

To Understand the Endtime...

It is many years since I proved for myself from God's word, that Jesus Christ does not return for His Saints at the Feast of Trumpets, *after* the Great Tribulation: He does return then, but WITH His Bride, after His marriage before our Father's throne in heaven, Revelation 14:1-5. 'And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the [heavenly] mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having **his Father's name** written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. 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.'

We cannot hide from the fact that there are 144,000 Saints on the Sea of glass in heaven (Rev. 14:1, from the Resurrection described in Rev.14:14-15, **before** the Great Tribulation (Rev. 14:19-20).

Be aware too that the book of Revelation is made up of **alternating** visions, in heaven, on earth, etc. (THE COMPANION BIBLE, by E W Bullinger.) which are not consecutive, as in chapter 14.

Of course that the 144,000 are in heaven, is easy to prove by simply bringing the Resurrection scriptures together, just like a jigsaw puzzle, though amazingly it seems, from the evidence in the Bible, that this is too much to expect of the vast majority in the Church of God, who seem content to accept long held traditions without biblical foundation, and so remain deceived, Revelation 12:9. **All of us** face this danger until we have thoroughly proved the truth of *what we believe, from the Bible*, and be prepared to admit it, if we have made mistakes.

As a sad result, it is not 50% of the commandment-keeping believers that find the door to the Kingdom closed against them at Christ's return for His Bride, as we read in Matthew 25, and Revelation 12:17, but a higher percentage in the 90's, because verses 1-13 in Matthew 25 reveal the difference between the virgins who *are faithful to His words* rather than the *traditions* of their church. That is why they are called "**chaste**" virgins in 2 Corinthians 11:2, when for example, the others *were keeping the commandments*, (Revelation 12:17) but *also* allowing themselves to be diverted from the Truth (The bible calls it spiritual adultery) by following *unbiblical* church traditions, which, much later, contributed to the fragmentation and destruction of the Worldwide COG., Ezekiel 8:5. That is why it says in Rev. 14:4, '*these are they which*

follow the lamb whithersoever he goeth'; why the Greek says, 'these were redeemed from **the men**', verse 5, 'And in **their** mouth was found no guile'.

Sheer common-sense also cancels out any chance of Christ's arrival FOR His Saints at that latter, final coming, *at the end of the 7th Seal*, when we consider all the things that would have to happen on that day – the Resurrection, their angelic flight to join Christ on the portable Sea of Glass in the clouds, (see Ezekiel 1) their flight to Heaven, for their singing before the Throne of God, Rev.14:3, their marriage to Christ, discovering their individual roles in helping Christ rule on earth, and the education they would need, even of how to ride a war horse, and their return to the Mount of Olives with Christ, before Armageddon, etc., etc!

In that light, 3½ years seems almost too short for our education in our future roles, in order to reign with Christ here on the earth for 1000 years, Revelation 20:4, but then, that's how long the apostles received from Christ, isn't it, and *they too* will need much more training for their future regal roles!

So, the true Resurrection **at the 6th Seal**, just *before* the 7th Seal (Revelation 6:17) does not allow any date that is *more* or *less* than 3½ years before Christ's final return at the Feast of Trumpets, for it is evident that 3½ years is mentioned far too many times in connection with the time the Saints spend in heaven after their Resurrection, learning all that they will need in helping Jesus Christ. As a consequence, out goes the Feast of Trumpets as the Resurrection time, to accommodate the *half* year, and Pentecost, *far* too short a time to match the half year requirement in the 3½ years.

Only one of the days listed in Leviticus 23 fits the bill! All of the other days, *do not allow for a 3½ year spell in heaven* **or** correctly picture their chronological placing in the biblical Plan of God, regarding the harvest resurrection of the *spiritual FIRSTFRUIT Barley*! **Leviticus 23:10-11 is a sacred Command** also typifying us!

Yes, the **later wheat harvest** (Exodus 34:22) *is* also a Firstfruit Festival, but fails to qualify for the Wave Sheaf, because it's offerings, Leviticus 23:12-13, and 18, contain leaven, v.17, which is not permitted to be burnt on the altar, which would symbolise God's **total** acceptance of the Bride to be, at Christ's ascension! Leviticus 2:11-12, 'No grain offering that you present to the LORD **may be made with leaven**, for you are not to burn any leaven or honey as a food offering to the LORD. 12You may bring them to the LORD as an offering of firstfruits, but they **must not** go up on the altar as a pleasing aroma.

They *are* firstfruits, but just like those *spiritual firstfruits* who repent *too late, after* the 6th Seal, they miss the First Resurrection and receive their reward in the *Second* Resurrection, Revelation 7:14, Revelation 21:4, 16, 17, 23.

Why does the Wave sheaf fit the bill? Importantly, because, unlike the other Leviticus 23 festivals. counting back to the Wave Sheaf, **from** Christ's final return

from heaven, WITH the Saints, by then his wife, IS 3½ years, just as we should expect, once we know that the Tribulation is **seven** years long, not just three and a half! Daniel 9:27, *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.*

Now, the whole essence of this message shows that Christ returns not once, but twice – once *for* His Bride, when He does not set foot on the earth, and finally, once *WITH* His Bride, to set up His Kingdom, and this serious error has gravely affected our obedience to God's *further* End-Time commands. (cf. Acts 5:32, Romans 2:13).

To illuminate that fact for the diligent, **God uses one word** which is found nowhere else in the Bible, and so has remained undiscovered by those who remain blinded (2 Thessalonians 2:11) to the Great Resurrection Error, which leaves them unprepared for Christ's return.

There are many references in the Bible to the *coming* of Christ, past and future, and the Greek word always commonly used for “coming” among those 24, is ‘parousia’, from ‘para’ (alongside) and ‘ousia’ (a “being”) eg, Matthew 24:3, 27, 37, 39. It indicates the ‘presence’ of a person. Essentially, it means the arrival and presence of that person.

‘Vine’s says of ‘parousia’, “it signifies *not merely His momentary coming for His Saints*, but His presence with them from that moment until His revelation and manifestation to the world.” The word has several applications; to the beginning of that period, the course of the period, and in others the conclusion of the period.

The word parousia is not just a New Testament term, it had long been applied to the arrival of the emperor, or other person in authority. It is generally recognised that the word should read ‘presence’, applying not just to the coming, but also the presence amongst us, once He has returned. ‘Parousia’ then, means much more than ‘coming’, as it is often translated, eg., Matthew 24:3, *‘As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”’*

So, as we conclude, Christ does not arrive *for* His Bride at the Feast of Trumpets, or at Pentecost, and of His arrival *for* His Bride, this **special word is used** which is found only once in the Bible. That word for His coming *FOR* His Bride, is seen in Acts 7:52. It stems from the Greek ‘eleusis’, “coming” (Latin adventu) without any indication of remaining. It cannot be ‘parousia’ because He does not then stay, but takes His Bride to be, back with Him to Heaven.

We should note that, because it shows Christ has yet to return twice, the Resurrection is at His *first* return and is separated from His final return *WITH* His Wife, **by 3½ years!**

That one word simply confirms the error of the *Resurrection* at the Feast of Trumpets which **remains as tradition in the Church of God to this day**, but when we see Him arrive with power and great glory in the clouds, Revelation 1:7, we will know the Resurrection is upon us as we hear the trumpet blast **of Almighty God** echo around the world, Isaiah 18:3, Zechariah 9:14, **at the last trump! (Not the trump at Rev. 11:15**, as the Church of God expects), Unger's Bible Handbook, Vines, etc. **And he said unto them, 'Full well ye reject the commandment of God,** [ie. Leviticus 23:10-11, which determines the start of the New Year and all God's Holy Days] **that ye may keep your own tradition,'** Mark 9:7.

Not the relatively minor blowing of an angel, Revelation 11:15, at the celebration of the inauguration of the Kingdom of God. There is no mention of the Resurrection there, (See Vine's under "Trumpet") for that confusion has blinded the eyes of those who have followed the tradition of the Church rather than God's words, and fail to see that those two trumpets are actually 3½ years apart!

Does this error matter? Of course. It is the difference between our fulfilling Revelation 14:4-5, *or* Revelation 7:14 – the First Resurrection or the Second! That is why Christ used that special word, to confirm our recognition of 2 returns!

It is note-worthy too that Dan and Ephraim are specifically missing from the list of tribes who have 144,000 sealed in Revelation 7, just before the Great Tribulation, and idolatry has been suggested as the reason. Not just physical idolatry in some churches, and spiritual idolatry in the form of hierarchic rule, in others., but also by placing **tradition** before God's words!

So, the false doctrine that Christ comes for his Bride at the Feast of Trumpets is dismissed, but at a huge cost for those who remain deceived! Sadly, scripture indicates *they* only repent after they **see** that they are not in the First Resurrection, (Matthew 24:31) though the last few verses in Revelation 7, show that they will receive their reward in the New Jerusalem. Rev. 21 and 22.

Well, there you have it! God says He is a Jealous God, Ezekiel 8:5. It is not enough to keep His Commandments. We can't assume we are walking in the Truth if we allow church tradition to unknowingly divert us through lack of diligence, or pride, and end up allowing Satan to lead us into confusion about what else God **commands of us** at the End- Time.

Truly, there is a valid point in the saying, 'There are none so blind as those who will not see.' One example of its many effects: last year, 2025, the Church of God **totally ignored God's words** in Leviticus 23: 10-11, which still **determines the start of**

God's new year, and against God's command **added an extra 13th month**, (intercalation) using the Metonic time cycle which stems from Babylon along with it's Babylonian name – 'Nisan', despite the fact that the barley harvest *was seen to be* ripe. Instead, they followed the *quite unbiblical man-made tradition* of the Jews, commonly but falsely called the 'Hebrew Calendar' which was not the calendar used by Jesus and the Jews at the time of Christ. As a result, every one of their Feast-days last year was over one month late, but still its followers are blind to their error!

No wonder God says in Revelation 18:4, "**Come out of her [Babylon] my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.**" Do you really want to fulfil Revelation 7:14, by placing church tradition ahead of God's sacred commands?

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