

Daniel Unlocks Revelation

Many people find the book of Revelation to be too difficult and confusing. Even some ministers say that we cannot be expected to understand its language and symbolism, and play down the significance of its prophecy, *which Jesus Christ included to guide our actions*, should we live at the End-Time.

Why else would our Lord Jesus, a true prophet and the actual author of “Revelation”, (1:1) give us His prophecy of His **return for His Bride**, as well as His parable of the **ten virgins**, except to warn us to prepare ourselves for His return, for if we then have no oil (symbolic of the Holy Spirit) in our lamps, Matt.25:1-10, the door to His Kingdom remains closed to us. 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.**’

So, it would be a mistake to believe that works, though they cannot *earn* us Salvation, do not bring us a special reward, Revelation 20:12,14, ‘**And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be....Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**’

We may gain Salvation through repentance and grace, but not attain to the “better resurrection” without dedication to our Father, Hebrews 11:35, ‘**Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:**’

We find this ‘better resurrection’ in the resurrection of the 144,000 Firstfruits, who marry Jesus Christ on the Sea of Glass in Heaven! (Revelation 14:1-4, 15:2 19:7, Hebrews 12:22) No others will ever gain that absolute unity with Jesus Christ and His Father!

Others, who *also* keep the commandments (Revelation 12:17) are deluded by false teaching, including believing the Tribulation lasts for just 3½ years, instead of the 7 years of the book of Daniel (8:13-14, 9:27, 12:11).

Thus, **unknowing and unprepared** a second 144,000 + an unnumbered multitude, (Rev. 7:9) do not obey God’s specific End-Time commands during the *first half* of the 7 years (‘**and in the midst of the week he shall cause sacrifice and offering to cease...**’) which we will examine today, and only realise their error, miss the 1st resurrection, the ‘Better Resurrection’ and consequently give their lives in late repentance *during the Great Tribulation* (Daniel 8:23-24) the 7th Seal.

See also, Revelation 7:13, ‘**And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?** V14, ‘**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.' These, dear brethren, are sadly, the vast majority of God's deluded people, despite the teaching of many errant ministers, who attempt to preach them into heaven!

However, the very existence of the book of Revelation shows that Jesus Christ expects us to understand its overall chronology and illuminating words, in order to *be prepared* for the catastrophic times ahead. He has ensured that all the information we need for Salvation as **His Firstfruit Bride** is found in the Bible, if only we are prepared to find and absorb its contents, in both Old and New Testaments, for the **New** tells us we need the Old (2 Timothy 3:16) and the **Old** Testament reveals we cannot expect to understand the New, especially the End-Time, without the information *it* contains!

It maybe that, considering the priceless value of the reward at stake, most of us can recognise that we would not *deserve* to be in the 'Better Resurrection' if we fail to spend the time and effort needed to become familiar with those scattered verses depicting the responsibilities of God's people at the End-Time, so this article is written for those who hope to be counted as loving God's words *enough* to be obedient to them!

Building our picture of those last 7 years is rather like putting the pieces of a jigsaw together. We don't see the picture until we have put in time and effort to find the pieces, and put them in order, but this jigsaw's *final* pieces will remain missing until God decides we need them, no matter who we are! Daniel 12:8-9, '**And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.**'

In the previous article, it was shown that Christ says that Matthew 24:15-16 fulfils Daniel 9:27. Stop and think. Matthew 24 is discussing a series of events, and v15-16, '**So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination of desolation,' as described by the prophet Daniel (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains**', is just one. The events are consecutive and in Revelation 6 they are called Seals. So, we know that in Matt. 24, verses 3-14 are the *first 5 Seals*, which, according to Daniel 9:27 and Matthew 24 must occur in the *first half* of the seven years.

'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.

The 5th Seal is the persecution of God's people, and the "he" above, is the Beast, who **then** arrives in Israel with his armies, Daniel 11:40-41, 'And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.'

His persecution and killing finally ends their sacrificial work and the broadcast of their commanded message of hope to captive Israel from Jerusalem, half way through the 7 years... 'and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,' though the task is taken over and continued by the Two Witnesses.

Remembering that Christ said Matthew 24:15-16 fulfils Daniel 9:27, the very next verses in Matthew 24:16-21 also **speak of the halfway point.**

'Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: **For then shall be great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.'

The *Great Tribulation* begins with the Beast's attempt to kill those of God's people who had left America, Britain and her dependancies to carry out God's End-Time commanded broadcast from Jerusalem, for they, with their supporters, have also warned against the Beast's worship and taught about his ultimate fate, during most of the first 5 Seals which Matthew 24:29 calls "the tribulation of those days."

When they escape, by fleeing South, then East towards the mountains around Petra in Jordan, he sends an army in pursuit, Revelation 12:13-15, '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. 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.' God intervenes however, to rescue them.

Verse 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.' No wonder the Beast dare not follow them into Jordan! Zechariah 9:14-17, 'And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, (not the 7th angel) and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling

stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.

And the LORD their **God shall save them in that day** as the flock of his people: for **they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.**' They rejoice to be saved, some in Petra, (Isaiah 16:1, margin) while 144,000, changed into Spirit, are taken to the Sea of Glass, in Heaven. (Revelation 15:2, see our article 'The Division of the Saints')

This is the 6th Seal Resurrection! Revelation 6:12-14,16. 'And I beheld when he had opened the **sixth seal**, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and **the moon became as blood**; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.'

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:'

These are the heavenly signs, which we have seen follow the *Tribulation of those days*, the first 5 Seals. Only after this Firstfruits Resurrection does the *Great Tribulation, the 7th Seal, really start!* (Rev. 12:17, Cf. Rev. 14:15 and 18).

This **same** event continues with more detail in Matthew 24:29-31, '**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:** And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the **Son of man coming in the clouds** of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a **great sound of a trumpet**, and they shall **gather together his elect** from the four winds, **from one end of heaven to the other.**' Once again, the Resurrection of the 144,000 Firstfruits, the 'Better Resurrection!'

We have just seen the consecutive flow of events, right through the first 6 Seals and notice that the **6th Seal Resurrection** occurs immediately after the 5th Seal, the persecution of the Saints, and **the abomination of desolation**, which cause them to flee from Jerusalem.'

DANIEL SAYS THE ABOMINATION IS HALFWAY THROUGH THE 7 YEARS. Daniel 9:27, "Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But **in the middle of the week** He shall **bring an end to sacrifice and offering.** And on the wing of **abominations** shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate." There are **7 years** of Tribulation!!!

Don't believe me! Work it out for yourself one verse at a time! It is vital that you look directly to the words of God, for the churches of God have loved **a man's imagined**

scenario, without scriptural proof, and been led astray, consequently rejecting the following scriptures because they don't match his false 3½ year tribulation! Ignoring God's words and commands is a sure sign of deception!

So, lets go back to the start of the 7 years and examine Jeremiah 31:6-8.

“For there shall be a day, that the **watchmen upon the mount Ephraim** shall cry,”

‘Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

Verse 7, For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the **chief of the nations:** publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, **save thy people,** the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.’

Note, there has to be a time lag between verse 6 and 7. By the time the courageous faithful are established in Jerusalem and the broadcast ready to start, ‘Israel’ has been invaded and is in great danger.

To set the world scene, verse 6 occurs just after Revelation 14:6-7, and verse 7 somewhat later, after the nations of Israel are invaded and taken into slavery for their sins. *Everyone* saw the graphic dreams and visions of the Tribulation, (read Joel 2:28) and was warned to repent. The die is cast. The images they saw in their dreams and visions are simply images of the future, as in Matthew 17:3! There ‘will be few men left,’ by the time the Great Tribulation ends, Isaiah 24:6.

That the Saints are to travel to Jerusalem, implies that normal travel is still current in verse 6, but once the wars of the 2nd Seal begin in verse 7, there will be no more international travel possible for civilians. It is imperative then, that we realise the danger of procrastination both then, and now! When the First Angel of Revelation flies, Rev. 14:6-7, it is God’s signal to move, (Matthew 24:14) while “peace” still prevails, but they **will by then, need to be fully prepared** in every way for this complex migration to Jerusalem. It is not something one can do overnight!

Who will proclaim this command? According our Lord, the ‘**watchmen of Ephraim,**’ are led to act by one of God’s British watchmen who has for very many years been warning the churches of God to study and obey ALL God’s *commands* rather than merely the traditions of the churches! But their response is exactly as God predicted!

Hosea 9:7-8, ‘The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; **Israel** shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.’

Israel’s punishment is coming, as retribution for her sins. She must be told. The prophet who warns is considered a fool before the punishment arrives, the man guided by God’s Holy Spirit is thought a madman for condemning the idolatry of man-made religious traditions and feels hostility to his message.

V 8. ‘**The watchman of Ephraim** was with my God: but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God.’

The watchman of Ephraim is with God, in that he proclaims His commands.

But the false prophets ensnare their flocks with false doctrine and hatred of the Truth in both in Israel and the Church.

Please read about ‘The Watchmen of Ephraim’ and their future role in Jerusalem in Articles 60-62, on the Second Page of “Articles”, and Isaiah 52:12, where it explains, “**the Lord will go** [to Jerusalem] **before you.**” Their broadcast of a message of hope to “the chief of the nations”, the UK and US - Ephraim and Manasseh, is stated to be yet future in verse 7, and will sustain the repentant in captive Israel for almost 3 years until the 2 Witnesses take over at the half way point in the 7 years.

Notice some of God’s many End -Time instructions about that broadcast message from Jerusalem. Jeremiah 31:6-8, Isaiah 40:1-11, Isaiah 49:12-13, Isaiah 52, Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12, Ezekiel 11:17, 19-20, Ezekiel 34:11-14, 23-24.

If we are faithful to our Lord, in those days, we will use our wealth and maybe even our lives in sacrifice and oblation to carry out His Commands in Jerusalem *when the Revelation 14:6 angel flies!* There will be no doubt after that **miraculous world-wide event** that it is indeed the End-Time, and God is not best pleased with his ministers who have utterly failed to direct His flock to His End Time Commands to prepare that broadcast of Hope to captive Israel!

Only one large corporate church has so far acknowledged Isaiah 40, probably because of that church’s emphasis on Jerusalem, and the rest should be ashamed of their deliberate “blindness”, **when these scriptures are there for all to see!**

We can thank God that He is compassionate and understands our weaknesses. Many of us have come across someone who secretly recognises the True Sabbath, but has not the courage to apply that knowledge because of the impact it would have on their lives. The same is true for *some of* these ministers. They have allowed their lives to be too closely tied to a corporate entity where God’s word is not paramount, or perhaps they are just not close enough to His word or example or just too enamoured with their eminent position?

Let us realise what is required of us, if like Daniel, we would hope to understand, Daniel 10:14, ‘Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.’ Verse 12, ‘Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.’

So, our God is waiting, delaying His return to give us chance to repent, which is why He is drip feeding this precious information to His people which has been hidden **in plain sight** ever since Daniel 12:9, ‘And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.’ They are being unsealed now, as you have read, and as for those ministers who have failed to apply God’s word, their chance is nearly over.

Without the same deep, selfless compassion which our Lord obviously feels for those Israelites in their future slavery for their sins, why would God ever entrust any person with the **awesome Divine power** with which He will bless His Bride?

We cannot afford be put off by naysayers who have hidden from the truth for years since it began to be published in full page ads in ‘The Journal.’

Thank God for Daniel. Fear not and stand up for God’s written word and stated commands; you are His witnesses (Isaiah 43:10) as am I, ‘**The days of visitation are come**’, and our reward is hanging on our response....

Witness then, if you can see the truth, and hope to gain the ‘**Better Resurrection.**’

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