

THE BIBLICAL TRUTH OF THE SECOND COMING

We are living in a day and age when much is taught and written about the second coming of our LORD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. There is only one test that we can put to what we are taught and what we read and that is the test of scripture. I find that the vast majority of what I have read and heard does not meet the test of scripture. About three years ago GOD turned on a light and I began to understand what would take place in the leading up to, and the resurrection of the body of CHRIST. If we have to excuse or twist any scripture about any subject, we have missed what the scripture is teaching. For the BIBLE is truth and nowhere does it contradict itself.

In order to follow the resurrection through the BIBLE we must start with the Words of CHRIST in Matthew chapter 24. HIS disciples asked JESUS in verse three (3) some questions and in the 24th chapter CHRIST answers these questions. The questions are

“Tell us, when shall these things be and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”

The first thing that JESUS says in verse four is

“Take heed that no man deceive you!”

This statement indicates that there will be a lot of false doctrine about who CHRIST is and about HIS coming.

“For many will come in MY name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for MY name’s sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”

Matthew 24: 5-13

These scriptures give an array of events Leading up to the second coming of CHRIST. If you will take these events as being literally what takes place, you will see that these events are explained in the Seals and Trumpets of Revelation. Matthew 24:14 is an interesting passage of scripture and I have heard many explanations most of them saying that the end could not come until the church has preached the gospel to everyone on earth. That is not what this scripture is saying. The BIBLE interprets this scripture in Revelation 14:6. Listen to the two scriptures.

“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

It says that the end will come after the gospel is preached to everyone. We will not get it done because we are Laodecia. We are more worried about our buildings, parsonages, and gyms than we are about getting the gospel to those that don't measure up to the social level of our congregations. If you read Revelation 14 you will find that the one hundred and forty-four thousand Jews and the church have been redeemed from the earth and in verse 6 John says,

“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.”

See GOD is not depending on us, HE has it taken care of. The Truth is we have made salvation into an easy believism rather than a life changing experience. Most people in our churches don't understand making CHRIST our life and neither do they understand the resurrection of HIS BODY.

“Saying with a loud voice, ‘Hear GOD, and give glory to HIM; and worship HIM that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.’”

Verse 7

“And there followed another angel saying Babylon is fallen, is fallen. The end comes when Mystery Babylon is fallen.”

Verse 8

In Matthew 24:5-23 are the events that take place when the seals and trumpets are released. We will address these events later on but now let us look for the resurrection. In verse 15 of Matthew 24 CHRIST says,

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, whosoever readeth let him understand.”

Now I will ask you a question. Has CHRIST given any indication of any kind of resurrection before ‘the abomination of desolation’? If you are afraid to answer that question, I will answer it for you, NO. In verse 16 CHRIST says,

“Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains.”

Verse 17-21 says that this fleeing must be done with great urgency.

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

Verse 21

Great tribulation last three and one-half years and you don't understand its seriousness and why those in Judea have to flee until you understand what literally takes place in the twelfth chapter of the book of Revelation.

Let us go to Revelation chapter 12, verse 7,

“And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought

against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.”

In verse 7 there is a battle going on between Michael and Satan. We need to understand when and who it affects.

”And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. ”

Verse 8

In verse 8, Satan is denied access to heaven.

“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.”

Verse 9

Verse 9 tells us that Satan and his angels will be cast down to the earth. This is the same event as the 5th Trumpet in Rev. 9: 1-12. Look at Rev. 9: 1;

“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.”

In verse 2 he opens the pit and in verse 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.”

If you want a blessing look at Luke 10 at what CHRIST tells the 70 who went out in FAITH.

“An HE said unto them I beheld Satan as lightening fall from heaven”

Verse 18

“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

Verse 19

We need to know when this takes place. Back in Rev. 12: 10 tells us what Satan was up to.

“And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of 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.”

Verse 10

What is Satan accusing you of today? Probably if you are born again he is telling GOD to take all your blessings and protection and things and see if you really love HIM in exactly the same way that he accused Job.

“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.”

Verse 11

If you are covered by the BLOOD, you are part of the church and there is no split resurrection for the church. Now listen to verse 12.

“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens and ye that dwell in them.

Woe to the inhibitors 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.”

Verse 12

Satan is denied access to heaven with just a short time left. What does he do? Verse 13 tells us what Satan does.

“And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.”

Verse 13

He persecutes Israel. The next verse 14 tells us what happens and how long this short time is.

“And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness where she is nourished for a time, and times, and a half time, from the face of the serpent.”

Verse 14

Here we see when Satan was cast out along with the prophetic destiny of America. Who is the only ally that Israel has ever had? What nation might have the resources to feed and defend Israel for three and one-half years and what is her symbol? Answer: America, the Eagle. We do not have to speculate. The casting of Satan down to earth brings on the abomination of desolation and the persecution of Israel. The man who confirms the covenant in Daniel 9:27 is indwelt by Satan and becomes his counterfeit for CHRIST in the middle of Daniel's 70th week.

Let us now go back to Matthew chapter 24. In verses 16-20 we see a greater sense of urgency in Israel. They have to flee because Satan persecutes the “woman which brought forth the man child” spoken of in Rev. 12:13.

“Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.”

Verse 16-20

In Matthew 24: 21-22, CHRIST tells us what is going to take place.

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be.”

Verse 21

These times will be the worst times the world has ever experienced and the church is still here. Verse 22 tells us what CHRIST is going to do with the church.

“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall

be shortened."

Verse 22

WHO ARE THE ELECT? If you believe in a pre-tribulation rapture the elect have to be Jews. If you believe the BIBLE, in Romans the elect have to be the church (THE BODY OF CHRIST). Romans 11 beginning in verse 7 we read;

"What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh

for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded." Verse 7

Israel is still blind and they are not the elect unless they are in CHRIST JESUS. CHRIST says,

"Then if any man shall say unto you lo here is CHRIST, or there; believe it not."

Verse 23

Now after the abomination of desolation there will be a man sitting in the temple in Jerusalem claiming to be GOD. In II Thessalonians chapter 2 Paul said

"Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day

(verse 1 by the coming of our LORD JESUS CHRIST

and by our gathering together unto HIM) shall not come,

except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

Verse 3

Then scripture tells us how he is revealed,

"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, showing himself that he is GOD."

Verse 4

Satan at that time will have his counterfeit on the throne. CHRIST said do not be deceived.

"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore if they say to you 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the SON OF MAN be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

Verse 24-28

In Matthew 24:29-31, we find the rapture of the body of CHRIST.

"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.”

Verse 29

Now let us turn to the sixth seal of Revelation 6.

“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; 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; And said to the mountains and the rocks fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the LAMB.”

Verse 12-16

Verse 17 gives us the key to what time this event takes place.

“For the GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME AND WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND.”

Verse 17

The sixth seal events are the same events that CHRIST gives us before the gathering of HIS elect. Verse 30 of Matthew 24 says,

“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 cloud 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.”

Verse 30-31

THIS IS THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH.

Now look at Revelation 7:1-2 there are four angels standing on the four corners of the earth ready to hurt the earth. In verse 3 they are told to wait until the 144,000 Jews were sealed. In verse 9-12 John sees a great multitude in heaven that no man could number of every nation, kindred, people, and tongue. These are everyone that have been redeemed by the BLOOD of the LAMB including the church and the 144,000 Jews who are grafted back into GOD's family. First the natural branch is cut off and the wild branch grafted in. We are the wild branch, the

144,000 Jews are the grafting back in of Israel and they are resurrected with the elect. One of the elders asked John the question,

“What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they?”

Rev. 7:13

The answer comes in verse 14,

“These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the BLOOD of the LAMB.”

Verse 14

YOU will not see the 144,000 again until the Revelation 14:3-4 where it says,

“They were redeemed from the earth and they are the first fruits.”

HOW WERE THEY REDEEMED? Revelation 7

We now need to take a look at the first five seals. The sixth seal is the same events that take place before the gathering of the elect in Matthew 24:29-31. The first seal is the white horse of Revelation 6:2.

“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 to conquering, and to conquer.”

Verse 2

The white horse is not the anti-Christ. He is the false prophet of the last part of Revelation 13. The POPE will be the false prophet. The pope was given a crown in 805 AD, which reads the vicar of god. Roman Catholicism has always wanted to unite with a government to rule the world. It tried under the Holy Roman Empire with Charlemagne. The pope is white right down to his pope mobile. It is said that the Roman Catholic Church has martyred over 60 million Christians.

The red horse of verse 4 says;

“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.”

Verse 4

Let us look at the characteristics of the red horse. He takes peace from the earth. I know that the common interpretation of the red horse is war. War is not what starts war. Whatever takes peace brings about war. The red horse represents a form of government that has taken peace from the earth. The red horse represents communism or socialism. Communism has brought about war in all parts of the earth. The communist people kill their own people who do not go along with communism. Korea, Vietnam, China are just a few of the places that we have been as a result of the communist killing their own. Communism has been given a great sword for they are truly well armed.

Let us look at the black horse.

“And I beheld, and lo a black horse and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. 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.'

Verse 5-6

The Capitalistic form of government is all about trade and a free market economy that brings wealth and prosperity to many. The black horse is capitalism.

The fourth seal is the pale horse.

"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 after the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

Verse 8

We now need to go to the sixth chapter of Zechariah because Zechariah sees four horses of the same color. In these scripture the black horse goes to the north country, the white horse goeth forth after them. The pale horse goes to the south country. There is nothing more evident than the pale horse being in Africa and South America today. Zechariah says that the black horse has quieted my spirit in the north country. What has prosperity done to Christianity in America today? People have become lovers of pleasure more than lovers of GOD because we have the resources to do the things that we want to do rather than doing the things that GOD would have us do.

The fifth seal is interesting and gives us insight as to when the rapture will be.

"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. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O LORD, holy and true, does thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?'"

Verse 9-10

Now we teach that to be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD. The soul of a man that is born again goes to be with the LORD. Where are the martyred souls? They are under the altar. This group includes all the martyred souls of the church age. They cry out for vengeance. What are they told?

"And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

Verse 11

The souls under the altar are not going to receive their glorified body until the last person is martyred in the church age. WHO ARE THE LAST TWO MARTYRS? ANSWER; THE TWO WITNESSES OF REVELATION CHAPTER 11.

We have already addressed the sixth seal so let us look at the seventh seal. After the resurrection of chapter 7, the seventh seal simply says;

“And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.”

Rev. 8:1

This tells us that after the resurrection there is silence in heaven for a short time.

The mistake that is made here in interpreting Revelation is that people want to continue in chronological order. They want to interpret the seven trumpets as following after the seven seals. This cannot be proper interpretation because the seventh trumpet ushers in the wrath of GOD in chapter 11. Listen to what the scripture says.

“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.”

Verse 15

“And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come.”

Verse 18a

This is the same wrath that the sixth seal says in Revelation 6:17.

“For the great day of HIS wrath is come and who shall be able to stand?”

Verse 17

Now listen to what the remainder of verse 18 says,

“And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto the servants, the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear THY NAME, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.”

Verse 18b

John gives us the answers in Revelation 7 to what CHRIST said in Matthew 24 after he reveals the first six seals. The resurrection ushers in the wrath of GOD for we are spared the fullness of the wrath of GOD. John gives us the answers of Paul's teaching of the resurrection in 1 Thessalonians 4 and 1 Corinthians 15 in Revelation 8, 9, 10, and 11. Revelation 11 ends with the last trumpet ushering in the wrath of GOD and the Judgment Seat of CHRIST. The first four seals give the struggle between religion and governments and also the horror going on in the south country today. Let us look at the trumpets and see that they go back and overlap the seals.

CHRIST said in Matthew chapter 24 that there would be wars and rumors of wars but the end is not yet. Nation shall rise against nations; kingdoms against kingdoms and these things are the beginning of sorrows. As we look at the seven trumpets keep in mind that John 2000 years ago was describing exactly what is going on today.

Let us look at the first trumpet.

“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.”

Rev. 8: 7

This I believe to be John's description of World War 1. Keep in mind that wars and such are the beginning of sorrows.

“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. 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.”

Verse 8-9

It is a historical fact that one-third of the ocean going vessels were destroyed in World War II. The beaches around Europe turned red with the blood of our soldiers and the mountain burning with fire cast into the sea was John's view of the atomic bomb.

“And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as if it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters. 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.”

Verse 10-11

The Russian word for wormwood is Chernobyl. Just recently I told our youth director that I thought that Chernobyl was the third trumpet of Revelation chapter 8. He thought that that might be a little far fetched. That very weekend he was in Barnes & Nobles in Dallas when he saw a book about the Chernobyl the Great Disaster. It was written by a non-christian and it told the truth of the disaster. There were 480 villages killed out by the radiation from the disaster. Brain tumors in that part of the world are killing many because of the plutonium that was washed out of the nuclear cloud that drifted over Europe. The truth of the disaster has not yet been told publicly.

“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 night likewise.”

Verse 12-13

The fourth trumpet is John's description of the Gulf War and oil well fires. These things are the beginning of sorrow.

The fifth trumpet is the great turning point in what takes place. Verse 13 of Revelation chapter 8 tells us of three great woes.

“And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, WOE, WOE, WOE, TO THE INHABITERS OF THE EARTH BY REASON OF THE OTHER VOICES OF THE TRUMPET OF THE THREE ANGELS, WHICH ARE YET TO SOUND.”

Verse 13

“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.”

Rev. 9: 1

The fifth trumpet is what takes place in Revelation 12: 7-9 when Michael prevails and Satan is cast down to the earth.

“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. 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. And to them it was given 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. 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.

Remember Luke 10: 19

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

And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails; and their power was to hurt men five months. 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. One woe is past behold, there come two woes more hereafter.”

Verse 2-12

The casting of Satan out of heaven is what brings on the great tribulation which CHRIST spoke of that starts at the abomination of desolation. That is where the woes start and it will be horrible on earth for three and one-half years. The Church will not go through the full three and one-half because CHRIST will shorten that time for HIS elect and HE said that HE would do that at the great sound of a trumpet – Matthew 24: 31

Let us look now at the sixth trumpet.

“And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before GOD, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, ‘Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.’ And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.”

Rev. 9: 13-16

We have a war to yet face with an army from the east of 200,000,000. The army has 200 million men that will take one-third of the world population. China has already published information that they could

field an army of foot soldiers of over 200 million men. Revelation 9: 17-21 describes what takes place.

Now let us go to Revelation chapter 10. Remember that the sixth trumpet has sounded and it is time for the seventh and final trumpet. Also remember what Paul said about the resurrection in I Thess. 4. When did Paul say that the resurrection will take place? He said it would take place at "the SHOUT OF THE ARCHANGEL AND THE TRUMP OF GOD." Let us remember what he said in I Corinthians 15: 51-57.

"Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the

LAST TRUMP."

Verse 51

Now stop here and let me ask you a couple of questions. DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE INERRANCY OF THE SCRIPTURES? Why do you have trouble with the resurrection being at the seventh and last trumpet? What does last mean? Paul goes on to say for

"the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

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. O Death where is thy sting?

O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to GOD, which giveth us the victory through our

LORD JESUS CHRIST."

Verse 52-57

We are now ready for Revelation chapter 10.

"And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.

And he had in his hand a little book open; and he set his right foot upon the sea and his left

foot on the earth. “

Verse 1-2

It is time for CHRIST to reclaim HIS rightful possession.

“And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth; and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me. Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.”

Verse 3-4

No one but John has a clue to what the seven thunders uttered.

“And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer.

BUT IN THE DAYS OF THE VOICE OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL, WHEN HE SHALL BEGIN TO SOUND, THE MYSTERY OF GOD SHOULD BE FINISHED, AS HE HATH DECLARED TO HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS.”

Verse 5-7

Now how much clearer does GOD have to put it for us to take what the BIBLE says to build our doctrine on the Second Coming than what some man is teaching?

“And the voice which I heard from heaven spoke unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel and said unto him. Give me the little book. And he said unto me, ‘Take it, and eat it up. And it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.’ And I took the little book out of the angel’s hand, and ate it up, and it was in my mouth sweet as honey;

and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.”

Verse 8-10

Why do you suppose that it was sweet in his mouth but so bitter in his belly? Two groups of people are fixing to be affected. For those that are in CHRIST JESUS, the rapture is going to take place. For those who miss the rapture, GOD's wrath is going to be poured out on this earth and them when the seventh angel sounds.

Now let us move on to chapter 11 of Revelation. In this chapter again we see the same resurrection that took place in Revelation 7, just a different set of events leading up to it.

“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.”

Verse 1`

This scripture tells us that the temple will be rebuilt. John can't measure it if it doesn't exist.

“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.”

Verse 2

Verse 2 tells us that the temple mount will be divided. The courtyard of the temple will be given to the Gentiles. The Road Map to Peace that everyone is seeking today may very well lead to the confirmation of the covenant and allow Israel to rebuild. The Moslem buildings will remain on the temple mount causing them to believe that they can both be there in peace. When Satan comes down in the middle of the week everything changes.

“And I will give power unto my two witnesses,

and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred

and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.”

Verse 3

In Romans chapter 7 Paul talks of the natural branch being cut off and blinded but that GOD had not cut them off and blinded them forever.

These two witnesses are sent to the house of ISRAEL and by their ministry the 144 thousand Jews are saved, sealed, and resurrected.

“These are the two olive trees, and the two

candlesticks standing before the GOD of

the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire

preceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth

their enemies; and if any man will hurt them,

he must in this manner be killed. 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.

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. 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. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. 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.”

Verses 4-10

NOW THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE MUST REMEMBER. EVERYWHERE THE RESURRECTION IS MENTIONED IN MATTHEW 24, I THESS. 4, I CORINTHIANS 15, THE RESSURRECTION WAS AT THE SOUND OF A TRUMPET AND THAT MUST BE THE LAST TRUMPET ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE. ALONG WITH THAT TRUMPET THERE MUST BE THE SHOUT OF THE ARCHANGEL. DON'T FORGET THAT THE MARTYRED SOULS ARE STILL WAITING FOR THAT LAST MARTYR TO DIE.

“And after three days and a half the SPIRIT of Life from GOD entered into them and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw this.”

Verse 11

“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.”

Verse 12

“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 frighten, and gave glory to the

GOD of heaven. The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.”

Verse 13

Now listen to verse 15.

“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.”

Verse 15

“AND THE NATIONS WERE ANGRY, AND THY WRATH IS COME, AND THE TIME OF THE DEAD, THAT THEY SHOULD BE JUDGED, AND THAT THOU SHOULDST GIVE REWARD UNTO THY SERVANTS THE PROPHETS, AND TO THE SAINTS, AND THEM THAT FEAR THE NAME, SMALL AND GREAT; AND SHOULDST DESTROY THEM WHICH DESTROY THE EARTH.”

Verse 18

Every condition for the rapture is met when the two witnesses are resurrected. The archangel shouts the last trumpet sounds, and the last martyr in the Church is martyred. All of this takes place immediately before GOD pours out the fullness of HIS wrath that is found in chapters 15 and 16 of Revelation. The Church will not go through the wrath of GOD, but the Church will not be spared the testing of Satan.

When we look at what the early church went through, the dark ages and such, we see that the Church that suffered so greatly was the Church that was so dedicated to CHRIST. Why would we even dare to think that CHRIST is going to rapture the Laodicea church of today when there are more members lovers of pleasure more than lovers of GOD? I THINK THAT CHRIST SAID THAT HE WOULD SPEW LAODICEA OUT OF HIS MOUTH.

The parable of the ten virgins is very scary. All ten were virgins. All ten at one time had oil in their lamps. ALL TEN KNEW THAT THE BRIDE GROOM WAS COMING. ONLY FIVE MADE IT. WAKE UP. If you think that GOD would ever be pleased with someone that HE called to pastor a flock and HIS teaching on the resurrection included three theories of which none

are correct, you may not believe the same GOD that I do. THE FACT IS THAT HE MADE IT CLEAR IN SCRIPTURE THAT HE WOULD SHORTEN GREAT TRIBULATION FOR HIS ELECT AT THE GREAT SOUND OF THE LAST TRUMPET AND THAT IS WHEN THE MARTYRED SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR WILL RECEIVE THEIR GLORIFIED BODIES AND THE CHURCH WILL BE RESURRECTED. When the seventh bowl of GOD's wrath is poured out we will return with CHRIST to the battle of Armageddon and we will reign with CHRIST.

Look at Revelation 20: 4-6

“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 WORSHIPED THE BEAST, NEITHER HIS IMAGE, NEITHER HAD RECEIVED HIS MARK UPON THEIR FOREHEADS, OR IN THEIR HANDS AND THEY RULED AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.”

Verse 4-5

“THIS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION. 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.”

Verse 6

NOW ANSWER MY QUESTION. IF THE CHURCH IS GOING TO BE THE ONES WHO RULE AND REIGN WITH CHRIST, AND IT IS THOSE WHO ARE IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION THAT ARE GOING TO DO THAT, AND THE FIRST RESURRECTION INCLUDED THOSE WHO DID NOT RECEIVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST OR WORSHIPED HIS IMAGE, HOW DID WE GET RAPTURED BEFORE THE LAST SEVEN YEARS OCCUR?

We do not take near seriously enough the preaching of the TRUTH. I have had BMA pastors tell me over and over that it doesn't make any difference what you preach about the resurrection, whether you preach

Pre, Post or a Mid Tribulation rapture. None of these positions will fit Matthew 24.

In Jeremiah 14 the LORD came to Jeremiah concerning the condition of Israel and the 70 years of captivity.

“Then said I, ah, LORD GOD! Behold, the prophets say unto them,. Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in his place.” Verse 13

“Then the LORD said unto me, the prophets prophesy lies in MY NAME; I sent them not, neither have I commanded them; they prophecy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of naught, and the deceit of their heart.” Verse 14

“Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in MY NAME, and I sent them not, yet they say, sword and famine shall not be in this land; by sword and famine shall these prophets be consumed.” Verse 15

These are GOD’S Words concerning not prophesying the Truth about Israel’s captivity. We are approaching the greatest event in history, the Second Coming of CHRIST. We are also approaching a no money system which will end up being the ultimate test of a Christians faith. Do you believe that GOD can provide. We must teach the TRUTH.

We have a great warning in Romans 11. The natural branch, Israel, was cut off because of unbelief. The wild branch, the Gentiles, were grafted in because of GOD’S Grace and Faith. Listen carefully to Romans 11: 21

“For if GOD spared not the natural branches take heed lest HE also spare not thee.” Verse 21

In closing we have the same warning to false prophets in Rev. 22: 18-19.

“For I testify unto every man that hearth the words of the prophesy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, GOD shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. “ Verse 18

“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. “ Verse 19

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