only the Father, the Son, and the 144,000 Firstfruits are allowed to enter the temple while the marriage ceremony takes place. God the Father Himself performs the ceremony. Mr. Robert Ardis, the Pastor General of the Church of God's

Faithful, states on page 24 in his booklet, *The Feast of Trumpets or The Day of Pentecost... Which?:*

“ God the Father has planned the marriage of His Son! If we can imagine the most grand and splendid, magnificent event; any glorious occasion; the pageantry of a worldly coronation, or the most inspiring wedding ceremony ever complete with the highest quality of music and thrilling singing; it would all pale into insignificance compared to that which God has planned for His Son – and for the Firstfruits! God in all His Glory will perform the ceremony. The Holy Angels will sing – And Christ will be magnificent!

The wedding supper takes place shortly after this. This will be a time of boundless joy but also a time for grateful prayer and meditation. You will have more time to speak to your fellow saints and to various angels that may have been involved in assisting you through the rough years. You fully realize how truly honored, favored, and blessed you are. All of those tests and trials were worth it. You remember the words recorded by the apostle John in Revelation 19: 9.

“ And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Brethren, this is the truth of God and these things will come to pass shortly. We need to deeply believe in the glory of this Pentecost vision. It is more real than the temporary world you see around you every day. In the grim reality just ahead, the glory of Pentecost will be a strong anchor in a rough sea. ❖

BIBLE STUDY

NOW REVEALED

The Plain Truth About Revelation 21 and 22

Part III



by Robert Ardis

This presentation is in a Bible study format to help you more easily grasp the fantastic understanding of these two amazing chapters of Revelation!

#1

Verse 6 brings us back to the present time (time period #1), the Day of the Lord, and also what is pictured in Chapter 1 of Revelation.

“ And he said unto me, These sayings are **faithful and true**: and the LORD God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done [See the same wording in Rev. 1:1]. **Behold, I come quickly [He WILL COME visibly very shortly]**: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book [See Rev.1:1-3]. And I John saw these things, and heard them. **And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.** Then saith he unto me, **See thou do it not**: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings

of this book: **worship God**” (Rev. 22:6-9).

Verse 10 through the end of the chapter is still in the present time—NOW—during the Day of the Lord:

“ And he saith unto me, **Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand** [See Rev. 1:1-3].” This was NOT for 1900 years ago when John penned these words, but for the “**time of the end**” (of man’s allotted time of 6000 years) and the COMING of the Day of the Lord—*as a thief in the night* (Rev. 22:10).

“ He that is **unjust**, let him be **unjust** still: and he which is **filthy**, let him be **filthy** still: and he that is **righteous**, let him be **righteous** still: and he that is **holy**, let him be **holy** still [See I Pet.1:15-16].” This verse is so profound: Judgments—discernments—are being determined. **The time is at hand—it’s too late for most people on the earth!** Was only one 19-year time cycle given to get the bride ready for Christ? We are now in the 16th year of the first 19-year cycle in the Day of the Lord—thus we will know soon! (Rev. 22:11).

“ And, behold, I come quickly [within one 19-year time cycle?] and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.** Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the **tree of life**, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For *without* [the old WCG rendered *without* as *left out*] are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am the root and the offspring of David**, and the bright and morning star [again, the same wording in chapter 1] (Rev. 22:12-16).

“ And the Spirit and the bride say, **Come**. [To WHOM will the Spirit (the POWER of God) and the bride (the true Church) say ‘COME’? Matthew 25:1-13 explains that the sleeping virgins will hear the MIDNIGHT CRY to ‘COME OUT TO MEET THE BRIDGROOM.’] **And let him** [the VIRGINS—especially the wise virgins] **that heareth say, Come** [See Rev.3:9].

And let him that is athirst [the wise] COME; And whosoever will [of the virgins: let them drink in the wonderful TRUTHS that await them], let him [of the sleeping churches] take the water of life freely (Rev 22:17).

CONCLUSION

“ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book (Rev. 22:18-19).

I take this WARNING very seriously! I have tried NOT to add anything not interpreted by Scripture, except in the case of the “leaves of the tree” which I labeled as speculation. I have tried NOT to take away anything. I have sincerely studied and NOT been afraid of prophecy, as so many seem to be today. I pray for God’s mercy! I love His Word and the study of the testimony of Jesus Christ.

“ He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, LORD Jesus. The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen (Rev. 22:20-21).

The Book of Revelation

Presented in Chronological Order

Revelation 1:1-3 and 22:18-21: Greetings and warnings:

“ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand (Rev. 1:1-3).

“ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, LORD Jesus. The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen (Rev. 22:18-21).

Revelation 1:4-20: The Day of the Lord has begun and the triumphant Christ is preparing to open the seven seals.

Revelation 2 and 3: The history of the seven Church eras, from 31 AD to the end of the Philadelphian and Laodicean work at the death of the two witnesses.

Revelation 4 and 5 are scenes in the Heaven of God’s throne, and events that occurred prior to October 1, 1997. This introduces the end of the 6000 years of man’s allotted time to go his own way and the

beginning of the Day of the Lord. Possibly, this announces the NINE-TEEN-YEAR TIME CYCLE allotted to the Church to become ready as the bride of Jesus Christ!

Revelation 6:1-6 describes the opening of the first four seals—the Four Horsemen—as a prelude to the fifth seal, the Great Tribulation. Remember that the Great Tribulation, including the one year of the *Wrath of the Lamb*, lasts for 3½ years. Sections of Scripture involving the 3½ years must be included before the one year of the Wrath of the Lamb begins.

Revelation 11, and 12 portray events that happen during the 3½ years, and need to be viewed before the fifth seal is opened.

Revelation 10 and 11:1-2 should come next chronologically. They are all one vision that begins with the end of man’s 6000 years and the coming of the Day of the Lord, as announced by the *Little Book* and the ministry of the two witnesses.

Revelation 12 is next as an inset chapter describing the persecution of the true Church by Satan and his evil forces, and God’s protection of the Church during the Great Tribulation in the place prepared.

Revelation 13 should be next in time order. This chapter portrays the beast and the false prophet, and the 42 months of their evil rule that causes the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 17 and 18 should be read here as the Great Tribulation begins.

Revelation 6:8-11 brings us back to the conclusion of the ride of the four horsemen and the opening of the fifth seal—the Great Tribulation.

“ And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. And when he had opened the **fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O LORD, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled (Rev. 6:8-11).

The Great Tribulation will last for 3½ years! The final one year will be heralded by the opening of the **sixth seal**—the heavenly signs! The sixth seal announces the **seventh seal**—the *Day of the Wrath of the Lamb!*

“ And I beheld when he had opened the **sixth seal**, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief

captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the **wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come**; and who shall be able to stand? (Rev. 6:12-17).

From Isaiah 34:8, 61:2 and 63:4, it is apparent that the Wrath of the Lamb is a one-year period that concludes the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 11:3-13 comes next. The two witnesses prophesy for 3½ years—1260 days.

Revelation 8:1-6: **The seventh seal**—the Day of the Lamb's Wrath—the trumpet plagues—is opened. But before the first trumpet sounds there is a pause to “seal” the 144,000 physical Israelites.

Revelation 7:1-8: After 2½ years of Great Tribulation the 144,000 Israelites are “sealed” and protected from the trumpet plagues.

Revelation 8:7-13: The first four trumpet plagues ravage the earth.

Revelation 9:1-21—The first two of the three woes.

Revelation 11:14-19: The third woe—the **seventh trumpet sounds**—the First Resurrection occurs—the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of God.

Revelation 1:7 and chapter 14 picture the First Resurrection and the 111 days of the firstfruits' introduction to the spiritual world in Heaven.

Revelation 15:1-8: The First Resurrection has occurred, but the seven last plagues must yet be poured out upon the earth.

Revelation 16:1-21: The seven last plagues—the Wrath of the Lamb—are cast upon the earth.

Revelation 19:1-21: This chapter presents a review of the joyful events that occur during the 111-day period and the preparations for the King of Kings and LORD of Lords to take rule of the earth.

Revelation 20:1-3: Satan is bound for 1000 years. Verse 4 describes those called-out brethren who were unwise and/or counted “unworthy” to escape the Tribulation and must give their lives in faithfulness to God by refusing to bow to the beast and his system. Many of these are Laodiceans who have refused to listen to the warnings of the CGF. These brethren are also pictured in Revelation 15:2-4 as victorious over the beast and are a part of the 144,000 firstfruits as seen in Revelation 14.

“ **But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years** (Rev. 20:5-6).

Revelation 20:7-10: 1000 years pass and Satan is released from his prison. He goes forth to deceive the world that has known only the true God all of their lives. But the deceived, numbered as the sand of the seashore [v. 8], are destroyed by fire from God. Satan and his demons are cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:11-15: The dead, small and great, stand before God in the **SECOND RESURRECTION**—this is the Last Great Day!

Correct Time Order for Revelation

21 and 22

1. Rev. 1:1-3 and 22:18-21: Warning statements for the present time.
2. Rev. 22:6-17—Present time.
3. Rev. 21:9-21—Time of the 111 days.
4. Rev. 21:22-27—During the Millennium.
5. Rev. 21:5b-8—The Last Great Day when ALL has been DONE by Christ at its conclusion!
6. Rev. 21:1-5—A new heaven and a new earth. Connect these verses with II Pet. 3:10-13.
7. Rev. 22:1-5—Inside the New Jerusalem. Rev. 21:5a—*All things made NEW—TOUCH-DOWN*: the 1500-square-mile New Jerusalem alights on Planet Earth. That certainly will be something NEW in the UNIVERSE—a PLANET with a CROWN—designating the headquar-

ters of the UNIVERSE—or UNIVERSES! The earth in its present state today is 7920 miles in diameter. Whether or not the earth will have the same dimensions after the Isaiah 65:17 re-creation or the final re-creation in preparation for God the Father, we do not know. II Peter 3:10-13 describes a total destruction of all the elements that make up the earth by intense fire, in preparation for the new heavens and new earth. But verse 13 declares: “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” Thus, it will be absolutely wonderful!

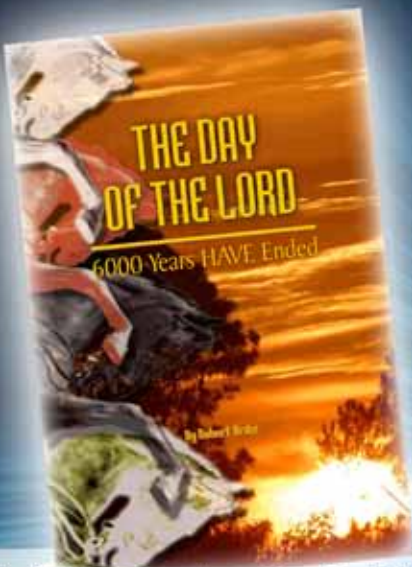
8. “There was no more SEA” in the new heavens and the new earth is the next surprising statement in Revelation 21:1! That is what the Bible states—so it will be so! Today 71% of the surface of the earth is covered with salt-bearing oceans or

seas. There will be no need for the oceans as we know them today; the tides or the production of oxygen will not be necessary. The ocean has always had a great attraction for me and for most people, and is used in many scriptures to express the great power of God. However, our Father has something in mind that will be spectacular, He says, “I will make ALL THINGS NEW”! We will just have to wait and see! ❖

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“I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day...” (Rev. 1:10)

Who's day?

The day belonging to Who?

John was obviously taken in Spirit to behold
an incredible vision.

But when does the vision take place?

IN THE DAY OF THE LORD!

Yes! All the miraculous visions including: the ride of the four horsemen, the heavenly signs, the greatest time of trouble ever to befall mankind, the resurrection, the thousand year rule of Christ and the Saints, the last great day, the coming of God the Father to set up Earth as the headquarters of the universe, and beyond all occur within The Day of the Lord!

Write for or download our booklet *THE DAY OF THE LORD, 6000 years HAVE ended* to find out more, but don't delay. We are already fifteen years into The Day of the Lord and the end of the first 19 year time cycle! It's time to hear His voice!

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From the Editor.*

[Prior to 1997 the PCG's message was only a weak whisper, but in 1997 Mr. Gerald Flurry took Mystery of the Ages and went to the world in power with Mr. Armstrong's book], *the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets* (Rev. 10:7).

Thus, as we WATCH, it is very apparent that the power of the holy people has been scattered and shattered and ALL things should be FINISHED

(Dan. 12:7). Do we have only 3½ years to get the ENTIRE CHURCH ready for the return of Jesus Christ at the First Resurrection on a future day of Pentecost? We will keep on "counting" and continue to "cry aloud" in The Midnight Cry. And I urge you to read our article in the November/December 2012 issue, which discusses the possibility of the "healing" of the Church taking place in only 2½ years.

These are urgent and interesting days in which we live. All scriptures concerning this most prophesied

time are rapidly being "finished." And we are trying our best to issue the Midnight Cry and to be ready when Christ steps in and makes our "cry" a tremendous roar that will surely awaken every one of our brethren asleep in the synagogues of Satan.

Let's keep on watching, praying and counting!

Your brother in Christ,

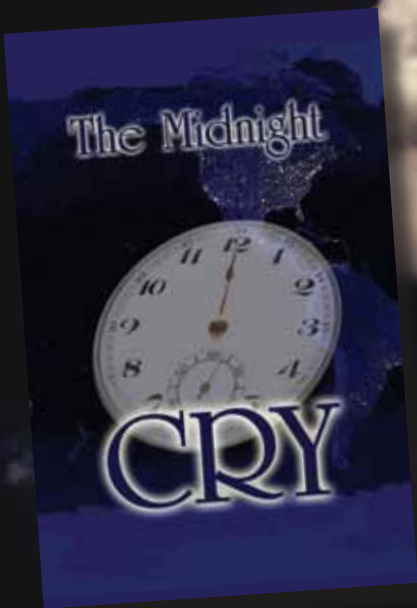


**There are Approximately 111 Days Between the Resurrection of the 144,000 Firstfruits and The Return of Christ and His Wife at the Feast of Trumpets.
Where Will You Be?**



And At Midnight
There Was A
Cry Made...

Will You Be
Wise?



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Through *The Faithful Watchman*, we endeavor to keep ourselves abreast of how our Lord Jesus Christ is orchestrating the ride of the 4 Horsemen as He sets the scene for the Two Witnesses to begin their 1260 days of prophesying and for the Great Tribulation to begin. Read daily updates to *The Faithful Watchman* online at setapartbytruth.org.

Imminent: "I Don't Think Obama is Going to Finish His Second Term Without the Bottom Dropping Out"

One year ago this month it was revealed that throughout the course of this crisis some 40% of all wealth in America had been vaporized. It was a stunning number to be sure, and one that many analysts predicted would reverse as the Bernanke/Obama recovery took hold. Now, a full year on, the news has not gotten any better. It's gotten much, much worse. According to a new report, the average American household has lost 55% of their net worth since the onset of the recession in 2008.

Many are likely holding to the belief that our benevolent government politicians and financial leaders have taken the necessary steps to turn this economy around.

But they'd be wrong.

The next wave of crisis is imminent and the end result will be a total wipe out for Americans:

"I think we are heading for a worse economic crisis than we had in 2007," [Peter] Schiff said. "You're going to have a collapse in the dollar... a huge spike in interest rates... and our whole economy, which is built on the foundation of cheap money, is going to topple when you pull the rug out from under it."

According to Schiff, these numbers are unsustainable.

Peter Schiff knows a thing or two about what's going on, and he's been sounding the alarm since before 2008. He, like many others, understand that there is no way out.

There is no credible financial or economic exit strategy.

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Comment: In the land of Hope and Glory, the glory is diminished and the hope is all but gone! Yet many it seems are holding the belief, against all the evidence,

that the US "benevolent" government politicians and financial leaders have taken the necessary steps to turn the economy around. This is regardless of the fact that there is no credible financial or economic exit strategy; and without a sound plan for the future, there will be no future.

"Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Prov 29:18

Any hope that the American public have in their future is a false hope unless they really turn to the God in whom they claim to trust. Unfortunately, as usual the heart of man gets in the way of turning to the values established by the Founding Fathers those many years ago.

"And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart." Jer 18:12

Long live America! Yes, but not in its present state.

Top 1% Own 39% Of All Global Wealth: Hoarding Soars As We Hurtle Toward Economic Oblivion

According to a study that was just released by Boston Consulting Group, the wealthiest one percent now own 39 percent of all the wealth in the world. Meanwhile, the bottom 50 percent only own 1 percent of all the wealth in the world combined.

The global financial system has been designed to funnel wealth to the very top, and the gap between the wealthy and the poor continues to expand at a frightening pace. The global elite continue to hoard wealth and heap together enormous mountains of treasure in these troubled days even though the economic suffering around the planet continues to grow.

So exactly how have the global elite accumulated so much wealth? Well, one of the primary ways is through the use of debt. As I have written about previously, there is about 190 trillion dollars of debt in the world but global GDP is only about 70 trillion dollars. Our debt-based global financial system sys-

tematically transfers wealth from us and our governments into the hands of the global elite. And of course the gigantic banks and corporations that the elite control are constantly gobbling up everything of value that they can find: natural resources, profitable small businesses, real estate, politicians, etc.

Money, power, ownership and control are becoming very, very tightly concentrated at the top of the food chain, and that is a very dangerous thing for humanity. When too much money and power gets into too few hands, it almost always results in tyranny.

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Comment: Wealthy people should be able to benefit those not so well off, rather than hoarding and keeping ever more wealth for themselves. God is the wealthiest person in the universe, and because He is a God of love He gives all to His creation.

That 1% could do more if they were of a mind to do so, yet wealth is power, and power is addictive! The human heart is not automatically programmed to love one another as God loves human kind, and so wealth is directed inward for the most part.

"The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender," Prov 22:7

The situation gets even worse if you belong to God's True Church.

"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying

Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." Psm 2:2-3

Thankfully our God of love will not tolerate this for much longer as we look forward to a society that is fair to all and ruled by spirit beings in the Wonderful World Tomorrow.

Israeli forebodings over widening Russian-Hizballah-Iraqi intervention in Syria

Forebodings were voiced Wednesday, May 29, by senior Israeli military officers in the face of the widening military intervention in the Syria civil war by Russia, Iran, Hizballah and latterly Iraq too. They have made Syria's civil war the platform for a Russian contest against the West and a ladder up which Iran and its proxy Hizballah are climbing to top Middle East regional power spot.

Russia, Iran and Hizballah are winning the contest by default against an unresisting US-led West and a hesitant Israel.

A senior IDF officer acknowledged on Wednesday,

May 29, that Israel's government and military leaders are at a loss on how to proceed. They have yet to recover from the calamitous miscalculation that Bashar Assad's days were numbered to which they clung stubbornly for almost eighteen months.

Even today, some spokesmen refer to a "disintegrating Syria," thereby losing sight of the major strategic and military changes overtaking the country that are entirely to Israel's detriment as well as eroding its options against a nuclear Iran.

At a time that the US and Israel should be using their heaviest military guns to slow Iran's race for a nuclear bomb, Tehran with Moscow's backing has brought its military assets up close to Israel's borders in Syria and Lebanon and openly threatens to use them.

Unlike Syria and Iran, Israel can't count on military intervention against an aggressor by supportive big powers. According to debkafile's Washington sources, no part of the Obama administration, including its military and intelligence arms, favors military action in Syria.

Even the direct evidence of chemical warfare already afoot in Syria is unavailing.

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Comment: Wars and rumours of wars, and on and on it goes. Why can't this world find peace? Surely that is what most people want; a peaceful, secure environment in which to live, bring up a family and enjoy life without the threat of being hurt or killed by the violent action of others. So let's turn the question around. Where do wars come from? God's Word of course has the answer to this.

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." James 4:1-3

We should be studying God's Word and asking Him how we should proceed in life, and then having asked conform to the way of life that God Himself has and wants for all His creation.

It will be soon time to re-educate the world. It will end wars, it will bring peace to all nations, and it will work because I will be the way of love – God's Way!

In London as in Boston, terrorist-killers were known to security services

The two Islamist terrorists who hacked a British sol-

dier to death on a London street Wednesday, May 22, chanting Allahu Akbar, were born in Britain of Nigerian descent and known to British security authorities. Motivated by revenge for Muslem deaths in Afghanistan, they selected as their victim a soldier from the Woolwich barracks who had served there. One of the terrorists was identified as Michael Adebolajo, 28, a convert to Islam and self-styled Muslim preacher from a street stand, from which he handed out leaflets condemning the British government and troops fighting in Muslim lands.

His stand was located in the southeastern London suburb of Woolwich, not far from the Royal Artillery barracks near which he committed his savage murder.

Adebolajo's crime was long planned. He spent time watching the soldiers coming and going around the barracks. He may even have singled out his victim from a chance acquaintance.

Thursday, the day after the murder, British anti-terrorist operatives carried out searches at various London addresses which the terrorist had used as a student at Greenwich University.

The British authorities have made no statements about arrests or even the interrogation of either of the two terrorists, who are in separate hospitals recovering from police gunshots.

Neither have they revealed why the accumulation of carving knives, a machete and a firearm in their possession never attracted notice.

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Comment: More senseless violence in the name of religion, will it ever end? The answer is no! Not while man rules this earth. It is difficult though for normal well balanced people to come to terms with this sort of crazed satanic butchery. This gratuitous, unwarranted and groundless attack on an innocent man has stunned the British people just as the Boston bomb stunned America.

God continues to warn our nations of the evil way of society but really, is anyone listening?

"The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of grey hairs." Deut 32:25

All sensible people will condemn this violence, but are we prepared individually to do something about it, or do we throw up our hands and resign ourselves that this is just how the world is?

"Cry and howl, son of man: for it shall be upon my people, it shall be upon all the princes of Israel: terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon my people: smite therefore upon thy thigh." Ezek 21:12

Is this what we are doing today, smiting our thigh? Are we really that fed up that we simply have resigned ourselves to the evil and violence that is on our streets? Thankfully there are alive today those that sigh and cry for all the abominations that are in the earth. For their sake God will not allow this to go on for much longer.

The Midnight Cry Has Begun!

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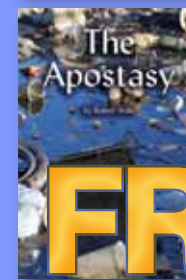
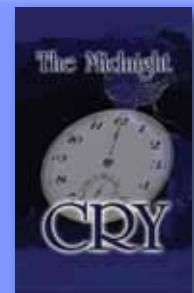
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