

Avoiding the Truth

Called into the Church of God, as babes in Christ, we tended to believe that all its teaching must be true, but as we grow in grace and knowledge, our Father expects us to examine all that we have been taught and retain only that which proves true, for our spiritual lives depend upon the truth. There are no perfect churches, just as there are no perfect Christians. **‘Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good,’** 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 NIV.

So, this applies to us, but many have failed to obey this instruction, and today you may see that, amazingly, even some of the *basic* End-Time foundational beliefs we have accepted, are false, and where the foundation is wrong, all that is later built upon it is unsafe, and will also need examining.

We must understand that this prophetic error is serious, so serious that unless we replace it with the truth, it could cost us our place in the First Resurrection, and, if we are on the verge of the Tribulation, possibly even our life. So, let’s look at the proof!

First, ask yourself *why* most believe that Jesus Christ returns **for** his Bride as the seventh angel of Revelation 11:15 sounds? Not returns **with** His bride, as at the Feast of Trumpets, for that is correct, but **for** His Bride: **‘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.’** There is **of no mention here of a resurrection** or “the Last Trump,” (1 Corinthians 15:52) is there? In fact, it is **not** an angel who **blows the trumpet at the Resurrection, but God Himself, and neither is this the Last Trump!** 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Zechariah 9:14, Psalm 47:5. What we see instead is church tradition!

We need to understand that there are 2 phases to Christ’s second coming, and in the first phase, He does not even set foot on the Earth. He returns first **for** his Bride whom the angels gather to Him in the clouds, and *finally*, **with** His Wife. In the first phase He is symbolised as “the bright and morning star”, Revelation 22:16, who brings the Resurrection, v. 17, Revelation 2:28, His promised reward.

Just as the morning star is seen before the sunrise, Christ will come **for** His Bride *before* the Great Tribulation brings the second phase when He finally returns to the Earth **with** His Bride as “**the sun of righteousness**”, Malachi 4:2, to destroy the wicked who would rebel, and establish the Kingdom of God, Revelation 11:15.

The trumpet blown by the angel in Revelation 11:15 is the 7th trump, **at the beginning of the 7 last plagues**. It is not “the last trump”, as W. E. Vine correctly points out, page 160 in his Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words. More importantly, **Revelation chapters 14 and 15** plainly state that the Bride of Christ is **already** in

Heaven (and has obviously been there **for almost 3½ years**, after a **6th Seal** Resurrection, long before the 7th angel sounds. Revelation 14:1-5, v, 4; 12:14.)
'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** [*past tense*] redeemed from among men, (actually, "from **the men**") being the **firstfruits** (symbolically, of the **barley** harvest, not the wheat harvest, Exodus 34:22) unto God and to the Lamb', and

Revelation 15:2, '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.' The Antichrist had attempted to destroy God's servants as they fled from Jerusalem, but it cost him an army! (Revelation 12:16)

Obviously, the marriage in Heaven has already taken place, for then the Saints have their Father's family name in their foreheads! Revelation 14:1, and as we learned from chapter 15, the Saints are on the Sea of Glass, v2, while the 7 angels **have not yet been given the 7 last plagues**. Only later in the chapter do we read, '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,' 15:7. This is almost at the *end* of the 7 years.

So, these chapters, including Revelation 14:15 and 18-19, show that the resurrection takes place at the **6th Seal**, *before* the Great Tribulation at the **7th Seal**, the "great day of His wrath" **Revelation 6:16-17**, "And they said to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and **hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne**, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the **great day of Their wrath has come** [now, after Christ has arrived in the clouds], and who is able to withstand it?" (The 7th Seal)

This totally destroys the false foundation and timing of the First Resurrection, supposedly *at the end* of the **7th Seal**, which has allowed Satan to **divert** the Church from God's important End-Time commission!

Now we know that Jesus Christ's words are true, so we have to conclude that we have either been deceived by *false* ministers, or ministers who have allowed *themselves* to be deceived by an almost worshipped Church leader, into believing that Christ returns **for** his Bride at the very end of the Great Tribulation. I know we find that hard to believe, and I know there are ministers who have recognised the error but still not found or acted on the truth, but God sees into the hearts of men, and judges them by their fruits, and the fruits still include this false teaching.

Nor should we be surprised by any of this. Matthew 24:4, 'And Jesus answered and said unto them, "Take heed that no man deceive you."'

1 Timothy 4:1. '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.'

And Ezekiel 34:2,18-19, ‘Son of man, prophesy against **the shepherds of Israel**, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, **but ye must foul the residue** with your feet? And as for my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and **they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.**’ It seems from the evidence, and God’s strong condemnation, that ministers are always in danger of allowing their *positions* to gain priority over God’s word! I for one am endlessly grateful for His patience and mercy through the many years I was deceived on this very issue!

Isaiah 56:11, ‘Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds **that cannot understand: they all look to their own way**, [ignoring the path of Gods stated word] **every one for his gain, from his quarter.**’ These severe warnings are there for one reason only. God requires our repentance from pride, position, power and privilege!

God’s people have been deceived because they trusted in fallible men *ahead* of God’s word. Faithful ministers do their best to expound God’s prophetic words which are ‘seen through a glass, darkly’, (1Corinthians 13:12), **directly from the scriptures**, rather than from church tradition or dramatic fantasy, Matthew 15:3, ‘He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God **because of your tradition?**”

Whatever their reasons *for continuing* the deceit about the End-Time, we will see that a 3½ year Tribulation and a resurrection on the Feast of Trumpets is totally false and denied by Jesus Christ. But notice, neither does the Church *want* to hear the Truth; ‘they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to **fables.**’ 2 Timothy 4:4!

Why do some not want to hear the Truth? For many, the ministers have built a very comfortable belief that the Church will be miraculously taken to a place of safety during the Great Tribulation, en masse!

The truth is, while a relative few who actually carry out God’s broadcast to “Israel”, *will* flee from the Beast at Jerusalem, at the half-way point in the 7 years, some of whom are rescued by God after a perilous journey, and walk on to Petra through the Judean wilderness, most of God’s people will apparently remain deceived [Rev. 12:17, 18:4], leave it too late, and are trapped when America and Britain (who have behaved as Babylon) fall, **in one day**, Revelation 18:8. ‘Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

So, sadly, most of the Church will reject this warning and still refuse to believe the Truth! The Tribulation actually comes in two halves, each of 3½ years. “[The tribulation of those days](#)”, Matthew 24:29, **the first 6 Seals**, and the “[great tribulation](#)”, Matthew 24:21, the **7th Seal**, which consists of the 7 trumpet plagues, the 7th trump itself also consisting of the 7 last plagues!

The Bride of Christ is taken by Christ to the sea of glass **in Heaven** (described in Revelation 4) after their Resurrection as they flee from Jerusalem, for the duration of the **3½ years of the Great Tribulation**, Revelation 12:14, Revelation 3:10. Others from God’s Church who did not quite qualify to become the Bride will also be “nourished” for their roles in the Kingdom, in the region of Petra, in Jordan.

Daniel 9:27 and **Matthew 24:15** and **the context**, together prove the Tribulation is seven years in total, and at the end, less than one tenth of “Israel” will be left alive, ‘converted’, (Revelation 12:17), **and ‘unconverted’**, in total! Isaiah 6:10-13 NIV,

“[Make the hearts of this people calloused;](#)
[deafen their ears and close their eyes.](#)
[Otherwise they might see with their eyes,](#)
[hear with their ears,](#)
understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”

11 Then I asked: “How long, O Lord?”
And He replied:

“Until the cities lie ruined
and without inhabitant,
until the houses are left unoccupied
and the land is desolate and ravaged,
12 until the LORD has driven men far away
and the land is utterly forsaken.

13 And though a tenth remains in the land,
it will be burned again.
As the terebinth and oak leave stumps when felled,
so the holy seed will be a stump in the land.”

Their God-given delusion, brought about by their lack of enough love for God’s word to actually put it into practice, (2 Thessalonians 2:10) prevents most of God’s people from even *seeing*, much less acknowledging God’s commands concerning our important End-Time role during *the first half* of the last 7 years.

Failure to **obey** those End-Time commands mentioned below, **deprives them of God’s Holy Spirit**. Acts 5:32, ‘[And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.](#)’ Oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. We choose to diligently study and to obey God’s words, or risk disobeying them, by our neglect, or deception.

With little or no ‘oil’ in their lamps, **God says** the door to the Kingdom will remain closed to them. Matthew 25:1-10,

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten **virgins**, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 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. 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.**

What can we do to remedy this awful situation? At this stage, not a lot. **If** our eyes have been opened, to the TRUTH, **we can repent of avoiding the truth**, and as God’s witnesses, each find our own individual way to help others learn the Truth of this diabolical attack upon God’s word. To do nothing, despite the evidence of the truth we have seen, will be to join those in Revelation **chapter 7**, who leave it too late to repent, **end up in the Great Tribulation** (see verse 14) and **so miss the First Resurrection**, in the previous chapter, and Matthew 24:30, Revelation **chapter 6**:16.

At the sight of Christ sitting on the throne in all His awesome Glory as the angels gather the Saints, all who see Him will be fearful, for they will know they have to face the Great Tribulation, even if the late repentant *are* promised their reward in the **Second** Resurrection. See Revelation 7:16,17; 21:4, 23.

God’s **commands** about that broadcast of Hope from Jerusalem [eg. Jeremiah 31:6-7, Isaiah 40:1, 9-11 NIV, and our previous articles] **will be fulfilled** by God’s *faithful* people, but our brethren need to learn of the deception which has, so far, deprived them of God’s End-Time Commands. Have you even heard of them?

You can become one of God’s witnesses (Isaiah 43:10) by helping to distribute the **proof of this deception about the resurrection**, thereby declaring your support, obedience and faithfulness to our Father by your *active* faith! You are welcome to reproduce and forward *this* evidence to others if you wish to help, and may God bless your faith towards His Kingdom!

Revelation 17:14.....‘These [kings] 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.**’ Will you stand up for His Truth?

.....