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Chapter 1

Prologue and Introduction

PROLOGUE

This is an exciting time to live: the end of the age. We are an exceptionally favored people whom the Lord has ordained to be part of the Omega or End Time church. Many believers tend to think that the alpha or first century Church was the best there could ever have been. This trend of thought is not helpful. It is not the way of Yeshua, Jesus to birth the Church in power with no prospect of completing its tenure on earth on a glorious note. On the other hand, we know through this scripture that after years of declension, the Church will end up on a glorious note:

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:25-27, KJV).

The issue is that some parts of The Church are trapped in a self-defeating clutching at the Old Covenant. These include the Levitical priesthood with its emphasis on wearing of robes and attires that distinguish them from the 'laity'. Religion traps people in endless rituals of trying to please Elohim through dead works that have no eternal value. Yeshua has already paid the price in full for sinful humanity to be reconciled to the Father through His shed blood. After translation, saints are empowered to serve, fulfil their earthly assignments, and are preserved by Grace for the Great Day of the Lord. The Lord wants His saints to walk in the light of His Word which is a sure compass for understanding the way that leads home. In the curriculum of Authentic Kingdom Culture and

Global School of Ministry, there are some courses which make up the section on Systematic Kingdom Eschatology.

Eschatology simply means Study of the End Times. They focus on the End Times in a way which gives saints the best possible exposition of what is written in the Holy Writ. The Courses are:

Dispensations, Seasons and Times: Life from end of the flood to the end of the age.

Understanding the End Times: This focuses on the various prophecies of what will precede the end times and their fulfilment.

7 Letters from Heaven: An exposition of the letters of Yeshua through John the beloved to the 7 Churches of Asia Minor.

The Things to Come: What Next. This explores the various events which the Bible indicate would close out the human age on this side of eternity.

Revelation Unveiled: A verse by verse and theme by theme commentary and exposition of the Book of Revelation.

Completing the Unfinished Reformation: This groundbreaking work provides a clear road map of what the elect need to do to perfect the work Holy Spirit which began with Martin Luther in 1517 and fits into systematic kingdom eschatology.

The courses are presented in such a way that even obscure verses come alive by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, which guided the curriculum developmental process. Within the context of Systematic Kingdom Eschatology, *The Things to Come: What Next?* offers a holistic exposition of Biblical Prophecies concerning what can be described as the true end of the age before

the second coming of Yeshua, Jesus to rule and reign in the manifest Kingdom of Elohim in the earth realm.

From the prophecies of Daniel, Paul and the revelations granted to John, when lined up with the words of Yeshua indicate that there would be a particular phase of the end of the age, estimated to be about 7 years when some specific things will happen – some almost simultaneously while others will be in quick succession. It is a mark of the immeasurable depth of the love of Elohim that He gives us graphic description of those events in a compass of life whose true North point to Him and The Kingdom.

A SNAPSHOT OF THE KINGDOM TIMELINE

Genesis 1 is not just about creation of the world. It is a chronicle of how Elohim created the earth as an extension of the Kingdom of heaven with humankind as His assign.

Genesis 2:15 introduces us to the concept of a constitution of the Kingdom – instructions on what could be done or not.

Genesis 3 reveals how Adam and Eve lost the Kingdom to Satan who took away their mantle as the god of this world.

Genesis 3:15 reveals that Elohim ordained that the lost kingdom would be restored through a personality called ‘Seed of the woman. Human history and especially the lineage of He Who would be the seed of the woman experienced unimaginable attacks of Satan – from Abraham to David and from David to the Messiah. In the fullness of time, the Seed was manifested for a two-part assignment.

- * The Incarnation – when Holy Spirit planted the Seed in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:26-35). This enabled Him to live as the Lamb who would take away the Sins of the world (John 1:29). The assignment of the Lamb would be to take away sins of the world and become members of the family of Elohim.

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons (Galatians 4:4-5, KJV).

- * On a Day known by only the Father, Yeshua would return physically to rule and reign in the earth realm. This manifest Kingdom would reveal the fullness of the great purpose of the Father for the redeemed – when they will rule and reign with Yeshua in their glorified states.

These things that would precede inauguration of the Kingdom in the earth realm are outlined, in high definition, in the Holy Scriptures. One of the works of Holy Spirit is to give us clear understanding of those things so that we can walk in certainty towards end of the age. If we give Him right of way to show us the events that will surely happen.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this work is the need for the saints to understand and prepare for the greatest events, which the Bible states clearly will happen. Those who don't understand may continue to live in ignorance or get caught up in religious debates about timing! As we begin to examine some major things that will be manifesting in the earth realm before Yeshua returns bodily to rule and reign in the restored Kingdom, only Elohim knows whether they are imminent or further afar! No one knows the day of hour when any, some or all of the things to come will happen:

- * Speculations or date setting is improper and clearly unbiblical.
- * However, there are clear markers when things are due to happen.

It makes sense to examine scriptures, compare same with history and current affairs and have a sensing of when particular things are almost due. Let us consider some of the broader implications of these scriptures concerning the season of end of the end.

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come... 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before. 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not (Matthew 24:4-14, 23-26).

If we are in Yeshua, Holy Spirit will surely guide us to understand the times and know what to prioritise to do. The remnant are not appointed to wrath but to obtain Salvation. This promise makes fear, anxiety and worry totally unnecessary!

However, let us note that many saints will be distracted and forget that they are on a journey. This what the falling away is all about!

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him (1 Thessalonians 5:1-10).

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition (2 Thessalonians 2:1-3).

NEED TO WATCH AND PRAY

The most critical response therefore is to obey His clear instructions to watch and pray. Those who are watchful will discern some things when they are due. As they pray into the

situation the Holy Spirit reveals to them, they secure an insurance just as the wise virgins did unlike their foolish counterparts in Matthew chapter 25:

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh (Matthew 25:1-13).

Those who are watchful and prayerful will have oil in the lamps and nothing can come upon them by way of unexpected emergency!

THE SUITE OF THINGS TO COME

The Holy Scripture places those events alongside each other so we need to discuss them in the order that the Holy Scriptures suggest:

- * The First Resurrection (of the righteous dead)
- * The Rapture of saints

- * Rise of the anti-Christ and the False Prophet
- * The Great Tribulation which Yeshua said in Matthew 24:15 will be the worse period of life in the earth realm.
- * The Heavenly events: The Judgement Seat of Yeshua, and Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- * The Second Coming of Yeshua and Battle of Armageddon to close out the age of time. Thereafter will be endless eternity when time is no more.

This Course will be an instrument in the hand of Holy Spirit to enable us to prepare for the time that is soon to come upon those who dwell in the earth realm.

Assignment

1. Share with us 3 things you received from this chapter 2. What are your expectations from this Course?

Chapter 2

Event 1: The First Resurrection

Humankind is tri-dimensional: an eternal spirit and soul housed in a physical, perishable body. At the new birth experience, the spirit-man is regenerated by the Holy Spirit in a split second (John 3:3-9, 2 Corinthians 5:17). Through the process of sanctification, the soul can be transformed by the Holy Spirit and the Word to a state of real holiness. It is important to remember that on the date of regeneration of a saint, the Holy Spirit is received as a seal of redemption.

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30, KJV).

The redemption spoken of here is not Salvation by grace, which was in the past. It speaks of a future date when the saint will be resurrected to receive eternal rewards. The redeemed of the Lord look towards the day they will be freed from bondage of the flesh and receive celestial bodies for their eternal living (Hebrews 9:27-28, KJV).

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who

also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:1-10, KJV).

WHAT IT IS?

The first resurrection describes the day that the righteous dead will be raised up and given an imperishable (celestial) body with which they will enjoy their eternal rewards in the two phases:

1. To rule and reign as priests and kings with Yeshua, Jesus (Revelation 1:6, Revelation 5:9-10).
2. To live forever with Elohim as reward for embracing Salvation by Grace and escaping the defilement of the world.

Those to be resurrected are saints who completed their earthly pilgrimage in righteousness, ‘died’, were buried, and basically resting from their labours, awaiting that day. Some may have died in air and road crashes, in ships and boats that sunk or were mauled by wild animals or maimed in various ways including medical procedures gone awry. The first resurrection will see them rise from the dead with brand new bodies that are imperishable! It will be a glorious sight that will dazzle the world.

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. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it (Romans 8:18-25, KJV).

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation (Hebrews 9:27-28, KJV).

THE EVENT WHICH WILL TRIGGER THE FIRST RESURRECTION

The first resurrection and the rapture of saints will be triggered by the shout of the arch angel and the trumpet of the Lord on a day and time which no one knows.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 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: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, KJV)

Verse 15 above clarifies that the first resurrection will precede the rapture of the saints who are alive. The two events are tied together but one has precedence. This same concept of the dead rising first is implied in verse 52 below.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption,

and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? (1 Corinthians 15:50-55, KJV)

PRECEDENCE

Two events which are documented in the bible show that resurrection of the dead is something that is real.

1. The righteous who rose from their graves when Yeshua died on the Cross.

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; 52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many (Matthew 27:50-53).

2. Yeshua's experience as first fruit.

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. 2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. 3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. 4 So they ran both

together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. 5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. 6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, 7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. 8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. 9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home. 11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, 12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. 14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. 17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. 18 Mary Magdalene came and

told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her. 19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord (John 20:1-20, KJV).

The celestial body is a unique blessing in that it cannot die again or suffer any damage or limitation!

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time....20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and

power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death...32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die (1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 20-26, 32, KJV).

PURPOSE OF THE FIRST RESURRECTION

The question one may ask is in what state are they going to be? The answer is simple: they will receive imperishable or celestial bodies with which to live in eternity.

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? 36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: 37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: 38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There

is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly (1 Corinthians 15:35-49, KJV).

WHERE DO THEY GO TO AFTER THE RESURRECTION?

1. They will meet the Lord and ever be with Him (inseparable).
2. They will go to the Judgement seat of Yeshua. This is where their Kingdom service would be evaluated for rewards.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (2 Chronicles 5:10, KJV).

WHAT DO THEY DO TO AFTER THE RESURRECTION?

1. They rest from their labours.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that

they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them (Revelation 14:13, KJV).

2. Enjoy the sights of heaven for a season (7 years) while the Great Tribulation takes place in the earth realm.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also (John 14:1-3, KJV).

3. Experience Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. ⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. ⁸ And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 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 (Revelation 19:6-9, KJV).

4. Accompany Yeshua, Jesus when He returns to reclaim the earth realm.

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords (Revelation 19:11-16, KJV).

7. Those who take part in the first resurrection and receive the celestial bodies will not die or suffer any pain again for all eternity!

OTHER SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

Various scriptures in the Old and New testaments point to the reality of the first resurrection. Some references contrast the eternal joy and blessings awaiting the righteous and the pain and damnation facing sinners and backsliders.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:2, KJV)

Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. 13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: (Luke 14:12-13, KJV)

And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:25-29, KJV)

SPECIAL INFORMATION ON 2 OTHER RESURRECTIONS

The first resurrection differs from two other resurrections:

- The resurrection of saints who will be killed for their faith during the Great Tribulation. This will take place at the onset of the Millennial reign of Yeshua, Jesus so that they can join the saints who were resurrected before the Great Tribulation as well as

saints who were raptured at sound of the Trumpet to be joint heirs and co-rulers with Yeshua.

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years...6 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 (Revelation 20:4, 6, KJV)

- The unrighteous dead will be resurrected after the rapture to be judged at the Great White Throne Judgement.

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection... 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and

hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:5. 11-15, KJV)

We need to thank Elohim for the awesome rewards He has stored up in eternity for those who embraced His Salvation and were sustained in their earthly pilgrimage by His Grace.

Preview of the next chapter: we will examine the Rapture or catching away of the righteous saints from a state of mortality to that of immortality.

Assignment

1. What is the first resurrection? 2. What will signal the event? 3. What other things did you learn from this chapter?

Chapter 3

Event 2: The Rapture of Saints Part 1

In the nearly two thousand years of the Church on earth, Satan has used striving about words and times to confuse and divide saints into bitter camps and sects in mutual hatred and evil speaking of one another. Beyond Satan, mortal man has a proclivity to read what he wants into the Word. The result is that many saints prefer to give a wide berth to certain topics in the Bible. There are others who have been under backslidden leadership all their lives. What such leaders teach is basically what to eat and drink and how to get on with life on earth in pursuit of the ‘dream’ that defines their particular nations, an exact opposite to the Kingdom saints are called upon to seek (Matthew 6:25-34). It is interesting therefore how saints try to re-define The Kingdom which is not about ephemeral things as Romans 14:17-18 says. Another set of saints are those who have bought into the false grace movement which teaches that ultimately, ‘everyone will be re-connected to God’ (saved) despite how they lived) because He is too good to cast any one into eternal damnation’.

These tendencies come to a head especially in considering messages of the End Times. That Satan is behind all these is evident in the strange situation where a large mass of Christians, who have eternal life, do not seem to remember to care for which side of eternity they will end up in. This is why there is so much space for the enemy to operate in the End Time Church using the same trick he tried at the Garden of Eden and against Yeshua, Jesus in the wilderness to make Kingdom Life of none effect: Lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life (1 John 2:15-17). Let us also note that assumptions are certainly dangerous. Ignorance is even worse as Hosea 4:6 says.

WHAT IS IT?

The word ‘Rapture’ is not in the Bible. However, the Word describes the concept of ‘catching away’ of saints in a split moment of time away from humans in the earth realm. In simple terms, the rapture of saints is the separation of true and faithful saints from the rest of humanity (including Christians who strayed away from the heart of King Yeshua, Jesus, and His grip). In a split second, those saints who abide in Him till that date and live in obedience to His Word, by His Grace, are translated from a state of mortality to immortality through shedding of their perishable bodies in exchange for the celestial ones with which they will live for eternity. Shortly before this happens to the living, the dead in Yeshua will be resurrected and changed first. That this matter is stated with clarity in two scriptures by Paul, the vessel elected as Master builder of the Church, deserves strong attention.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? (1 Corinthians 15:50-55, KJV)

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 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: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, KJV).

PRECEDENT

There have been two specific precedents in the Bible of rapture of saints. The facts are so clear, needing little clarification.

ENOCH

Enoch was so pure in thought, word, and deed that Yahweh simply called him home as a vessel through which He gave saints of the ages a sneak peek of what would happen en-masse towards end of the age! He was caught up to heaven in an instantaneous translation which meant he did not go

through the normal gate of mortality to immortality which is death.

And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: 22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: **24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him** (Genesis 5:21-24, KJV).

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God (Hebrews 11:5, KJV).

ELIJAH

The case of Elijah is intriguing and reveals the depth of the Grace and Mercy of our heavenly Father towards His own. This man had been used mightily to execute judgement against evil rulers, Ahab and Jezebel and their idolatrous court. But he fainted out of isolation! In his anguish, he asked Yahweh to terminate his life and ministry. In response, Yahweh sent a chariot from heaven to give him a joy ride like never!

And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both

asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven (2 Kings 2:11, KJV).

This was an instantaneous translation which meant he did not go through the normal gate of mortality to immortality which is death. These two instances in the Old Covenant did not just happen, they were written so that we can be assured of what will happen to us, if we remain faithful till the end!

HOW THE RAPTURE WILL HAPPEN

It is Swift and Sudden. The first thing to note is that there will be no warning! In a moment of time, it is over! Saints who died in Jesus will first resurrect in a new body followed by those alive whose bodies are changed instantly and 'caught up' to be with Jesus forever.

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (1 Corinthians 15:51-52, KJV).

THE UNNECESSARY, BITTER WAR: WHEN WILL THE RAPTURE HAPPEN?

Many professing Christians are, unfortunately programmed to see themselves as products or even properties of the denominations through which they came to know Yeshua, Jesus or where they settled in at a later stage. This principle of organisational, rather than divine ownership is rank idolatry! Each saint is bought with the price of the precious Blood of Yeshua, Jesus.

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's (1 Corinthians 6:20, KJV).

It is a very satanic attempt to control saints in such a way that the denominations or congregations they 'belong to' defines for them, in a systematic brain wash, what to believe in, even if such beliefs were based on partial or limited revelations received by some humans who died long ago. Denominations program their members to cling to such 'revelations' even if, in the passage of time, Holy Spirit brings greater illumination and clarity or if at a later stage, they are found to be blatantly contrary to what is clearly stated in the Word.

THREE SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

Let it be said that it is better to be prepared for any eventuality which lies solely in the hands of the Most High Who alone has ultimate perfect knowledge of how the end will unfold! Those who live holy unto the Lord are ever ready. As they watch, pray, and occupy their allotments diligently, the Day of the Trumpet sound will not catch them unawares. This is what matters most and not to engage in meaningless debates about pre, mid and post tribulation rapture.

As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, 4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. 5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: 6 From which some

having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm (1 Timothy 1:3-7, KJV).

Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they **strive** not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers (2 Timothy 2:14, KJV).

And the servant of the Lord must not **strive**; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, (2 Timothy 2:24, KJV).

After all, we humans only know in part and prophesy/teach in part. It is true that there are some Christian sects where no one is even taught about the Rapture on the basis that there is no such word in the Bible. As said at the beginning of this chapter, the word ‘Rapture’ is not a biblical term but rather a phrase to describe a clear biblical reality that true saints of Elohim will one day be miraculously caught up into the heavenly realms for a season. This is not a new concept but one which has twice been demonstrated in the Old Testament involving Enoch and Elijah as previously cited.

Let us examine the three main schools of thought on the subject matter before we zero in on the one we believe is most biblical and consistent with the revealed will of the Most High. In so doing, we do not demonize the other two schools of thought in any way. We rather acknowledge the merits in some of their postulations because there are scriptures which suggest so.

POST-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

This School of Theological thought insists that saints will go through the whole 7 years featuring reign of the anti-Christ, suffer the extensive pains associated with the Great Tribulation and will overcome at the end when Yeshua, Jesus returns at His Second Coming. To be fair, this School of thought has many biblical passages that validate its position, and we recommend that saints lose nothing but gain all to understand the strong case made by it. They argue with passion, that most pretribulation teachings have made many saints unprepared for crises by focusing on heaven, rather than earthly realities. For such people, there is an element of escapism in pre-tribulation rapture teaching.

MID-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

This is the School of Theological thought which places the rapture of saints in the middle of the 7-year period of the anti-Christ. This School of Thought essentially says that saints will be rescued supernaturally by Elohim when the anti-Christ demands that they receive his mark. It must be noted that a passage like Revelation 20:4 debunks this view of divine rescue to avoid the Mark of the Beast.

PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

This is the School of Theological thought which teaches that shortly before the anti-Christ will manifest on earth to execute his satanic agenda, Yeshua Ha Mashiach, Jesus the Messiah as a compassionate King Who has promised to safeguard His own from trouble would call forth all true saints who are faithful up till that time: the dead first and then those alive to meet Him in heaven. These passages clearly point to a Pre-Tribulation rapture and seem very consistent with the entire framework of the End Times:

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also (John 14:1-3, KJV).

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 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: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, KJV).

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For

this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? (1 Corinthians 15:50-55, KJV)

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; 8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. 9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. 10 **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.** 11 **Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.** 12 Him that 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 (Revelation 3:7-12, KJV).

In the next chapter, we will dig deeper into this extraordinary reward which Yeshua assures faithful saints that they will partake in it by His Grace. There is no reason for any true saint to be fearful, worried, or doubtful about what the Lord has stored up as a blessing for His Own.

Assignment

1. Please explain what the Rapture means. 2. Kindly give two examples of previous instances of translation from mortality to immortality in the Old Testament with the biblical references. 3. What are the 3 Schools of thought regarding the rapture? 4. Why is the debate unnecessary?

Chapter 4

Event 2: The Rapture of Saints Part 2

DIGGING DEEPER

End Time saints should come to a place where they mature to discern what are the main things they need from the Lord. While multitudes bombard heaven with a long shopping list of vanities they want to accumulate, wise saints who discern the times focus on seeking the Mercy, Grace, and Favour of the Lord. Interestingly, those who walk in these three blessings are equipped to receive all the blessings of the Lord: eternal life, open doors, and success in all endeavours. We live in an age when preachers suggest that you can preach whatever you like, do ministry any how without regard to the Master Plan that Yeshua released so graphically in the New Covenant. If in building the Tabernacle of Witness in the wilderness, Moses was required to follow the exact specifications showed to Him on the Mount, how much more should we heed the exhortation to ensure that our theologies, liturgies, and lifestyle conform to the divine pattern.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.
11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the

fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (1 Corinthians 3:10-15, KJV).

It is self-defeating for saints to remain in ignorance of issues concerning end of the age which we are surely marching to, every single day of our lives. Pretending that the future is still very far and that we have all the time amounts to a self-defeating, goal. We are not expected to respond to issues of the end times in fear which simply torments.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love (1 John 4:18, KJV).

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7, KJV)

Rather, understanding the things to come should inspire comfort and edification.

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of

salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do (1 Thessalonians 5:4-11, KJV).

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. 16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work (2 Thessalonians 2:13-17, KJV).

Building on the revelations in chapter 3, let us dig deeper into the whole concept of the rapture of saints to find more information, as presented in the Holy Scriptures.

***WHAT IS THE NEED FOR THE
RAPTURE?***

REAPING THE FIRST FRUIT OF CALVARY

Many are laughing and mocking at the prospect, but the truth cannot be wished away that a day is coming when, in a moment of time, the first fruits of the Blood that Yeshua shed at Calvary will be reaped. The first fruits are humans who put their faith for Salvation in Him and clung steadfastly to Him till the very end. They endured till the end, not giving in to lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life by His Grace. By the act of being raptured, such people have permanent victory over Satan, sin, and death. Their fate is just like those who were resurrected from the dead at blast of the Trumpet:

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 (Revelation 20:6, KJV).

They have, so to say, breasted the tape of life and cannot ever be condemned to hell or the Lake of Fire again!

TO GIVE SAINTS THE NATURE WITH WHICH TO LIVE IN THE ULTIMATE PHASE OF THE KINGDOM

By the act of changed bodies, they have secured the facility with which to live and function in the ultimate state of the Kingdom, which will be here on earth. Let it be noted that King Yeshua, Jesus shall rule the world from a physical throne in Jerusalem, His appointed capital City, Those of the raptured that fulfilled their destinies and divine assignments while on this side of eternity will be given authority over specific nations, cities, and territories! Many have mis-applied these scriptures to the present time. Their full import is however in the world to come (Romans 8:18-25; Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5:9-10). That phase of life will

be lived in the new glorified body saints receive at the rapture!

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption... 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:50, 53-57, KJV).

DIVINE MOTIVATION TO FINISH THE RACE

The Rapture is called the blessed hope of saints and one of the greatest motivators to encourage them to run the race till the very end and not stumble when faced with temptations or trials of faith!

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58, KJV).

It is to take faithful saints out of the way before the most terrible period of world history, both for Hebrews and believers who missed the rapture, starts. Called the Great Tribulation, it will be such a period of perplexity that the

Lord has made a way to take His Own faithful out of the way – just as He did with Noah, before the Old world was destroyed by Flood, and just as He did for Lot and family before Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. The Lord has promised to be the security of those who are faithful and undefiled!

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book (Daniel 12:1, KJV).

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened (Matthew 24:15-22, KJV).

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation,

which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. 12 Him that 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. 13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches (Revelation 3:10-13, KJV).

TRIBULATION SAINTS

We need to correct an error here. As part of a scare mongering approach to get people to be serious about their faith, some Holiness congregations advanced the notion that after the rapture, the doors of grace would be closed, and no one would be saved. The Truth however is that many saints who out of not being watchful and prayerful or who did not give heed to warnings concerning end of the age will miss the rapture as the parable of the Foolish Virgins in Matthew 25: 1-13 reveal. The whole counsel of the Scriptures reveals that those who recover themselves and embrace martyrdom rather than accept the Mark of the Beast, his name or number will still be saved during the Great Tribulation – These are called the Tribulation saints.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them (Revelation 7:13-15, KJV).

One truth Holy Spirit will remind them which will make embrace of torture and martyrdom a better option is this one:

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name (Revelation 14:9-11, KJV).

Whereas the Seal of Holy Spirit is the Mark of Divine ownership of saints, the mark, name, or number of the Beast will signify eternal ownership of Satan on those who do not give heed to this warning. They will cross the gates of perdition, which is irreversible!

B. WHEN WILL THE RAPTURE HAPPEN?

King Yeshua, Jesus is clear that no one knows the day or hour!

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only (Matthew 24:36, KJV).

C. WHAT ARE THE MAIN MARKERS BY WHICH SAINTS CAN DISCERN THE TIMES, THAT THESE THINGS ARE CLOSE AT HAND?

Though no one knows the date and time, there are many indications of when the Rapture is near. Out of them all, the Holy Scriptures leave us three main markers, namely: Deconstruction of morality, the great falling away, and peace for Israel.

DECONSTRUCTION OF MORALITY

The world will reject Judeo-Christian values and moral life will be subjective with people living as they please. This will be prevalent both in the world and in the organised Church. It will be like the days of Noah.

But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be (Matthew 24:37-39, KJV).

Like the days of Lot, humans will embrace a new way of sexual relationship contrary to that prescribed by Yahweh in Genesis 2:18-25. Many Christians will be distracted by the cares of life that they will take their eyes off the Lord to take care of their temporal needs.

Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; (Luke 17:28, KJV).

Love of the world will be embraced by believers who program their minds to believe that success at all costs is fair.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:15-17, KJV).

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. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? (James 4:2-5, KJV).

THE GREAT FALLING AWAY

The Day of Rapture will be preceded by a falling away from the central Truth of the Gospel. There will be various popular diversions from the truth which will be attractive to the vast majority. Many in Church will choose the broad way of compromise and worldliness. The Broad way of living will appeal to many who will not heed the warnings of scripture.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Matthew 7:13-14, KJV).

Many believers will be afflicted with 'itching ear syndrome, deem the Bible as archaic and embrace secular humanistic ideas, opinion and lifestyles of so-called 'current/relevant' preachers and social influencers just like the world is addicted to following 'stars'.

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables (2 Timothy 4:1-4, KJV).

A sizeable number of believers will not be watching, praying, and occupying their allotments with the mind that

He is not returning soon. This careless living is the product of the utilitarian gospel where Yahweh basically exists to meet needs of 'modern' Christians! The ministry will be infested by many whose god is their belly, and they will overthrow the faith of many!

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Matthew 7:15-23, KJV).

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things) (Philippians 3:17-19, KJV).

Romans 8:5-7; 1 Corinthians 6:12-18; Galatians 5:16-21.

When the Gospel of the Kingdom is rediscovered, lived out and preached worldwide.

Since the 4th Century, the Gospel of the Kingdom was supplanted with Christendom, which is a corruption of the real. Whenever the true Gospel of the Kingdom which emphasizes relationship with Elohim as Father; the Kingship of Yeshua over those who submit to His sovereign rule as Disciples and who are led by the Holy Spirit in ALL things and begin to demonstrate and proclaim the full truth globally, it is a clear marker that we are near to the end. This unleashing is directly tied to the fulfilment of Matthew 24:14.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14, KJV).

More than at any other time in history, empowered saints have deployed technology, including satellite TV; cable; radio, Facebook and other social media to preach the gospel of the Kingdom in a way that has penetrated even the Iron Curtain of Communism and organised Religion! Through various streams of the Reformation movement, the latent strength of the Church is being unshackled. The Priesthood of all believers after the Order of Melchizedek is now a reality and the trend cannot be stopped. Many saints are getting deliverance from the Pharaoh-like denominational spirit which confined them to function within the remit of congregational meetings.

'PEACE' FOR ISRAEL

Besides the above, there is also a revelation of another major marker that the season is ripe! ‘When they shall say, Peace and Safety’! It is our considered opinion that this has to do with when humans are on the verge of finding a solution that supposedly brings peace to Israel and her neighbors in the Middle East on terms and conditions that will deceive both Jews and saints that all is well. Saints are encouraged to closely watch unfolding developments in Israel, which is in the state of the highest form of insecurity since it was permanently (according to scripture) re-instated as a nation in 1948. The events since the 21st Century that may lead to securing ‘peace’ for Israel have been breathtaking. Only the Father knows if what is ongoing there now will culminate in the fulfilment of Scripture. It makes sense to be on high alert and readiness like the wise Virgins!

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus

Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we
wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and
edify one another, even as also ye do (1
Thessalonians 5:1-11, KJV).

It is needful that all saints give heed to the scriptures,
prayerfully consider what the Holy Spirit is saying in the
now. That is the place of safety.

Assignment

1. Please share 3 things you learned from this chapter.

Chapter 5

Event 2: The Rapture of Saints Part 3

At the beginning of this section on the rapture, we read about the three concepts of timing of the rapture of saints. We clearly established what is of utmost importance is to be ready as prescribed in the Word (not subjective reasoning, feelings, or assumptions!) The tendencies for denominations to use uncharitable, incendiary language to fight those with opposite views of the rapture displays flesh in high definition. Some who read the gospels often get confused with passages like Matthew 24. In that scripture, Yeshua was giving 3 answers to 3 questions regarding when the Temple in Jerusalem will be destroyed, the sign of His coming and the signal for when end of the world will be due.

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? (Matthew 24:3, KJV).

This scripture is waiting for the day of the rapture to be fulfilled:

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. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the

bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it (Romans 8:18-25, KJV).

Theological debates are toxic and should be avoided. The most important thing is to be 'rapturable' on a 24/7 basis. Those who are in tune with the end times who walk in the Grace to be rapture ready!

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof (Romans 13:11-14, KJV).

WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE RAPTURE OF SAINTS?

The reality is that EVERY true believer, redeemed by the Blood of Yeshua, Jesus is qualified for the rapture. This is guaranteed by the seal of the Holy Spirit placed as a mark of

divine ownership the day they were regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit (John 3:3-8, KJV)

The work of regeneration is completed with the seal of Holy Spirit to signify Divine ownership. The name of the individual which was previously in the book of death is automatically transferred to the Book of Life.

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts (2 Corinthians 1:22, KJV).

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13, KJV).

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30, KJV).

It is sad that a divine blessing of grace that is so graphically described in various scriptures as the hope and inheritance of saints is one that the vast majority are ignorant of and not walking in consciousness that it may happen any moment.

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory (1 Corinthians 15:51-54, KJV).

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 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: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17, KJV).

Unfortunately, the vast majority of professing Christians are ignorant of these scriptures. Worse still, not all who profess to be saved are truly saved.

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity (2 Timothy 2:19, KJV).

The Day of the Lord will therefore be a day of surprises and only those who are in Him will be raptured shortly after those who died in Him are resurrected.

CATEGORIES OF SAINTS FOR THE RAPTURE

For the sake of clarity, we need to break down the category of humans who will qualify to be raptured:

1. Those who hold the righteousness and grace they received as a gift in Yeshua seriously and allow it to determine their thoughts, words, attitudes, and actions.
2. Those who are watchful, discerning by the Spirit the times and how to live.

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of

the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, KJV).

3. Saints who do not allow sin or weights (unprofitable habits or lifestyle) to take their eyes off the sign of Yeshua.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin (Hebrews 12:1-4, KJV).

4. Saints whose hands are on the plough of Kingdom service, productively engaged in same, according to

the divine pattern. They are occupying in the consciousness that He will return soon and do not look back or abandon prior commitments of consecration.

And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God (Luke 9:61-62, KJV).

The Lord expects us to utilise all the gifts and callings He vested on us to produce abundant outcomes which will be assessed when we come before Him.

And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come (Luke 19:11-13, KJV).

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:6-8, KJV).

As discussed in a previous chapter, the overall thrust of the Pre-tribulation school of thought is consistent with divine precedence (Enoch and Elijah), the faithful character of Elohim and Biblical framework of end of the age. In this commission, we are persuaded of its consistency with Biblical realities. Over the years, we are convinced beyond doubt that the Pre, Mid and Post Tribulation debates are totally unnecessary! As they pit brethren against brethren and denominations against denominations, the enemy, Satan, is smiling all the way! The debates and arguments give him even more satisfaction because they evidence his handiwork of divisiveness.

***THE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TRUTH
TO KNOW***

The absolute, necessary truth to know is ‘what’ it is, irrespective of ‘when’ it will occur! Let us therefore study all the chapters, know, and be persuaded of the truth that saints will be raptured and be in a state of readiness by His Grace that no matter when it occurs, we will be among the number found faithful!

THESE 5 POSTULATIONS APPLY TO THE TOPIC

1. Saints need to know that the Word is clear that those who abide in Yeshua, Jesus and allow His words to abide in them have a Blessed Hope.
2. That Blessed Hope is that the Seal of Redemption which is the Holy Spirit will quicken them one day to have celestial bodies – whether they were dead

before then or alive at that the time appointed by the Father.

3. Saints will see and experience heaven which we have heard of all our lives! This is projected to be an experience of about 7 years.
4. Saints who served faithfully, occupying till King Yeshua, Jesus returns will rule and reign on planet earth with Him as co-heirs over specific peoples, territories, and regions.

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 (Romans 8:17, KJV).

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: (2 Timothy 2:12, KJV).

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (Revelation 1:5-6, KJV).

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10, KJV).

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 (Revelation 20:6, KJV).

5. In effect, saints need to know that there is more to life than the present sin-wracked, trouble filled one. We therefore cannot live here on earth, focusing on material things of the day which will pass away!

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable (1 Corinthians 15:19, KJV).

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matthew 16:26, KJV).

CHURCH FOLKS WHO WILL MISS THE RAPTURE

1. Believers who live in Sin as a way of life/lifestyle stand the risk of missing the rapture.
2. Believers who are not watchful and prayerful, like the foolish virgins, may miss the rapture.
3. Those who buy into the false prosperity message which unleash extreme covetousness may miss the sound of the trumpet.
4. Anyone caught up with the Pseudo-kingdom gospel which denies the primacy of Yeshua may have missed the blessed hope.
5. When scripture is diligently compared with scripture, the manifestation of the Protestant version of Mystery Babylon – when Politicians and religious leaders will ‘be married’ to each other to pursue

mutually beneficial goals in the name of God but with nature of Satan. (The Roman version of mystery Babylon has been a reality since the 4th Century).

6. Those who doubt, are fearful and unbelieving.

Assignment

1. Who qualifies for the rapture? 2. What scriptures signify that the rapture will take place. 3. What type of saints will qualify to be raptured? 4. What type of Church folks may miss the rapture?

Chapter 6

Event 3: The anti-Christ to come Part 1

As we continue our study of some of the assumed ‘dark’ chapters of the Holy Scriptures, we need illumination of Holy Spirit and diligent study of the Holy Scriptures to crack the code of things to come: the events which will surely happen on a day and time known to Elohim alone. With this approach, we will discover deep truths in the Word!

For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: (Isaiah 28:10, KJV).

This systematic approach to comparing scripture with scripture reveals that three events will happen in quick succession, without warning. We have already examined two, namely:

- * The First resurrection of the righteous dead who receive a new body suit/celestial body with which to live forever.
- * The Rapture or catching away of the living righteous who receive a new body suit/celestial body with which to live forever.

In this chapter, we will focus on the third event, which is the emergence of the anti-Christ.

A CONTEMPORARY SCENARIO

Picture for a moment the world after the sudden and unannounced rapture of saints! Picture the utter confusion as planes crash when pilots who are saints get raptured. Down

on earth, imagine what will happen across the world when faithful saints are caught up, while driving cars without drivers careening off highways, smashing into others. Picture the excited TV anchors streaming live feeds of various images of crises from satellite images across the world.

A SNAPSHOT OF THE ANTI-CHRIST

In this state, a ‘strong personality’ will emerge out of the state of chaos that grips the world. This personality will superintend over the dying days of the human age! A highly charismatic and deceptive figure, the anti-Christ will ‘stabilise’ the world, restore order out of the chaos and lead the world to worship Satan in open display of defiled religion. He will be affirmed by a religious figure, the False Prophet who would impose what we call the Beast economic system on humanity! This part of our study presents the subject in a biblical narrative that will help the remnant understand what the Word says and make sense out of unfolding developments across the world.

It was in that context that we were first led in **Course 141: *Understanding the End Times*** to understand the possible governmental system or ‘Kingdom’ which will be the prevalent global power on earth during the end of the age. As we saw, the United Nations system where humans built the modern attempt to give the world universal peace outside of Elohim, the European Union, which is largely in the territory of the defunct Roman Empire, the United States of America fit the bill. It is entirely possible that the system will include a combination of the three possibilities. If we have

come to the point of knowing the potential empire that will reign on earth when King Yeshua returns, it is also imperative that we know the nature and profile of the individual who will emerge one day out of them to 'rule' the earth when the time comes. The biblical narrative we follow will make things clearer for the remnant who are sincere seekers.

Generations of saints have been confused about the subject because of denominational and dogmatic lenses through which many bible scholars seek to interpret scripture. When this subjective approach is added to the intrusions of racial and cultural biases, saints are confused further. This sad situation is compounded by the tendency of many so-called End Time experts to speculate not only on dates but carelessly throw around names of politicians they dislike as the 'anti-Christ'. These are part of the wiles of Satan to obscure the facts so that saints will not grasp the truth. If this is so, we need to avoid a focus on PERSONS and rather seek to know WHAT Elohim is unveiling. Let us note the principle that a Throne is greater than the person sitting thereon. Let us therefore not be among the number of prognosticators who throw around names of personalities in unhelpful speculations.

THE SPIRITUAL BASIS OF THE ANTI-CHRIST AND FALSE PROPHET: ULTIMATE IMITATION OF THE TRIUNE ELOHIM

As students of the bible know through Isaiah 14:12-18 and Ezekiel 14:12-19, the personality now known as Satan or the Devil used to be Lucifer, the anointed Cherub who covered the Throne of Elohim. In his former estate, Satan was privy to some mysteries of Elohim. When he fell, Satan set out to imitate many of the things he saw and knew of the Most High. Through imitation, for instance, he set about a

governmental system whereby his powers were delegated to Principalities, Powers, Rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in heavenly places in such a way that many assume that he is Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent like Elohim (Ephesians 6:12). If you listen to the ways some saints pray and wage spiritual warfare, you cannot help but wonder if Satan is equal and opposite of Elohim rather than the created being he is. That is one of the reasons why Yeshua called Satan the father of lies in John 8:44.

The ultimate imitation of Elohim however is reserved for the end of the age when Satan will play, as it were, his 'last card'. That will be to create an alternate 'trinity' of three evil personalities:

- * Satan himself, depicted in the book of Revelation as the Dragon who will take the place of the 'Father' (Revelation 12:1-17).
- * The Anti-Christ, called the Breast, a human Satan will give his power and authority to imitate The Son (Revelation 13:1-10).
- * The False Prophet who will function in false authority and 'power' to imitate the role of the Holy Spirit. (Revelation 13:11-18).

This imitation is a function of Satan knowing that the game is up and therefore an attempt to unleash the full measure of his guile and fury. This principle is stated in this scripture:

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

Satan will deceive and take down with him as much people as he can before he is finally quarantined for 1000 years and then permanently condemned in his ultimate place of eternal torment, the Lake of Fire and brimstone. (Revelation 20:1-10).

TYPES OF ANTI-CHRIST

Almost all things that happen on earth have precedents. That is why some prophetic utterances are part of the law of double application. Anti-Christ figures feature in two previous instances in scripture, which have their prophetic roots in the book of Daniel. He prophesied that one major role of the anti-Christ would be to defile the temple at Jerusalem and cause an abomination of desolation to take place (offer an unclean sacrifice on the holy altar (Daniel 8, 9). Yeshua, Jesus referenced Daniel when He reaffirmed in Matthew 24:15 that the man would commit the abomination of desolation.

#1: Antiochus IV Epiphanes – the man who called himself ‘god manifested’ was the cruel anti-Semitic ruler of the Seleucid Kingdom. He was the person identified in Daniel 8:9-14. Ruling from 175 to 164 BC, his most infamous act was the sacrifice of a sow (pigs are unclean animals) on the altar of the Temple and placing thereon, an idol of Zeus the Greek god. Both acts were the first abomination of desolation. This desecration inspired revolt of the Maccabees who cleansed the Temple after taking away this reproach in what is now celebrated as Chanukah/Hanukkah.

#2: General Titus – In AD 70, the first of the 3-part answer of Yeshua, Jesus to the question his disciples asked Him in Matthew 24:3 happened (‘when shall these things be’ destruction of the Temple came to pass). After wearing down Jews with a costly siege, the army led by General Titus destroyed the Temple completely and by some accounts, placed an idol on the altar in an abomination of desolation. It was also believed that Roman soldiers worshipped their war Standard in the Temple premises. Disciples of Yeshua Jesus, who remembered his words in Matthew 24, fled the city while others dug in. Those who fled escaped the slaughter of over 1 million people, mainly Jews.

These two instances which confirmed prophecies have set the stage for the ultimate anti-Christ figure. This one will not just be a Jewish hater; he will be much more – a world ruler who would seek to take consciousness of Yahweh out of people and seek to be worshipped as god. That many saints are treating grace with spite and living carelessly by the standards of the world show that truly only the Remnant may escape the unfolding era. Please note that these two instances do not downplay the nefarious deeds of Adolf Hitler who handled the murder of over 6 million Jews. It is just that the focus of this aspect of our study is to identify individuals who defiled the Temple as part of their evil acts.

SCRIPTURES AND COMMENTARIES ON THE ANTI-CHRIST

For several years Satan has sought to deceive saints by injection of a red herring: that the Anti-Christ will emerge out of radical Islam. Unfortunately, many ‘leading prophecy experts’ have looked to Islamic literature, not the Bible, as their source of authority. Those who buy into this theory may discover the error only when it is too late. There is a rich trove of prophetic scriptures in both the Old and New Covenants of the Holy Scriptures that sincere seekers only

need the help of the Holy Spirit to understand. Here is wisdom: imitating Yeshua Who lived in the earth realm for 30 years before He was publicly unveiled at the Baptism of John (Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 3:21-23), the man of Sin as he is also called, will be on earth before the rapture, unknown to the world until the Day the Church is taken away as 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 show. In the same way, the anti-Christ shall be from amongst not just all humanity but also have two important attributes which will thicken the plot of Satan's deception:

1. He will be a friend of the Church
2. He will be a friend of Israel.

A stranger figure cannot deceive Israel and the Church!

It is these two qualities which will mask his identity until the day appointed for manifestation. During this period, the enemy will compromise great religious and community leaders of both groups to pursue shadows rather than the core essence of their faith. By the time they know it, it will be too late to dis-entangle from his firm grip! Because they inclined their hearts to pursue vanity and disregard guardrails of the Kingdom, Elohim Himself will give over to many Christians and leaders, a reprobate mind so that seeing they will not see and hearing, they will not hear. In other words, such religious leaders, and the masses of their 'faithful followers' who follow them without question will head to the ditch, as it were, in broad daylight (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12, KJV). The warning of Yeshua to the Jews of His day provides a strong hint at how this deception will play out:

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive (John 5:43, KJV).

HOW WILL THE ANTI-CHRIST MANIFEST?

2 Thessalonians Chapter 2 provides vital clues. Apart from the rapture of the Church, which hitherto hindered his manifestation, the next event is the ‘evident presence of the corrupt ‘church’ which has fallen away. Let us see how Paul was given a graphic picture of the timing of manifestation of the anti-Christ and his assignments – including defilement of the Third Temple in Jerusalem.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; (2 Thessalonians 2:3, KJV).

Commentary: Manifestation of the anti-Christ will be preceded by a massive falling away from the truth. Backsliding, apostasy, and heresies will be commonplace. Mystery Babylon would be fully manifested in the practice of ‘Christian Religion’ without the Person, Nature and attitude of Yeshua, Jesus. Various groups and denominations will fashion their preferred versions of the faith in rituals, norms and activities performed on certain ‘holy days’ inside dedicated ‘church’ buildings. The whole charade will look like, but not be a manifestation of the faith in Yeshua. Whenever the world is filled with this picture, it is safe to assume that the falling away is manifested.

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.⁵ Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? (2 Thessalonians 2:4-5, KJV).

Commentary: This arrogant, essentially godless personality who somehow projects himself as ‘friend of Israel’ and its ardent defender will one day enter into the third Temple to demand their worship possibly as a compensation for being their ‘protector’, who guaranteed their ‘peace’. Possibly, he would also play a vital role in making the building of the Third Temple a reality.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate (Daniel 9:27, KJV).

THE TELL-TALE EVENT: ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

This might be when he enters the 3rd Temple to commit the abomination of Desolation Yeshua, Jesus spoke of. In other words, a day will come, after rapture of the watchful and prayerful saints when television screens and the internet will be filled with the picture of what is happening in the temple in Jerusalem. Saints who missed the rapture should have no difficulty understanding the significance of the news. The gracious Lord has given this warning so that those who are in any doubt of where we are in the end times will know for certainty that the end of all things is at hand. They will know that the Great Tribulation is about to start and respond accordingly.

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) (Matthew 24:15, KJV).

And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, (2 Thessalonians 2:6-9, KJV).

Commentary: Based on comparison of Scriptures, we believe it is the true remnant Church which hinders manifestation of the anti-Christ. Once the Rapture of true saints takes place, this withholding work will cease and the identity of the man of Sin will be known. By then, those who allowed themselves to be deceived would be in an untenable position. Verse 9 makes the case that the anti-Christ will emerge as an act of Satan's evil powers, signs and lying wonders (that deceive the unwary).

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12, KJV).

Commentary: verses 10, 11, 12 reveal one of the ways of Elohim: when people refuse to walk in His Light and Truth,

He permits their distorted viewpoints to be their alternative reality. Such people essentially become reprobate and unable to distinguish between Truth and Falsehood; Right and Wrong! Their moral compass fails, and they are turned aside into vain jangling. Professing themselves to be wise, they gravitate towards utter destruction without sensing the same. This principle is stated in Psalms 18:26 and Romans 1:20-32.

Assignment

1. Who is the anti-Christ? 2. Please list the two qualities of the anti-Christ which will lead to deception of many. 3. What event will signal the time of emergence of the anti-Christ. 4. What single event will show with no shadow of doubt who the anti-Christ is. 5. In what way is the anti-Christ an agent of Satan.

Chapter 7

Event 3: The anti-Christ to come Part 2

In this chapter, we will dig deeper into the identity and assignments of the anti-Christ so that our knowledge is expanded. The scriptures are clear that knowing what the scriptures teach of the end times is a wise investment which brings edification and comfort.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words (1 Thessalonians 4:18, KJV).

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and

edify one another, even as also ye do (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, KJV).

Let us recap the events which precede his ‘manifestation’.

1. The righteous dead will be the first to respond to the trumpet sound, be resurrected and given celestial bodies for living in all eternity.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 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: (1 Thessalonians 4:13-16, KJV).

2. On a day and hour known to no one, the true Church will be raptured in a moment of time.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 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: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the

air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18, KJV).

As Salt of the earth and light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16), the Church is the grand factor limiting his ability to rise and take over. Once the rapture takes place, the way is paved for the anti-Christ to emerge unhindered. This truth is expressly stated in Paul's epistle

And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way (2 Thessalonians 2:6-7, KJV).

RISE OF THE ANTI-CHRIST

Let us see how the Book of Revelation describes the rise and time of the anti-Christ. Greater explanation will follow in subsequent sections, but we will explain some verses in short commentaries.

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

Commentary: The sea stands for the mass of humanity. The anti-Christ will arise from the mass of humans, yet with a specific mandate and assignment that only a very few will be privy to.

Though a human, the word 'Beast' may imply his brutish and ferocious nature. 7 heads and 10 horns with crowns may

imply the willing embrace by a confederation of rulers and entities who will cede to him the pride of place. This conforms with the ten toes of Iron mixed with Clay in Daniel 2:41 suggesting that the anti-Christ may be ruler of that entity (See also Revelation 17:12).

The blasphemies upon his head may stand for what Paul described in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 as:

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

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

Commentary: Satan will invest his power, seat, and great authority to this individual to function on his behalf as the Prince or god of this world. Leopard stands for speed; Bear stands for strength; Lion stands for boldness/courage. These three qualities will define the personality of the anti-Christ.

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

Commentary: The antichrist will suffer a major setback. It could mean that he will survive an assassination attempt and

be hailed as a miracle worker. It could also mean that he will experience a great political crisis, and be written off as 'finished' which he will overcome, and emerge victorious over his adversaries for which he would be hailed and idolised by adoring fans.

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

Commentary: By his 'success', the anti-Christ will bring glory to Satan (worship). The antichrist himself will be famous in the earth realm (also worshipped as it were). His ability to bring peace and order to a chaotic world following the rapture of saints will make people stand in awe of him.

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:5-8, KJV).

Commentary: For 42 months (3 and half years), the anti-Christ will blaspheme Yahweh. He will fight against and persecute saints who missed the rapture, killing them at will.

He will be a world ruler, exercising authority over all those whose names are not in the Lamb's Book of Life. Those whose names are in the Lamb's Book of life are those who were truly regenerated in the spirit-man by Holy Spirit and sealed unto the day of redemption (John 3:3-7; Ephesians 2:1-10, Ephesians 4:30, 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13). Majority of Christians are good 'church goers and members of various denominations clinging to a part of truth. The number who are truly regenerated is relatively smaller. Many believers have been deluded to equate the ideological posturing of the conservative movement and its opposite, the social justice campaigns of the liberal movement with the gospel of the Kingdom. This is a false equivalence which case will be used by Satan to deceive many.

If any man have an ear, let him hear.¹⁰ He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints (Revelation 13:9-10, KJV).

The description of the anti-Christ ends with an ominous warning: those who have ears should hear! Elohim places these warnings in several scriptures so that 'believers' who miss it will be inexcusable. Past and contemporary trends reveal that majority of Christians will prefer to redefine the truth to suit their preferred fancies, just as Paul moaned about Israel and the Torah.

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness

of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth (Romans 10:1-4, KJV).

One recurring theme in the words of Yeshua to the 7 Church at Asia Minor – both the unfaithful 5 and faithful 2 was the need to take heed.

REVELATION 2

TO THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God (Revelation 2:7, KJV).

TO THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death (Revelation 2:11, KJV).

TO THE CHURCH IN PERGAMOS

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new

name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it (Revelation 2:17, KJV).

TO THE CHURCH IN THYATIRA

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches (Revelation 2:29, KJV).

Verse 10 indicates that life under the anti-Christ will be without the grace and mercy of Elohim. Human beings will be at their worst base nature.

WHY THE REMNANT NEEDS TO STUDY THIS SUBJECT

1. It is prominently featured in the Holy Write – in the books of Daniel, the teachings of Yeshua, Paul and John the Beloved.
2. The subject is one of the definite markers of the final chapter of human history.
3. Knowledge derived from this study will enable the remnant to always live like the wise virgins and therefore rapture ready, by His Grace.
4. Knowledge of this subject will motivate us to lovingly deploy grace to reconcile family and friends to the Lord before it is too late.
5. Believers who will miss the rapture will ultimately be saved and escape the snare of the Beast economic system when they know what lies ahead.
6. Ignorance is deadly and cannot be an excuse.

Assignment

Please share 5 things you learned about the anti-Christ from Revelation 13:1-10.

Chapter 8

Event 3 The anti-Christ to come Part 3

Those who are fearful or worried about the end times betray the effect of a spirit of unpreparedness. Rather than fear, issues related to the end times ought to inspire the spirit of comfort and joy.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words (1 Thessalonians 4:18, KJV).

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do (1 Thessalonians 5:9-11, KJV).

As has been hinted in different chapters, issues concerning the person and activities of the anti-Christ are detailed in the writings of Daniel, the Prophecies of Yeshua, the teachings of Paul and writings of John the Beloved. As we continue our study of the anti-Christ, we sense the need to compare scripture with scripture concerning his manifestation.

THE THREE WAYS THAT THE ANTI-CHRIST MIGHT MANIFEST:

#1. As a son of perdition: Elohim is creator of all humans. In His Omniscience (all knowing mind that is not restricted to time and season), He knows vessels who are inclined to dishonour and profanity and gives them the liberty to exercise their will and choice. Another perspective which is rooted in Romans chapter 9:11-22 is that ultimately, Elohim

can create vessels of honour and also those of dishonour to fulfil specific purposes that ultimately lead to manifestation of His Supreme Will in the earth realm! Such vessels of dishonour then manifest their inward nature in external action. The Pharaoh who oppressed Israel in Egypt as well Judas Iscariot were such. The anti-Christ is in this category also.

And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; 11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) 12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. 13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. 14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. 17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. 18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. 19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? 21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto

dishonour? 22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, (Romans 9:10-23, KJV).

Here are scriptures confirming the possibility that the anti-Christ may be a person created to perform a specific role.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, **the son of perdition**; (2 Thessalonians 2:3, KJV).

This was the case with Judas Iscariot.

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, **but the son of perdition**; that the scripture might be fulfilled (John 17:12, KJV).

#2. As an outcome of seduction/temptation by Satan: Satan took away the rulership of this world from Adam by subtlety in the Garden of Eden. Since then, his being the ‘god’ or ‘prince’ of this world is acknowledged in Scriptures. It was on this basis that Satan tried to seduce Yeshua with global power before the due season:

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give

thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.
10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence,
Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the
Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve
(Matthew 4:8-10, KJV).

Yeshua recognised this role of Satan in these scriptures:

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall **the prince of this world** be cast out (John 12:31, KJV).

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for **the prince of this world** cometh, and hath nothing in me (John 14:30, KJV).

Paul acknowledged this position of Satan:

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom **the god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them (2 Corinthians 4:3-4, KJV).

John the beloved also noted Satan as ruler of this evil world:

And we know that we are of God, and **the whole world lieth in wickedness** (1 John 5:19, KJV).

Just as he did with Yeshua, Satan may offer a specific individual, possibly a Political or Military leader or whoever is the appointed vessel, his power and authority as an instrument to rule and dominate the world. The reality that Satan will be at work in the anti-Christ is confirmed by this part of his profile:

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority...⁴ And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? (Revelation 13:2, 4, KJV).

#3. Necessity. It is possible that personal necessity to survive the onslaught of political enemies will drive an individual to the wall, with no way out but to embrace the offer of Satan in the way described above. Political power intoxicates and always attracts ambitious people to throw caution to the wind to achieve their dreams.

- * It is also possible that gross disorder on earth, confusion and need for order will drive the world to desire and be ready for the emergence of this personality who will stabilise things.
- * The picture of the times when this personality will appear on the world scene is very graphic. Matthew 24 when analysed, shows this clearly.

Speaking of necessity, christsbondservants.org described a statement attributed to one of the most outstanding humans to live in the 20th century who was evidently horrified with the massive mortality rate of World War I and II:

“Dr. Paul Henri Spaak, former Secretary General of NATO, the first President of the United Nations General Assembly and an architect of the United Nations and the New World Order said, “We do not want another committee, we have too many already. What we want is a man of sufficient stature

to hold the allegiance of all people, and to lift us out of the economic morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man and be he god or devil, we will receive him.”(christsbondservants.org)

Let us consider some additional insights from the Old Testament.

THE DANIEL PROPHECY

With the rise of extreme terrorism and many things the world cannot handle, the stage seems set for such a personality to emerge, once the true Church is raptured according to 2 Thessalonians chapter 2! Let us now take our bearing from the Book of Daniel, which has been our general anchor scripture for this series.

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. **8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things...11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake:** I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame... **20** And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other

which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. 21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;... 23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. 25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. 26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end (Daniel 7:7-8, 11, 20-22, 23-26, KJV).

Commentary: The anti-Christ and his assignment is pictured in the following terms:

1. According to Daniel 7:7-8, 20, 23, 24, he will arise out of a successor entity to the Roman Empire (feet of Iron and Clay) to rule the world system. He will lead the final empire/system that will prevail on earth when King Yeshua, Jesus will return to subdue all opposition according to Psalm 2 and establish the physical dimension of the Kingdom and rule the earth (We have seen that this may be the United Nations, the European Union, or the USA).

2. Daniel 7:8, 11, 20, 25. This personality will despise Elohim, having no regard for things holy. He will be pompous in speech and a man of great elocution, with the ability to use words to great negative effect to capture the hearts of his followers.
3. Daniel 7:21, 25. This personality and the system he will preside over will make war with saints. For a season, he will succeed. This will be the reality during the Great Tribulation years. Some years ago, we assumed this would mean ascendancy of liberal values in the public space at the expense of Judeo-Christian values and attendant persecution saints will suffer. Many global trends suggest it may also be in the opposite direction, however. This is when assumed 'conservative' values are executed by 'smart' politicians as a cover for something more sinister, which is to capture the affection and loyalty of Christians who miss essence of the gospel of the Kingdom and become cultural warriors always engaged in fights with sinners. In nations where the Church has little understanding of the Kingdom, saints will be deceived to equate possession of political, social, and economic power as evidence of success and blessing. It may also refer to the harassment and slaughter of many Christians who out of carelessness or indifference missed the rapture of saints. No one will practise the Faith freely when this personality is finally unveiled and fully manifested.
4. Daniel 7:25b this personality will seek to put in place new laws which will alter how people live and seek to change times.
5. Daniel 7:11, 26. Though seemingly powerful, the anti-Christ will ultimately be destroyed and placed where he belongs – the Lake of Fire..

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone (Revelation 19:20, KJV).

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever (Revelation 20:10, KJV).

By filling pages of scripture with issues concerning end of the age, Elohim ordained a clear compass to the future.

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 15 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof (Romans 13:11-13, 15, KJV).

Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:14-16, KJV).

No Christian has any valid excuse to miss the final destination! Those who embrace the full sovereign rule of King Yeshua will have no space for loyalty to the anti-Christ to come.

Assignment

1. What are the 3 ways he can manifest? 2. Summarize what you learned from Daniel 7:7-26. 3. What personal message did you receive from this chapter?

Chapter 9

Event 3 The anti-Christ to come Part 4

Outcomes of the rule and time of the anti-Christ: his policies and activities

We need to be reminded of some things Elohim revealed to us of the assignment of the anti-Christ and trust the Holy Spirit to expand our understanding. The policies and activities of the anti-Christ will lead to these outcomes:

1. Multitudes on earth who refuse to receive the love of Elohim in Yeshua will embrace and worship Satan directly or indirectly. They will do so either by worshipping the anti-Christ as their god or Satan who gave him power.

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven...8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:4-6, 8, KJV).

But let us also acknowledge the inconvenient truth that both the Throne (office) he will occupy and domain (sphere of

influence) which he will initially rule over before manifesting to the world would have been programmed to produce what will manifest in due season. Let the question be therefore asked, in the light of all the revelations received so far: of all offices on earth humans created for rulership, which one was given so much power, including the ability to do and undo at will? Which nations and entities were created with an assumed cover of righteousness, whereas ungodly precepts and practices lie at its foundation?

2. To execute satanic Judgement against the Hebrews (Jews) who refused the Salvation in Yeshua Ha Mashiach.

Yeshua made a critical statement to Jewish religious leaders that, just as they rejected Him, they would hastily embrace an opposite figure.

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive (John 5:43, KJV).

As was noted in Daniel 7:27, the anti-Christ will start his tenure by making a peace treaty with Israel, which he shall break three and a half years later. He will reveal his true colours when he commits the abomination that makes desolate. As Jews rise to protest, they will face the full measure of his fury. The situation will be worse than the Holocaust of Adolf Hitler. Here is a passage that describes the situation which we shall deal with in detail in another specific chapter on the Great Tribulation:

Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? 7 Alas! for

that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it (Jeremiah 30:6-7, KJV).

Even our King, Yeshua, Jesus described the suffering of those days with graphic language:

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened (Matthew 24:21-22, KJV).

One of the reasons why Satan hates Hebrews with passion is that it is from the blood line that Yeshua, the Seed of the Woman came. Right from Genesis 3:15, when that prophecy that he will meet his Waterloo at the hand of The Seed of the woman was pronounced, Satan has done everything in his power to either pollute the lineage through sexual immorality or exterminate them. Figures like Haman, Antiochus Epiphanes IV, General Titus, and Adolf Hitler were all pawns in his hands. The figure of Satan and the woman in Revelation 12 is believed by some Prophecy teachers as a reference to his age long war against Israel.

3. To execute satanic judgement against professing Christians who missed the rapture despite plain provisions of Scripture. It is obvious that many Christians will miss the rapture of saints which was described in detail in previous chapters. Let us take note that of all hints in the Word, the most generous measure of those who will miss the rapture is put at these ratios:

- * 50 percent in the allegory of the 10 Virgins in Matthew 25:1-13.
 - * In Luke 19:11-27, only 2 out of 10 servants were found faithful. One was out rightly condemned as unfit for the Kingdom. 7 or 70 percent represent proportion of those who were just not engaged and, in this context, not ready for the Master's return!
 - * In parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:1-8, just 25 percent of saints had the right heart to receive the Word and produce abundant fruit of transformed lives.
4. To be, by default, an instrument of providing saints who missed the rapture a final opportunity to make a choice of eternity with Yeshua or Satan. It is possible that you may have heard of a dogmatic school of thought which asserts that once the rapture takes place, the gates of Salvation are closed.

The uniform testimony of Scripture teaches otherwise. Many Christians who missed the rapture of saints and remember teachings like this, which they confirm in the Word will be saved. The only difference is that they will face a new reality: they can only worship Yahweh or profess faith in Yeshua at the price of death! The era of free ride of grace ended with the rapture! Many will opt to be killed, some brutally, and they will secure eternity by so doing.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our

God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. 13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes (Revelation 7:9-17, KJV).

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

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of

Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration (Revelation 17:6, KJV).

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

The question is: why would any saint be careless now or allow dogma learnt from denominational interpretations of the Bible or teachers of false grace to cause him or her to miss the Rapture? The plan of our King is that we live in such a way that whether He comes before, during or after the rapture, we are in 24/7 readiness like the wise virgins! Let us not allow such dogmatic fights as Pre-Trib; Mid-Trib or Post-Trib to tear us apart! The main thing is to be ready to meet Him He comes!

Those who despise grace now will have an uphill battle to be saved when the atmosphere is full of gross darkness! Prophet Jeremiah captured the essence of the situation:

If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan? (Jeremiah 12:5, KJV).

5. To rule the world that refused Yeshua, Jesus with a rod as an opposite influence. In that regard, the anti-

Christ will show the world the real nature of Satan in a more manifest way. This is why he will supervise the Great Tribulation period of world history, to enforce the will and plans of Satan. With the world at the apogee of rebellion against Elohim, Divine wrath will be poured out against humans on earth who submit to the unrestrained rule of Satan. The Book of Revelation contains details of how terrible this time will be. The Bowl Judgements of Revelation Chapter 16 are particularly recommended for study. Here is how Yeshua described that season of time:

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before. 26

Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together (Matthew 24:15-28, KJV).

6. He will preside over the ultimate political, economic, and social system that man ever invented with Satanic prompting. In that regard, the anti-Christ will take the system of mass control developed by Nimrod in Genesis 10:8-10 to new heights. The various components of this system are already being tested in different locations by institutions whose origins and operations are shrouded in mystery. Many Governments and institutions are already operating from their playbook in ways that seem normal. They include but are not limited to these features which make up the Beast Economic System.

The Beast Economic System is a structure which will be controlled for benefit of the anti-Christ and Satan his master. All people on earth will face an option in which they can only take part in any aspect of life by trading their eternal souls for survival and prosperity. These things that are now realities in the earth realm are all dress rehearsals of what will be perfected for the final lap of human history on earth.

- 6.1. The Big Brother Governmental system which keeps a tab on everything by its citizens and foreigners through hyper-sensitive and over-arching spying systems and techniques. Privacy will be lost as governments install and utilise systems which can track all conversations and activities.

- 6.2. The Welfare State. Through extensive welfare systems, governments basically become owners of the people. As the countdown to the end continues, the system of Big Government which provides for needs of its people (and therefore takes the place of Yahweh as Jehovah Jireh) will continue.
- 6.3. Chip technology that is being fine-tuned for future insertion into the skin containing all details of people. This will be hailed as the ultimate security measure to beat robbery, terrorism, hijackings, kidnappings and solve 'once and for all' identity theft through which many people lose substantial amounts of money annually. The RFID system of chips gives us an idea of where this concept is headed. Let it be noted that one of the Five strongest nations on earth successfully had all domestic animals chipped in recent times.

Let us be reminded some facts presented in an earlier chapter of how the Book of Revelation describes the ultimate system of control that the False Prophet will motivate people of the world to embrace in the last 7 years of the human age as we know it:

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that

hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (Revelation 13:15-18, KJV).

If you are reading this chapter and for any reason on earth missed the rapture or even before then have to face a choice between accepting a chip implant under the skin of your body or forehead or indeed any other part of your being, please consider this passage which describes consequences of defilement with Satanic marks:

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name (Revelation 14:9-11, KJV).

*END OF THE ANTI-CHRIST AT
ARMAGEDDON*

7. As a created being, the anti-Christ has an expiry date, just as his master, Satan. The anti-Christ will lead the

kings of this world to fulfil Psalm 2 and resist King Yeshua at his Second Coming.

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him (Psalms 2:1-12, KJV).

As he plans for the final assault to exterminate the Jews in the 7th year after his manifestation, heaven will respond! The King of the Hebrews will return with all the saints of the ages who have been decorated at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. King Yeshua and His army will be victorious over the anti-Christ and his accomplice, the False Prophet. They will be captured and cast alive into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone to be tormented eternally.

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him (Jude 1:14-15, KJV).

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful (Revelation 17:14, KJV).

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: (2 Thessalonians 2:8, KJV).

***THE ANTI-CHRIST HAS AN EXPIRY
DATE!***

Like all created beings, the anti-Christ has an expiration date. On that date, he will be stripped of his power and sentenced to eternal damnation and torment in the Lake of Fire.

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his

army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh (Revelation 19:19-21, KJV).

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever (Revelation 20:10, KJV)

INCONVENIENT TRUTH: SPIRIT OF ANTI-CHRIST ALREADY AT WORK!

The spirit of anti-Christ began to manifest and was in action during the alpha Church era nearly 2000 years ago. Obviously, the various manifestations of this spirit are fully 'mature' in the end time Church era. The spirit of Satan that will indwell the anti-Christ in full at the appointed time, would have been let loose upon the earth to prepare the way for his manifestation. This is what will create the great falling away we noted in 1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 3:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

THESE SCRIPTURES ATTEST THE FORERUNNER ROLE OF THE SPIRIT OF DECEPTION:

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time (1 John 2:18, KJV).

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son (1 John 2:22, KJV).

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist (2 John 1:7, KJV).

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world (1 John 4:3, KJV).

The pseudo-kingdom movement, with its vicious attacks on Yeshua Ha Mashiach, Jesus the Messiah offer a case study of how people can get the gospel twisted. Why on earth would anyone put forward a theory of the Kingdom in which the King is unimportant? If it is so with those who profess to know the Kingdom, what of those who claim moral strength that is based on their strict adherence to rules and regulations of Hebraic Religion but deny the grace which is released through Faith in Yeshua, Jesus.

The thousand and one occult groups world-wide share the same root with the pseudo-kingdom movement: they do not accept the Scriptural postulation of the Divinity of Yeshua

and His Incarnation as a full human. Unfortunately, when believers do not embrace fully the sovereign rule of Yeshua and pay the price to become His disciples, their spirit and soul have space for the rulership of the anti-Christ. What a sad prospect.

Assignment

1. Please discuss at least 5 of the 8 outcomes of the reign of the anti-Christ as world ruler. 2. What new insight have you gained into end-time events?

Chapter 10

The anti-Christ to come Part 5

Salient issues about his Manifestation.

Because of the strategic nature of this world ruler that is to come and the reality that all conditions that should create the enabling environment for his manifestation are almost in place, it is needful to dwell further on him.

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe (Philippians 3:1, KJV).

One area we need to broaden our understanding of is how the anti-Christ will manifest according to specific scriptures in the New Testament. Let us proceed systematically so that the remnant will gain fuller understanding of the things that are about to be.

THE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR MANIFESTATION OF ANTI-CHRIST

#1. Let it be re-stated that his coming will be preceded by a falling away from Truth and Divine Order: a spirit of massive backsliding in the Church and extreme lawlessness on earth.

We need to repeat a truth shared in a previous chapter: there will be a falling away from Truth. This also implies a deviation from divine order in the Word. This also implies a general lifestyle of distaste of authority will infect humans on earth, when there will be massive backsliding in the Church. What this means is that in several regions, wives will not be subject to husbands on a wide scale; children will not be subject to parents; people will not be loyal to friends; employees will not be loyal to employers. There will be agitations, strife for power and many things which connote disorder. Many saints will not be subject to Pastors and leaders or indeed any authority at all, citing the Holy Spirit as only authority they recognise contrary to Romans 13:1-7 and Hebrews 13:7,17.

The confusion which wracked the Corinthian Church is already manifesting in several congregations across the world with many saints clutching at their personal perspectives of life and ministry:

How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying (1 Corinthians 14:26, KJV).

PRECEDING SCENARIOS

Marriage will be so re-defined that for many Christian women, the ability to earn more than their husbands will also mean entitlement to be heads of homes and the expectation that the men will tag along. The spirit of Jezebel will manifest so much so that only few families will manifest the order of heaven. Sadly, many will be blind to this truth and go off in error, clinging to the manifestation of their spiritual gifts and financial resources as evidence of divine approval!

Worse still, many Pastors will play their part in activating this scenario – wittingly or unwittingly by extreme tendencies to control and micro-manage private lives of saints they lead. The end time falling away will be real!)2 Thessalonians 2:1-4, KJV) Judeo-Christian values and the moral code in the 10 Commandments will be obnoxious to most people living in the earth realm. People will crave things and lifestyles expressly forbidden in the Bible. Satan will recruit opinion leaders, decision makers and influencers to model evil lifestyles which their fans will embrace without qualms.

The tares Satan planted in the Kingdom, who would have achieved great prominence, shall manifest as described in Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43. Some of them will go the way of Aaron and build Golden Calves for Christians who refuse to study, watch, and pray like the Bereans, and therefore become cannon fodder. The spirit of Jeroboam will also manifest on many who will build dazzling temples for the false prosperity and pseudo-kingdom gospels, shaking the faith of many who are careless and undiscerning.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth (1 Timothy 4:1-3, KJV).

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful,

unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (2 Timothy 3:1-7, KJV).

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us (1 John 2:18-19, KJV).

#2. Unveiling of the antichrist is withheld by the manifest presence of Yeshua, Jesus through the saints – the true Church - who are sealed by Holy Spirit in them.

Saints are the Temple of the Holy Spirit in the earth, as 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says. They are the Salt which preserves from destruction and flavours the earth realm. They are also the Light of the world! Thus, when the saints are raptured, this limiting factor of Him in them would have been taken away so that the anti-Christ can step forward to be seen. As said in an earlier chapter, because of the Divine nature of the Holy Spirit, He is everywhere all the time and would be on earth, so to say, even during the Great tribulation. From the uniform testimony of scripture, the anti-Christ may already

be on earth, possibly a sitting President, aspirant to that office, political, military or culture leader. The individual so appointed may be prominently perched on one of the so-called 'mountains of society' before the rapture. He may however be unknown until the day appointed when his true colours are revealed. Until then, saints have no business engaging in public speculation/outing of such names. The person concerned may also be specially created and packaged for manifestation as a peacemaker at a specific point in history.

Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved (2 Thessalonians 2:5-10, KJV).

#3. He will make a covenant with Israel, assuring this elect nation of protection and safety at the beginning of a 7-year period.

Israel will fall for the charm and strength of this personality in the last days, and embrace his assurances of protection. Jews will only know who he is in the middle of the period when the anti-Christ removes his mask and desire to be worshipped as 'Elohim'.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way (2 Thessalonians 2:3-7, KJV).

Is it possible then that the person who will finally solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and make peace between the Jewish State and its Arab neighbours and Iran will provide a clue? Speaking of clue, will any solid move towards this possibility be the signal for the remnant to know how close these things are? When we factor in the extraordinary developments in Israel from 2013 when it started facing the most pervasive security challenges almost all around – within and outside its borders including a growing movement to make it a Pariah among nations of the world, these developments may indeed be close. Watching developments in Israel and the wider Middle East is essential for saints! We suggest that the elect avoid the propaganda media outlets which do not give a true picture of events in Israel. Reading reliable online newspapers based in Israel may be more profitable.

#4. Three and half years after that the rapture and Peace Covenant with Israel, the anti-Christ will reveal his true

colours when he claims to be Elohim and seek to be worshipped.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate (Daniel 9:27, KJV).

One of the things which puzzled some Bible Scholars is the issue of a Temple as described by Prophet Ezekiel where the anti-Christ is supposed to commit the abomination of desolation. Facts on the ground reveal that there is a very committed Temple Institute in Israel which has, through DNA testing, located and trained Priests and Levites from the Tribe of Levi. They have made all preparations for restoration of animal sacrifices and are reported to have even located a red Heifer for the dedication of the Temple. In January 2015, they moved a step towards the dream when kosher certified pure olive oil was produced for the Temple rites, including lighting the Menorah. Israel also has advanced building construction technology, and it is conceivable that a Temple can be built in the three and half-year window between the Peace treaty with the anti-Christ (right after the rapture) and when he would actually manifest his true colours to commit the abomination of desolation!

Let us read the prophecy of Jesus concerning this:

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) (Matthew 24:15, KJV).

The words of Paul in 2 Thessalonians shows how these things fit together:

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved (2 Thessalonians 2:3-10, KJV).

POTENTIAL NATURE OF THE ANTI-CHRIST

There are many who teach that the anti-Christ is a spirit being from hell. Others teach that it is a system or

government. They all have some merit, but the uniform testimony of the scriptures teaches that the anti-Christ may be a human, most likely a male figure who will receive the full measure of the evil powers and authority of Satan and exercise same on his behalf in a 7-year period, especially the last three and half years of the human age. To the degree that he will be fully possessed by the powers of hell, he can then be said to be unnatural. Let us see these scriptures:

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what with holdeth that he might be revealed in his time (2 Thessalonians 2:1-6, KJV).

THE HUMAN FACTOR EXPLAINED.

The Holy Bible is rich in imagery. When you understand the principle behind divine illustrations, you will not have difficulty unlocking some assumed mysteries as the Holy Spirit beams His light on supposedly difficult passages. Using the principle in Daniel 8:9-12 where Antiochus IV Epiphanes (the first anti-Christ type) was identified as the 'Little horn' out of one of the four horns or the four generals and their kingdoms which succeeded Alexander the Great of the Greco-Macedonian Empire (Seleucus 1 Nicator), we can see the same analogy in Daniel 7:8-9,20-21,24-25 and deduce that the anti-Christ shall be a human ruler of the last 'Kingdom' on earth – the feet of Iron and Clay – before Yeshua, Jesus will take over the world. In effect, he will be

a man fully possessed by Satan to execute his evil agenda on earth more than any other person he has used before!

Let us examine these details of the imagery concerning a human that not a few bible scholars believe describe the anti-Christ under the law of double reference:

And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. 37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. 38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things (Daniel 11:36-38, KJV).

The profile of the anti-Christ here is eye opening: self-willed; proud; boastful; profane; will prosper until his assignment is completed. He will have no regard for Elohim or womanhood and will be irreligious because of pride. This personality will be dedicated to war as an avenue for the raw display of strength of his forces.

Let it be declared with clarity that the anti-Christ has not yet been manifested in a clear sense to the world. Until that day, some leaders of major nations and entities may manifest some lifestyles, policies and actions which will lay the foundation for his emergence on the due date. These 'forerunners' so to say, may or may not realise the significance of their speech, policies, and actions. Fighting them with flesh and blood or engaging in public/media

discussion about their identities is not a helpful venture. Even if the Holy Spirit reveals his identity to those He approves, their ability to seal their tongues will be a great proof of maturity and true spirituality. What will precede the final and full manifestation of the anti-Christ is the rapture of saints, as discussed in a previous chapter where this anchor scripture was explained. On that day, who he is will be made clear!

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this

cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, KJV).

It is a settled principle that everything and everyone on earth has a specific assignment and produces specific outcomes that ultimately flow into the determinate counsel of Elohim. For this reason, neither Him nor His elect can be taken by surprise at the policies and activities of created beings and their governmental systems. This is why saints cannot panic like the world when the things which are about to start begin to manifest. People and institutions do not just emerge or exist. They exist to serve a particular purpose which either glorifies Elohim or to serve the cause of the flesh or of Satan. There are therefore vessels of honour whose lives give glory to the Creator while there are also vessels of dis-honour whose lives and activities do not glorify the Creator but rather Satan who fell from grace. Because Elohim Is Supreme, the actions of both vessels of honour and those of dishonour will eventually flow into manifestation of His determinate counsel. By nature, humans are open to 'worship' whoever and whatever catches their fancy. When saints find it difficult to accept the Lordship of Yeshua and be His disciples, they open their hearts to politicians, political causes, sports, and famous influencers. This is how idolatry can creep into the heart. Anyone who is open to this type of idolatry is a potential candidate for the spirit of the anti-Christ to possess.

Assignment

1. Please share any 3 lessons you learned from this chapter.
2. Please share 3 scriptures which stood out for you in this chapter.

Chapter 11

The False Prophet and Validation of the anti-Christ

As the father of lies and deception, Satan has reserved the last card in his bag of tricks for the period between the rapture and the second coming of Yeshua. As stated in a previous chapter, that is when he will imitate the Blessed Trinity. Imitating the Father, he will empower two personalities to function as imitation of Yeshua, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our last few chapters focused on the anti-Christ who will be a Political leader. In this chapter, we will discuss the False prophet who will be a religious leader. While many Christians who missed the rapture will doubt the sincerity and genuineness of the anti-Christ, his endorsement by the leading religious leader of the day will seal the deal of acceptance. Here again is wisdom: Mystery Babylon will be in play! Mystery Babylon is the syncretic mixture of Politics and Religion which was revealed to John the beloved in the Book of Revelation.

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and

filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration (Revelation 17:1-6, KJV).

Historically, the general interpretation of this strange entity is the union of Rome and the larger wing of the Church in the fourth century. This DNA of Rome also afflicted its child, the Protestant movement since its earliest days. From Germany to Geneva, Switzerland to England and America, there has always been a strong undercurrent of the Church needing to cavort with Politicians and Governments for validation and Patronage. That is what the 'Established Church' system is all about. This tendency is playing out again, across the world, in this generation.

Revelation 13 reveals that the False Prophet (a Religious figure and system) will not only validate the anti-Christ (a Political leader and system) but will actually endorse the most insidious part of his agenda which is control of humankind away from allegiance to King of the Kingdom, Yeshua; the purpose of Elohim and true Gospel of the Kingdom through what we call the Beast economic system.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the

earth in the sight of men (Revelation 13:11-13, KJV).

Commentary: The False Prophet will be a human! Though a religious leader, his heart shall be in the world with fierce loyalty to the anti-Christ as a driving force. Though he will project the image of a lamb (peaceful, innocent ‘man of God’), he will have the voice and nature of Satan (the dragon). This personality will be a crass deceiver. Yeshua, Jesus warned His saints not to be deceived by miraculous manifestations but to evaluate those who minister in His Name by the fruit of their lives.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Matthew 7:15-23, KJV).

Paul the apostle warned saints at Ephesus that there were those who would come to them in the Name of Yeshua, Jesus but in reality are ‘grievous wolves’

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them (Acts 20:28-30, KJV).

The false Prophet, as the ultimate of human deceivers will deceive many because of the ‘miracles, signs, and wonders’ he is able to perform, including calling down fire from heaven! This will be a perverted, corrupt ‘anointing’ from Satan which imitates the real deal.

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Commentary: the False Prophet (representing organised Religion) will deploy the ability to do ‘miracles’ to shape and control opinion of his adherents who are often soul tied and in a state of mind-control to create a new idol to be worshipped: the anti-Christ. Allegiance to the anti-Christ

will become the new norm in the earth realm. This so-called Prophet would create an image of the anti-Christ, manipulate a situation where it speaks and ask people on earth to worship the same.

Those true believers who missed the rapture because they were not watching and praying, as well as Jews who know enough of the First and Second Commandment would refuse to engage in this crass act of idolatry and suffer the consequence: martyred for their faith. Those who missed the rapture of saints would be those who embraced the ‘strange fire’ gospel which represent the ‘falling away Paul spoke of in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-11 whom the Lord gave over to a reprobate mind because they rejected the narrow way. In this setting, they would be open to the ultimate deception Satan would use the false prophet to undertake.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Commentary: It is the False Prophet (and possibly his worldly dimension of Christian Religion) who will validate the anti-Christ. Using the bully pulpit and assumed moral stature, the False Prophet will endorse the socio-economic culture of the anti-Christ based on hero worship! To take part in the world economy, identification with the personality who is the anti-Christ in the form of either his mark, name, or number is imperative. As noted in Understanding the End Times, some technologies in this generation including

micro-chips and radio frequency identification devices (RFID) that are grafted into the human body supposedly make it possible for the world to enjoy better security and seamless transmission of data in real time. Because the False Prophet will endorse the system, a multitude of their followers will embrace same.

Let us also note that a dress rehearsal for this perfidy is now a global phenomenon! Ministers and believers alike freely wear, carry, and promote the image of their preferred political leaders on their bodies (Tee shirts, headscarves, caps, loin cloth and on their social media handles and in video endorsements, often speaking of such leaders in messianic terms. The dress rehearsal will one day translate to the real deal.

INTERPRETING THE NUMBER 666

The number 6 represents the number of man/humans. Elohim created an ecosystem that is the world in 5 days. On the 6th day, He created humans to dwell and rule therein. 666 possibly has to do with the reality that the anti-Christ will be the epitome of all that is desirable among males: possession of power, wealth, and Charismatic physical stature.

CONSEQUENCES OF TAKING THE MARK, NAME OR NUMBER OF THE BEAST

For believers who will live after the rapture at the end of the age: It is best to avoid being chipped with RFID devices and to break soul ties with political leaders. It is safest not to

engage in human worship, knowing that such things offend Elohim! Here is how Elohim, through one of His angels warns those who refuse to hear:

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus (Revelation 14:9-12, KJV).

The Word clarifies that anyone who allows pressure to survive or succeed in business to create a need to be like the Joneses of the world and take the Mark, Name or number of the Beast will end up in eternal damnation, with no prospect of remedy.

As we continue our studies of the Word, let us emulate the saints in Berea. The remnant of the End Times is privileged to be a special breed of saints who have the fullness of light! Even scriptures that seemed hidden will be revealed and passages that seemed ‘dark’ will be illuminated by the Holy Spirit for us upon whom the end of the age is coming. Speaking of the end, it is worthy of note that King Yeshua wanted His Own of all generations to live and serve

in a way that is deemed 'ever ready' since no one knows of the actual date of His return.

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; 49 And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 24:42-51, KJV).

That is a place of safety and insurance against wiles of the enemy which often catch careless people off guard!

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk

honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof (Romans 13:11-14, KJV).

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. 13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is (Ephesians 5:8-17, KJV).

It is needful to beware of the spirit of the False Prophet which is sweeping through Christianity in the Western world. Christian religious leaders have no business subordinating the Church to the interests of partisan politics, ideological disputations, and cultural wars!

Assignment

1. Who is the False Prophet? 2. What is the principal assignment of the False Prophet? 3. How can believers who missed the rapture escape the danger of eternal perdition? 4. What other point really resonated in your heart as something especially significant to note?

Chapter 12

Event 4 - The Great Tribulation Part 1

In examining the Things to come, we have noted this order in which they will manifest: the first resurrection of the righteous dead; the rapture or catching away of saints who are earnest and the anti-Christ to come. Thereafter, we considered the case of the false prophet or religious leader who will validate the anti-Christ. Event #4 is The Great Tribulation.

WHY THE GREAT TRIBULATION IS PART OF THE HOLY WRIT

The Lord allowed descriptions of this terrible time in world history to be documented thousands of years before it manifests for some critical reasons.

1. To show believers through the ages, the outcome of rebellion in the earth realm so that they would value the Salvation received in Yeshua.
2. To make clear to Humanity, the end game of Satan so that people will make the wise choice to accept the free Salvation of Elohim in Yeshua, Jesus.
3. The Great Tribulation is also a warning to Hebrews as a people and Israel as a nation not to take Elohim for granted and despise His Covenant of Mercy and Salvation in Yeshua.
4. To provide all humans throughout the ages a temporary sneak peek of eternal damnation (in the

Lake of Fire and Brimstone) for those who reject His Mercy and Grace.

In the Old Covenant, the concept of Tribulation for those who place themselves outside the Covenant relationship with Elohim was well documented. After giving of the Law, these warnings of Tribulation – often showing sufferings in graphic detail – were contrasted to the Promises of blessings for obedience. Exodus 19:

Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. 2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from among you. 4 But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you this day. 5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. 6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. 7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon

him for? 8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? 9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; 10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children. 11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. 12 And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. 13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. 14 And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it. 15 Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: 16 Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, 17 The likeness of any beast

that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, 18 The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: 19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. 20 But the Lord hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day. 21 Furthermore the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance: 22 But I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. 23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee. 24 For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God. 25 When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the Lord thy God, to provoke him to anger: 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly

perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. 27 And the Lord shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the Lord shall lead you. 28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. 30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; 31 (For the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them (Deuteronomy 4:1-31, KJV).

*PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE GREAT
TRIBULATION*

In a clear sense, the various sackings of Jerusalem by barbaric Gentile rulers and carrying away the people into captivity represented times of Tribulation for Israel, culminating in the long dispersal in the days of Nebuchadnezzar. Just as Elohim gave clear prophecies concerning the Messiah to come and His rejection by Israel, He also released some clear words concerning consequences. Here are some of the most profound ones:

Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? 7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it (Jeremiah 30:6-7, KJV).

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.² And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:1-2, KJV).

NEW TESTAMENT PERSPECTIVES

The word Tribulation appears in several contexts in the New Testament. Tribulation in a sense describes various kinds of troubles such as persecution, pain, and suffering which both the righteous and those who backslide into sin go through. This is different from the Great Tribulation to come.

Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; (Romans 2:9, KJV).

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (Romans 5: 3, KJV).

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (Romans 8:35, KJV).

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; (Romans 12:12, KJV).

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God (2 Corinthians 1:4, KJV).

Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation (2 Corinthians 7:4, KJV).

In His warnings to the Churches of Asia Minor and through them to the Church age, we hear Yeshua speak about tribulation. These are the tough things the faithful go through as well as the warning strikes that those who live in disobedience face.

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:9, KJV).

I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but

are the synagogue of Satan (I Revelation 2:9, KJV).

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life (Revelation 2: 10, KJV).

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

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

This is a specific period in world history when humanity will encounter trouble on a global scale. Two people groups will be targeted by the anti-Christ to inflict severe pain: Jews and Christians (who missed the rapture).

Explanation: The Great Tribulation is estimated to start from the Abomination of Desolation when the full identity of the anti-Christ is made manifest. The refusal of Hebrews to worship him as God will spark his furious determination to exterminate them as well as Christians who missed the Rapture.

While He was in the Incarnate state, Yeshua found it necessary to tell His disciples about the near and distant future. He spoke in language which required those who read

to prayerfully exercise diligence in allowing the Holy Spirit to provide light as they compare scripture with scripture.

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.² And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.³ And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? (Matthew 24:1-3, KJV).

It is in that context that we understand that the Great Olivet Prophecy had a contextual base: He was providing answers to three questions in Matthew 24:3. With this as anchor, we can deduce that Yeshua was speaking about the destruction of the Second Temple in AD 70; (when shall these things be) Signs that would precede His Coming (the Rapture is clearest indication that Yeshua's Second Coming is due) and Signs preceding the actual end of the world (The Abomination of Desolation by the anti-Christ and Great Tribulation).

Let us pick out the aspects of the Olivet Prophecy that incorporate manifestation of the anti-Christ, abomination of desolation and the ensuing Great Tribulation.

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)¹⁶ Then let them which be in

Judaea flee into the mountains:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before. 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: (Matthew 24:15-29, KJV).

Paul the apostle was used by the Lord to reinforce our acute understanding of what Yeshua said.

(2 Thessalonians 2:3-12, KJV). Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

THREE THINGS PRECEDE THE GREAT TRIBULATION

John the Beloved received a detailed revelation of the three events preceding the Great Tribulation. They include:

1. Visitation of The Church for its Perfection. This is the essence of the Letters to the 7 Churches in Revelations chapters 1, 2, 3.

Let us note that in addressing all the Churches, one message was constant: a call to repentance to the five who had negative entries in their report card. He did not throw away any, but sought their reformation through repentance. To the two with positive reports: The Churches at Smyrna and Philadelphia who were faithful, He encouraged them to overcome.

Another eBook and resource titled 7 Letters from heaven deals with the revelation in Revelation chapters 1, 2 and 3. It can be downloaded for free at the Kingdom Books Club website. Ephesians 5:25-27 shows that Yeshua will use the ministry of the Word to perfect the Church.

2. Picture of the Throne of Grace in the heavenly realm after Rapture of the Church.

In Revelation Chapter 4, John receives a divine invitation to the heavenly realm to see the glory that the Church Triumphant will behold after exit from the earthly realm via the rapture.

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. 3 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. 4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in

white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created (Revelation 4:1-11, KJV).

3. Yeshua is presented as the Only Personality Who has earned the Right to Open the Scrolls upon which are written the Judgement on the earth realm during the Great Tribulation.

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? 3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. 4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. 5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. 6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. 7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. 8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. 11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne

and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. 14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever (Revelation 5:1-14, KJV).

The Scroll represents the Title Deed to the earth realm which Yeshua earned by His shed Blood on the Cross of Calvary. The decrees written in the scroll represent the various judgements upon the earth realm which make up the Great Tribulation. Our heavenly Father has graciously provided His children on earth with a reliable compass into the future. As long as we stay in the word, no saint will miss the rapture and go through the Great Tribulation. For those who do not watch and pray, like the Foolish Virgins, it is important to know that they can still be saved – provided they refuse to take the mark, name or number of the Beast. Martyrdom is a small price to pay to escape eternal damnation. It is sad that the modern church movement is not preparing Christians for the things to come. Those caught up in the syndrome of ‘Attendance, Buildings and Cash’ are in danger of walking blindfolded into end of the age – and the Great Tribulation.

Next Chapter: Specifics of The Great Tribulation

Assignment

1. In what way was tribulation featured in the Old Testament? Cite at least 1 scripture. 2. In the New Testament, the term 'Tribulation' differs from the Great Tribulation. Cite 3 scriptures to support this point. 3. What is The Great Tribulation? 4. What are the three events which precede the Great Tribulation?

Chapter 13

Event 4 The Great Tribulation Part 2

In chapter 12, we defined the Great Tribulation as the period of unimaginable suffering and pain when those who rejected Elohim and His salvation/grace will experience His wrath. We will now go into specifics of what it means for inhabitants of the earth at the point in time. In that regard, some words of Yeshua should be borne in mind:

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened (Matthew 24:21-22, KJV).

A good part of the Book of Revelation outlines in graphic language some of the major things that will come to pass in a three-and half-year window of time when Elohim will unleash various types of punishment and pain on inhabitants of the earth. Those things are written in types and symbols, so it is best to present them as written without adding opinion that subtracts or adds to what is written. In this way, you can prayerfully wait on the Lord to gain deeper understanding. The commentaries are given to share our understanding of what they mean.

THE SEAL JUDGEMENTS

In chapter 12, we saw how Yeshua alone is qualified to open the seals of the Scroll in the hand of Yahweh. Let us now see what lies within the Scroll: specific Judgements pronounced upon inhabitants of the earth realm which is the substance of the Great Tribulation. Let us be reminded that though the Book of Revelation is written with much symbolism and imagery, by keeping an open heart and in sincerity, we can discern the core truths the Lord wants to communicate.

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

Commentary: This is the beginning of a sneak peek of events that will surely come to pass in the earth realm during the Great Tribulation.

***THE FIRST SEAL JUDGEMENT: RIDER
OF THE WHITE HORSE***

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

Commentary: The rider of this white horse is the anti-Christ. He is pictured in warlike mode: with a bow and mandate of conquest. The white horse may signify the deceptive nature of his rise to global dominance. Amidst the disorder in the earth realm after the rapture, the world would

embrace any strong man advocating law and order. But his agenda would be to seize power for his own benefit.

***THE SECOND SEAL JUDGEMENT: RIDER
OF THE RED HORSE***

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. 4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword (Revelation 6:3-4, KJV).

Commentary: The rider of the red horse has a complimentary role to the first: to take Peace from the earth so that people groups would engage in wars that would lead to wastage of lives. This suggests that part of the Olivet Prophecy may still be fulfilled during this period with greater intensity.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows (Matthew 24:6-8, KJV).

***THE THIRD SEAL JUDGEMENT: RIDER
OF THE BLACK HORSE***

And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine (Revelation 6:5-6, KJV).

Commentary: The colour of the horse this time is black, suggesting an ominous mandate. The assignment is to inflict Scarcity and Famine upon the world. The famine would be such that though people may have money, it would be worth little, able to buy extremely limited food. Interestingly, the high and mighty who are rich are spared because of the instruction to ‘hurt not the oil and wine’ which only they can afford.

***THE FOURTH SEAL JUDGEMENT: RIDER
OF THE PALE HORSE***

And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell

followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth (Revelation 6:7-8, KJV).

Commentary: At the opening of the fourth seal, the colour of the 4th horse tells a story. Worse still, the name of its rider is ominous: Death who is trailed by Hell. Death is given a mandate during this period to kill a quarter of those living on earth. If we take a conservative estimate of 6 billion people alive during this period (making allowance for those who were raptured, this will be a great toll indeed. The instruments of executing this evil enterprise are War (Kill with Sword); Hunger (Famine); Deaths (various ways of premature death) and Beasts of the earth. (It is also possible that with shakings in the earth realm, wild animals will roam publicly as the COVID-19 lockdown period revealed)

***THE FIFTH SEAL JUDGEMENT:
UNVEILING OF TRIBULATION SAINTS***

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: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little

season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled (Revelation 6:9-11, KJV).

Commentary: The opening of the fifth seal reveals Tribulation saints and their dialogue with Elohim. Further accounts of Tribulation saints – Christians who gave heed to scriptures and embraced martyrdom rather than compromise their faith are found in Revelations Chapters 7, 15 and 20. The large number of tribulation saints who were immediately translated into the heavenly realm when killed shows that it will be an exceedingly bloody period for believers.

***THE SIXTH SEAL JUDGEMENT:
MASSIVE SHAKINGS IN THE HEAVENS
AND EARTH***

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; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks

of the mountains; 16 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: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? (Revelation 6:13-17, KJV).

Commentary: With the opening of the 6th seal, we see several natural disasters in the three realms: the earth; first and second heavens above; earthquakes on the land and disturbances in the seas and oceans. Specifically, they include: a mighty earthquake; darkening of the Sun in daytime; the colour of the moon turned red as blood; stars came crashing down to the earth. The heavens rolled away as a scroll while Islands were dislocated and moved. The shakings would be so great that humans would clutch at anything which offered a hint of safety. One interesting thing is that humans would acknowledge that their sins were meeting the just recompense of Elohim.

Though these things to come are clearly stated in the Holy Bible, it is unfortunate that many ministers prefer to study and teach on 'Promises of God' and preach bread and butter topics which make the people happy and addicted to their personalities and ministries. They do a great disservice to their followers who march, as it were, into an uncertain future of pain and anguish. While Grace is free, it is not cheap. Yeshua took the wrath of Elohim upon Himself on the Cross so that His followers can escape the wrath to come. To keep people in ignorance so that they live like the 5 'Foolish Virgins' only to miss the rapture and grapple with the reality of life under the anti-Christ, intense suffering during the Great Tribulation and martyrdom is a criminal dereliction of ministerial duty. It is time all believers lay hold of the Bible, as the Compass of life, to understand the things which must surely come to pass. Being persuaded of them

will enable all to cling to the Lord, grow in intimacy with Him and be thus prepared on a 24/7 basis for the Day of the Trumpet and life with King Yeshua in the manifest Kingdom and in all eternity.

Assignment

1. Please summarize any 4 of the 6 Seal Judgements of Revelation chapter 6 unveiling some parts of the Great Tribulation. 2. What other thing did you learn from this chapter?

Chapter 14

Event 4 The Great Tribulation Part 3

The Book of Revelation is not written in chronological order. Rather, John is given a set of vivid visions of what will happen in the earth realm during the Great Tribulation and also what would be happening in the heavenly realm during the same period. It is significant that what will happen in the darkest part of human history in the future was written over 2000 years ago, precisely about AD 95 when Yeshua unveiled them to saints of all ages through apostle John in the Book of Revelation. One of the ways Satan has played a fast one on the Church is to keep secret what Yeshua wants uncovered.

It is unfortunate that Satan has muddled the waters to make saints scared of studying the Book of Revelation. Religious leaders do not touch it with a long pole and when they do, they mess up the divine narrative by trying to fit them into their denominational boxes. To worsen matters, Bible colleges tend to intellectualise the subject of eschatology (study of the end times) which lead many students more confused

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.¹¹ He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.¹² And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be (Revelation 22:10-12, KJV).

In chapter 7, there is a break in the flow for John to document a critical revelation for all saints: how the love of our heavenly Father and His Grace in Yeshua did not end with the first resurrection and rapture of faithful saints. To enhance our understanding of this critical subject of the Great Tribulation, we will therefore skip Revelation chapter 7 for another chapter which deals specifically with Tribulation saints – those who would be saved during that period. Let us remember that this part of our study zeroes in on the last three and half years of the earth realm before the Second Coming of King Yeshua. Known as the Great Tribulation, no less an authority than Yeshua describes it as the most horrible time of human history during the Great Olivet Prophecy.

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened (Matthew 24:15-22, KJV).

Let it be said that though some of the things which the Bible says will happen during the Great Tribulation seem scary, teaching them is not and cannot be called ‘scare-mongering’, a tactic Satan uses to prevent saints from studying what would prevent them from going through impending disaster.

*THE 7TH SEAL LEADS TO THE TRUMPET
JUDGEMENTS*

In chapter 13, we saw that the Great Tribulation will begin with the opening of the seals by Yeshua, Jesus according to Revelation chapter 6. As each of 6 seals were opened, great judgements came upon the earth realm. When the 7th seal was opened, we are introduced to another slate of judgements called the Trumpet Judgements. This is because each disaster is preceded by the sounding of a trumpet by a specific angelic being. We will adopt a cautious approach to interpretation of the various passages in Revelation concerning the Great Tribulation because literary license is not permissible. The best way to run a commentary on this prophetic book is to allow it to speak for itself. Hear this warning:

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:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of

the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book (Revelation 22:18-19, KJV).

It is recommended that all readers will make out time to prayerfully study the Book of Revelation with an open heart, asking Holy Spirit for clarity.

And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.² And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets (Revelation 8:1-2, KJV).

Commentary: Opening of the seventh seal led to silence in heaven where worship is a continuous activity. The progression of the number 7 in the book of Revelations moves to another level. With the opening of the 7th Seal, 7 angels are given 7 Trumpets which, when sounded, usher in the next set of divine judgement in the earth realm.

³ And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.⁴ And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

Commentary: The Prayers of saints is pictured as offered along with Incense from a golden censer.

⁵ And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thundering, and lightnings, and an earthquake.⁶ And the seven

angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Commentary: We see here a prelude to the Trumpet judgements that are about to be unleashed in the earth realm. It will be a terrible time indeed for those in the earth realm!

THE FIRST TRUMPET JUDGEMENT: GLOBAL ECOLOGICAL DISASTER

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

Commentary: Sounding of the first Trumpet signalled hail and fire mingled with blood that was cast upon the earth realm. An ecological disaster followed with a third part of trees burned up and all green grass being torched.

THE SECOND TRUMPET JUDGEMENT: MARITIME DISASTER

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

Commentary: With the sounding of the Trumpet by the second angel, a great mountain burning with fire (possibly a large meteor) was cast into the sea which turned the colours of waters into blood. The results would be catastrophic: a third part of all marine life in the waters died. In the same way, a third of maritime vessels plying the Oceans, Rivers

and streams were destroyed in that moment. Just do the math with a simple search on Google of how many ships of various sorts ply the rivers, seas and oceans of the world.

THE THIRD TRUMPET JUDGEMENT: WORMWOOD!

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; 11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

Commentary: When the third angel sounded, a great Star called Wormwood fell from heaven, burning like a lamp upon one third of Rivers and springs of water. The effect was to turn a third of the water supplies on earth into bitter liquid, unfit for consumption because of acute bitterness. This led to mass fatality throughout the earth.

THE FOURTH TRUMPET JUDGEMENT: SMITING OF THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS WITH DARKNESS.

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

Commentary: The sounding of Trumpet of the fourth angel brought great darkness upon the earth when a third part of the Sun, Moon and Stars were smitten. Daylight was reduced to one third of the usual time. This was also so at night-time.

The events of the Great Tribulation outlined here fit into the prophetic warning of Yeshua, Jesus.

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;²⁶ Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken (Luke 21:25-26, KJV).

So far, 4 angels would have sounded 4 trumpets with the accompanying judgements in the earth realm. The next picture is of an angel issuing a warning about what lies ahead.

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

Commentary: An angel flew through the midst of the heavenlies, issuing the warning that the three more judgements ahead were going to bring great pain.

Assignment

1. Please briefly outline what the 4 Trumpet Judgments of Revelation Chapter 8 are. 2. Why should saints give heed to these truths?

Chapter 15

Event 4: The Great Tribulation Part 4

2 MORE TRUMPET JUDGEMENTS

When humankind lives outside relationship with the Creator, the conscience can be seared and dead to the degree that sinning becomes a lifestyle. In this state, people can dwell in sin and attract the continued wrath of Elohim. Starting from Revelation 6, we see the Seal judgements that will come upon those who live in the last few years of human history. In chapter 8, we see execution of 4 of the 7 Trumpet judgements. The previous chapter ended on an ominous note: an angel **flew** through the midst of the heavenlies, issuing a dire warning that the three more judgements ahead were going to bring great pain.

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

In this chapter, we will explore what the Bible says of those judgements. These chapters are not for mere head knowledge. Rather, the divine plan is to empower us with truth to make the wise choice to embrace a life of intimacy with Yeshua, submission to His sovereign rule and obey His command to preach the gospel of the Kingdom: fish for

souls, make disciples of all those assigned to us and represent Him wherever He sends us by the power of Holy Spirit as witnesses. Because of the scope of types and symbols employed in describing these events, we will allow the scriptures to speak so that you, the reader will inquire of Holy Spirit the actual meanings of what the Word says. Where He gives us some understanding, we will gladly share. Where we need to employ the rule of conjecture, we will state so.

***THE 5TH TRUMPET JUDGEMENT:
DEMONIC LOCUSTS TO TORMENT 1/3RD
OF HUMANS***

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit (Revelation 9:1-2, KJV).

Commentary: so far we have seen activities in the earth realm, the waters and the heavenlies. In this chapter, part of the judgement will proceed from the Satanic realm of hell. We are given a picture of hell as a raging inferno. The heaven from which the star fell may be referring to the first and second heavens which is the realm where Satan and his demonic forces operate in (he is the prince of the power of the air). The star may refer to Satan himself or one of his principal demons. It is also possible that this may be an angel

sent on assignment by Elohim such as the one in Revelation 20:1-3 who will open the bottomless pit, and lock up Satan for 1000 years. The being is given the key to the bottomless pit or abyss which is the prison for fallen angels

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; (2 Peter 2:4, KJV)

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day (Jude 1:6, KJV).

The demoniac of Gardara requested Yeshua not to cast them into the abyss and he agreed.

And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. 31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. 32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. 33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked (Luke 8: 30-33, KJV).

INVASION OF DEMONIC LOCUSTS

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And it was

commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. 7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

Commentary: With the 5th Trumpet blast, we see another dimension of Judgement in the earth realm: what will come upon human beings is unimaginable pain and torment.

Exclusion: Not hurt the grass; no green things; nor trees;

Target: all humans without the seal of God (seal of Holy Spirit given to only those who are regenerated) Could also refer to both the Jews specially sealed in Revelation 7 as well as the innumerable company of Gentiles who were sealed to become tribulation saints.

Mandate: not to kill them but to torment their victims for 5 months. Bite of the locusts create same effect as when scorpions strike.

Consequence: pain and torment would be so much that the victims will desire to die but death would flee away!

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

had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Description: the demonic locusts were like horses prepared for war and wearing crowns which looked like gold and faces resembling humans. They had hair like women and teeth like Lions, wore what looked like breast plates of iron. They stung humans like scorpions for a mandated 5 months
Their leader

11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Commentary: These are not ordinary locusts which have no king but are independently minded creatures.

The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; (Proverbs 30:27, KJV)

The leader of the demonic horde of locusts is called Abaddon, in Hebrew and Apollyon in Greek. Most likely this is Satan himself the Prince of darkness

12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

Commentary: One of 3 impending judgments is bad enough but an ominous warning is released that 2 more lie ahead. Trumpet of the 6th angel: the 200 million (demonic?) man army that will kill 1/3rd of humans.

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

Commentary: The 4 angels were bound by the River Euphrates. Many fallen angels walk about freely, and they are those we wrestle against as Ephesians 6: 10-18 says. But there are fallen angels who have been imprisoned already for a long time – some since the days before the flood because of their extreme wickedness.

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. 3 And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. 4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. 5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually (Genesis 6:1-5, KJV).

Period: the tenure of their assignment is stated

Location: the fallen angels were bound by the River Euphrates. It played a prominent role in history from the days of Nimrod and the Tower of Babel and the days of Nebuchadnezzar. The Euphrates was the boundary of the Promised land, as Elohim promised Moses (Genesis 15:17-21). It was also the boundary of the ancient Roman Empire according to bible scholars

Mandate: The mandate of the 200-million-man army is to slay the third part of humans which may well be over 2 billion people! Remember $\frac{1}{4}$ of the world had already been killed in an earlier episode.

And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth (Revelation 6:7-8, KJV)

Imagine the high mortality rate: billions to die cruel deaths during the Great Tribulation.

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

Commentary: The number of demonic forces ranged against humanity during this episode of the Great Tribulation is an astounding 200 million.

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

Commentary: a description of the demonic army is given here. Out of their mouth went forth fire, smoke, and brimstone. Whether this refers to natural elements or nuclear devices, we do not know.

18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.
19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

Commentary: 1/3rd of humanity will perish by Fire and brimstone proceeding from these creatures. Their features are also described.

Some have speculated if this is an allegorical reference to China, a nation of 1.5b people which alone can muster this size of an army?

20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Commentary: Here we see why the Great Tribulation was necessary in the first place: from the days of Adam, the Sin gene has taken in humanity to the degree that rebellion against Elohim has become normal.

Despite all the woes we had seen so far, survivors were not inclined to repent of their Sins. Rather, they continued to worship devils and idols of gold, silver, brass (bronze), stone and wood which are inanimate. They did not repent of their murders, sorceries, fornications, and thefts – some of the most popular sins of all time. We will continue to examine the Great Tribulation in a subsequent chapter.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please briefly outline 5 things you learnt (include a summary of the two Trumpet judgements). 2. What is your advice to believers who are careless with their faith, in view of what lies ahead?

Chapter 16

Event 4 The Great Tribulation Part 5

The Lord has used this study to reveal some of the things that will surely come to pass in the earth realm between the rapture of saints and the second coming of Yeshua, Jesus. In the past 5 chapters, we focused on the Great Tribulation. In Revelation chapter 6, we saw that the phase of life begins with the opening of the seals by Yeshua, Jesus pictured as the Lamb that was slain. With the opening of each seal in heaven, their consequence on earth is a series of judgements. We deferred the study of Revelation chapter 7 which will make up a fresh chapter along with other passages regarding Tribulation saints and those who will be specially preserved from the woes of the Great Tribulation. In that future chapter, we will learn how the remnant of Israel and Gentiles nations would be sealed from destruction by Elohim as an act of His Sovereign Grace. Thereafter, we examined in Chapter 8 where 4 of the 7 Trumpet Judgements were executed. Chapter 8 ended with this ominous warning:

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

The 5th and 6th Trumpet Judgements were examined in chapter 15. One highlight was the extermination of lives of one third of inhabitants of the earth by a demonic army unleashed from hell. Despite the great pains inflicted on

inhabitants of the earth, their reaction reveals the depth of depravity of humankind:

And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts (Revelation 9:20-21, KJV).

This issue of hardness of the heart has been a consistent theme in the history of humankind. Persistence in evil led to the first judgement during the Great Flood. The twin cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed for the same reason. The principle of punishment for sinful choices is not a popular theme in the modern church.

***THE 6TH WOE AND THE LAST TRUMPET
JUDGEMENT***

And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.² But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months (Revelation 11:1-2, KJV).

Commentary: The temple that is measured here seems to be the Third one whose construction awaits the right political atmosphere. However, all arrangements for the project are virtually ready. We take note again that the time which the anti-Christ and his cohorts will trample Jerusalem before Yeshua's return is forty-two-month or three and half years. This is counted from the Day of the Abomination of Desolation till the Battle of Armageddon.

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. 4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. 5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. 6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will (Revelation 11:3-6, KJV).

Commentary: This passage deals with the Ministry of the two Witnesses Elohim will raise on earth in the Last Days. There have been various attempts to define who they are with Enoch and Elijah being leading contenders because they were translated from the material to the celestial realm without passing the gates of death. It is best however to avoid such speculations and concentrate rather on the uniqueness of their assignments. They are called 'witnesses' whose anointing manifests great signs and wonders as described in verses 5-6.

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. 10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. 11 And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. 12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them (Revelation 11:7-12, KJV).

Commentary: When the two witnesses finish their assignment, the anti-Christ is permitted to wage war against them, overcome and kill them. The peoples of the earth would celebrate the great ‘victory’ with their bodies abandoned as a gory spectacle for people to see. With advances in Communication technology, all those living on earth would see and rejoice over them. Inhabitants of the earth would send gifts to each other as they celebrate the demise of the two witnesses. Three and half days later, the Spirit of life from Elohim will enter their dead bodies. With their resurrection, they will be called up to heaven

And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly (Revelation 11:13-14, KJV).

Commentary: This woe is highly localised, unlike others. The earthquake that followed death and resurrection of the two witnesses led to death of only seven thousand people and destruction of a tenth part of the city of Jerusalem.

THE 7TH TRUMPET JUDGEMENT

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever (Revelation 11:15, KJV).

Commentary: At the sound of the Seventh Trumpet, the announcement of the ages is made: that the Kingdoms of this world have become those of Yeshua, Jesus. One of the signs of maturity in faith is the understanding that there are two kingdoms on earth: that of Yeshua, Jesus, and that of humans whose loyalty is to Satan, the god of this world. The space of time, human governments may operate is dated. On an appointed day, in the future, all the kingdoms of this world would be subsumed and swallowed up into the Kingdom of Yeshua, Jesus Who will reign as the Great Potentate. This is when the prophecy in the book of Daniel would be fulfilled.

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. 45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure Daniel 2:44-45 (KJV).

Let us continue our examination of Revelation chapter 11.

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, 17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. 18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth (Revelation 11:16-18, KJV).

Commentary: The 24 elders who sit before the Throne exalt the Lord and announce the time for judgement of the world and reward of the righteous.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail (Revelation 11:19, KJV).

Commentary: The ark of testimony Moses was instructed to make and design of the Tabernacle of witness were just copies of the substantive realities existing in the heavenly realm.

The Lord wants His Church to re-discover the massive trove of information in the Book of Revelations. We need to prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to grant us the rhema of each scripture and empower us with grace to live like those who know that we are close to end of the age.

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof (Romans 13: 11-14, KJV).

Assignment

1. Please share 5 things you received from this chapter.

Chapter 17

Event 4: The Great Tribulation Part 6

FURTHER WOES AND TRIBULATIONS

In his epistle to the saints at Thessalonica, Paul stated that the salvation of believers is not just beneficial for their spiritual wellbeing but also an insurance against the wrath of Elohim which will certainly come upon the ungodly.

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;¹⁰ And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, KJV).

The book of Revelation offers an accurate assessment of the most terrible chapters of life in the earth realm in all of time. The reality that almost all the woes which will befall humanity are within a short window of time is established by these statements:

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? ¹⁴ And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed (Daniel 8:13-14, KJV).

And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days (Daniel 12:11, KJV).

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened Matthew 24:21-22, KJV).

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

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

Historically, they will mark the time between the abomination of desolation by the anti-Christ and the Second Coming of Yeshua when He will vanquish the armies of the anti-Christ before establishing the manifest phase of the Kingdom.

In this chapter, we will outline additional judgements which are part of the Great Tribulation.

FATE OF ALL WHO TAKE THE MARK, NAME AND NUMBER OF THE BEAST.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach

unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. 8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name

Commentary: Those who refuse to heed all the warnings that have been sounded for over two thousand years concerning the mark, name and number of the Beast will suffer eternal perdition. The warning is explicit without no need for any clarification.

THE SICKLE JUDGEMENT

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. 13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them (Revelation 14:12-13, KJV).

Commentary: In the midst of all the woes, this passage reveals the different fate which await the righteous. The difference between them and the wicked is clear.

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. 17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. 19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and

blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs (Revelation 14:14-20, KJV).

Commentary: Let us take this interpretation from Bibleref.com which resonated as clearest meaning of the types and symbols in Chapter 14: “The angel described in verse 18 used his sickle to sweep across the earth and to gather the grape harvest. Then he threw the grapes into the winepress of God's wrath.

This imagery is easily lost on a modern reader, but to the original audience, it would have been clear. The custom of the day was to produce grape juice by trampling the grapes underfoot in a winepress. Here, the grapes represent the wicked: God will prepare the wicked for final judgment by gathering them together to be trampled upon. Isaiah 63:2–4 prophesies: "Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? 'I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel. For the day of vengeance was in my heart.'" That prophecy, along with this verse, anticipates the horrific scene depicted in Revelation 14:20. At His return, Christ will gather earth's armies together at Armageddon, where He will "tread down" His enemies (Revelation 17:12-14; 19:15). Just as grapes are smashed and torn in a winepress, releasing wine, the enemies of God will be ripped apart, creating a tidal wave of blood.”

The last section of Chapter 14 depicts Jesus holding a sickle—a farming tool used to cut plants during the harvest. This passage symbolizes the return of Jesus, and the subsequent battle, in terms of a grape harvest. Just as mature

grapes are fat and full of juice, the wickedness of unbelievers on earth will have reached a peak at this moment. Just as a winepress crushes and shreds grapes to make wine, the wrath of God will tear apart those who fight against Christ at the end of the tribulation (Revelation 14:14–20, KJV)

PRELUDE TO THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES
– REVELATION 15

There are more plagues that those who live in rebellion from Elohim will experience during the Great Tribulation. Revelation 15 is a short chapter which acts as prelude to the vial judgements.

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.² And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.³ And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.⁴ Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest (Revelation 15:1-4, KJV).

Commentary: Here is the third reference to Tribulation saints who are given access to the Throne of Elohim as reward for refusing the image of the Beast, his mark and Number. We will discuss this passage in greater detail along with others concerning Tribulation saints.

THE VIAL OR BOWL JUDGEMENTS

And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: 6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. 7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled (Revelation 15:5-7, KJV).

Commentary: Here, we are introduced to the 7 last plagues which will be inflicted upon inhabitants of the earth during the Great Tribulation. 7 angels received 7 vials or bowls full of the wrath of Elohim to be poured upon inhabitants of the earth

***THE VIAL OR BOWL JUDGEMENTS –
REVELATION 16***

And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. 2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image (Revelation 16:1-2, KJV).

Commentary: Those who thought that cavorting with the anti-Christ and False Prophet was smart and who embraced the Beast Economic System pay a high price in time preceding eternal torment: they will be afflicted with a noisome and grievous sore.

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

Commentary: here, the judgement is on the seas which become pale, the colour of blood of dead people. Marine life will be wiped out.

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

Commentary: this seems like a universal judgement on all waters in the earth realm which will become like Blood. Those living on the earth will be denied water supply.

And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and

thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. 7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments (Revelation 16:5-7, KJV).

Commentary: As these woes got underway, the angel of the waters declared the righteousness of Elohim Who had waited patiently since the days of Adam when the Sin gene became part of humanity. He had made provision for Salvation in Yeshua, but majority of humanity rejected him as Romans 3:16-19 shows. The rebels deserve the wrath of Elohim.

And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory (Revelation 16:8-9, KJV).

Commentary: With the fourth vial, the Sun received the capacity to scorch humans with great heat. We see that rather than repent; humans blasphemed the name of Elohim and refuse to repent of their sinful ways!

And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds (Revelation 16:10-11, KJV).

Commentary: As the 5th angel pours his vial on the seat of the Beast, his Kingdom becomes full of darkness. We see

further blaspheming of the Name of Elohim by those who are being judged. Their hearts are reprobate with zero possibility of repentance..

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

Commentary: The supernatural parting of the River Euphrates prepared the way for the kings of the East. Though China and Japan are the great powers in this region of the East, we do not need to speculate.

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty (Revelation 16:13-14, KJV).

Commentary: Deceptive evil spirits with the ability to do pseudo-miracles are deployed to gather the nations to Armageddon for the battle of the ages which is described in Revelation 19:17-21. Believers who do not give heed to the prescription of Yeshua, Jesus that ministers should be judged by the fruit of righteousness they bear rather than a manifestation of outward 'power' will be easily deceived.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day,

Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Matthew 7:20-24, KJV).

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

Commentary: Before the final vial judgement, the Lord deems it necessary to remind saints that He will return at an inconvenient time; those who are watching and walk consistently in holiness will escape the wrath to come.

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon (Revelation 16:16, KJV).

Commentary: Here, the kings and Chief rulers of the Gentile nations are marshalled by the anti-Christ for the final assault on Israel at the place called Armageddon

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his

wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great (Revelation 16:17-21, KJV).

Commentary: The earthquake which occurs here is called great because it outstrips what has ever been experienced. The great city (could be Jerusalem or capital city of the anti-Christ) is divided into three parts, while cities of the nations are shaken. The strength of the earthquake is so strong that Island nations are displaced while Mountains will be uprooted from their locations. Hailstones weighing 100 pounds will rain down from heaven upon inhabitants of the earth.

Despite these judgements which devastate the earth realm, humans did not repent but blaspheme Elohim because their hearts are hardened, and they lost capacity to repent and change.

Assignment

1. Please summarize the judgements in Revelation chapter 14. 2. Summarize each of the 7 vial/bowl judgements of Revelation 16. 3. What is your personal take away from this chapter?

Chapter 18 Event 4 Tribulation Saints

One of the wrong doctrines taught by Christian religion is that once the rapture occurs, the doors of Grace and Mercy of God are closed, and no one will be saved during the Great Tribulation era. It is one of the manifestations of Religion to try to help God through fear inducing messages. What will get the job done in terms of harvest of souls is not scare mongering. Rather, it is the balanced presentation of truth as laid out in the Holy Bible, under unction of Holy Spirit that helps us to grasp the mind of Elohim. As John 8:32 says, it is truth that sets people free.. Balanced preaching and teaching should not be confined to the era before the tribulation but also needs to be for both the current and future generations. This teaching will be profitable for the saints who miss the rapture for any reason whatsoever.

Who are tribulation era saints? They are the Elect of Elohim God who will be saved in the midst of the Great Tribulation. The Graciousness and Merciful heart of Elohim is once again revealed: He made ample provision for those who will be saved during the Great Tribulation to still make it into His eternal Kingdom. That Elohim would pause the Great Tribulation account to secure His Own shows how awesome the depth of His love is. This awesome provision of Grace should never be used as an excuse for any saint to be careless with their walk with the Lord. We have an incredible opportunity to live holy by His grace and complete the assignments committed to our trust. After the rapture, life will be hard for believers. They will be excluded from socio-economic activities, betrayed, persecuted and brutally murdered for their faith.

If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou

trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan? (Jeremiah 12: 5, KJV)

In this chapter, we outline 11 passages in the book of Revelation which explicitly or implicitly deal with the subject matter of tribulation saints. May Holy Spirit expound these truths for all readers.

#.1. REFERENCE

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: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled (Revelation 6:9-11, KJV).

#.2. REFERENCE

***Sealing of the Remnant of Israel and
Tribulation Saints***

The intensity of judgement to be poured out on the earth realm necessitates an act of Divine mercy towards His

remnant of the natural seed of Abraham (Hebrews) who missed the rapture: He seals them for preservation

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads (Revelation 7:1-3, KJV).

Commentary: Four angels on four corners of the earth ready to execute judgement were restrained from doing so until the remnant of Israel is numbered. Their assignment was to withhold the wind from blowing on the earth and sea.

Sealing of 144,000 remnant of Israel

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. 5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. 6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve

thousand. 7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. 8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand (Revelation 7:4-8, KJV).

Commentary: One hundred and forty-four of the Hebrews were sealed. A few interesting things to note include these things: 1. Joseph the son of Jacob received two portions in his two sons, Manasses and Ephraim (called Joseph here). The tribe of Dan is conspicuously omitted. We are not told why this is so. It is possible that the tribe eventually lived out the prophecy of Jacob on his deathbed.

Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward (Genesis 49:17, KJV).

This could also be the recompense from the idolatry that was recorded in this scripture.

And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. 31 And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh (Judges 18:30-31, KJV).

In Ezekiel 48:2 which shows the partition of the Land during the Millennium, the Tribe of Dan receives its due portion.

*Sealing of the innumerable number of
Tribulation saints*

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. 13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes
(Revelation 7:9-17, KJV).

#.3. REFERENCE

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads (Revelation 9:1-4, KJV).

#.4. REFERENCE (DOUBLE APPLICATION)

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day

and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. 14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (Revelation 12:7- 17, KJV).

#.5. REFERENCE

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of

life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints...15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (Revelation 13: 6-9, 15-18).

#.6. REFERENCE

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: 3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. 4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever

he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God (Revelation 14:1-5, KJV).

#.7. REFERENCE

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. 13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them (Revelation 14:8-13).

#.8. REFERENCE

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. 2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. 3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. 4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest (Revelation 15:1-4, KJV)

#.9. REFERENCE

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her

forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. 7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. 8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is (Revelation 17:1-8, KJV).

#.10. REFERENCE.

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5 For her sins have

reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. 6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double (Revelation 18:1-6, KJV).

#.11. REFERENCE

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

Assignment

1. What does the term 'Tribulation saints' mean 2. Please summarise any 7 of the 11 references of Tribulation saints

Chapter 19 Conclusion: The Critical imperatives

In some chapters of this course, there has been clarity that the Lord does not want His saints to walk in darkness concerning the things to come neither has He planned for them to experience the same fate as those who hate Him. To conclude this course, 12 precepts and principles which enable diligent saints to walk in victory are outlined.

1. **Love.** We are love-breeds, or fruit of Divine Love, as John 3:16 says. To love the Lord above everything else including our own lives is the very foundation of the New Covenant and Kingdom culture.

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:36-38, KJV).

The DNA of Love which is the essential nature of our heavenly Father runs in our veins.

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love (1 John 4:8, KJV).

Loving our fellow humans is so fundamental to the essence of our being members of His Family in the earth realm. Those who walk in love are making their calling and election sure.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two

commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matthew 22:39-40, KJV).

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another (John 13:34-35, KJV).

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8, KJV).

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour (Ephesians 5:2, KJV).

2. **Obedience.** The proof that we love Elohim is Obedience. A heart that is inclined to know and do His Will as expressed in His Word and specific instructions of Holy Spirit is proof that we submit to His Sovereign rule. It is also the proof that we are His disciples indeed. Those who live in obedience do not frustrate His Grace because they simply emulate Yeshua during His Incarnate state.

Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; (Hebrews 5:8, KJV).

Our obedience is proof of love!

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you... 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you (John 15:11-12, 14, KJV).

It is contradictory to claim to love Elohim and yet, live in disobedience to His word.

3. **Righteousness.** The reality of having right standing with Elohim on the merit of the finished work of Yeshua is one of the key blessings flowing from Calvary. Unfortunately, many sweet-tongued celebrity preachers have successfully deceived saints to believe that based on a historic act of Salvation in the past, whatever they do through habits and lifestyle is not imputed to them. The result is that many believers freely sin and see no need for repentance. The Bible is clear about how we should hold the gift of righteousness.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 5 And ye know that he was manifested to take

away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother (1 John 3:1-10, KJV).

4. **Understanding the Times and walking accordingly.** The Lord designed the Gospel as a present continuous project. Every generation of saints is supposed to live in consciousness of the potential imminence of Yeshua's coming. With this anchor of the soul called HOPE, saints would not stumble easily into Sin and cares of this world.

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put

ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof (Romans 13:11-14, KJV).

Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is (Ephesians 5:14-17, KJV).

5. **Walking in Unity.** We live in a world of individualism. This is true both in so called secular space, and in the Gospel. People want to ‘own’ their ministries and are not inclined to be used by the Lord to bring to pass His picture of the Church as an organic whole described as multi-gifted organism in Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians chapter 12. The end time saints need to overcome this divisive tendency so that they can cohere to be a fuller expression of the Body of Yeshua wherever He planted them.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: (John 17:20-22, KJV).

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:15-16, KJV).

Why is it so? We are Better Together! Let us not mind our own progress but also that of our brethren.

6. **Service.** None of us lives for him or herself. We live to serve Elohim and other brethren. Yeshua Himself showed the principle and power of service while in the Incarnate state in John 13:1-17. He also gave us this awesome rule:

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many (Matthew 20:25-28. KJV).

His example is commended to all leaders

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away (1 Peter 5:1-4, KJV).

One of the ways in which leaders serve the brethren is to be good under-shepherds who protect the flock from wolves as Yeshua taught:

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. 12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine (John 10:10-14, KJV).

We do not just protect them, but should invest in prayers and systematic teaching of the Word until Yeshua is fully formed in them.

My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you (Galatians 4:19, KJV).

The Ultimate aim, is to present them faultless as chaste virgins to Yeshua at His coming:

I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2, KJV).

True leaders therefore become models whose lives challenge the brethren to see, in flesh and blood, what a sold-out life is.

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1, KJV).

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. 16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee (1 Timothy 4:15-16, KJV).

7. **Holiness.** To make it to the end, we need to be separate from evil and totally consecrated to Elohim and His Kingdom.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy (1 Peter 1:15-16, KJV).

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people;

that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; (1 Peter 2:9, KJV).

This calls for total consecration of our entire beings to Elohim as a living sacrifice and renewal of our minds so that we do not think carnally but rather have the mind of Yeshua.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:1-2, KJV).

Nothing unholy has any space in the world to come!

8. Make the Kingdom our Priority and Invest accordingly.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also...33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought

for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof (Matthew 6:19-21, 33-34, KJV).

That is why the Bible charges us that if The Lord has blessed us with financial capacity, we should use the same to make eternal investments which will yield everlasting dividends.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life (1 Timothy 6:17-19, KJV).

9. Walking in the Grace He has released to enable us not to fall.

Elohim Who brought us into the Kingdom by Grace has also made sufficient Grace available to enable us to run this race and finish it. It is all by Grace!

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy (Jude: 24, KJV).

We need to avoid any behavior or lifestyle which frustrates Grace.

I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain (Galatians 2:21, KJV).

10. Not Looking Back. With our hands on the plough, we should never look back to Egypt or Babylon but rather adopt a posture of 'Forward Ever, Backward Never'. We avoid any distractions which seeks to break our focus.

And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God (Luke 9:59-62, KJV).

11. Disciples who make disciples as primary ministry. We become disciples by embracing the call of Yeshua, Jesus.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it (Matthew 16:24-25, KJV).

As we embrace the Cross, we are crucified with Christ so that He lives in and through us.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:20, KJV).

We live as disciples who are intentionally invested in making disciples. Since disciple making is both a local, national, regional, and global mandate, it requires intentional submission to Kingdom connections where He has ordained us to work together as Kingdom communities He will use collectively.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:19-20, KJV).

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14, KJV).

There is greater momentum when we do not withhold any part of our capacities. Rather, we surrender them to the Lord Who uses our collective Grace to make greater impact.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up

into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen (Mark 16:15-20, KJV).

12. **Holy Spirit.** We need Holy Spirit to supply the Grace and ability to complete the Great Commission ahead of return of King Yeshua. Without Him, we cannot get the work done but when He takes over our lives, we are able to finish the work and be ready to meet Him on that Day of days.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8, KJV).

He also leads and guides us into all truth, comforts us in all challenges and enables us to live the Kingdom life.

13. **Consciously invest our gifts and callings to do Kingdom business.**

And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come (Luke 19:11-13, KJV).

Each of us has a ministry committed to our trust within the context of the Body. It is our duty to know our calling, pursue and fulfil same.

And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it (Colossians 4:17, KJV).

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ 91 Corinthians 12:4-12, KJV).

These scriptures emphasise the same point: Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:7-10; 1 Peter 4:10-11.

14. A consciousness that the Lord will return to reward us and strong purposing to be overcomers.

Yeshua Himself looked forward to restoration of His glory in eternity after His earthly ministry as these scriptures attest:

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was (John 17:1-5, KJV).

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2, KJV).

This was also a critical success factor in the lives of both Paul and Peter: they looked to the future rewards and willingly paid whatever price that was needed.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day:

and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing (2 Timothy 4:6-8, KJV).

Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance (2 Peter 1:13-15, KJV).

The promises Yeshua made to those who overcome should motivate us to finish the race!

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God...11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death...17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, KJV).

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations. 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my

Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star (Revelation 2:27-28, KJV).

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels...12 Him that 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...21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne (Revelation 3:5, 12, 21, KJV).

The Lord will surely come again!

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven (Acts 1:9-11, KJV).

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown (Revelation 3:11, KJV).

15. **It is all by Faith!** Those who will make will be saints who trust the Lord completely.

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul (Hebrews 10:35-39, KJV).

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is,

and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.... 32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: 33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: 36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; 38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect Hebrews 11:1-6, 32-40, KJV).

16. Study the Word.

Those who study and dwell in the word will give it space to transform their hearts and renew their minds.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God Romans 12:2, KJV).

The word is an effective instrument of sanctification.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do (Hebrews 4:12-13, KJV).

It is through the word that we know with certainty that the Lord will return. It is through the word that we understand the certainty that the 4 events examined in this Course will certainly come to pass:

- * The First resurrection of the righteous dead.
- * The rapture of the saints who are watchful, waiting and occupying like the 5 wise virgins of Matthew 25. (1 Corinthians 15:50-55; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). It is through that same passage that we know with certainty that believers who are not watchful and waiting may miss the rapture and live through the troubles to come. The language of 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 is clear that the remnant are not appointed unto wrath but to obtain salvation.

- * The Rise of the anti-Christ as a world ruler and emergence of the False Prophet who would validate his evil assignment (Revelation 13).
- * The Abomination of Desolation and the Great Tribulation. It is Christians who missed the rapture and Jews who the anti-Christ can deceive and do great harm to.

To know what will precede His return is to walk in wisdom and understanding. All things about the incarnation, death, burial and resurrection of Yeshua, Jesus was according to the scriptures.

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, KJV).

In the same way, all the things that the Holy Scriptures have clearly outlined that will happen in the future as what is next in the prophetic calendar of Elohim God, will surely happen, just as 'it is written'! Let us therefore do our eternal souls some good: connect with and abide with companies of the remnant where we are challenged to stay focused on the Lord, so that we do not miss Him!

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation (Hebrews 9:27-28, KJV).

These 16 principles and precepts represent what will collectively affect life of believers to qualify them to be called Overcomers. It is a choice: where do you want to spend eternity? Behold, He Comes: Watch, Pray and Occupy.

Assignment: 1. Summarize any 8 of the 16 Critical imperatives for those who will make it to the end. 2. How has this Course helped you to prepare for the end of the age? 3. Course essay. The Director of Studies will provide outline of the essay, where and how to submit it. This will enable you to recollect key things you learned from this Course and empower you to be able to teach others more effectively.

Course Impact Assessment

1. True or False: Religion traps people in rituals that are unpleasing to Elohim
 True False
2. Which of the following statements is true?
 Eschatology is the study of the book of Daniel
 Eschatology is the study of the Alpha Church
 Eschatology is the study of the End Times
3. Explain how Adam & Eve lost the Kingdom and how Elohim determined the Kingdom would be restored. Support your response with a minimum of three scripture references.
4. Which chapter in Genesis reveals there is a Constitution of the Kingdom?
5. True or False: Speculation and date setting for End Time events is unbiblical
 True False
6. Explain Falling away and support your response with a minimum of 2 scripture references.
7. Explain why it is needful to watch and pray
8. Which of the following is not one of the events leading to the coming Yeshua?
 The Great Tribulation
 The Great White Throne Judgement
 Rise of the anti-Christ
 The first resurrection

9. True or False: To get on with life in pursuit of the ‘dream’ is opposite to what kingdom saints are called to seek.
 True False
10. True or False: Everyone will be re-connected to Elohim despite how they lived.
 True False
11. Which of the following are tactics of Satan to make kingdom life of no effect?
 Lust of the heart, Lust of the emotions, Lust of the flesh
 Lust of the mind, Lust of the heart, Lust of the eyes
 Lust of the eyes, Lust of the flesh, pride of life
12. Explain what the rapture is and how it will happen and the need for it. Support your response with a minimum of 2 scripture references
13. Summarize the rapture of Enoch and Elijah
14. Which of the following is not one of the three schools of thought concerning the rapture?
 Post-Tribulation
 Past-Tribulation
 Mid-Tribulation
 Pre-Tribulation
15. True or False: Mercy, Grace and Favour equip saints to receive all the blessings of the Lord.
 True False
16. True or False: The rapture is called the blessed hope of saints
 True False

17. Explain the Great Tribulation and the Great Falling away
18. True or False; The door of grace will be closed after the rapture
 True False
19. Which of the following statements is false?
 The mark, name, or number of the Beast signifies eternal ownership of congregation saints
 Holy Spirit is the mark of divine ownership of the congregations saints
20. Which of these characteristics is true of the anti-Christ:
 Strong Personality
 Charismatic
 Repellent
 Deceptive
21. True or False; No Christian has any valid excuse to miss the final destination
 True False
22. Explain the 3 outcomes of the policies and activities of the anti-Christ.
23. True or False; The anti-Christ has an expiry date,
 True False
24. True or False; Satan will empower two personalities to function as imitation of Yeshua, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
25. Explain the Three things that precede the Great Tribulation

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