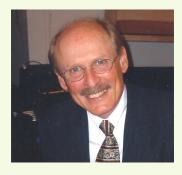


"Some Personal Observations with Prophetic Implications"

In the past two-and-a-half weeks, America has made a 180° about-face under the leadership of our new president, staff, and the recently confirmed cabinet picks. America is back in business – on track at warp speed to restore its strength and influence in the world and bring a normalcy back to our own nation. Following are some of the notable events which have occurred since the inauguration of January 20:

- ◆ This week, Prime Minister Netanyahu visited the White House, GOP Congressmen and Senators, Secretary of Defense, and others, engaging freely and candidly in open forum with the American people strengthening ties with Israel and the United States in a cooperative effort to resolve issues in the Middle East and broker peace in the world
- As a result of these talks, the United States will be taking control of Gaza, once the conflict is ended, and begin rebuilding that strip of land along the Mediterranean
- Gross corruption and misuse of funds in the USAID, an organization funded by American taxpayers to the tune of \$40 billion per year, has been brought to light as the new administration has begun investigating government spending
- ◆ The FBI is under investigation for complicit election fraud, and 5,000 agents have been found subject to scrutiny in regard to the January 6 debacle
- Sixty thousand federal workers have agreed to resign their positions in exchange for a buy-out of eight months salary and benefits, and the offer has been extended to the entire federal workforce of 2 million workers to resign under those terms. Those who refuse the offer will be subject to layoffs – a major shakeup as a result of the incompetence and corruption of federal agencies
- Canada and Mexico, in response to threats of economic disaster by the White House, have each sent 10,000 troops to their borders, in addition to providing additional assistance to American security as America seeks to secure its borders from illegal migrants and drug and sex traffickers

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Pastor Darrell Chilson

"We are living in the season of Christ's return."

Jesus said, "<u>Watch</u> and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The mission of
West Valley
Ministries is to help
Christ's followers
recognize the signs
of His approaching
return and be
prepared for that
Great Day.



John 16:1-15 NIV

Jesus Warns and Comforts His Disciples

1 "All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. 2 They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. 3 They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. 4 I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, 5 but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. 7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

12"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

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- 1. Thinking about what Jesus mentioned about being hated in John 15:18-25, read Acts 3:41 "The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name". What do you think of this reaction?
- 2. What has Jesus told his disciples to expect? V2
- 3. Why is He sharing this with them? V4
- 4. Can you think of an apostle that died due to a Jew killing them as a "service to God"
 - a. Acts 3:36-38 mentioned Theudas and Judas the Galilean
 - b. Acts 7- Stephen
- 5. Can you think of anyone in the bible who was persecuting Jesus's followers thinking that they were doing a service to God?
 - a. Saul Acts 16 (note-he's not Paul yet)
 - b. Many in the Sanheirdan ... I'd cite the verses but there are too many
- 6. What arrives once Jesus goes away? V7
- 7. What is one of the roles of Spirit of truth V8-V11.
- 8. What is the significance of the function described in V8-V11
 - Commentary by David Guzik: "The judgment of Satan himself means that there will be a final reckoning between God and His rebellious creature. The Holy Spirit warns the world of this coming judgment. Normally conviction is followed by judgment. When the Holy Spirit works, there is an in-between step: the revelation of the righteousness of Jesus Christ, which can satisfy the judgment for the convicted person"
- 9. Who gives the Spirit of truth his information? V13

- China, Iran, and their proxies have been put on notice. America is now in control, and hostile nations need to understand that any nefarious attacks on our nation will be met with devastating results. Joe Biden once said to Iran, "Don't just don't." Now that word means something to any nation that would violate the safety of Americans and our borders. Donald Trump, when recently asked about Iranian threats on his life said, "If they did that they would be obliterated. I've left instructions if they do it, they get obliterated; there won't be anything left."
- California water supplies have been opened up by our U.S. Military to provide adequate water to California farmers and firefighters – something California officials had previously refused to do without reasonable cause
- ICE has arrested hundreds of illegals and is deporting them to other countries, and the resistance to these measures of "sanctuary cities" is being overcome by strong legal and law enforcement action
- DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) mandates and policies, which have been destroying the quality of
 workers in government and the workplaces of America and discriminating against applicants who are
 better qualified to do the job, have been banned, freeing the government and businesses to hire and
 fire on the basis of meritocracy instead of race and gender
- Transgender surgeries will no longer be funded by taxpayer dollars; transgender athletes will not be able to compete in the Los Angeles 2028 World Olympics; and men are now banned from competing against women in an sports
- ♦ Electric vehicle mandates have been lifted Americans will be able to buy any car they wish
- ◆ The Democrat Party, which has sought to embed in American culture and politics socialistic policies and principles, including "Critical Race Theory" in the classroom, antisemitic hatred in universities, gender obliteration in language, and control of corrupt government over elections and free speech, is now in complete disarray. These liberal, socialist leaders, some still holding office in our congressional halls and federal agencies (for now), are threatening to impeach our new president and make war on the aggressive policies that will make America the strongest, most stable, and the most prosperous nation in the world − they have pledge to fight this new agenda "in the legislature, in the courts, and in the streets!" Sounds to me like a call to civil war and bloodshed!
- For the security of America and the world, the eyes of our new administration are on geographical expansion in Gaza and Greenland and even on Canada and the Panama Canal, for the purpose of protecting our country from foreign adversaries, advancing world peace, utilizing natural resources outside of our national boundaries, and making America independent of trade with hostile nations
- ◆ The Panama Canal, which was built by the United States perhaps the costliest venture of our nation's history and at the cost of 3,800 American lives an American asset given to the Panamanians (by Jimmy Carter) who then turned over its control to the communist Chinese government is now in jeopardy of becoming the possession of the United States again
- ◆ U.S. Treasury records are now being inspected for fraudulent transactions, and the Department of Education is being dismantled and its functions restored to state government all with great resistance and public show by Democrat Congressional leaders, as seen on TV Friday outside the Department of Education building!

◆ We now have an Attorney General, Director of National Intelligence, Directors of the CIA and the FBI, Director of ICE, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, Press Secretary, and so many other fine representatives of American values in office. We have transparency and openness between our leaders and the American people once again. Our new administrative team is taking America back to its Christian and common sense values — to an accountability of government, and the restoration of a national culture built upon a moral foundation. World peace is quickly being restored by the policies and negotiations of our presidential team. Conservatives are in control of all three branches of American government, and they are now creating policies and laws which are making America once again the greatest nation in the world.

♦ ALL THIS AND MUCH MORE IN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS!

What Are The Prophetic Implications?

Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth [America], and he had two horns [a cooperative division of power – i.e., the two houses of Congress to be consistent with prophetic symbolism, but likely church and state as well] like a Lamb [a Christian likeness] and spoke like a Dragon [an anti-Christian likeness]. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast [Antichrist] in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast [Antichrist], whose deadly wound was healed [when the Church of Rome was given its civil power again in 1929 – Lateran Treaty]. He [the two-horned beast] performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast [Antichrist], telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image [a religious likeness to papal Christianity] to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark [a means of identifying one's allegiance] on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" Revelation 13:11-17. (The [] represent my own inserted comments).

According to prophecy, America is going to become (and now already is) the most powerful and influential nation in the world. The only way it can fulfill its prophetic destiny in leading the world into an adulterous relationship with Antichrist is to become the dominant power in the world and a leader in the corruption of the Christian faith. Behind the scenes, yet in the sight of all, evangelicalism has already bridged the gulf between Protestant principles and doctrine and Papal principles and doctrine, so that any organization claiming to be Christian is embraced as such. The devil is in this recipe for disaster! And as America becomes powerful, and at the same time a proponent of Christian principle and policy, the journey to her final destiny will have begun.

My point in all of this? In less than three weeks, America has become the most powerful nation on earth! The eyes of all nations are on America, some applauding the resurgence of her strength, others compliantly bending to her authority, and still others verbally threatening her new prominence in the world, but all recognizing that what America intends for herself and for the world will ultimately be enforced by her new military strength and her negotiating power with world leaders – whatever it takes to achieve her goals.

One More Important Piece of News:

"Trump Announces 3 New Moves to 'Bring Back Faith"

NEWSMAX February 6, 2025: "President Donald Trump announced a trio of moves in his administration to 'bring back faith' in America, including a White House faith office, a religious liberty commission, and a taskforce targeting anti-Christian bias within the federal government.... 'Today, I'm signing an executive order to make our attorney general who's a great person — she's going to be a great attorney general, Pam Bondi — the head of a task force, brand new, to eradicate anti-Christian bias,' Trump said. 'About time, right? Anti-Christian bias: You never heard of that one before, right?

"'But there it is. It's about time, isn't it?

"'The mission of this task force will be to immediately halt all forms of anti-Christian targeting and discrimination within the federal government, including at the DOJ — which was absolutely terrible — the IRS, the FBI, terrible, and other agencies.

"'In addition, the task force will work to fully prosecute anti-Christian violence and vandalism in our society and move heaven and Earth to defend the rights of Christians and religious believers nationwide.... "This week I'm also creating the White House Faith office, led by Pastor Paula White, who is so amazing,' he announced."

As Jesus said through John, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" Revelation 2:7.

In Him,

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P.S. If you're looking for a reliable and conservative news source to stay up to date on news which helps us see where we are headed as a nation and a world as we approach the return of Christ, I recommend that you use Newsmax as your source — (NewsmaxTV.com).

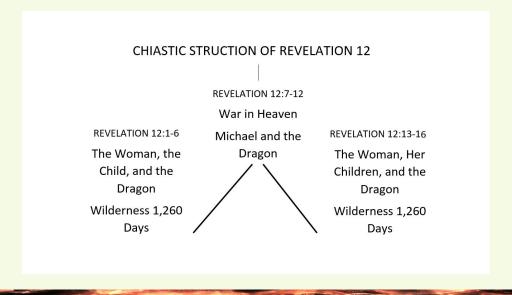
"REVELATION IN REVIEW" — Part 12

Revelation 14 - Part 3

We begin this study by pointing out a couple of literary characteristics of the Book of Revelation, found in chapter 14 and elsewhere in the Bible – characteristics which are unique to Scripture and bear the mark of divine authorship. On the surface, the Book of Revelation has the appearance of complexity and mystery, especially to the secular mind. But the student of prophecy who is serious about understanding these great end time themes will find that the complexity is nothing more than a protective cover of God upon this treasure against the reckless, casual interpretation and use of the unconverted reader who would misuse the information revealed and treat it with scorn. Thus, the symbolic language and the "scrambled" mix of prophetic imagery. But for those who seek truth and the revelation of "things which must shortly take place" (Revelation 1:1), you must know that **God wants you to understand this inspired Book of Prophecy!** And with this in mind, I wish to start by throwing out some help to each reader/seeker who reads this material.

In order to recognize the place and sequence of each prophecy of this book in the larger eschatological picture, one must realize that:

- 1) The general movement of the prophecies in time is from "start to finish" sequential in nature. The first chapter is an introduction to the book a prologue, if you please. The last chapter is like an epilogue. And in between are the prophecies of Seven Churches, Seven Seals, Seven Trumpets, and Seven Plagues each set beginning chronologically before the other but ending at the same time with the return of Christ. This pattern of "start to finish" and then back to another "start to finish" is a pattern found in several places in Revelation. Recognizing this will help avoid faulty conclusions about the sequence of events.
- 2) Within some scenes of Revelation we find another interesting literary form called "chiastic structure," where the primary focus of the scene is found in the middle portion of the text and the "bookend portions" are found at the beginning and at the end. Following is an example of the "chiastic structure" of Revelation 12:



In truth, the entire Book of Revelation is built upon a "chiastic structure." Below is one person's model of

the chiastic structure of Revelation:

Why Is This Important?

Because my intent is not to just provide my readers with an accurate overview of Revelation but to also articulate principles of prophetic interpretation of prophecy that will enable my readers to recognize for themselves the messages of the prophecies and be able to study the Bible in an effective way themselves. I do not want to be anything more than a motivator for personal study. And if a general understanding can be achieved through my commentary, the Spirit will surrely lead to further understanding as the events of the end time unfold — details

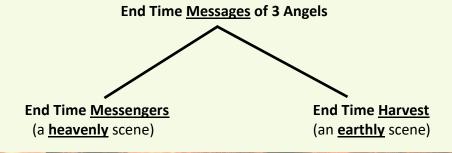
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Prologue (1:1-20)
   Seven Epistles (2:1-3:22)
      Seven Seals (4:1-8:1)
          144,000 saints & Seven Trumpets (7:1-11:19)
             The Two Witnesses (11:1-13)
                Woman clothed with the sun (12:1)
                    Dragon in heaven (12:4)
                       Woman flees to wilderness (12:6)
                           Satan cast out (12:12)
                       Woman flees to wilderness (12:14)
                    Dragon persecutes woman (12:15)
                Woman's seed keeps the commandments of God (12:17)
             The Two Beasts (13:1-18)
         144,000 saints & Seven Angels (14-1-15:4)
      Seven Bowls (15:1,5-16:21)
   Seven Angels: whore of Babylon vs. New Jerusalem (17:1-22:5)
Epilogue (22:6-21)
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which now we can only see dimly until they come to pass. Jesus said to His disciples, "I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe." John 14:29. Some things in prophecy we cannot clearly discern until they materialize before our eyes in fulfillment of the prophecy, but if we're familiar with the Word of God, when these things begin occur, our path through the maze of the end times will be much clearer, and we will be much more prepared to face what comes our way during that time.

So back to the three parts of Revelation 14 -

- 1) The 144,000 special messengers of God to earth identified in verses 1-5 as they stand before the Lamb in heaven, victorious in the mission on earth
- 2) The three angels seen flying though the midst of heaven with messages of warning and appeal to the people of earth in "the hour of His judgment" these are the same special messengers of the first five verses seen from a different vantage point
- 3) The final harvest of earth first the saved (verses 14-16) and lastly the lost (verses 17-20)

And in the middle of this chapter is the core emphasis of the prophecy (in typical chiastic fashion) – the Three Angels' Messages, given with unstoppable power and heavenly authority to bring about what Jesus described as the separation of the entire world into **just two groups** for the harvest. Please note:



Reaping Earth's Harvest of the Saved - Revelation 14:14-16

Finally, let's look at this passage from Revelation 14 describing the final "harvest" and compare it to Jesus' parable describing the same event. (Anything in [] represents my own commentary).

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man [Jesus], having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle [see also Revelation 19:11-16 – another picture of the same event]. And another angel came out of the temple [from the presence of God], crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the [righteous of the earth – the saved]earth is ripe." So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

In Matthew 24:30, 31, Jesus describes this harvest event as well, an event which immediately follows the Great Tribulation. He says,

They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Reaping Earth's Harvest of the Lost – Revelation 14:17-20

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

Jesus' Parallel Parable on the Harvest - Matthew 13:37-43

Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field [as told earlier in the chapter]." He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Isn't it amazing how Scripture clarifies itself, verifies itself, and interprets itself – repeating in various ways and places the very truths we as believers need to understand in this inspired Book! God has not left us to be ignorant or unprepared for that which is ahead. John's introductory words to the Book of Revelation say, "The **Revelation** of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him **to show** His servants – things which must shortly take place." God wants us to know! And for serious seekers of truth, He will reward their efforts to understand!

Next week we will introduce the Seven Last Plagues which are to fall upon the evil men and women of the earth who reject God's invitation to come to Him and be saved, and instead align themselves with the Axis of Evil who war against God and His people with the intent of destroying them before Jesus comes. These plagues are punitive in nature and will reveal God's wrath against the system of evil which has rebelled against Christ and His Kingdom.

Stay tuned!