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1. **KARL MARX WAS RIGHT.** Although he claimed not to believe in God, he confessed in his "Design of History" to what he called the principle of History: **A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND HISTORY WHICH REVEALED A PLAN FOR MAN;** this Dialectics of Materialism, swinging to one way then the other, but always coming back to the middle and getting closer to the goal!

2. But if you confess to that, as logical thinkers you must realise that **THERE HAD TO BE A DESIGN AND A PLANNER BEHIND THE PLAN.** This driving Force then must be an omnipotent Power, **A GOD BEHIND HISTORY,** Who must have given a Plan and a Goal to History, and man is being driven to his ultimate goal whether he likes it or not!

3. **THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE BOOK OF REVELATION REVEALS: THE PLAN, THE GOAL AND THE PLANNER BEHIND IT ALL!**

4. However, God did not wait until the late 1800s as Satan and Marx did to publish their counterfeit plan for man. Instead, **GOD REVEALED THE TRUE PLAN FOR MAN NEARLY 2000 YEARS AGO!** And it has happened and is happening and will happen just as He predicted! God gave His True Plan "before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe." (Jn.14.29)

## THE SEVEN SEALS CHAPTERS 1-7

### CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

5. **RIGHT ABOVE "CHAPTER ONE" IN MOST BIBLES, THE TITLE READS** "The revelation or Apocalypse of St. John the Divine." However, this title which was added by someone years later was not necessarily inspired because the first line of the prophecy says it is "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, and He (Jesus) sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John." (vs.1)

6. **THE FIRST FIVE CHAPTERS OF REVELATION, THOUGH THEY DO NOT CONTAIN ANY GLIMPSES INTO THE FUTURE,** are extremely important in giving us the background of what is to come. They set the stage, so to speak, for the drama of the future which begins to unfold in chapter 6.

7. Therefore, since these background chapters are really all rather self-explanatory, we will give only a small commentary on each one to help prepare you for the astounding prophecy of the future which begins to unfold in chapter 6 as **THE FOUR HORSEMEN THUNDER FORTH AND THE SEVEN-SEALED BOOK OF THE FUTURE IS OPENED!**

8. **IT IS FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT THIS JOHN WHO MERELY WROTE THE PROPHECY DOWN IS JOHN THE BELOVED.** He was one of the youngest of Jesus' apostles and the only one, as far as we know, who did not die a martyr's death. However, that was through no fault of the Roman Empire. They tried to boil him in oil but he wouldn't boil, because the Lord still hadn't finished with him and had further work for him to do.

9. **SO DOMITIAN, EMPEROR OF ROME AT THAT TIME, FIGURED, "WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A GUY LIKE THIS?** We can't kill him, so we'll just stick him some place where he can't do much damage, can't preach or witness to anybody, and where he won't accomplish too much!"

10. So John tells us in his own account that **HE ENDED UP ON "THE ISLE THAT IS CALLED PATMOS FOR (or because of) THE WORD OF GOD AND FOR THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST."** (vs.9)

11. **PATMOS WAS A 10-MILE LONG ROCKY ISLAND** off the southwest coast of Asia Minor in the Aegean Sea, which adjoins the Mediterranean. It was big and inhabitable enough to have a little town on it, and of

course the island is still there today.

12. **JOHN WAS PROBABLY IN HIS NINETIES AT THE TIME OF HIS EXILE** since Domitian's persecution against Christians occurred in the mid-90s A.D. So here he was, an old man sentenced by the Roman government to exile on a lonely island in order to keep out of harm's way and supposedly to keep him from doing any more damage with his revolutionary doctrines.

13. Instead of that, what happened? **HE HAD A REVELATION OUT THERE ALL BY HIMSELF THAT HAS SINCE BEEN A WITNESS TO MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE** and influenced more lives than he could ever have reached if he had stayed free.

14. **SO NEVER THINK THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE OUT ALONE SOME PLACE OR IN SOME LONELY PRISON CELL THAT GOD CAN'T WORK OR USE YOU** because He may be preparing you for something in which you'll be a greater witness than you ever dreamed.

15. This is what He did with John. He just put him someplace alone so John could have time to pray and meditate. Then one day when he "was in the Spirit" (or tuned-in to God) he heard a voice behind him, **"A GREAT VOICE, AS OF A TRUMPET, SAYING, I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST."** (vs.10,11)

16. When John "turned to see the voice that spake with" him, **HE SAW "ONE LIKE UNTO THE SON OF MAN"** standing "in the midst [of] seven golden candlesticks," with hair like wool and snow, eyes like fire, feet like brass burning in an oven and a voice sounding like many waters. In His right hand were seven stars, and a two edged sword proceeded out of His mouth and His face was like the sun. (vs.12-16)

17. The awesome appearance of this supernatural being so astonished John that he "fell at his feet as dead." But the Man said, "Fear not.... I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of Hell and of Death." (vs.17,18) **THIS, OF COURSE, COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN JESUS IN HIS HEAVENLY APPEARANCE.**

18. Many of the terms used here to describe Jesus may be very literal--for instance, "His face like the sun." This literally happened to Him on earth when He was transfigured on the mount where Elijah and Moses appeared to Him (Luke chapter 9). So, **ALTHOUGH SOME OF THESE ARE DEFINITELY SYMBOLIC, THEY NEVERTHELESS REPRESENT REALITY**--reality which is even greater than the limited symbols used here to describe Him.

19. For instance, **THE SWORD GOING OUT OF HIS MOUTH IS SYMBOLIC OF THE "SWORD OF THE SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD."** (Ep.6:17) But this spiritual sword is so powerful that with it He shall literally slay millions of the wicked at His Second Coming: "by His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh... And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other." (Is.66:16; Jer.25:33) It's symbolic, but very, very real!

20. **THE SEVEN STARS AND CANDLE-STICKS ARE ALSO SYMBOLIC.** The 20th verse of this same chapter says. "The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

21. Who are these seven churches? According to verses 4 and 11 of this chapter, **THEY ARE "SEVEN CHURCHES WHICH ARE (OR WERE IN 90 A.D.) IN ASIA"** and to whom the Lord told John to write. Chapters 2 and 3 contain these letters that John wrote to the seven churches.

22. **AFTER THE LORD HAD HELPED JOHN TO RECOVER HIS SENSES A BIT, HE TOLD HIM THAT THE VISION HE WAS ABOUT TO RECEIVE WOULD SPAN THE ENTIRE PANORAMA OF HISTORY.** "Write the things which thou hast seen (past), and the things which are (present, in John's day), and the things which shall be hereafter (future, after John). (vs.19)

23. **THE GENERAL PATTERN FOR THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS A PROGRESSIVE**

**PREVIEW OF HISTORY** "from the things which are," or were in John's Day, to the "things which shall be hereafter." However, frequently, sometimes even in the middle of chapter, the Revelation goes back into the past to give some background into whatever subject it's dealing with before showing you their future and how they wind up.

24. **CHAPTER ONE IS DEFINITELY PART OF THE "THINGS WHICH ARE" IN JOHN'S DAY** and it is an introduction to the vision itself. It introduces Jesus, Who is giving the Revelation through His angel, and John who is writing it. It also shows us that it is going to be about the past, present (of John's day), and the future.

### **7 LETTERS TO 7 CHURCHES IN ASIA** **CHAPTERS 2 & 3**

25. In verses 4 and 11 of chapter one, John named seven churches (groups of believers, not buildings) which were in seven Asian cities: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicia. **ALL OF THESE WERE NAMES OF EXPLICIT, DEFINITE CITIES OF ASIA MINOR**, today known as Turkey. They were all within close distance of each other and only a short distance from the isle of Patmos.

26. The Lord undoubtedly told John to write to these particular seven churches because he wasn't far from them. Also, **BEING ONE OF THE OLDEST DISCIPLES AND AN APOSTLE OF THE LORD, THESE CHURCHES NO DOUBT LOOKED TO JOHN FOR GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP**, even in exile.

27. The letters reveal churches in different levels of obedience and/or apostasy, and give rebukes, guidance and promises from the Lord to each one. **THOUGH WRITTEN TO LITERAL CHURCHES IN ASIA, WE CAN READ THE LETTERS TODAY AS WARNINGS, ADVICE AND COUNSEL** regarding any situation existing in our selves or in our church and take it to heart.

28. The churches themselves do not symbolise different so-called church ages, but are examples of various kinds of churches which have existed throughout the entire church age. In other words, **ANY ONE OF THE THINGS SPOKEN OF IN THESE SEVEN LETTERS COULD BE TRUE OF A LOT OF DIFFERENT CHURCHES, EVEN TODAY.**

29. In this sense then, even though these churches were in Asia in John's day and are part of "the things which are," or were in 90 A.D., they typify all the churches which shall come "hereafter." **THE PROMISES TO THESE CHURCHES HAVE HAD MANY FULFILMENTS THROUGHOUT HISTORY AND ARE NOW HAVING ULTIMATE FULFILMENTS IN THIS, THE LAST GENERATION.**

30. Another example of prophecy being fulfilled in this manner is seen in the words Jesus spoke to His disciples 2,000 years ago, but which every ensuing generation of Christians has appropriated also for itself. And as we have seen these promises of the Lord given to His Apostles fulfilled in every generation, even so **THE REBUKES, PRAISES AND PROMISES GIVEN TO THESE SEVEN CHURCHES HAVE BEEN FULFILLED IN EVERY AGE AND ARE NOW BEING ULTIMATELY FULFILLED IN THIS LAST AGE OF CHRISTIANS** who fit the description of each church.

31. In fact, **THE LORD HAS EVEN USED ONE OF THESE PROMISES, THE ONE TO THE CHURCHES IN PHILADELPHIA, WHICH HAS MY NAME IN IT, DAVID, AND PROPHESED IT OVER ME ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS** in the late 1940's by three different prophets, none of whom I had ever met before! And this prophecy is certainly finding fulfilment now in our worldwide work. Read it! (Rev.3:7-13)

32. Of the seven churches, Smyrna and Philadelphia are without reproof. Sardis and Laodicea have nothing good said of them except that Sardis had a "few" undefiled believers left. Ephesus, Pergamos and Thyatira are part bad, part good. **THE TWO GOOD CHURCHES, SMYRNA AND PHILADELPHIA WERE COMPOSED OF WILDLY WILLING WORKERS AND WERE FACING PERSECUTION FROM THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN**, the false worship system of that day--and today!

33. **THE TWO VERY BAD CHURCHES GREATLY RESEMBLE THE VAST MAJORITY OF SO-CALLED CHRISTIANS TODAY: materially rich and living it up with good times, but spiritually poor and**

dead--Sardis, whom the Lord "will come on as a thief," and Laodicea, whom the Lord will "spue out of His mouth."

34. **THE REMAINING THREE WERE FAITHFUL IN CERTAIN RESPECTS** but Jesus said, "I have a few things against thee." In Ephesus they were losing their first love for the Lord. In Pergamos they were tolerating false teachers and idolatry. In Thyatira they were swallowing the lies of the false prophetess Jezebel who was teaching that fornication with idols or worshipping Mammon and the System were acceptable.

35. **READ THEM ALL AND SEE WHERE YOU FIT!**

### **THRONE AND 7-SEALED BOOK** **CHAPTERS 4 & 5**

36. "After this I (John) looked, and **BEHOLD, A DOOR WAS OPENED IN HEAVEN:** and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." In chapter 1 we found out that Jesus had a voice "as a trumpet" (1:10), so this is Jesus talking to John.

37. Now, **SOME FALSE PROPHETS HAVE ACTUALLY MISINTERPRETED THIS VERSE AS THE RESURRECTION AND RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH BUT IT ISN'T.** It is Jesus telling John to come up so that He can show him the things which must be "hereafter." So far the Revelation has dealt only with "the things which are," or were in John's day; but now Jesus tells John He's going to show him the future.

38. In chapter 1, John was "in the Spirit" or tuned-in to God's Spirit, but here **THE LORD TELLS JOHN TO "COME UP" INTO THE REALM OF THE SPIRIT WORLD** to literally take a spirit trip into that mysterious dimension of eternal realities, so that John could get the whole view of that little island called Time and see its future!

39. Jesus just called John and "immediately." He said, **"I WAS IN THE SPIRIT AND BEHOLD, A THRONE WAS SET IN HEAVEN, AND ONE SAT ON THE THRONE"** (4:2), the throne of the Lord God Almighty--His central Headquarters.

40. **GOD IS PICTURED HERE AS HAVING THE APPEARANCE OF A JASPER** (or diamond) and a sardine (red) stone. Around the throne is an emerald rainbow and twenty-four elders clothed in white raiment, crowns of gold on their heads, and seated on twenty-four seats. "Lightning and thunders and voices" issue forth "out of the throne," but a "sea of glass" symbolising peacefulness lies before it. And "in the midst of the throne and round about" it are "four beasts (a lion, calf, flying eagle, and some strange beast with a man's head) full of eyes before and behind." (vs.5,6)

41. I've never heard any of this explained to my satisfaction yet. **MOST OF THESE THINGS ARE JUST BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING.** It was beyond John's for sure. He just described what it looked like and that was all he could do. So we're not going to try to interpret this more than to say it's the throne of God. You'll probably just have to wait till you get there yourself to find out who the twenty-four elders and the four beasts are.

42. But John did see something there that we can understand, and it's in the Fifth Chapter. **"I SAW IN THE RIGHT HAND OF HIM THAT SAT ON THE THRONE A BOOK WRITTEN WITHIN AND ON THE BACKSIDE, SEALED WITH SEVEN SEALS.** And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood **A LAMB** as it had been slain.... And He **CAME AND TOOK THE BOOK** out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne." (vs.1,6,7)

43. **THIS IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE LAMB OF GOD, JESUS CHRIST (Jn. 1:29), ASCENDING TO THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER** to take a book with seven seals. This picture of Jesus taking the Book may even be going back in history a little bit from the time John received the vision (ca. 90 A.D.), because Jesus ascended to God's right hand in 30 A.D. (Mk.16:19)

44. However, the Lord had promised to show John the things which shall be hereafter. **SO THIS IS JUST A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND TO INTRODUCE THE FUTURE,** because when the Lord begins to open

the seals of this book in the next chapter, the future begins to be revealed.

45. The book is sealed and, except by prophecy, **THE FUTURE IS IN A SENSE SEALED AND THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN UNSEAL IT OR REVEAL IT IS JESUS.** "No man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon..." but "the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof." (vs.3,5)

46. "All things that the Father hath are Mine," Jesus said (including this book of the future)," therefore said I, that He (the Spirit) shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you," John had recorded that saying of the Lord many years earlier in his gospel (chapter 16 verse 15), and now years later, through the communication of God's eternal Spirit, **JESUS IS ABOUT TO SHOW HIS BELOVED APOSTLE THE ENTIRE FUTURE OF THE WORLD!**

## **TABLE OF CONTENTS OF THE FUTURE** **CHAPTER 6**

47. 1st Seal--And I saw when **THE LAMB OPENED ONE OF THE SEALS**, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, and one of the four beasts saying, Come and see." (vs.1)

48. "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 conquering, and to conquer."(vs.2)

**49. THIS IS THE FIRST OF THE FAMOUS FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE** who ride forth here in chapter six. "Apocalypse" is simply another name for Revelation, but it means the same thing- `to uncover.' God uses these four horsemen to "uncover" His own viewpoints on religion, war and economics.

50. The main reason why this and every chapter in Revelation that deals with the System is draped in such heavy symbolism is because **GOD'S VIEWS ARE SO EXTREMELY ANTI-SYSTEM THAT IF THE ENEMIES OF THE TRUTH HAD EVER BEEN ABLE TO PROVE WHAT THIS WAS ACTUALLY SAYING, THEY WOULD HAVE BURNED EVERY COPY LONG AGO.** But since the game is almost over and the End is at hand, God is letting the cat out of the bag and giving the world the whole truth and letting the chips fall where they may--so we hope you can take it.

51. It doesn't say here who the first horseman is, but we find another picture of "a white horse" in the 19th chapter of this same book,"and **HE THAT SAT UPON HIM (THE WHITE HORSE) WAS CALLED FAITHFUL AND TRUE... AND HIS NAME IS CALLED THE WORD OF GOD" --WHO OF COURSE, IS JESUS (JN.1:14)** And following Him are the armies of Heaven (the resurrected saints) who are also riding white horses as they come down from heaven to defeat the forces of the Antichrist and take over the world at the Battle of Armageddon. (Rev.19:11-14)

52. Jesus' weapon is His bow or His Word (Ps.7:12). And He is the One Who has the "crown" or right to rule this world and will soon destroy His enemies who are resisting it and usurping His throne. Therefore **THIS WHITE HORSE COULD ONLY BE JESUS AND HIS CHURCH**, as they are the only ones in this world who are now conquering the world spiritually with the love of God. "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1Jn.5:5) All these other seeming conquerors are actually being overcome and conquered by the world and its "lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life." (1Jn.2:16) And the church will soon, with Christ, physically conquer the world and rule it for a thousand years! (Rev.5:10; 20:4)

53. 2nd Seal--"And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. **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." (vs.3,4) Well, who does this sound like? What takes "peace from the earth"?--**WAR! THIS RED HORSE SYMBOLIZES WAR**, the military and their war machines.

**54. THE HORSE'S COLOUR IS VERY APPROPRIATE, REPRESENTING ALL THE BLOOD SHED IN MAN'S HELLISH WARS**--wars for which God is not responsible, but which come from the pride,

prejudices and avarice of man's own greedy heart. "From whence come wars and fightings among you?" James asks, "Come they not hence, even of your lusts." (Jam.4:11) The "great sword" given to him certainly symbolizes the great "improvements" in war machines and the greater frequency and greater extent of wars since the prophecy was given.

55. 3rd Seal--"And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. **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." (vs.5,6) The value of a "penny" in John's day represented an entire day's labour, as is seen in the parable of Jesus where all the labourers worked for "a penny a day." (**Mat.20:2**) A "measure" equals about one quart and ordinarily a penny could have purchased fifteen to twenty measures. Therefore, **FOOD BEING SOLD IN SUCH SMALL QUANTITIES FOR AN ENTIRE DAY'S WAGES INDICATES FOOD SHORTAGE OR FAMINE, AND ALSO RESULTANT POVERTY FOR THE BUYER,** as it is costing him everything he has just to buy his daily bread. Even the colour of the horse itself represents famine. "Our skin was black like an oven" Jeremiah said, "because of the terrible famine." (Lam.5:10)

56. "Oil and wine," however, throughout scripture are synonymous with abundance or luxury. The fact that they were "hurt not" indicates a situation where **WEALTH AND LUXURY ARE EXISTING ALONGSIDE FAMINE AND POVERTY;** not an unusual situation to say the least.

57. This inequality in the world's wealth, however, was not created by God. True, He does many times stop the rain or smite the harvest to scourge nations in order to get them to repent, but believe it or not, **THE MAJORITY OF FAMINE AND ITS RESULTANT POVERTY IS CREATED BY MAN HIMSELF** through his wars and greed!

58. When God originally made the world, before anybody was rich or poor, everybody had about the same amount of land and food and things with which to build their houses, beasts to plow and carry burdens, etc. What happened then, was that **A FEW BEGAN LEARNING A LOT OF EVIL THINGS CALLED MAN'S "WISDOM"** and they began tricking, robbing, lying to and killing others so that they could get more than their share. The people who began doing this became known as the rich and powerful. These are the big multi-millionaire manufacturing merchants and money manipulators, or ruling classes of the world today.

59. Could this black horseman's rider with the "pair of balances in his hand" symbolise these rich merchants? Yes! Only **ONE OTHER VERSE IN ALL THE BIBLE PICTURES A MAN HOLDING BALANCES IN HIS HAND:** "He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress."(Hos.12:7) Another Prophet, Amos, also said that these merchants "set forth wheat, making the ephah (or measure) small, and the shekel (or price paid) great, and falsifying the balances by deceit...that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail." (Am.8:4-6)

60 The black horse, then, represents famine and poverty maintained by the rich capitalists, of whom the rich, recognised system church is comprised in great number. **THIS HORSE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TODAY'S ECONOMIC SITUATION-** a ghastly paradox in which children starve to death in Africa and Asia while American cattlemen shoot their livestock and leave them rotting to protest high feed prices.

61. 4th Seal--"And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 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 over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth." (vs.7,8)

62. **IN THE ORIGINAL GREEK THE WORD "PALE" ALSO MEANS A SICKLY YELLOWISH-GREEN COLOUR LIKE THE VERY COLOUR OF DEATH ITSELF,** which is the Devil's due, and hell follows it for all his children. According to God's laws, because of the disobedience of all from Adam on down, we all have to die because of disobedience and sin. Death is the penalty of physical sin and we all have to suffer the penalty of physical death.

63. The Devil is like the executioner; Paul said that Satan "had the power of death" (Heb 2:14) **ALTHOUGH THE DEVIL GETS TO FULFILL THE LAW TO EXECUTE US AND TAKE OUR LIFE PHYSICALLY, THE MOMENT WE, AS CHRISTIANS, DIE WE'RE INSTANTLY FREED SPIRITUALLY.** At death the Devil's children go to Hell to be with their father, and we go to Heaven to be with ours. (ML#324:15-17)

64. The Devil, with God's permission, executes death over all the earth, not only on land but in the sea and air! But here it says death and Hell only had power over 1/4 of the earth. **So THIS MUST REPRESENT SOMETHING MORE THAN LITERAL DEATH AND THE HELL** that follows for Satan's followers. It becomes pretty clear what it represents, though, when you consider two facts:

- 1) that one quarter of the Earth consists of land, and
- 2) the land is where we find "all the kingdoms of the world" which Satan said were "delivered unto me." (Lk.4:5,6)

65. This death and Hell of the fourth seal must therefore represent not just literal death and Satan's `underground' spiritual Hell, but also his `surface' operation, or his control over the governments in this world--his Hell on Earth. **TO BE A FOLLOWER OF SATAN (AND IT'S EITHER HIM OR GOD) IS A LIVING DEATH AND HELL-ON-EARTH RIGHT NOW!** About the closest thing I can think of on Earth to the wicked's spiritual Hell hereafter would be the zombie-like, monotonous, pointless lives that the wicked people of the world lead even now! (See ML#262:20,46)

66. The devil's power over the kingdoms of this world and his relationship with its rulers are so close that **REVELATION PICTURES SATAN AND HIS KINGS AS ALMOST IDENTICAL TWINS.** The devil is presented as a "dragon, having seven heads and ten horns" (Rev.12:3,9), and the government as "a beast...having seven heads and ten horns" (Rev.13:1; Dan.7:17).

67. And you may find this shocking, but **GOD WOULD RATHER EVEN HAVE COMMUNISM, OR ROME, OR GREECE, OR BABYLON OR ANY KIND OF ANTI--GOD, ANTI-CHRIST, DEVIL-INSPIRED PAGAN GOVERNMENT RULE THAN HAVE NO GOVERNMENT AT ALL!** Because when there is no government, then absolute iniquity and absolute horror of sin reigns rampant like in the days of Noah. So there has to be some government to keep law and order and to keep iniquity somewhat in check. Since they won't have God's government, then He has to give them the Devil's government. So we have had the beast and dragon working together and ruling the world from Egypt till today!

68. **JESUS SAID SATAN WAS "A MURDERER FROM THE BEGINNING."** (Jn.8:44) That is exactly how he runs his kingdoms: killing with "sword" (war), with hunger (famine), with death (all kinds,) and with beasts of the earth literally, as Rome did in the coliseum, or spiritually through systemite false prophets or politicians who devour you with lying words--"wolves (or beasts)...in sheep's clothing" as Jesus called them. (Mt.7:15)

69. **THIS PALE HORSE OF THE FOURTH SEAL, THEN, REPRESENTS THE DEVIL'S RULE IN THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD.** He designs them, man builds them, and their end is death and Hell--total destruction both now and forever!

70. 5th Seal--"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, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the Earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled." (vs.9-11)

71. **FIRST COMES THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WHITE HORSE'S MESSAGE** and the conquest of many souls. **THEN THE OPEN REJECTION BY THE UNBELIEVERS** of the other three horsemen crystallises into open antagonism resulting in these "souls of them that were slain for the Word of God." This is the way it's been all throughout history!

72. **THESE MARTYRS, THOUGH, ARE ACTUALLY GOD'S EXCEPTIONS, JUST EXAMPLES OF THE DEDICATION OF HIS WITNESSES.** The majority of God's Children have usually lived to help carry on the work. But even they too must "die daily" as Paul said, because serving Jesus really kills your pride, your self, your selfishness, your egotism, and may even cause some considerable physical sacrifice and strain. So really, all of God's true Children are slain for their testimony.

73. This seal shows us that the System will continue to persecute and kill God's Children until the time ordained by God for the last saint to be slain should be fulfilled. Then **HE WILL AVENGE AND VINDICATE HIS PROPHETS BY POURING OUT HIS HORRIBLE, VIOLENT WRATH UPON THE WICKED,** described under the next seal.

74. **6th Seal-- "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 (or meteors) fell unto the earth...And the heaven departed as a scroll...and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

75. "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 rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For **THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME;** and who shall be able to stand?" (vs.12-17)

76. Here we have the ultimate goal of 6,000 years of history: **THE GLORIOUS SECOND COMING OF THE LAMB OF GOD, JESUS CHRIST (Jn.1:29)** to mete out His violent wrath upon the wicked and rescue the saints of all ages by the miracle of the resurrection and rapture.

77. Despite all the wrath of bestial man against the Children of God, the day is coming "when **THE LORD JESUS SHALL BE REVEALED FROM HEAVEN WITH HIS MIGHTY ANGELS,** in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2Th.1:7,8)

78. And when He comes, John said, "**EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM,** and they also which pierced Him (even in Hell those who crucified Him will be able to see Him coming): and all kindreds of the Earth shall wail because of Him." (Rev.1:7)

79. "And then shall He send His angels, and **SHALL GATHER TOGETHER (RESURRECT AND RAPTURE) HIS ELECT** (the saints) from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the Earth to the uttermost part of Heaven." (Mk.13:27)

80. What we have actually seen, then, under these six seals is a panorama of history from John's day up to the very end. Then, **AT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, THE WHITE HORSE AND THE RESURRECTED MARTYRS EMERGE AS VICTORS OVER THE OTHER THREE HORSEMEN:** the kings (pale horse), the rich men (black horse), and the captains (red horse). This is also presented in more detail in Rev.16 and 19.

81. **IN FACT EACH ONE OF THESE SIX SEALS ARE REALLY ONLY CAPSULE HISTORIES ON CHARACTERS THAT THE VISION IS YET TO COVER,** or rather uncover, in greater detail throughout the remainder of the Revelation. In other words, these first six seals are a "Table of Contents" for the rest of the vision. The following gives each seal and the main chapters, or parts of chapters, where they are more greatly expounded:

<u>SEAL</u>	<u>-- SUBJECT</u>	<u>-- CHAPTERS</u>
1	Church & Jesus	; 11; 12; 14; 19-22
2	War & Military	; 9; 19:19
3	Capitalism & Rich	13:11-16; 17; 18
4	Rulers & Satan	; 13; 19:19-21; 20:7-15
5	Martyrs	:7; 12:11; 13:7; 20:4

82. Though the characters under each of the first five seals were around before the Ascension of Christ, the Biblical picture both here and elsewhere is that **EACH OF THESE FORCES TOOK ON GREATER POWER SOME TIME AFTER THE ASCENSION.**

83. **THE CHILDREN OF GOD RECEIVED GREATER POWER ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST,** seven days after the Ascension when they were baptised with the Holy Ghost. Just as Jesus had told them, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." (Ac.1:8) **THE FORCES OF EVIL ALSO RECEIVED GREATER POWER AT THIS TIME,** as Paul said, "evil men and seducers (the Red, Black and pale horsemen) shall wax worse and worse." (2Tm.3:13)

84. Jesus predicted in His famous Endtime discourse of Mt.24 that **THERE WOULD BE AN INCREASE IN WAR, FAMINE, PESTILENCE AND EARTHQUAKES, LEADING EVENTUALLY TO "AFFLICTION, SUCH AS WAS NOT FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION,"** and that these calamities would get so bad that "except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's (or Christians') sake, whom He (God) hath chosen, He hath shortened those days." (Mt.24:7,21,22; Mk.13:19,20) In other words, Jesus was saying that one day man would reach such an impasse that letting him continue unchecked would result in the destruction of everyone on Earth. However, **WHEN MAN FINALLY REACHES THAT SUICIDAL POINT, HE SAID GOD WOULD SHORTEN THE DAYS,** which in the Greek literally means to stop the days, or stop those days of man's suicidal attempts to destroy the Earth. And the way God will stop it, Jesus said, was by His own Second Coming to punish the evil doers, take over the world, and rule it the way God wants.

85. **ONLY WITHIN THE LAST THIRTY YEARS HAS THE HUMAN RACE DEVELOPED THE POTENTIAL TO DESTROY ITSELF.** The military (Red Horse) have their nuclear bombs, satellites and intercontinental missiles. In fact, they right now have enough atomic bombs to over kill the earth's entire population several times. The rich (Black Horse) in their pursuit of the almighty dollar are finally succeeding in polluting the entire earth--a by-product of twentieth century technology! The rich (especially the U.S.) have been responsible for starting this century's great wars, and their hoarding and wasting of their riches is threatening another one! And it is their unchecked greed which will be responsible for the worldwide famine that even the scientists are predicting will occur by the late 1980's!

86. Meanwhile governments (Pale Horse) have become bestial monsters destroying whole nations in their pursuit of power, and martyring whole nationalities, races and creeds who don't agree with them or their devilish policies!--Yes, **TODAY MAN HAS ALMOST FINALLY REACHED THAT HORRIBLE TIME WHICH JESUS SAID WOULD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDE HIS SECOND COMING.** However, the worst is not here yet. So don't worry, the coming of Christ isn't going to happen any minute--Ha! **HE IS COMING SOON, BUT HE IS NOT COMING BEFORE ALL THE SIGNS ARE FULFILLED WHICH HAVE TO PRECEDE HIS COMING.**

87. As the Apostle Paul said, "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together (Resurrection and Rapture) unto Him." (Notice he said "the coming," showing there is only one coming to rapture the Church, not two.) "That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word nor by letter as from us (nor, we might add, from some churchy false prophets of today) as that the day of Christ is at hand!" (2Th.2:1,2) in other words, **DON'T LET ANYBODY DECEIVE YOU INTO BELIEVING THAT THE DAY OF CHRIST OR THE SECOND COMING AND RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH CAN HAPPEN AT ANY TIME BECAUSE IT IS NOT "AT HAND!"**

88. "For that day shall not come, except there come a **FALLING AWAY FIRST, AND THAT MAN OF SIN BE REVEALED,** the son of perdition; 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, shewing himself that he is God...That Wicked...whom the Lord shall destroy with the brightness of His Coming!" (2Th.2:3,4,8)

89. This means that **THE DAY OF CHRIST, WHICH WILL CUT OFF OR SHORTEN THESE AND THE COMING DAYS OF HORRIBLE EVIL, CANNOT HAPPEN TILL TWO THINGS COME FIRST.**

1) The falling away, which in the Greek means 'apostasy' or departing from the faith. This has been happening throughout all church history, but in these last days it will become, and is becoming, greater.

2) The "man of sin" has to be revealed. This is the man commonly referred to throughout Bible prophecy as the **ANTICHRIST; THE ENDTIME WORLD DICTATOR.**

90. According to the Book of Daniel chapter 9 verse 27, **HE WILL MAKE A COVENANT WITH MANY OF THE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE** of the world for one "week" or seven years--(each day representing a year. See the class "Daniel 9," by Moses David, Letter No.348)

91. During the first 3 1/2 years, he will allow them to have their religious freedom. **BUT IN THE "MIDST OF THE WEEK," AFTER 3 1/2 YEARS, HE WILL BREAK THE COVENANT,** causing their religious freedom to cease and setting up an "abomination of desolation"--an idol or image of himself--and demanding all to worship it or be killed.

92. Jesus said, **"WHEN YE THEREFORE SHALL SEE THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, SPOKEN OF BY DANIEL THE PROPHET, STAND IN THE HOLY PLACE** (the soon-to-be-built Jewish Temple on Mt. Moriah, Jerusalem), then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."(Mt.24:15,21)

93. When will you see it?--In the midst of the week, or seven years, Dan.9:27! **THIS GREAT TRIBULATION, THEREFORE, WILL BEGIN IN THE "MIDST OF THE WEEK"** and will continue throughout the remaining 3 1/2 years of the "seven year" covenant!--"Until the consummation (or completion of the seven years), and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

94. **AND "THAT DETERMINED" IS THE WRATH OF GOD** which Revelation describes as seven vials poured upon the wicked, and which begins at the Second Coming of Christ to gather together or Rapture His saints.

95. All that to say this: **THERE ARE SOME DEFINITE SPECIFIC EVENTS THAT HAVE TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE CHRIST CAN COME BACK.** There is this seven-year Covenant, for one, and the Abomination of Desolation resulting in 3 1/2 years of Great Tribulation of the Church, for another. There is the Antichrist world dictator who must yet arise to place this Abomination, which means we need a world government, which means we've got another World War yet to go!

96. **ALL OF THESE EVENTS MUST HAPPEN BEFORE THE EVENTS DESCRIBED UNDER THE SIXTH SEAL, THE WRATH AND SECOND COMING, CAN OCCUR.** Since these first six seals present the whole span of history from the Ascension to the Second Coming, they are in a sense like God taking a camera and doing a real quick "pan" of history from the beginning to the very end, just like they often do in movies to give the setting for the story they are about to tell us.

97. **THEN WITH THE SEVENTH SEAL, WHICH OPENS IN THE EIGHT CHAPTER, GOD TAKES HIS CAMERA AND ZOOMS IN FOR A CLOSE-UP** of the last few years of this period, the central theme of the Revelation containing the story of the Great Tribulation, the Second Coming, and the ushering in of Christ's Millennial Kingdom on earth.

98. **CHAPTER SIX, THEN, IS A TABLE OF CONTENTS OF THE MAIN CHARACTERS** yet to be uncovered in the remainder of the Revelation, presented as a brief summary of history from the Ascension to the Second Coming of Christ!

#### **SAINTS SEALED FOR GREAT TRIBULATION** **CHAPTER 7**

99. **THE SEVENTH SEAL WHICH BEGINS THE GREAT TRIBULATION IS SOON TO BE OPENED IN CHAPTER 8.** But before it happens God, in order to preserve His Children and His witnesses during this Tribulation period, is going to "seal His saints" so that they will not be hurt by His judgments against the wicked.

100. "And after these things I (John) saw four angels...holding the four winds of the earth.... And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.... And **THERE WERE SEALED AN HUNDRED AND FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND OF ALL THE TRIBES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.**"(vs.1-4) Verses 5-8 list the names of the twelve tribes of Israel, 12,000 from each tribe being sealed.

101. **THESE 144,000 WHICH RECEIVE THE SEAL OF GOD ARE NOT PHYSICAL ISRAEL. THEY ARE THE TRUE SPIRITUAL ISRAEL.** As the Apostle Paul said, "They are not all Israel, which are of Israel.... That is They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise (those who accept Jesus) are counted for the seed." (Rom.9:6-8)

102. **THESE 144,000 ARE THE SAME 144,000 OF REVELATION CHAPTER 14, WHO "FOLLOW THE LAMB WHITHERSOEVER HE GOETH."** In other words, they obey and follow, and if you think Israeli Jews are obeying the Lamb, you need to take another look at how they are mistreating their neighbours, the poor Palestinian refugees, a large number of whom are Christians!

103. **THE 144,000 ARE THE LEADERS OF "THE GREAT MULTITUDE, WHICH NO MAN COULD NUMBER,** of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues...which came out of Great Tribulation." (vs.9-14)--And in the original that means the Great Tribulation, the one that precedes the Second Coming of Christ!

104. Whether the 144,000 is a symbolic or literal number we don't know, but we do know this: **THEY ARE GOING TO BE GOD'S CADRE DURING THAT HORRIBLE TRIBULATION PERIOD TO LEAD THE REST OF THE CHURCH THROUGH IT** and to stand up and witness against the Antichrist System unto the very end.

105. **THE DEVIL, WHO IS THE GREAT COUNTERFEITER, IS GOING TO BE OUT SEALING HIS CHILDREN TOO** at this time, putting a mark in their right hand or forehead, which is the famous **MARK OF THE BEAST** (the Antichrist dictator and his government)--666. (Rev.13:15) And all those who refuse to bow down to him will be killed.

106. So though the 144,000 are going to be sealed against being hurt by God's judgments on the wicked, **THE WICKED ARE GOING TO BE HURTING THEM AND EVEN KILLING SOME OF THEM. BUT TO DIE FOR CHRIST IS GAIN** and they shall stand "before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple...and they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more;...and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." (Rev.7:15-17)

107. **BUT WHOSOEVER SHALL RECEIVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST, "THE SAME SHALL DRINK OF THE WINE OF THE WRATH OF GOD,** which is poured out without mixture...and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb...and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever"! (Rev.14:9-11)

108. **WHOSE BRAND ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE? WILL YOU DIE FOR THE TRUTH AND LIVE FOREVER?** Or will you live for the lie and die forever? If you don't drop out and serve Jesus now, tomorrow may be too late!

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### **THE SEVEN TRUMPETS OF TRIBULATION** **8-14**

1. **"WHEN THEY SHALL CRY PEACE AND SAFETY' THEN SUDDEN DESTRUCTION COMETH UPON THEM** as travail upon a woman with child and they shall not escape." All of this false preaching of peace throughout the world today, this seeking and talking of peace, is the immediate prelude of the most horrible

war and destruction that the world has ever known--a war that will bring about the end of all things and the Second Coming of Christ and which was predicted over 1900 years ago!

2. **WE GET OUR FIRST GLIMPSE INTO THIS SOON-COMING HORROR WITH THE OPENING OF THE SEVENTH SEAL IN CHAPTER 8 OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION.** The first six Seals of the Seven-Sealed Book of the Future opened in Chapter 6 presented a brief, general outline of history from John's day up to the Second Coming of Christ.

3. With the opening of the Seventh Seal, **THE PROPHECY NOW ZOOMS IN FOR A CLOSE-UP, DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE LAST FEW YEARS OF HISTORY** and its main events and characters who dominate the Endtime scene just prior to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ!

#### **CHAPTERS 8 & 9 THE SIX TRUMPETS**

4. "And when He had opened the Seventh Seal, **THERE WAS SILENCE IN HEAVEN ABOUT THE SPACE OF HALF AN HOUR.**" (8:1)

5. God shuts up when the world refuses to listen any more. After God has warned and warned the wicked and they still won't listen, won't obey, but instead they persecute and kill His mouthpieces, His Prophets that are giving them His message, then **GOD SHUTS UP BECAUSE IT'S NOT TIME FOR WORDS ANYMORE--IT'S TIME FOR THE ROD!** God is through speaking and His judgments are about to fall!

6. **GOD'S PROPHETS FIRST WARN THE WICKED, GIVING THEM GOD'S MESSAGE.** Some repent, but then the others, irritated by the truth of the Prophets' words, begin to persecute the Prophets and shut their mouths to stop God's message. Then God lowers the **BOOM**. This is the way it's been throughout all history and no doubt why we have the silence in Heaven before God brings upon the world the most horrible chastisements it has ever known.

7. "And I (John) saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets ... **AND THE SEVEN ANGELS ... PREPARED THEMSELVES TO SOUND.**" (8:2,6)

8. Under this Seventh Seal we have seven angels with Seven Trumpets. I like to call them Seven Trumpets of Tribulation because **THE THINGS THAT HAPPEN WHEN THESE TRUMPETS ARE BLOWN SURELY SOUND LIKE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE AWFUL, GREAT TRIBULATION PERIOD** which Jesus said would just precede His Second Coming.

9. "For then," Jesus said, "shall be Great Tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be," and "**IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION OF THOSE DAYS ... THEY SHALL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING** in the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory." (Mt.24:21,29-31)

10. "**AND 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.**" (8:7)

11. Now science used to say, "Oh, how could that ever happen-a third of the trees and all the earth's grass burnt up-how could that happen?" Now they know, don't they? Now we all know that **BY THE ATOMIC, HYDROGEN AND COBALT BOMBS, IT'S CERTAINLY POSSIBLE!**

12. If a multi-megaton bomb were exploded just over New York City or Chicago or any major city, **IT WOULD LITERALLY SUCK UP HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TONS OF DEBRIS, INCLUDING THOUSANDS OF BODIES, INTO ITS RAGING INFERNO**, casting them back on the earth as debris and fallout, many of the heavier pieces of concrete falling as gigantic hail stones, and just as it says here: "hail and fire mingled with blood (all those bodies) were cast upon the earth."

13. "**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." (8:8,9)

14. This great mountain could be the literal sinking of some great land mass into the ocean. **WORLDWIDE ATOMIC WAR COULD TRIGGER MASSIVE EARTHQUAKES** such as this world has never seen! The Lord has given many of us prophecies that such earthquakes will happen, such as Southern California falling in the ocean, and this may be it!

15. Where there are earthquakes these days there's always fire from bursting gas mains, etc., and **ONE ON SUCH A SCALE AS THIS MAY EVEN RESULT IN VOLCANIC ACTIVITY.** And California is certainly mountainous--"a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea." And the "third part of the sea became blood."

16. How could a great land mass falling into the ocean turn a third part of it into blood, causing many creatures in the sea to die and destroying a third of the ships? Well, the ships being destroyed is easy: **HUGE TIDAL WAVES OVER TWO AND THREE HUNDRED FEET HIGH** would do the trick for sure.

17. As for the sea becoming blood, a phenomenon known as "red tide" where the sea turns red has happened in many parts of the world. It **OCCURS WHEN A CERTAIN TYPE OF PROTOZOAN BECOME OVER ABUNDANT IN THE OCEAN; THEY TURN THE WATER A REDDISH COLOUR AND RELEASE ENOUGH POISON TO KILL MANY FORMS OF OCEAN LIFE.** The ideal conditions for a "red tide" are after a heavy rainfall which releases minerals and nutrients from the land into coastal waters, or which could also occur on a world scale after a land mass of this size fell into the sea!

18. "And the **THIRD ANGEL** sounded, and **THERE FELL A GREAT STAR FROM HEAVEN,** burning as 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 (or poison)." (8:10,11)

19. **COULD THIS BE A COMET, THE WATERS BEING POISONED BY GASSES FROM ITS TAIL?** Halley's Comet is due back in 1986, which according to the "70 Years Prophecy" (Letter No.156) [may be] about the time of the signing of the seven year covenant marking the last seven years of world history before the Coming of Christ. Comets are always signs of woe and doom as the old German poem says:

"Eight things there be a comet brings,  
When on high it doth horrid range:  
Wind, famine, plague and death to kings,  
War, earthquake, floods and direful change!"

20. This comet, besides bringing plague and death itself, must also be **A SIGN OF THE EVEN MORE HORRIBLE PLAGUES YET TO COME** upon the Earth as a result of the Trumpets yet to be blown!

21. "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 the night likewise." (8:12)

22. In a world where tons of debris have been sucked up into the atmosphere by atomic blasts, and in a world where all the "green grass is burnt up" (or parched brown by the intense heat), resulting in gigantic, worldwide dust storms, **THIS FOURTH TRUMPET SOUNDS LIKE THE TYPE OF VISIBILITY YOU COULD EXPECT TO HAVE.**

23. Science has only realised that this type of global destruction was possible since the beginning of the atomic age in 1945, but John saw it nearly 2,000 years ago--and many other Prophets envisioned it before him! Two of the most outstanding predictions are in the Old Testament. **BOTH PREDICT THE ATOMIC WAR AS ONE OF THE SINGS WHICH OCCURS BEFORE OR AT THE "DAY OF THE LORD."**

24. "And I will shew **WONDERS IN THE HEAVENS AND IN THE EARTH, BLOOD, AND FIRE,**

**AND PILLARS OF SMOKE** (like the huge pillars of the A- Bombs full of blood and fire) ... before the great and terrible day of the Lord come." (Joel 2:30,31)

25. "And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord shall smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; (in other words, the Antichrist forces who will be fighting against God's true city of peace, you and I who accept the Prince of Peace, Jesus, will get the following plague:) **THEIR FLESH SHALL CONSUME AWAY WHILE THEY STAND UPON THEIR FEET, AND THEIR EYES SHALL CONSUME AWAY IN THEIR HOLES,** and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." (Zech.14:12)

26. This is exactly what happened to the poor, innocent civilians at Nagasaki and Hiroshima: **THOUSANDS VAPORIZED ON THE SPOT AS THEY STOOD UPON THEIR FEET.** Hundreds more were permanently blinded, even at considerable distance from the blast, as the prisms of their eyes focusing on the fireball acted like tiny magnifying glasses, so intensifying the heat that their eyeballs literally cooked in their sockets, or as the Prophet said, "consumed away in their holes!"--And America will reap what she sowed.

27. **THESE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS MAINLY SHOW THE EFFECT OF GOD'S JUDGMENTS ON NATURE**, though, of course, many men die as a result. In order, the Trumpets affected:

- 1) the earth,
- 2) the sea,
- 3) the rivers, and
- 4) the Heavens.

28. **THE NEXT THREE TRUMPETS AFFECT MAN HIMSELF**, as the angel warns in the next verse, "Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the Trumpet of the other three angels, which are yet to sound!" (8:13)

29. "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." (9:1) And when he opened it, **SMOKE AND LOCUSTS CAME UP OUT OF THE PIT.** These locusts are different from any locusts I have ever seen or any accounts of locust plagues that I have ever heard about.

30. They have shapes like horses prepared for battle, and faces like men, hair like women, crowns of gold, teeth like lions, and breast plates like iron. Their wings sound like the noise of chariots and many horses running to battle and their tails sting like scorpion tails. **THEY HAVE A KING OVER THEM WHICH IS THE ANGEL OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT, WHOSE NAME IS ABADDON OR APOLLYON (MEANING DESTROYER)--SATAN?**

31. **THEY WILL TORTURE MEN FOR FIVE MONTHS WITH THEIR SCORPION STINGS** and "in those days men shall desire to die but death shall flee from them." It's interesting to note here that the Great Flood prevailed upon the earth for 150 days or five months. (Gen.7:24) In Rev.12:15 it says the dragon or Devil is going to cast out a flood of lies to try to destroy the Church, but he fails.

32. Could this horrible plague of these locusts led by Apollyon or Satan be symbolic of this flood of lies that Satan unleashes to devour as locusts all the earth's population and torment with the torture of their scorpion stings those who resist? Whether you interpret this literally or symbolically, one thing's for sure: that **DURING THAT TERRIBLE TIME OF TRIBULATION THERE WILL BE TERRIBLE MONSTERS IN THE WORLD** (human and otherwise) ... monsters who are going to devour and slaughter and kill and sting and slay and persecute whom? Only the wicked!

33. Believe it or not, **THESE TERRIBLE TRUMPETS OF TRIBULATION AND HORRIBLE MONSTERS ARE ALL ON OUR SIDE** (that is, if you're a real Christian)! If you're going through the Tribulation, don't worry about'em cause they won't bother you, only the wicked. All of these terrible events are not going to be happening to you, but only to the wicked, as it says in the ninth Chapter, fourth verse.

34. These locusts are commanded that "they should not hurt the grass of the earth (this may show a time lapse between the First and Fifth Trump if grass is grown back), neither any green thing, neither any tree; but

**ONLY THOSE MEN WHICH HAVE NOT THE SEAL OF GOD IN THEIR FOREHEADS."** (9:4)

35. **THE WICKED WILL BE THE ONES WHO ARE GIVING YOU TROUBLE**, but God will be giving them so much trouble through these plagues, keeping them so busy that they won't be able to give you too much trouble.

36. **THIS IS SIMILAR TO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WHEN THEY WERE IN THE LAND OF EGYPT** under the dictatorship of their anti-Christ pharaoh. When the ten curses of God fell on Egypt, were the Israelites also cursed by the plagues? No, they didn't affect them at all; only the Egyptians were cursed.

37. Likewise during the Tribulation period, God protects His saints from His plagues upon the wicked! Remember, in preparation for this period in the seventh Chapter, God told the angels to "Hurt not the earth ... till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." (7:3) **GOD SEALS HIS SERVANTS AGAINST HIS JUDGMENTS WHICH ARE DIRECTED ONLY AGAINST THE WICKED!** But some Christians, because of their foolish neglect of God and His warnings, will be caught in these judgments; don't let it be you!

38. "One woe is past; and behold, there come **TWO WOES MORE** hereafter. And the SIXTH ANGEL sounded." (9:12,13)

39. Under this seal the "**FOUR ANGELS** which are bound in the great river Euphrates" are loosed. These four angels "**WERE PREPARED FOR AN HOUR, AND A DAY, AND A MONTH, AND A YEAR, FOR TO SLAY THE THIRD PART OF MEN.**" (9:14,15) This may be how long it will take to kill them, or it may show that they have a definite time set by God in which they will appear.

40. "And the number of **THE ARMY OF THE HORSEMEN WERE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND THOUSAND:** and I heard the number ... and thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them." (9:16,17)

41. A thousand thousands equal a million, so two hundred thousand thousand is two hundred million! **THE FOUR ANGELS OF THE EUPHRATES MUST REPRESENT THE SPIRITUAL FORCES BEHIND THIS ARMY**, the greatest army the world has ever seen. Consider the fact that all the forces of the nations involved in World War II didn't exceed 75,000,000!

42. The number sounds pretty literal, but some of this must certainly be symbolic, as it says these horsemen have "breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone" and that "**THE HEADS OF THE HORSES WERE AS THE HEADS OF LIONS; AND OUT OF THEIR MOUTHS ISSUED FIRE AND SMOKE AND BRIMSTONE" WHICH KILLED THE THIRD PART OF MEN."** (9:17,18)

43. Warfare using explosives didn't come into use until the 14th century and John surely knew nothing about it. But the picture here seems to certainly symbolise this type of warfare, **ESPECIALLY MODERN MECHANIZED WARFARE WHEN THE RIDERS' "MOUNTS," SUCH AS TANKS, PLANES, etc., shoot out of their "mouths fire and smoke and brimstone." (9:18) Another thought is that this tremendous army could represent the **SPIRITUAL** legions of Satan, setting out to slay a third of mankind with full demon possession, thus condemning them to spiritual death. It says "the Devil, as a roaring **LION**, walketh about seeking whom he may **DEVOUR.**" (1Pet.5:8) And he devours people with his lies which are like fire--"fiery darts," Paul called them. (Ep.6:16) But either way, war or demons, it's going to be hell!**

44. Remember, **THESE PLAGUES ARE GOING TO BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE WICKED**--those who hate Jesus and persecute His Children. And we know they're wicked because of the last two verses of Chapter nine. "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols. ... Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." (9:20,21)

45. Because so many people confuse these Trumpets of Tribulation with the Vials of God's Wrath in Rev.16, we would like to now compare these two periods. Just to state it briefly, how would you compare them?

First of all, I'd say the main difference is that in the Wrath of God you find that ALL the seas turn to blood, ALL the rivers and fountains of waters are turned to blood, ALL the sun is darkened, ALL life in the sea died, and so on. **EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE TOTAL DESTRUCTION WHEN THE SEVEN VIALS OF GOD'S WRATH ARE Poured OUT.**

46. But here **UNDER THE TRIBULATION TRUMPETS THERE IS ONLY A PARTIAL DEATH,** and a partial cursing, and a partial woe: a third part of the trees burnt, a third part of the seas become blood, etc. **THE WRATH OF GOD IS MUCH MORE SEVERE IN FALLING UPON THE WICKED WHO ARE LEFT BEHIND** when the Church is taken away at the end of the Great Tribulation.

47. It can't be proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that these Trumpet judgments signal the beginning of the final 3-1/2 years before the Coming of Christ. **JESUS HIMSELF SAID THE LAST 3-1/2 YEARS WOULD BEGIN WHEN THE ANTICHRIST BROKE THE SEVEN YEAR RELIGIOUS COVENANT** by placing his own image in the soon-to-be-built Jewish Temple in Jerusalem and substituting it for the worship of God. Daniel the Prophet said this would occur in the very midst of the Seven-Year Covenant, or after 3-1/2 years, leaving 3-1/2 to go.

48. **MAYBE THE UNPARALLELED WORLDWIDE PERSECUTION OF HIS CHILDREN THAT BEGINS DURING THE LAST 3-1/2 YEARS IS THE REASON GOD LETS THESE TRUMPETS SOUND AT THAT TIME** and lets these horrible judgments fall.

49. One other possibility is that some of these Trumpets may occur before the signing of the seven year religious covenant. **THEY MAY BE WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING ABOUT THE GREAT CONFUSION** or the fall of the present world order that leads up to the rise of the Anti-Christ and the signing of the Seven-Year Covenant or peace pact.

50. One thing for certain, **THEY OCCUR BEFORE THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST WHICH HAPPENS AT THE SEVENTH OR LAST TRUMP!** And they have not happened yet--as of July 1976. And they will be blown soon because we are definitely living near the time of Christ's Coming. All the signs point to it. Get ready--the first Trumpet may sound **TOMORROW!**

## **CHAPTER 10 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SEVENTH TRUMP**

51. **THIS CHAPTER IS JUST LIKE AN INTERLUDE OR INTERMISSION.** The curtain closes temporarily on the vision of the future and an angel steps out on the scene to make a big announcement. He is quite impressive, coming down from Heaven, clothed with a cloud, a rainbow upon his head, with a face like the sun and feet like pillars of fire. He has a little open book in his hand and he sets his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the earth.

52. "And when he had cried, **SEVEN THUNDERS UTTERED THEIR VOICES.**" (10:3) And do you know what they said? Well, if you do I wish you'd tell me, because just as John "was about to write" what they said, he heard a voice from Heaven saying ... "**SEAL UP THOSE THINGS WHICH THE SEVEN THUNDERS UTTERED,** and write them not." (10:4) And we have never found out what it was. If you do, please drop us a line.

53. The main announcement, though, that this mighty M.C. makes, or rather, the one that helps us in our understanding of the future, is in the sixth and seventh verses of this Chapter. And that is, "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.**" (10:6,7)

54. This Seventh Trump is not blown in this Chapter and nothing about the future happens here. **THIS IS MERELY AN ANNOUNCEMENT,** that when this last Trumpet is sounded, time will be no longer and the mystery of God shall be finished.

55. **THIS "MYSTERY" WHICH IS TO BE FINISHED AT THE SEVENTH TRUMP REFERS TO THE CHURCH.** Paul called it

1) "The mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God!" And it was

2) "That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs (with the Jews), and of the same body."

3) "For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. ... This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church." (Ep.3:9; 3:6; 5:30,32)

56. **THE MYSTERY BEING FINISHED, THEN, IS THE COMPLETION OF THE CHURCH AT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST** when He gathers together His Church by the miracle of the Resurrection and Rapture. In Matthew Chapter 24, the Lord said that his Coming to "gather together" His Church would be accompanied by a trumpet. "And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect (or the saints)." (Mt.24:31)

57. And Paul, in another of his predictions, **IS VERY SPECIFIC AS TO WHICH TRUMP IT WILL BE WHEN THE GATHERING TOGETHER TAKES PLACE** and the mystery of God, the Church, is completed: "Beloved, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep (die and remain in the grave), but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **AT THE LAST TRUMP** (or Seventh Trump): for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (receive immortal bodies)." (1Cor.15:51,52)

58. This mystery of God, then is you and me, **THE CHURCH, AND AT THE LAST OR SEVENTH TRUMP, IT IS GOING TO BE FINISHED**. At one sudden, supernatural, miraculous mighty stroke of God, His Church will be instantly and supernaturally completed! God will wave His magic wand of power and presto!--The finished Church will be caught up into Heaven in the Rapture!

59. After the prediction of the Seventh Trump, John is told to "take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel. ... And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the **LITTLE BOOK**," but the angel replied, "**TAKE IT, AND EAT IT UP**." (10:8,9) This shows we have to do our part in exercising our own faith to receive revelations.

60. When John consumes the "little book" the angel tells him, "**THOU MUST PROPHECY AGAIN BEFORE MANY PEOPLES, AND NATIONS, AND TONGUES, AND KINGS**." (10:11) **SO THIS "LITTLE BOOK" OBVIOUSLY MUST BE A BOOK OF PROPHECY**, possibly referring even to John's prophecy here which is an "open" book as it says "Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand." (Rev.22:10)

61. This book has certainly prophesied to millions of people of all nations and tongues down through history. Or **IT MAY EVEN BE A REFERENCE TO SOME OF THE LITTLE BOOKS WE OURSELVES PRODUCE**--they couldn't get much smaller, that's for sure, and they certainly are prophesying to many peoples, nations, tongues and kings!

## **CHAPTER 11 TWO WITNESSES**

62. "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**. 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." (11:1,2)

63. The Prophet Daniel predicted that the Antichrist and his Gentile or unsaved armies would not only invade Jerusalem, the "holy city," but that he would also pollute the temple itself. So **THIS VERSE MUST NOT REFER TO A PHYSICAL TEMPLE, SINCE THE TEMPLE HERE IS UNTOUCHED**.

64. The temple here is divided into two parts:

- 1) the temple itself, and
- 2) the court.

Solomon's temple was also divided into two parts:

1) a small inner court containing the temple and the altar of burnt offerings where only the priests could enter, and

2) a large outer court where the people worshipped.

So **THIS SPIRITUAL TEMPLE THAT JOHN WAS TO MEASURE SEEMS TO SYMBOLISE TWO TYPES OF BELIEVERS**, the first composed of the true, dedicated followers of the Lord, His priests who serve Him continually, fellowshiping with Him in the temple of His Spirit and sacrificing their lives on the altar of His service. (Rom.12:1)

65. **THE OUTER COURT AND ITS OCCUPANTS SEEM TO SYMBOLISE THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE CHURCH**--the big, external, visible Church System, professing to be Christians, but neither spending time in the temple of His Spirit nor sacrificing their lives and dying daily for Him.

66. **ONLY THE ONES WHO HAVE THE FAITH AND THE HEALING AND THE MIRACLE POWER OF GOD ARE GOING TO SURVIVE THE COMING HORRIBLE TRIBULATION PERIOD**--those forty-two months or last 3-1/2 years when the Devil-inspired forces of the AC will tread under foot God's spiritual Holy City--the Church.

67. Maybe the inner court which is protected from destruction for 3 1/2 years could be symbolic of GOD'S TWO WITNESSES whom nothing shall hurt till they've finished their testimony at the end of 3 1/2 years.

68. **AND WHAT IS THE ROD THAT JOHN USED** to measure the temple and them that worshipped therein? IT'S THE WORD--"the rod of HIS MOUTH"! (Is.11:4) Without the spirit it seems weak and dead like a weak reed, but when God anoints it by His spirit it becomes the living fiery rod of power and authority of God and the measure or rule that we must judge ourselves by if we are to be part of the temple and worship therein.

69. **HE GIVES THIS ROD TO HIS PROPHETS**--like John here and others like Paul, Martin Luther, and your Prophet for today. Either you submit to their rod and are blessed, or you resist it and fall by the wayside!

70. "And I will give power unto My TWO WITNESSES, and they SHALL PROPHECY A **THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND THREESCORE DAYS**, CLOTHED IN SACKCLOTH." (11:3) Again we have the time period of the Great Tribulation: Verse two gave it as forty-two months and here it is 1260 days, both equal to 3-1/2 years.

71. These **TWO GREAT WITNESSES** that prophesy during these 3-1/2 years of Great Tribulation ARE CALLED "**THE TWO OLIVE TREES, AND THE TWO CANDLESTICKS** standing before the God of the Earth." (11:4)

72. This is an obvious reference to an OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY IN ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 4 which describes a candlestick with seven pipes and seven lamps, and two olive branches which, through two of the golden pipes, empty the golden oil out of themselves, and it says that "**THESE TWO OLIVE BRANCHES** which, through the TWO GOLDEN PIPES (or candlesticks) empty the golden oil (or Spirit) out of themselves ... ARE THE **TWO ANOINTED ONES, THAT STAND BY THE LORD OF THE WHOLE EARTH.**"(Zech.4:12-14)

73. AN "ANOINTED ONE" THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE REFERS TO THE PROPHETS WHOM GOD ANOINTED WITH HIS SPIRIT to lead His people, and later in the 11th Chapter it even refers to these two witnesses as "two Prophets" But what is a candlestick? In Revelation 1:20, it says that "**THE SEVEN CANDLE STICKS WHICH THOU SAWEST ARE THE SEVEN CHURCHES!**"

74. **SO A SCRIPTURAL INTERPRETATION OF WHO THESE TWO WITNESSES ARE SHOWS US THAT THEY ARE TWO PROPHETS AND TWO CHURCHES**, or bodies of believers. Even though it's all just one Church, the Lord has set up different levels of service, as He did in both the New Testament, "first apostle, secondarily prophets," etc. (1Cor.12:28), and the Old Testament, Kings and priests.

75. **THESE TWO WITNESSES COULD THEREFORE BE LIKENED TO THE TWO TRIBES THAT GOD CHOSE IN OLD TESTAMENT TIMES TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE** and to represent Him to the people. These were **THE TRIBE OF LEVI, THE PRIESTS, AND THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, THE KINGS.**

76. If these two witnesses are somehow representing these two tribes, it would also fit into the 144,000 of Chapter 7 who will be sealed to go through this Great Tribulation, Remember they were 12 tribes of 12,000 each, including these leadership tribes of Levi and Judah. These tribes represent the new nation of spiritual Israel, which is being restored today in the Children of God. This would mean that **TWO TRIBES OF 24,000 WOULD LEAD THE OTHER TEN TRIBES OF 120,000**. (See Letter No.331A:49.)

77. And since these two witnesses are called two candlesticks, **THEY MUST ALSO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE TWO GOOD CANDLESTICKS OR CHURCHES** of Chapters 2 and 3, Smyrna and Philadelphia. The candlesticks represent the Church, of which we are the final and ultimate manifestation.

78. Now there are all kinds of heavy parallels you can get off this, but the main thing it shows is just that **THESE TWO WITNESSES ARE THE LEADERS OF THE NATION OF SPIRITUAL ISRAEL, OR THE CHURCH**.

79. The Lord in "Bible Study" (see Letter No.96:20) has promised us, the Children of God, leadership over the rest of the Church, so **SOME OF US WILL DEFINITELY BE THOSE TWO WITNESSES!** Who else do you know of besides the Children of God who prophesy in sackcloth and whose message is gone out around the World?

80. As for the two Prophets themselves, who knows? **THEY MAY BE TWO MEN, OR MAN AND WIFE, OR EVEN TWO WOMEN;** it doesn't say!

81. These witnesses will be so powerful that **"IF ANY MAN WILL HURT THEM, FIRE PROCEEDETH OUT OF THEIR MOUTH, AND DEVORETH THEIR ENEMIES:** and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed." (11:5) These witnesses must certainly be the worshippers in the temple that are not tread upon by the Gentiles, and the reason may be because they are afraid to touch them. They're afraid of being cremated if they did.

82. Moses and Elijah both called fire down upon their enemies (Lev.10:1,2 & 2Kg.1:10,11). However some say the fire here is symbolic, that it symbolises their fiery words, as the Lord said of Jeremiah, "I will make My Words in thy mouth fire." (Jer.5:14) However, the next verse describing the power these witnesses have to hurt the earth makes **THIS FIRE COMING OUT OF THEIR MOUTH SOUND PRETTY LITERAL**.

83. "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." (11:6) Remember the Second Trump? It turned the waters to blood. **COULD IT BE THAT THESE PROPHETS HAVE SOME INFLUENCE OVER THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS-AS MOSES DID WITH THE GREAT PLAGUES OF EGYPT?**

84. They will have tremendous God-given power over the elements and tremendous protection from their enemies, but **FINALLY THEY ARE KILLED, "WHEN THEY SHALL HAVE FINISHED THEIR TESTIMONY."** Then "the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit (the Devil in the AC) shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them." (11:7)

85. **THIS BEAST THAT KILLS THEM IS THE ANTICHRIST AND HIS FORCES**, his bestial government. In Revelation it doesn't call the beast the Antichrist; that terminology is mentioned only in one of the epistles of John (see 1Jn.2:18,22). Daniel refers to him as the "little horn," "fierce king," "vile person" (Dan.7:8; 8:23; 11:21); Ezekiel calls him "Gog" (Ezk.38:2); Paul calls him the "son of perdition" and "the Wicked" (2Thes.2:3,8). And John simply refers to him throughout Revelation as "the beast."

86. But whatever title is used, **THEY ALL DESCRIBE ONE PERSON WHO IS TO APPEAR AT THE END OF THE AGE TO RULE THE EARTH AND PERSECUTE THE SAINTS JUST BEFORE THE COMING OF CHRIST**. For the sake of unity, this figure, however named, is popularly referred to as the Antichrist, and since it is the name by which most people know him, we use it throughout our study of revelation.

87. **"AND THEIR DEAD BODIES WILL LIE IN THE STREET OF THE GREAT CITY, WHICH SPIRITUALLY IS CALLED SODOM AND EGYPT, WHERE ALSO OUR LORD WAS CRUCIFIED"** And the whole earth, "Kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an 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." (11:8-10)

88. What is the great city where our Lord was crucified? You mean these two Prophets shall lie in the streets of Jerusalem? Well, **JERUSALEM WILL BE THE WORLD CAPITAL OF THE ANTICHRIST GOVERNMENT, SO IT COULD BE THAT THEY FINALLY GET IT THERE.** (See Daniel 11:45.)

89. But Jesus wasn't actually crucified inside of Jerusalem, He was crucified "without the camp." (Heb.13:13) **EVEN THOUGH THIS "GREAT CITY" COMPRISES JERUSALEM, IT INCLUDES A MUCH LARGER AREA THAN JUST IT ALONE.**

90. In Rev.17 we find that **BABYLON IS THE NAME OF "THAT GREAT CITY, WHICH REIGNETH OVER THE KINGS OF THE EARTH."** And "in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." (Rev.17:18 & 18:24)

91. What, then, is this "great city" that is responsible for the deaths of all God's saints, Prophets, and all the slain of the earth, and that rules over kings? **IT IS THE WORLDWIDE CITY SYSTEM OF COMMERCIALISM**, composed of churches, banks, and all other "religions" based on the love of money and serving the god of materialism. (This is more fully revealed in Chapters 17 and 18.)

92. **THIS FALSE RELIGIOUS SYSTEM OF MAMMON WORSHIP HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF ALL THE SAINTS AND PROPHETS** from the days of Egypt and its priest of On to the Catholic Inquisitions of the Middle Ages, on down to today's various political religions around the world.

93. But it says here that the beast or government kills the two Prophets. True, but **THE FALSE CHURCH SYSTEM OR RELIGIOUS SYSTEM ALWAYS WORKS WITH THE FALSE GOVERNMENT**-always-and gets them to do its dirty work. Who slew Jesus really? We say the Romans, but actually the false church of His day, the Jewish Scribes, Pharisees and Hypocrites, incited the government to kill Him.

94. And that's what they'll do to these Prophets. But after their bodies have lain in the streets "three days and an half, **THE SPIRIT OF LIFE FROM GOD ENTERED INTO THEM**, ... And they ascended up to Heaven in a cloud." (11:11,12)

95. **THIS HAPPENS AT THE VERY END OF THE TRIBULATION**, obviously, because they prophesy, it says specifically in the third verse, 3-1/2 years. And they were dead only 3-1/2 days and then they were raised. So it seems that their resurrection and rapture occur at the same time as everybody else's: at the end of the Great Tribulation when Jesus returns!

96. There are many references to the Rapture in these Chapters dealing with the Endtime period. There was a reference to it in the sixth Chapter, tenth Chapter, here in the eleventh Chapter, and finally it is described again in the fourteenth Chapter. However, **IT'S ONLY ONE GREAT RESURRECTION AND RAPTURE**; there are just many facets of it.

97. Revelation follows a definite, orderly sequence of events, but **IT FREQUENTLY TAKES ONE ASPECT AND GIVES US THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THE SUBJECT FROM ITS BEGINNING TO ITS END** then jumps back into the main flow and continues with its story.

98. **THIS IS WHAT IT HAS DONE HERE WITH THE TWO WITNESSES**, showing us the great witnessing they're going to do during the Tribulation, then how they are killed but resurrected only 3-1/2 days later as God wins the final victory in the End. Then the story gets back into the mainstream in the fifteenth verse, where we have a reference to the great Rapture and Resurrection of the entire Church.

99. **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." (11:15)

100. "And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces" and praised God because "Thou hast taken to Thee Thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and **THY WRATH IS COME, AND THE TIME OF THE DEAD, THAT THEY SHOULD BE JUDGED**, and that Thou shouldest give reward unto Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints ... **AND SHOULDEST DESTROY THEM WHICH DESTROY THE EARTH.**" (11:16-18)

101. Now what was the last time we recall hearing a Trumpet sounded?-All the way back in the thirteenth verse of the ninth chapter. Then there was **A REFERENCE TO THE SEVENTH TRUMP IN THE TENTH CHAPTER**, seventh verse, as to what would happen when it sounded, **AND HERE WE HAVE IT!**

102. The two main events that happen at the Seventh Trump are,
- 1) "**THY WRATH IS COME**" and
  - 2) "**THOU SHOULDEST GIVE REWARD UNTO THY SERVANTS.**"

According to Paul (remember we discussed this in the tenth Chapter, seventh verse), at the last Trump Christ comes and the saints will be resurrected, raptured, and we which are alive will be changed and raptured with them. (See 1Cor.15:51,52.)

103. **THE DEAD WHO ARE JUDGED HERE AT THE SEVENTH TRUMP ARE THE LIVING DEAD (THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED JESUS)**. It is the time of the judgment of the saints of all ages at the judgment seat of Christ after His Second Coming. "For we (Christians) must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body ... good or bad." (2Cor.5:10)

104. **BUT THE WICKED WHO ARE LEFT BEHIND ON EARTH AT THE RESURRECTION REALLY GET IT**. God's Wrath finally comes upon the Anti-Christ nations-those who have polluted the earth with their wars, factories, churches and bestial governments! And He finally destroys "them which destroy the earth!" (11:18)

## **CHAPTER 12** **CHURCH IN TRIBULATION**

105. The two main characters of this Chapter are "**A WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN**, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars," and "**A GREAT RED DRAGON**, having seven heads and ten horns." (12:1,3) Both of these "wonders" are appearing "in Heaven," so **THIS IS MORE OR LESS A SPIRITUAL LOOK INTO THINGS** that will happen during the End.

106. "And the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born, And **SHE BROUGHT FORTH A MAN CHILD, WHO WAS TO RULE ALL NATIONS with a rod of iron**: and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne." (12:4,5)

107. **THE WOMAN HERE REPRESENTS THE CHURCH**, who throughout Revelation is called "the bride, the Lamb's wife." (Rev.19:7; 21:9) The Church consists not only of the New Testament but also the Old Testament believers. Moses and the Children of Israel are called "the church in the wilderness." (Ac.7:38)

108. **THIS PROPHETIC PORTRAIT OF A WOMAN GIVING BIRTH TO A MAN CHILD:**
- 1) is based on the literal birth of Christ;
  - 2) has had many intermediate spiritual fulfillments both before and after Christ;
  - 3) will have one ultimate spiritual fulfillment. This is all explained below.

109. 1)Literal fulfillment: **MARY, WHO WAS PART OF THE CHURCH (OR WOMAN), WAS USED BY GOD TO BRING FORTH JESUS, THE MAN CHILD**. Immediately after His birth the Dragon or Devil through King Herod tried to devour Him by ordering the slaughter of all children under two years old.

(Mt.2:16) And Jesus has been caught up to God's throne to rule all nations. (Mk.16:19)

110. 2)intermediate spiritual fulfillment: **THIS ALSO REPRESENTS THE CHURCH OF ALL AGES GIVING SPIRITUAL BIRTH** to new revolutionary movements of dropout saints. They overcome the world by 'dropping out' and becoming as little children that they might enter the kingdom of Heaven, suffering that they might reign with Christ. (Mt.18:3; 2Tm.2:12; 1Jn.5:5) As Jesus said, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne ... (and) to him will I give power over the nations, And he shall rule them with a rod of iron ... even as I received of My Father." (Rev.3:21; 2:26,27)

111. 3)Ultimate spiritual fulfillment Since this Chapter is dealing with the Endtime, **THIS WOMAN MUST FINALLY REPRESENT THE ULTIMATE CHURCH HERSELF**, the one who will live in this Endtime period--the Children of God! Her seed, then, must represent the purest revolutionary dropouts of all history--the children born in this revolutionary movement, the ones who will be the complete overcomers and rule all things!

112. The next verse proves that **THIS WOMAN OR CHURCH IS LIVING IN THE ENDTIME**. "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days." (12:6) Just as specifically as it could possibly be, there is your three-and-a-half years of Tribulation again.

113. Now if the woman is the hero or heroine of this Chapter, **WHO IS THE VILLAIN? IT'S THE DRAGON**, who in verse three tried to devour her child as soon as it was born.

114. There was one woman who stood up in a class of mine and began telling how she got a wonderful revelation on who this great red dragon was. She said, "You just take a look at some of the flags and banners used by the Chinese in their demonstrations, yellow banners with great red dragons on them; That great red dragon is China." I asked that poor dear woman, "**WOULD YOU MIND READING THE NINTH VERSE?**"

115. "**AND THE GREAT DRAGON WAS CAST OUT, THAT OLD SERPENT, CALLED THE DEVIL, and Satan.**" (12:9) Just as plain as day. She was absolutely dumbfounded. In fact, she walked right out of the class and never came back because she had made such a fool of herself. It's amazing how people can screw things up simply because they don't read the passage carefully.

116. "**THE DRAGON WITH HIS SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS BEARS A GREAT RESEMBLANCE TO THE BEAST** (or government) with seven heads and ten horns of the thirteenth Chapter **BUT HE IS NOT THE BEAST**. It says in the second verse of the thirteenth Chapter that "the dragon gave him (the beast) his power, and his seat, and great authority," so they are two distinct but very similar personalities.

117. In other words, **THE ANTI-CHRIST GOVERNMENT OF THIS WORLD IS PRACTICALLY ONE AND THE SAME WITH THE DEVIL HIMSELF**. And God allows it in order that we should have some kind of order, even if the Devil runs it.

118. From verses 1 to 6 we have a capsule history of the Church up to the time she flees into the wilderness for 1260 days. **VERSES 7 THROUGH 14 NOW GIVE US A LITTLE MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION** of why she flees into the wilderness.

119. "And **THERE WAS WAR IN HEAVEN**: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And he prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in 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." (12:7,9)

120. The scriptures teach that **SATAN AND HIS FOLLOWERS FELL FROM THEIR FIRST ESTATE OR POSITION AT THE BEGINNING OF CREATION**. (For how the Devil fell, see Ezekiel Chapter 28 and Isaiah Chapter 14.) However Satan still continued to have access to Heaven and the Lord's throne. In the Book of Job, written a couple of thousand years after Creation, it says "the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them." He then began to accuse Job to the Lord like a prosecuting

attorney. (See Job 1:6-11.)

121. So the Devil has been in Heaven a long time, even after he rebelled against God. But now, at the very end, he finally gets the gate and he's cast out of Heaven to the earth. **HE COMES DOWN AND POSSESSES AND EMPOWERS THE ANTICHRIST, WHO WILL THEN BECOME LITERALLY THE DEVIL IN THE FLESH**, accusing the saints face to face and making war against them.

122. **"AND THEY OVERCAME HIM BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB, AND BY THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONIES;** and they loved not their lives unto the death. ..." (12:11) Even as he is overcoming the saints physically by killing them, they will be overcoming him spiritually by keeping their faith even unto death.

123. "Therefore rejoice, ye Heaven, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants 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** (only 3-1/2 years). (12:12)

124. "And when the dragon saw that he was cast out unto the earth, **HE PERSECUTED THE WOMAN** which brought forth the man child. 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." (12:13,14)

125. Well, there it is again, a time, times and a half, 3-1/2 times; **THERE'S YOUR THREE-AND-A-HALF YEARS OF TRIBULATION** spoken of in the sixth verse as 1260 days, and now in the fourteenth again. Is God going to care for and "nourish," or feed, His Church during that terrible time of Tribulation? Absolutely! Even if He has to drop manna out of Heaven or cause angels to feed us, even as He did for the children of Israel and many of the Prophets in their wildernesses.

126. This "wilderness" may be some specific location, such as Petra. **MORE THAN LIKELY, THOUGH, IT REPRESENTS THE TOTAL SEPARATION OF THE CHURCH FROM THE SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS.** Many will become martyrs and die for their faith to be a witness to others, but God will care for the Church and there will still be multitudes to meet Jesus when He returns.

127. **"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." (12:15) The Word of God is called "the water of the Word" and if someone is filled with the Spirit and witnessing God's Truth, the Bible says, "out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." (Jn.7:38)

128. Well, if living water of Truth comes out of our mouths, what comes out of the Devil's? Dead water. **HIS WATER, HIS WORD, IS ALWAYS LIES.** "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it." (Jn.8:44)

129. **SO HE CASTS AFTER HER A FLOOD OF LIES, LYING PROPAGANDA TO TRY TO SWALLOW HER UP.** And believe you me, an awful lot of Christians have just about been swallowed up by this deluge of lies such as evolution, and even some of the lies of atheistic materialism. In the long run, though, if they are really saved and want the truth, God will have mercy on them and bring them to the truth.

130. **THE ONES WHO REALLY SWALLOW THESE LIES, THOUGH, ARE THOSE WHOM "GOD SHALL SEND ... STRONG DELUSION, ...** that they all might be damned because...they received not the love of the truth." (2Th.2:10-12) Who is that? The unsaved.

131. It says here, "the earth helped the woman, **AND THE EARTH OPENED HER MOUTH, AND SWALLOWED UP THE FLOOD WHICH THE DRAGON CAST OUT OF HIS MOUTH.**" (12:16) The earth is a type of the worldly people and the very fact that they are swallowing all these lies ought to help us realise they're not the truth! "They (Devil's prophets) are of the world (or earth, the System): therefore speak they of the world, and the world (the Systemites) heareth them." (1Jn.4:5)

132. **THE DEVIL WANTS TO BE GOD AND HE WANTS THE WORLD TO WORSHIP HIM.**

When he finally possesses the AC, it says in Daniel that he abolishes all other worship and he sets himself up as God and demands the world to worship him or die. The Devil in the AC will at first try to flatter and tempt the woman to worship him with his lying promises, but being rejected he will then set out to kill her.

133. **"AND THE DRAGON WAS WROTH WITH THE WOMAN, AND WENT TO MAKE WAR** with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." (12:17)

### **CHAPTER 13** **ANTICHRIST & FALSE PROPHET**

134. "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and **SAW A BEAST RISE UP OUT OF THE SEA**, heaving seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns." (13:1)

135. **THESE SEVEN HEADS LITERALLY REPRESENT SEVEN OF THE GREAT WORLD EMPIRES**, from Egypt on down to the final AntiChrist kingdom. **THE TEN HORNS ARE TEN KINGS of the End** who cooperate with the Antichrist for a short time and "receive power as kings one hour with the beast." (See Rev. chapter 17)

136. The fact that crowns are upon the ten horns show that **THIS PROPHECY IS DEALING WITH THE TIME WHEN THESE KINGS ARE IN POWER**--or with the final AC government itself.

137. Though it is the final AC government that the rest of Chapter 13 deals with, God is showing us by this beast with seven heads that **THE ANTICHRIST GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FROM THE BEGINNING**. It's all the same beast, although it has manifested its ugly head in the seven major governments of the world: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, Antichrist. Whatever government it is, it's all part of the same beast, all part of the Devil's governments.

138. This beast looks "like unto a leopard" with "feet like a bear" and a "mouth as the mouth of a lion," all beasts that Daniel saw in his vision representing different great kingdoms of man. (See Dan.7:17.) This shows us that **THIS FINAL BEAST WILL BE THE ULTIMATE FULFILLMENT OF MAN'S GOVERNMENTS, A COMBINATION OF THE "BEST" QUALITIES OF EACH**. Man's final government will be his ideal and ruled by the Devil himself through their ideal leader the AC. For "the dragon (Devil) gave him (AC) his power, and his seat, and great authority." (13:2)

139. "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and **HIS DEADLY WOUND WAS HEALED**: and all the world wondered after the beast ... which had the wound by a sword, and did live." (13:3,14)

140. **ONLY ONE OTHER VERSE IN SCRIPTURE TALKS OF ONE OF THESE HEADS OR NATIONS BEING WOUNDED BY A SWORD**. "And I will put my sword into the king of Babylon's hands, but I will break Pharaoh's (Egypt's) arms and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man." (Ezk.30:24)

141. From what the Lord has shown us through my mother's **WARNING PROPHECY** predicting the "Great Confusion to come out of Memphis, Egypt," from our studies of Daniel 8, which pinpoint the AC's geographical location as Egypt, and from what the Lord showed us in "The Phoenix" (Letter No.276), it looks as if some modern King of Egypt will be broken by Babylon's, or America's, sword, but he will be revived again to lead the world. **THIS RESURRECTION OF THE AC, WHO WAS "WOUNDED UNTO DEATH AND DID LIVE," COULD POSSIBLY BE A SUPPOSED MIRACLE OF SOVIET SCIENCE**, because from many other prophecies it is evident that the AC comes to total power in Russia, and it is the Russians who today are rapidly advancing into the field of scientific witchcraft such as investigating in ESP, phantoms, hallucinations, apparitions, etc. (See "Solaris" and "More on Solaris," Letters No.271 and 271B.)

142. **THE DEVIL IS GOING TO DEMONSTRATE HIS SUPERNATURAL POWER BY EXPLAINING THAT THIS POWER IS PURELY "SCIENTIFIC" POWER**. He's going to say it's not spiritual, because the whole world has been so de-spiritualised and de-religionised they will no longer accept

anything "spiritual" or "religious" as being "scientific" or true.

143. "And all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast." (13:3,4a) **IN WORSHIPPING THIS BEAST THEY MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW IT, BUT THEY'RE WORSHIPPING THE DEVIL.** And they said, "Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" (13:4)

144. In the ways of the world, might is right, and **WAR IS THE ULTIMATE OF ALL MAN'S ENDEAVORS**; man at his best is man at his worst, which is **WAR. THIS GUY IS THE TOP WARMONGER!** And everybody worships him for it.

145. "**THERE WAS GIVEN HIM A MOUTH SPEAKING GREAT THINGS AND BLASPHEMIES.**" (13:5a) This description of the AC's big mouth was also used by Daniel in his various descriptions of the Antichrist. (Dan.7:8,11,20,25; 11:36)

146. "**AND POWER WAS GIVEN UNTO HIM TO CONTINUE FORTY AND TWO MONTHS.**" (13:5) Daniel said for "a time and times and the dividing of time." (Dan.7:25) The Lord couldn't be any more specific about the length and duration of the Tribulation period. And the main reason is so that we will know it's only going to last so long and then it will be over. PTL!

147. Jesus said, speaking of the Tribulation, "Except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but **FOR THE ELECTS' SAKE (OR THE SAINTS), WHOM HE HATH CHOSEN, HE HATH SHORTENED THE DAYS.**" (Mk.13:20)--3-1/2 Years and no longer!

148. "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God. ... And it was given him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them." (13:6,7) My God! There are so many of these scriptures that sound just like Daniel's prophecies about this same period. (See Dan.7:21; 8:24; 12:7.) **WHY WOULD GOD DEVOTE ALMOST TWO ENTIRE BOOKS, PLUS MULTITUDES OF OTHER PROPHECIES THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE, JUST TO THESE FEW YEARS OF THE ENDTIME?** Do you think He doesn't want us to be deceived along with the rest of the world? Do you think He wants us to be prepared?

149. **THE BEAST IS GOING TO OVERCOME THE CHURCH COMPLETELY, AS FAR AS HER TEMPORAL POWER IS CONCERNED**--its buildings, organisations and money. And many many will suffer as martyrs. Will you be ready?

150. "**AND POWER WAS GIVEN HIM OVER ALL KINDREDS (RACES), AND TONGUES (LANGUAGES), AND NATIONS. AND ALL THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH SHALL WORSHIP HIM**, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (13:7,8) Do you "dwell upon the earth" or is your "conversation (life) in Heaven"? (Ph.3:20) Are you written in the Lamb's Book of Life? Are you one of the saved whose names are written in Heaven? (Lk.10:20) It's either Jesus or the Devil--take your choice--'cause that's what it's gonna come to. "If any man have an ear, let him hear." (13:9)

151. The AC is going to be the greatest dictator the world has ever known, but he'll get his reward, for "he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."(13:10) **JESUS HIMSELF WILL KILL THE AC WITH HIS SWORD AND HE SHALL TAKE OVER THE EARTH AND WE SHALL REIGN WITH HIM FOREVER.** Just keep that in mind when they try to force you to deny your faith!

152. "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." (13:11) In Revelation Chapter 19 verse 20, **THIS SECOND BEAST IS CALLED THE "FALSE PROPHET."** **JUST AS JESUS HAD JOHN THE BAPTIST, SO THE ANTICHRIST WILL HAVE HIS FORERUNNER** to "prepare the way of the Devil."

153. "**AND HE CAUSETH THE EARTH AND THEM WHICH DWELL THEREIN TO WORSHIP THE FIRST BEAST, WHOSE DEADLY WOUND WAS HEALED.** And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from Heaven on earth in the sight of men." And by these miracles which will be done in the

name of "Science," he "deceiveth them that dwell on the earth ... saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast." (13:12-14)

154. **"AND HE HAD POWER TO GIVE LIFE UNTO THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST,** that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." (13:15)

155. **THIS IMAGE OR IDOL OF THE BEAST WAS CALLED BY DANIEL THE "ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,"** which would be set up in a temple which is yet to be built by the Jews in Jerusalem on Mt. Moriah where the Dome of the Rock now stands. **IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE LONG-FORETOLD SUPER COMPUTER** that the scientists are working feverishly to complete--possibly a world network of computers with a central HQ in Jerusalem.

156. It says that **THE FALSE PROPHET "CAUSETH ALL, BOTH SMALL AND GREAT, RICH AND POOR, FREE AND BOND TO RECEIVE A MARK IN THEIR RIGHT HAND, OR IN THEIR FOREHEADS"** (13:6)--A mark?--Some **TINY ELECTRODE** or **ADVANCED ELECTRONIC MARKING** that would hook up all those who received it to a gigantic universal brain? Don't laugh, because over the last four decades those dear, dedicated witch-doctors have been working on just that very thing in their laboratories. The technology to do it is already there, all they need is the right conditions: a totalitarian world dictatorship to put it into effect.

157. **THE RESULTS, THEY SAY, WOULD BRING A TRUE UTOPIAN SOCIETY: NO MURDER, STEALING OR RAPE, BECAUSE EVERYBODY WOULD BE MONITORED** and the minute the **BRAIN** detected any "abnormal" behavior in anybody's brainwave pattern, inhibitory signals would be sent out by the computer, blocking any "abnormal" actions. It would be a beautiful Heaven on Earth--which man has created with his own hands through the "image of the beast."

158. "And that **NO MAN WILL BE ABLE TO BUY OR SELL, SAVE HE THAT HAD THE MARK,** or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." (13:17) The time will come when money will no longer be used as a medium of exchange. Instead, **THE MONEY MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE WILL BE REPLACED WITH A REMARKABLE CREDIT SYSTEM** in which every person in the world who belongs to the system will have a credit number, this mark of the beast, without which he can neither buy nor sell, and by which he is accredited in his governmental account with the value of whatever goods or services he produces and to which he can charge the goods and services that he needs!

159. **EVERY MEMBER OF THE WORLD SYSTEM WILL BE BRANDED OR TATTOOED WITH THE MARK OF THIS FINAL BESTIAL ANTI-GOD WORLD GOVERNMENT.** Instead of bowing down to the paper pigs of paper money they will have a new god, a new money system, and be branded by the Beast like cattle for the slaughter. They will be forced to worship the Beast and his image, or be killed.

160. **THIS IMAGE OF THE BEAST WILL DEFINITELY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE MONEY SYSTEM, EVEN IF IT IS A NEW MONEY SYSTEM,** "for the love of money is the root of all evil." (1Tim.6:10) Money (or credit systems like this one will be) is made by the government and it really represents the power of the beast (king or government). As Jesus said, "Shew me a **PENNY**. Whose **IMAGE** and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's." (Lk.20:24) And Caesar was the **BEAST** of his day, the sixth head of the seven-headed Beast.

161. Therefore, "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the **NUMBER OF THE BEAST:** for it is the number of a man; and his number **IS SIX HUNDRED THREESCORE AND SIX**"--666. What that means, I don't know exactly. Some theories are:

1) Six is the number of man, as man was created on the sixth day. Three 6's indicate a trinity, which would indicate man trying to play God or trying to be perfect.

2) The so called Jewish star of David may not be the star of David at all, but being 6-pointed it could be a symbol of the Antichrist.

3) In many of the ancient languages, the letters of their alphabets were also used as numbers, so it may be that the letters in the Antichrist's name will numerically add up to 666. It may not be any of these or it may

be all three. You mathematicians keep your pads and pencils handy, in any event.

## **CHAPTER 14** **THE RAPTURE**

162. **THIS CHAPTER BRINGS US TO THE END OF THE TRIBULATION AND THE GREAT CONCLUSION OF ALL HISTORY**, the Second Coming of Christ and the Rapture and Resurrection of the Church. "And I looked, and, lo, **A LAMB** stood on the Mount Sion, and with Him **AN HUNDRED FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND**, having His Father's name written in their foreheads." (14:1)

163. When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God," (Jn.1:29) so **THIS LAMB IS JESUS AND THESE 144,000 ARE THE SAME ONES WE SAW BACK IN CHAPTER 7 WHO WERE BEING SEALED IN THEIR FOREHEADS** to go through the Tribulation. They are God's mountain men who have climbed the "hill of God--MT. ZION"--a mountain of spiritual victory over the world.

164. "And I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps." (14:2) Sounds like some of the Children of God must be there with their guitars. "**AND THEY SUNG AS IT WERE A NEW SONG**" which only they could sing. (14:3) David said he sang a "new song ... even praise unto our God." (Ps.40:3) The old church of today really is singing only to itself, worshipping itself and its own religious ceremonies, not God. But **GOD'S NEW, YOUNG BRIDE IS GOING OUT SINGING UNTO GOD**, and about His kind of religion and His judgments that are soon to fall.

165. **THESE 144,000 "ARE THEY WHICH WERE NOT DEFILED WITH WOMEN"--THE WOMEN OF REV.17, THE GREAT CITY SYSTEM OF IDOLATRY, THE 'WHORE' AND HER HARLOTS--**"for they are virgins (separated only unto the Lord, utterly dedicated to Him--His virgins, His Bride, pure in Spirit.)" This is all spiritual, not physical. "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth." (14:4)

166. "**THESE WERE REDEEMED FROM AMONG MEN**, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb." (14:4) This doesn't mean they are raptured first, but that they are **SEPARATED FROM AND ABOVE ALL THE REST**. "And in their mouth was found no guile"--no traditional false doctrines--"for they are without fault before the throne of God," perfect by His Grace in the eyes of God before His throne. (14:5)

167. Jesus said, "**THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS**: and then shall the end come." (Mt.24:14) And in this Chapter, still talking of the Tribulation, John says, "**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." (14:6)

168. **COULD THIS ANGEL BE ONE OF THE HELPERS OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD** who empowers and protects them as they carry the Gospel message to every kindred, tongue and nation in these last days? "Are they (angels) not all ministering spirits, sent to minister for them who shall be heirs of Salvation?" (Heb.1:14) **So THIS ANGEL COULD BE A PART OF THE SPIRITUAL FORCES BEHIND US--MAYBE THEIR LEADER!** This same angel proclaimed "with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made Heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." (14:7)

169. What is the Earth worshipping these Last Days instead of God the Creator? They are worshipping man himself and the creation! By following the false, damnable, devilish lie of evolution, Darwin's fairy tale of self-determination or natural selection, which literally means you can have a part in your own creation and decide what you're going to be, they are actually saying that the creation made itself, man made himself, therefore man is God. **TODAY'S RELIGION IS A RELIGION OF MAN WORSHIP AND OF THE CREATION ITSELF** as embodied in "science falsely so called," (1Tim.6:20)

170. **A LOGICAL MIND LOOKS AT A MACHINE AND KNOWS THERE HAS TO BE A MACHINIST BEHIND IT**. A logical mind looks at a watch and knows there has to be a watchmaker. But stupid

idiots look at creation which is a billion times more complex a machine than anything ever invented by man, and they say it just made itself. **FOOLS! "THE FOOL HATH SAID IN HIS HEART, THERE IS NO GOD.** They are corrupt, they have done abominable works." (Ps.14:1)

171. They say, "God is dead"--worship science. "God is dead"--we control our destiny, so abort your baby. "God is dead"--worship your automobile, your home and television set. "Do your own thing." **BUT THE LAST MESSAGE TO THE WORLD IS GOING TO BE "FEAR GOD, AND GIVE GLORY TO HIM; FOR THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT IS COME:** and worship Him that made Heaven, and Earth, and the sea, the fountains of waters." (14:7)

172. "And there followed another angel, saying, **BABYLON IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN,** that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." (14:8) Babylon, the worldwide city of merchant materialism that has corrupted the earth, is fallen. What kind of fall is it? Babylon's total physical destruction happens, as described in Chapter 18, during the Wrath of God. **PARTS OF BABYLON (LIKE THE U.S.) WILL FALL PHYSICALLY BEFORE THAT FOR SURE, BUT THIS IS MAINLY TALKING ABOUT BABYLON'S FALL TO TOTAL DECADENCE AND DEPRAVITY.**--This is its total spiritual fall.

173. **THERE ARE NOW MANY CHRISTIANS WHO AT THE MOMENT ARE IGNORANTLY TRAPPED IN THIS FALSE SYSTEM--BUT THEY WILL SOON HAVE TO COME OUT--OR STAY IN IT AND RECEIVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST.** Because soon all the false religious systems from banks to churches will be totally cooperating with the Anti-Christ government--even as they are already beginning to do now. If a person is a true Christian, he's going to have to drop out! Sooner or later they are going to have to get out of the System.

174. **IF THEY DON'T DROP OUT, THEY ARE NOT CHRIST'S AND THEY WILL BE ON THE RECEIVING END OF THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE.** "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the Wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb." (14:9,10)

175. **"AND THE SMOKE OF THEIR TORMENT ASCENDETH UP FOR EVER AND EVER; AND THEY HAVE NO REST DAY NOR NIGHT, WHO WORSHIP THE BEAST AND HIS IMAGE,** and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." (14:11) Whew! How about that? The followers of the beast are really gonna get it, the Wrath of God, and Hell-fire! That's why, in the next verse, it says "Here is the patience of the saints" (14:12) we know what God is going to do to all who receive the mark, therefore we can endure everything they give us for not taking it.

176. "And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, **BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD FROM HENCEFORTH** (must be going to be a lot of martyrs at that time.): Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." (14:13) What is death to the Christian? To die, as Paul said, is "to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (2Cor.5:8) When we die we go to be with Jesus and we'll get our reward. **DEATH IS OUR GRADUATION--IT'S SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO, NOT SOMETHING TO FEAR.**

177. Now we come to the most outstanding event of the whole Chapter. "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud, one sat like unto the Son of man (Jesus), having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud (Jesus), **THRUST IN THY SICKLE (TALKING TO JESUS NOW), AND REAP: FOR THE TIME IS COME FOR THEE TO REAP; FOR THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH IS RIPE,** And He that sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped." (14:14-16)

178. Just a few related scriptures immediately show us what the harvest is. **"THE HARVEST IS THE END OF THE WORLD; AND THE REAPERS ARE THE ANGELS."** (Mt.13:39) "And then they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds. ... And then shall He send His angels (the sickle?), and shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of Heaven." (Mk.13:26,27)

179. **JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE, AND THIS PART OF THE ENDTIME HARVEST SHOWS JESUS AT HIS SECOND ADVENT COMING TO REAP THE FRUIT OF THE TRUE VINE, HIS CHILDREN.**

180. If you follow the order of events, then **IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS GATHERING OF THE SAINTS WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW THE JUDGMENT AND THE WRATH OF GOD UPON THE WICKED LEFT BEHIND.** Does it? Just read and see! "And 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, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe." (14:17,18)

181. **"AND THE ANGEL THRUST IN HIS SICKLE INTO THE EARTH, AND GATHERED THE VINE OF THE EARTH** (notice it doesn't call this the harvest, but the vine), and cast it into the great wine press of the **WRATH OF GOD.**" (14:19)

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192. **THE CHURCH MAY SUFFER A LITTLE TRIBULATION**, a little spanking from the Lord once in a while, **BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH THE WRATH OF GOD.** "For God hath not appointed us to wrath." (1Th.5:9) Only the wicked, only those who have totally rejected Jesus and have been persecuting His Prophets, are reserved for this fate.

193. **"AND THE ANGEL THRUST IN HIS SICKLE, ... AND GATHERED THE VINE OF THE EARTH;** and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs." (14:19,20) Whew! That's some Wrath. 1600 furlongs--do you know how far that is? Over two hundred miles! **A RIVER OF BLOOD 200 MILES LONG!** Think of it!! Whether you think it's symbolic or not, it certainly is talking about a horrible slaughter.

194. **IN THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS 15-19**, which we'll study in our next section, we will get a detailed description of this period--where the **WRATH OF GOD IS Poured OUT UPON THE WICKED, THE MOST HORRIBLE THINGS YOU COULD EVER READ ABOUT IN ALL HISTORY!**

195. So that's the middle section of Revelation. Isn't it amazing how John could have predicted all this--the great atomic war and one world government, etc.? Any honest thinking person can see it coming now--but John saw it **1900 YEARS** ago! Just shows you that **IT HAD TO BE GOD SPEAKING, AND NOT JUST JOHN.**

196. **IT REALLY SHOWS US HOW GOD IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING--**"all the world's a stage"--and God is the director. Our only hope, then, is to be following the "good guys" script, 'cause in this production all the "bad guys" really get wiped out.

197. How do you do that? How do you become one of the "good guys or gals"? Simply by **ASKING JESUS INTO YOUR LIFE AND FOLLOWING HIM!** It's easy--you can do it today! And if you need help, we'd love to help you in any way we can. Just visit one of our Colonies near you or drop us a line. Do it today, tomorrow may be too late!

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### **THE SEVEN VIALS OF WRATH**

1. **"AND EVERY ISLAND FLED AWAY, AND THE MOUNTAINS WERE NOT FOUND. AND THERE FELL UPON MEN A GREAT HAIL OUT OF HEAVEN**, every stone about the weight of a talent!" (16:20,21) Think of it! These hailstones are probably "fire and brimstone," volcanic rocks a hundred pounds or more apiece that could batter down whole buildings flat to the ground! Whew!

2. How would you like to be around for something like that? Well I wouldn't, and God's Children won't be; **WE'RE GONNA BE IN SPACE CITY AT THE TIME**, having a good time feasting and drinking and making love. **BUT OUR ENEMIES-OH, BOY, THEY'RE GONNA BE CATCHING HELL!** God is going to be breaking and destroying all our enemies back on Earth and is really going to make them humble down in preparation for our return to Earth to rule over them for a thousand years!

3. This last section of Revelation, Chapters 15-22, begins with this description of the Wrath of God upon our enemies, then goes into a rather raw revelation about these same enemies and their System: **A SHOCKING EXPOSE ON THE GOD-DAMNED MURDEROUS SYSTEMS OF MAN** that helps us to appreciate God's vengeance and Wrath that will totally destroy them.

4. The prophecy concludes with **A PICTURE OF THE GLORIOUS GOLDEN AGE TO COME** when there shall be no more war, and the ushering in of a New Heaven and New Earth where Heaven shall come to Earth and God shall dwell with man for ever and ever!

### **CHAPTER 15** **VICTORIOUS CHILDREN OF GOD**

5. "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, **SEVEN ANGELS HAVING THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES: FOR IN THEM IS FILLED UP THE WRATH OF GOD.** And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast (the Antichrist), 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. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb...." (15:1-3)

6. In the Old Testament, Exodus Chapter 15, **MOSES OF OLD SANG HIS SONG OF VICTORY WHEN GOD DELIVERED HIM AND THE CHILDREN OF GOD OUT OF EGYPT** by a miraculous parting of the Red Sea and then destroyed all his enemies with the same sea by letting its waters return on the Egyptians, drowning them in a flood. Now in Chapter 15 of Revelation **THE ENDTIME CHILDREN OF GOD ARE SINGING THE SONG OF THEIR MOSES AND JESUS (THE LAMB) WHOM GOD USED TO RESCUE THEM FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THEIR PHARAOH: THE ANTICHRIST!** The same miraculous Second Coming of Christ which will rescue God's Children will also begin the Wrath of God on the wicked, many of whom will be drowned in the flood of judgments "**POURED OUT**" from "seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever." (15:7)

### **CHAPTER 16--WRATH OF GOD**

7. "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and **POUR OUT THE VIALS OF THE WRATH** of God upon the Earth." (16:1)

8. **1ST VIAL Poured "UPON THE EARTH"**--"And there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image." (16:2) God with the first vial is going to send a plague on the Earth (or land) which will affect the Beast worshippers in this way.

9. **2ND VIAL Poured "UPON THE SEA"**--"And it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea." (16:3)--No stench in this world is worse than that of dead, decaying human blood!

10. **3RD VIAL Poured "UPON THE RIVERS AND FOUNTAINS OF WATERS"**--"And they became blood...For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink." (16:4-6)

11. **4TH VIAL Poured "UPON THE SUN"**--"And men were scorched with great heat." (16:8,9) In the Old Testament it was said that the light of the sun would be increased seven-fold. (Isa.30:26)--and heat intensity increases with light. In fact, it's going to be so bright that Isaiah said the moon shall be as the sun. It takes temperatures of 200 to 300 degrees to "**SCORCH**" a man's flesh, so it's going to be hot as hell--men burning alive because of the heat.

12. And will they then repent? No! It says **THEY BLASPHEMED THE NAME OF GOD, WHICH HATH POWER OVER THESE PLAGUES: AND THEY REPENTED NOT.**" (16:9) What do the wicked do when they're punished for their unbelief and sins? Does it drive them to their knees in true repentance? Now, I mean the truly wicked. Everyone is a sinner everyone has done wicked things; but those who humble themselves and accept Christ, they repent and turn from their sins, they have a real revolution in their lives and turn around and go in a different direction. But do the Wicked?--NO!

13. Under all these terrible plagues, what happens?-"They blaspheme the name of God." Who? Who do they curse? Who has power over these plagues? The Devil? No, it says God does, and as usual when the wicked curse God when things go wrong, **THEY KNOW WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PLAGUES, WHICH SHOWS THAT THEY KNOW THERE IS A GOD**, which makes God even more justified in spanking them even harder!

14. **5TH VIAL POURED "UPON THE SEAT OF THE BEAST"**--"And His kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain." (16:10) When the Bible speaks of the seat of a king it's referring to his throne, usually the central HQ where the throne is located. How and where will the Beast or Antichrist rule over the inhabitants of the Earth? Through the Image of the Beast located in Jerusalem, right? It says "that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." (2Thes.2:4)

15. The Antichrist's seat, then, is going to be the soon-to-be-built Jewish Temple on Mt. Moriah, Jerusalem. As Daniel the Prophet said, "He shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas (Dead Sea and Mediterranean) in the glorious holy mountain" (Dan.11:45)--and there is only one "glorious holy mountain" to Jews and that's Mt. Moriah! And Jesus said that the A.C.'s Image, this abomination or idol of the A.C., shall "stand in the holy place"--the Temple. (Mt.24:15)

16. As we said before, the Image will probably be some kind of super computer by which everybody is monitored. What a tremendous way for God to really sock it to 'em through this image or idol that they worship. "Thine own wickedness (this idol) shall correct thee." (Jer.2:19) By somehow smiting the seat of government and probably messing up their computer, the Lord is going to make them go from intense light and heat to such gross darkness and horrible pain that men will chew their tongues in agony! Even now scientists can make their human guinea pigs feel intense pleasure or pain through electronic stimulation of electrodes in the brain. Will God do it through the "mark" that all the Beast's worshippers receive in their forehead or hand? (See Revelation Chapter 13.)

17. **6TH VIAL-"ARMAGEDDON"**--"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the East might be prepared." (16:12)

18. The River Euphrates flows through Iraq, between Jordan, Syria and Iran down to the Persian Gulf. And **IT'S GOING TO BE DRIED UP SO THESE EASTERN KINGS AND THEIR ARMIES CAN EASILY PASS OVER**. What's in the East? Well, there's China, India, and a great portion of the Soviet Union, all possessing big armies.

19. "And I saw **THREE UNCLEAN SPIRITS LIKE FROGS** come out of the mouth of the dragon (or Devil), and out of the mouth of the beast (or Antichrist), and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

20. **"FOR THEY ARE THE SPIRITS OF DEVILS**, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the Earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God, Almighty...**AND HE GATHERED THEM TOGETHER IN TO A PLACE CALLED IN THE HEBREW TONGUE ARMAGEDDON.**" (16:13,14,16) You know where that is? Just south of Haifa, it's the valley that stretches from Mt. Carmel on down toward Jerusalem! Take a look at Israel on your map. **THAT LITTLE BIT OF LAND OVER THERE IN THE MIDDLE-EAST IS THE MOST CRUCIAL AREA OF THE WORLD**. It's the hot spot of the world today where the lines are being drawn and sides chosen and such a tense situation developing that every political analyst knows that even some minor skirmish between the Jews and Arabs could trigger WWII and the greatest conflagration in world history!

21. **AND THERE IS GOING TO BE AT LEAST ONE MAJOR WAR FOUGHT IN ISRAEL**

**BEFORE THE FINAL ONE DESCRIBED HERE IN REV.16.** Daniel predicted at least two invasions of Israel--one before the Seven-Year Covenant (Dan.11:16), and one when the Antichrist breaks the Covenant (Dan.11:40-45). In fact, almost every Prophet throughout the Bible has prophesied of major wars to be fought in Israel and the rest of the world at the time of the End.

22. However it is sometimes hard to distinguish the proper chronological order of these prophecies concerning these Endtime battles because to the Prophets they all seemed to be happening at the same time. It's like looking at a mountain range way off in the distance; though one mountain may be several miles in front of another one, they both blend together when seen from a considerable distance. This was how the Prophets `saw' this period of The End when they viewed it from a distance of thousands of years ago. To the **Lord**, with Whom "a thousand years is as a day," **THESE FEW YEARS OF THE END AND THEIR EVENTS AND CATAclysmic BATTLES SEEM LIKE ALMOST ONE EVENT**, like one great **ENDTIME WAR!**

23. **WE ARE EVEN NOW LIVING IN THE PERIOD OF HISTORY THE PROPHETS CALLED `THE END'**, the period of time preceding the Second Coming of Christ. But this period is composed of many events and signs that the Prophets predicted would occur and they are stretched over about a 40-year period, all in the time of `The End'.

24. So in some ways you could say that all these battles that have been going on in Israel since 1948 and that will continue till Jesus comes, would be like major conflicts in the great Endtime War, and **ARMAGEDDON IS JUST THE GREAT FINAL BATTLE.**

25. **THIS ENDTIME WAR HAS BEEN GOING ON BETWEEN THE JEWS AND THE ARABS FOR ABOUT THIRTY YEARS!** And it could easily stretch out, off and on, truce and ceasefire, then back at it again, for another seventeen years, which would bring us to 1993 and the period we got for the Coming of the Lord! (See "70 Years Prophecy", No.156.)

26. In the meantime, however, the Bible predicts that **THERE IS A MAJOR BATTLE IN THIS ENDTIME WAR THAT THE JEWS ARE GOING TO LOSE TO A GREAT NORTHERN POWER CALLED MAGOG (RUSSIA)**, the land of its leader, God (the Antichrist), the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal (Moscow and Tobalsk), with his people the Rosh (this word appears only in the original Hebrew and can only mean "the Russians"), with the help of Libya, together with Togarmah (Turkey), plus Gomer (Germany) and all his bands (Europe?)!

27. The Bible says that at this first invasion only Sheba and Dedan (Arabia or some of the Arabs) will question this Russian invasion, and only they and Tarshish (Britain) "with all the young lions thereof" (the offspring of the British Lion, America and the Commonwealth nations) will challenge Russia's right to do so, **TRIGGERING A WAR THAT WILL RESULT IN NOT ONLY THE CONQUEST AND DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL, BUT ALSO OF AMERICA** and most of the industrialized nations as well!

28. After this conquest of Israel and America, **THE ANTICHRIST**, the super-human dictator of man's last one-world government, **WILL THEN SET UP HIS GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS IN JERUSALEM.**

29. His first three and a half years of seemingly benign rule will be followed by a three and a half year reign of world-wide terror: The Great Tribulation. **THEN JESUS HIMSELF WILL TAKE A HAND AND DESTROY BOTH THE ANTICHRIST AND HIS ANTICHRIST WORLD KINGDOM** at this monstrous, final battle pictured here in Chapter 16: the battle of God Almighty or Armageddon!

30. **BUT WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF THIS ENDTIME WAR EVEN NOW**, and we will soon witness some tremendous wars of world proportion such as the before-mentioned predictions of Ezekiel 38 and 39, before Jesus finally ends the whole thing once and for all at Armageddon.

31. In other words, **THE GENERAL FORECAST FOR THE WORLD AND ISRAEL IS:** first a great war (Israel invaded), followed by the Anti-christ world government followed by an even greater war (Armageddon) and the setting up of Christ's Millennial Kingdom on Earth!

32. **7TH VIAL Poured out "into the AIR"**--"And there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done...and there was a great earthquake...and the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell." (16:17-19) Armageddon begins with the Sixth Vial and ends with the Seventh Vial! A more complete description of this battle is given shortly in our study of the 19th Chapter.

33. There in the 19th verse we also see "the beast (Antichrist), and the kings of the Earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war" against God, just as it says here in Chapter 16. And **SUDDENLY THERE IS AN INVASION FROM OUTER SPACE AND YOU AND I ARE PART OF THAT INVASION.** We come charging down from outer space, not on rockets, not on space ships, not on flying saucers, but on great white horses with our Space King!

34. **WE INVADE THE EARTH FROM OUTER SPACE, FROM HEAVEN, AND WE SETTLE THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON.** Maybe that's why it says the Seventh Vial was poured out "into the AIR"--because we invade the Earth from the AIR! The return of Jesus and the saints is part of the Seventh Vial's destruction!

35. This Seventh Vial is it! The angel says "It is done" when he pours it out. It's finished; this is the end for the wicked, that is. "**AND THERE WERE VOICES, AND THUNDERS, AND LIGHTNINGS; AND THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE,** such as was not since men were upon the Earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nation fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God." (16:18,19)

36. **BABYLON THAT GREAT CITY** has already been mentioned a time or two, and we have discovered that it **IS THE GREAT FALSE CHURCH, BOTH RELIGIOUS AND COMMERCIAL.** We know that the destruction of Babylon has to begin in the period of Tribulation because of some other things which are said in prophecy about how the false prophet exhorts the whole world to worship only the Antichrist and only his religion, and he will cause all other religions to be stamped out, including the False Church System and the capitalistic money-worship System.

37. **BUT THE WHORE BABYLON WILL STILL BE HERE, ONLY IN ANOTHER FORM:** that of the Antichrist's worldwide socialist/Communist empire. Many of the cities will still be here, and whether they use money or not, they will still be worshipping materialism and idols such as the Antichrist's Image of the Beast. But here, **UNDER THE SEVENTH VIAL, BABYLON FINALLY GETS IT FOR THE LAST TIME,** "the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath."

38. **WHEN THE CITIES OF THE NATIONS FALL AT THE SEVENTH VIAL, GOD IS COMPLETING THE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON:** destroying the great towers of mammon worship, the cities of man, which are the centers for all of man's materialistic idols, "For according to the number of thy cities are thy gods.... And the idols He shall utterly abolish...in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall." (Jer.2:2; Isa.2:18; 30:25)

#### **CHAPTER 17 BABYLON: THE FALSE CHURCH SYSTEM**

39. This is one of the most important chapters in Revelation, exposing and analyzing for us the relationship between the religious/commercial System and the government, or, as John so aptly describes it, the "fornication" between the "Whore" and the "kings of the Earth." **THIS CHAPTER IS MAINLY `BACKGROUND`, GIVING US AN HISTORICAL ANALYSIS OF THE SYSTEM** so we can understand how God sees it and why He so utterly destroys it in the 16th, 18th and 19th Chapters.

40. "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; **I WILL SHEW UNTO THEE THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT WHORE** that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the **KINGS OF THE EARTH** have committed **FORNICATION**, and the inhabitants of the Earth have been made **DRUNK** with the wine of her fornication." (17:1,2)

41. "So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness: and **I SAW A WOMAN SIT UPON A SCARLET COLOURED BEAST** (the same beast described in Chapter 13), full of names of blasphemy, having

seven heads and ten horns." (17:3) The Lord is showing us here that **YOU HAVE TO DROP OUT SPIRITUALLY "INTO THE WILDERNESS" IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHERE THE WHORE, THE SYSTEM, IS REALLY AT.**

42. And John saw this "woman...arrayed in purple and scarlet colour (royal colours), and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls (precious stones have always represented the power of every economic system from the ancients' "idols of gold and silver" to today's currencies backed by gold and silver), having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And **UPON HER FOREHEAD WAS A NAME WRITTEN, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**" (17:4,5)

43. In case you don't know what "to fornicate" means, it means to unlawfully F--K, and here it means spiritual fornication with the Devil; putting his kingdom (Babylon, the System) first in your life and serving it instead of dropping out of it to serve in God's Kingdom. (New Jerusalem--the Children of God). As James said, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **FRIENDSHIP OF THE WORLD THE SYSTEM, BABYLON) IS ENMITY WITH GOD?** Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world (the system) is the enemy of God." (Jm.4:4)

44. Babel (or Babylon) was the first city man built after the Flood and later in this same chapter it says this woman, Babylon, "is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the Earth." (17:18) So **BABYLON REPRESENTS THE GREAT WORLDWIDE, AGE-OLD, CAPITALISTIC COMMERCIAL CENTERS OF MATERIALISM: THE CITIES OF MAN!**

45. **THERE ARE TWO WOMEN IN REVELATION REPRESENTING TWO KINGDOMS:**

- (1) New Jerusalem, the Kingdom of Christ, the Church (Chap.12),
- (2) Babylon, the Whore, the System, the kingdom of the Devil. People are working for and building in one or the other.

46. **NEW JERUSALEM IS THE "GLORY OF GOD" (21:11) BUT BABYLON IS THE GLORY OF MAN**--man's greatest achievements are his cities. That's what he brags about more than anything else, his big buildings and his big cities.

47. But we agree with Toynbee, the historian who said, "Cities are man's festering sores on the body politic! The curse of civilization is its cities." They have always been the mother of all abominations of the Earth. And **IT IS THESE CENTERS OF COMMERCIALISM THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MAN'S WARS** which are always fought for the "love of money" or economic purposes and power, the power of possession of other cities. "From whence come wars and fightings...Come they not hence, even of your lusts?" (Jam.4:1)

48. It is these centers of Industrialization based on the production of war goods and idols that have polluted not only the entire Earth, air and sea, but also the hearts, minds and souls of all the inhabitants of the Earth with the "filthiness of her fornication." **MAN'S IDOLATRY POLLUTES EVERYTHING** "for the **LOVE OF MONEY** (material things) is the root of **ALL EVIL.** (1Tim.6:10)

49. "**AND I SAW THE WOMAN DRUNKEN WITH THE BLOOD OF THE SAINTS,** and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration." (17:6)

50. **THE WHORE HAS TWO FORMS, RELIGIOUS AND COMMERCIAL, BUT REALLY IT'S ALL THE SAME** as they both "go down," "for the love of money." In her religious form she's been responsible for all the martyrs of history, and in her commercial form for all the millions slain in war, as it says in Chapter 18:24, "In her was found the blood of martyrs, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the Earth."

51. When John "wondered" at her, it means he was astonished--the picture really flipped him out. So the angel said, "Wherefore didst thou marvel? **I WILL TELL THEE THE MYSTERY OF THE WOMAN, AND OF THE BEAST THAT CARRIETH HER,** which hath the seven heads and ten horns." (17:7)

52. First, an explanation of the Beast: "**THE BEAST THAT THOU SAWEST WAS, AND IS NOT;**

**AND SHALL ASCEND OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT AND GO INTO PERDITION:** And they that dwell on the Earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life...when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." (17:8)

53. "And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." (17:9) **A BEAST IN PROPHETIC SYMBOLISM REPRESENTS EARTHLY GOVERNMENT.** Daniel's vision of the four great beasts arising from the sea in Daniel Chapter 7 represented four kings and four kingdoms. (Dan.7:17,23) "Was, and is not, and yet is" means the Beast is past (was), future (is not, in other words the Beast is not yet complete but will be in the future), and present (yet is).

54. "The seven heads (of the Beast) are seven mountains." **MOUNTAINS REPRESENT GREAT WORLD KINGDOMS.** The ancient kingdom of Babylon during her world reign was called "the destroying mountain" (Jer.51:24,25) and prophecy referring to Christ's earthly kingdom during the Millennium calls it "the mountain of the Lord's house." (Isa.2:2)

**55. THESE SEVEN MOUNTAINS, THEN, ARE THE SEVEN MAJOR WORLD POWERS THROUGH WHICH THE BEAST HAS MANIFESTED HIMSELF** and through which the Whore, by sitting on top, a ruling position, has controlled the world.

56. "And there are seven kings: five are fallen." **AT THE TIME WHEN THIS PROPHECY WAS GIVEN, 90 A.D., FIVE OF THE SEVEN MAJOR WORLD POWERS HAD FALLEN:**

- 1) Egypt,
- 2) Assyria,
- 3) Babylon,
- 4) Medo-Persia, and
- 5) Greece.

"And one is": Rome was in power at the time of the prophecy and was the sixth. "And the other is not yet come": This is the final government of the Antichrist, the seventh. "And when he cometh, he must continue a short space." (17:10) This is the short reign of the Antichrist world government, only seven years according to Daniel 9:27. (See our class "Daniel 9", No.348.)

57. "And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition." (17:11) The Beast himself is of all seven empires since he bears them up. But what it means by saying the Beast is the eighth is a bit difficult to understand. It seems to indicate that **ALL SEVEN EMPIRES WILL COME AND GO AND THE BEAST WILL BE THE EIGHTH EMPIRE** just before its 'perdition', or destruction.

58. The only thing I can think that this could possibly mean is that maybe before the Great Tribulation, before the Abomination of Desolation, the seventh empire is not yet really the Antichrist empire because its leader hasn't been fully possessed by the Devil. Though he is the head, or 'king', of the seventh world government, he hasn't become the Antichrist. But **AT THE POINT OF THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** (in the very middle of the last seven years, leaving 3-1/2 years to go) **HE IS FULLY POSSESSED OF THE DEVIL** and he becomes a new man, the Antichrist, with a new government, totally of the Devil. **ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE THE VERY SAME HEAD, SEVENTH HEAD, IT WOULD NOW ALSO BECOME THE EIGHTH, AND A NEW GOVERNMENT.**

59. The seventh head, however, is already here (though not yet in full power), and it is **WORLD COMMUNISM** which is already on the march and is already conquering the world. **AS THE SEVENTH HEAD, IT WILL BE THE BASIS OF THE ANTICHRIST GOVERNMENT**, 'cause it has ALL the attributes of that government which are described in both Revelation and Daniel; no other government ever has.

60. The Beast is **RED**, so is Communism (the Red Flag, Red Army, the Reds, Red Square, etc.). The **MOST POWERFUL AND THOROUGH DICTATORS** the world has ever seen have been Communists (Stalin, Mao), and the Beast is going to be headed up by the greatest dictator of all history. The Antichrist will **COMPLETELY ABOLISH EVERY AND ALL FORMS OF TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**--only Communism has tried to do this. The Beast will **DESTROY THE WHORE**--the false religions of man including Capitalism,

which Communism is now working at. It is going to **RULE THE "ENTIRE EARTH"**: the goal of Communism which they are fast accomplishing.

61. Finally, in its pursuit of destroying all false religions, the prophecies predict that **THE BEAST WILL ALSO TRY TO STAMP OUT THE TRUE CHURCH**, which the Reds have tried to do in countries they have conquered. So if Communism is not the seventh head, then we will have to wait till it passes and another government with exactly the same attributes arises to take its place--which I doubt will happen since there's not enough time!

62. "**AND THE TEN HORNS WHICH THOU SAWEST ARE TEN KINGS, WHICH HAVE RECEIVED NO KINGDOM AS YET; BUT RECEIVE POWER AS KINGS ONE HOUR WITH THE BEAST.**" (17:12) Since they had received "no kingdom as yet" in 90 A.D., they couldn't have been on any of the first six heads. So they must be on the seventh, and if they are, then these ten kingdoms must definitely be here today.

63. In his predictions of these ten Endtime kingdoms, the Prophet Daniel said **A LITTLE HORN, OR ELEVENTH HORN, RISING AFTER THE TEN HORNS, WILL PLUCK UP THREE OF THEM BY THE ROOTS, THUS TAKING ALL OF THEM OVER.** (See our class "Daniel 7", No.346.)

64. **THE CONQUEST OF THE THREE HORNS OR KINGDOMS DOESN'T MEAN THEY NO LONGER EXIST AS SEPARATE KINGDOMS, THOUGH.** The Communists have been very good at letting conquered countries retain quite a bit of autonomy--so one of these three horns could be the U.S.A., as it is the chief resister to the Red Beast and the Communist world domination. The other two may be Britain and West Germany.

65. After the conquest of these three horns and the establishing of Communist governments within their countries, they could indeed, as it says here in the next verse, "**GIVE their power and strength unto the Beast**" (17:13), **UNITING WITH THE BEAST TO FORM THE NUCLEUS OF THE ANTICHRIST KINGDOM.** Who ever these ten kingdoms are, though, will become clearer within the next few years.

66. "These (ten horns) 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." (17:14) **WHEN THEY TRY TO WIPE US OUT IS WHEN GOD IS GOING TO WIPE THEM OUT!**

67. The whore in verse 2 sits "upon many waters," which is interpreted in verse 15: "**THE WATERS...WHERE THE WHORE SITTETH, ARE PEOPLES, AND MULTITUDES, AND NATIONS AND TONGUES**"--showing the oppressive weight of the System on its miserable masses.

68. "**AND THE TEN HORNS WHICH THOU SAWEST UPON THE BEAST, THESE SHALL HATE THE WHORE,** and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire...**AND THE WOMAN (WHORE) WHICH THOU SAWEST IS THAT GREAT CITY,** which reigneth over the kings of the Earth." (17:16,18)

69. Now we have said that the Whore is the religious/commercial System. **WE COULD JUST AS WELL HAVE SAID SHE REPRESENTED THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM**--because they are both worshipping the gods of Mammon, Money and Materialism. Jesus Himself said "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve

- 1) God and
- 2) Mammon (worldly riches)." (Mt.6:24)

70. Let's face it, **ORGANIZED RELIGION WITH ALL ITS MONEY, BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY IS PRETTY WELL SOLD OUT TO MAMMON WORSHIP.** In fact, it plays quite a big role in the economic systems of all Western countries. For instance in the U.S., one-quarter of all privately owned land is reported to be owned by the churchianity system! And the Catholic Church is reputed to have a greater income than all top six multinational corporations put together!

71. **THE REAL RELIGION OF MAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN "THE LOVE OF MONEY"** and

"worship of the works of his own hands." But in the ancient kingdoms it was cleverly disguised in the form of supernatural religion. Even back then materialism was the real god and so-called religion was only the way the rich controlled the masses. In fact, the temple of the god was often the place where they regulated all trade and commerce.

**72. TODAY THE GOD IS STILL MONEY, BUT "EDUCATION" AND "SCIENCE" HAVE REPLACED SPIRITUAL RELIGION WITH INTELLECTUAL RELIGION.** Together, the god of finance and the religion of education and science make up the modern whore of Capitalism the false worship system. And it is this whore of Capitalism, religious and commercial, that really runs things, not the kings or government!

73. For instance, in ancient Egypt, which though a dictatorship still allowed property to be privately owned (Capitalism), Pharaoh appeared to be the Foundation and Fountainhead of all authority and power, but in actuality, authority rested somewhere else. **PHARAOH CLAIMED HIS AUTHORITY FROM HIS RELIGION**, his whore, for the religion taught that Pharaoh was the living offspring of the sun god, RA, who also happened to be the 'national god' of Egypt and as such deserving of all Egyptians' allegiance under penalty of law.

**74. THE RELIGION TAUGHT PATRIOTISM AND NATIONALISM**, which is what kept Pharaoh in power, so actually the religion was in control of the land, not Pharaoh, just as the multinational and international bankers, the high priests of today's whore of Capitalism, control the government of today!

**75. EVERY GREAT EMPIRE HAS USED RELIGION TO CONTROL THEIR MASSES.** They all had compulsory state religions which taught obedience to the state and were enforced by law! In the ancient kingdoms it was compulsory worship of a national god; today it is compulsory education which teaches you nationalism, patriotism, and how to fit into your slot in the great national worship of the paper pigs of paper money! (See "Green Paper Pig", No.243.)

76. So apparent has this religious influence and control been, that in his study of the same the historian Toynbee said, "**IF THERE IS EVER GOING TO BE A WORLD EMPIRE IT WILL NEED A COMPULSORY WORLD RELIGION TO KEEP IT IN POWER.**" Why? Because brute force doesn't make man a willing slave. He has to have something that captures his heart and mind, plays on his fears, self-preservation instincts, etc., and instills a deep-seated patriotism in him so that he is willing to live, fight and die for the state, the Whore's Beast--hence religion, or today, **EDUCATION**. So as the prophecy says, the Whore "ruleth over kings"--for they too have to submit to her if they want to keep their people in subjection.

77. "And the ten horns" shall destroy the Whore! If the U.S. and other western powers are represented by some of these ten horns, why would they want to destroy their whore? To destroy Capitalism? Well, both Marx and Lenin taught that **IF YOU LEAVE CAPITALISM ALONE LONG ENOUGH, IT'LL DESTROY ITSELF!** It'll collapse of its own weight, because of its built-in self-destructiveness resulting from its selfishness.

78. Take America for example, since she is the epitome of the Whore: Right now America is bankrupt and is only kept going by the power of her government, but sooner or later the Crash is going to come, the economic crash and bankruptcy, and it will be brought about by her own selfish, exploitive, wasteful, warmongering economy that has overextended itself in order to keep the rich rich. Once the Crash comes, though, you know what's going to happen? All those minorities and exploited poor within America that are kept down by her economic system, they're going to go out with their guns and knives and destroy their own rich rulers and their religion, as has already happened in Russia, China and other Communist countries. So America and Western Capitalism are bringing about their own downfall!

79. Will this destruction of America and the West finally bring an end to the false, exploitive, capitalistic religions of man? Well, almost but not quite! In Daniel it says **THE ANTICHRIST GOVERNMENT WILL DESTROY ALL FORMS OF IDOLATRY EXCEPT FOR ONE: THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** or Image of the Beast.

80. What the Communists will eventually do is merely replace many forms of false religion with the worship of one false religion, the worship of this Abomination of Desolation or Image of the Beast. **THE WHORE WILL STILL BE HERE, ONLY IN ANOTHER FORM**, and it will so completely control the lives of people that

Revelation 13 says no one will be able to buy or sell unless they have been branded with a number in their forehead or hand which will link them up with a worldwide credit system controlled by this Image of the Beast. They will be literally "joined to idols" (Ho.4:17), committing physical as well as spiritual fornication with the Whore and in total bondage to the System!

81. **YES, THE COMMUNISTS ARE TRYING TO DESTROY THE WHORE OF AMERICAN CAPITALISM, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT.** They think if they just burn down its buildings and execute its evil leaders and replace its false teachings with the "correct", "scientific" teaching of Marxism, everything will work out all right. But they're gonna end up right back where they started, only a hell of a lot worse!

82. What they don't realize is that **THE SYSTEM IS SPIRITUAL**, it's based on the big lie of selfishness, pride and rebellion against God, **AND THE ONLY WAY TO FIGHT IT IS WITH THE SPIRITUAL WEAPONS OF GOD'S TRUTH**, hitting 'em where it really hurts--in their hearts--really changing people's spirits, bringing them out of the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Light--as we are now doing!

## **CHAPTER 18** **BABYLON'S DESTRUCTION**

83. Many of the prophecies of God have intermediate and final fulfillments. **AMERICA AS THE HEAD AND LEADER OF WORLD CAPITALISM CERTAINLY EPITOMIZES BABYLON THE WHORE OF REVELATION**, and her coming destruction at the hands of the Red Beast can certainly be seen as an intermediate fulfillment of this prophecy about the fall of Babylon the Great.

84. As we explained before, America will probably still be around even after its conquest by the Communists when much of it will be destroyed. And after the establishment of a Communist Government within the nation, **AMERICA MAY YET HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE FINAL MANIFESTATION OF BABYLON AS FULFILLED IN THE ANTICHRIST WORLD EMPIRE!**

85. However it works out, one thing is certain: Babylon's final complete destruction occurs at the Coming of Christ. So, it seems that this chapter will have two fulfillments:

- 1) An intermediate fulfillment in the destruction of America by Communism, and
- 2) A final fulfillment in the destruction of the Antichrist System at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

86. First an angel comes down from Heaven crying with a loud voice, "**BABYLON THE GREAT IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN**, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." (18:2) This shows **THE SYSTEM'S COMPLETE SPIRITUAL FALL TO TOTAL DEPRAVITY AND PERVERSION** much like America today, a small foreshadowing of what the A.C.'s System will be like.

87. "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication (the System's wars for commerce, trade wars for the intercourse of Capitalism, over which every war is fought because of the love of money and the lust for power!), and the kings of the Earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the Earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies." (18:3) **EVERY CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM HAS MADE RICH MEN OF ITS MERCHANTS, BUT AMERICA HAS ENRICHED THE MERCHANTS OF THE WHOLE EARTH!**

88. "...Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto Heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." (18:4,5) **GOD HAS ALWAYS COMMANDED HIS PEOPLE TO "DROP OUT", TO COME OUT OF THE WHORE, AND THIS IS STILL HIS MESSAGE TO HIS CHILDREN** caught in the greatest Whore of all time, America, and it is going to be the final message to the Antichrist world empire.

89. America's "sins" or idols ("idols... which your own hands have made unto you for a sin"--Isa.31:7), **HAVE NOT ONLY BY THEIR SPIRITUAL STENCH REACHED UNTO THE SPIRITUAL HEAVENS, BUT SHE HAS POLLUTED THE CELESTIAL HEAVENS AS WELL** with her Gemini, Apollo and Mariner space idols.

90. This is certainly a fulfillment of another ancient prophecy, "**THOUGH THOU EXALT THYSELF AS THE EAGLE, AND THOUGH THOU SET THY NEST AMONG THE STARS, THENCE WILL I BRING THEE DOWN, SAITH THE LORD.**" (Obah.4)

91. America is not only represented by an eagle, but her manned Apollo space capsule that landed on the moon was called the "EAGLE"--and "Viking I's" landing on Mars (considered a star by the ancients) has given America a "nest among the stars."

92. The Lord says from "THENCE will I bring thee down." In other words, once man has reached this point in his idolatry, THEN God will bring them down. **HE IS ONLY ALLOWING MAN TO GO SO FAR THEN WHAMMY!** Jesus said in the last days there shall be "signs IN the sun and in the moon and IN the stars; and upon the Earth distress of nation." (Lk.21:25)

93. Mars was considered the STAR of the war god by both the Greeks and Romans. Could "Viking I's" landing "IN" Mars be **one of those "SIGNS IN THE STARS" SIGNALLING GREAT WAR UPON EARTH, specifically the destruction of America, which will bring Great Confusion and "distress of nations"?** ("THE 'EAGLE' HAS LANDED," the first words radioed from the moon, portended the soon-coming destruction of the U.S.)

94. Also since Russia (the head of world Communism, the seventh head of the A.C. Empire) did launch the first satellite into the heavens and was first in landing on the Moon, it may be that **THIS PARTICULAR PROPHECY MAY YET BE FINALLY FULFILLED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF THE A.C. EMPIRE (SEVENTH HEAD) AT THE COMING OF CHRIST.**

95. "**REWARD HER EVEN AS SHE REWARDED YOU** (with the same cruelties of war and desolation with which she has afflicted the rest of the world), and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double." (18:6) Just as Jeremiah's Message had a hand in helping ancient Israel fall to her enemies, so **OUR MESSAGE IS ALSO HELPING AMERICA ALONG THE ROAD TO GOD'S JUDGMENTS.**

96. In the final fulfillment of this prophecy, **AS WE RETURN TO EARTH WITH JESUS AT ARMAGEDDON, WE WILL LITERALLY, PHYSICALLY DESTROY THE ANTICHRIST FORCES** who had been our tormentors and persecutors during the Great Tribulation. "Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all His SAINTS (the Children of God!) Praise ye the Lord!" (Ps.149:6,9)

97. "**HOW MUCH SHE HATH GLORIFIED HERSELF, AND LIVED DELICIOUSLY, SO MUCH TORMENT AND SORROW GIVE HER:** for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow." (18:7) That's what America thinks--ask almost any American who voted for Nitler (Nixon). They loved his murders in Southeast Asia; they just didn't like it when he got 'caught' in some moral sins and their hypocrisy was revealed! After only two hundred years, America thinks she's going to rule the world forever--she has a big surprise coming!

98. "**THEREFORE SHALL HER PLAGUES COME IN ONE DAY, DEATH, AND MOURNING, AND FAMINE; AND SHE SHALL BE UTTERLY BURNED WITH FIRE.**... And the kings of the Earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour is thy judgment come." (18:8-10)

99. **SOUNDS LIKE GOD IS GOING TO MAKE SHORT SHRIFT OF AMERICA IN SOME SUDDEN DEADLY BLOW THAT WILL ALMOST TOTALLY DESTROY HER WITH FIRE!** Could this be an atomic strike or sudden sabotage and revolution? Or all three simultaneously? This **FIERY DESTRUCTION** is a perfect prototype of how Jesus will destroy the A.C. System, "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven...In **FLAMING FIRE** taking vengeance on them that know not God." (2Thes.1:7,8)

100. "**AND THE MERCHANTS OF THE EARTH SHALL WEEP AND MOURN OVER HER; FOR NO MAN BUYETH THEIR MERCHANDISE ANY MORE** (rich America is the world's biggest market and customer to whom nearly every merchant in the world dreams of selling his goods at the high prices she can afford)... The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her (most of Europe and the rest of the world count their wealth in dollars and American customers!), shall stand afar off for the fear of the torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, Alas, alas,...For in one hour so great riches is come to nought." (18:11,15-17) (Sounds like sudden destruction and the end of the American dollar!)

101. "And every ship master, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, and cried when they saw the smoke of her burning. (**SOUNDS LIKE THE REST OF THE WORLD IS GOING TO WITNESS HER DESTRUCTION FROM A DISTANCE, AS THOUGH IT WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS TO EVEN GET CLOSE TO HER!**)...Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate." (Suddenly!) (18:17-19)

102. "Rejoice over her, thou Heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets (The Children of God!); for **GOD HATH AVENGED YOU ON HER**...for thy (her) merchants were the great men of the Earth; for by thy sorceries (the deceitfulness of riches and the witchcraft of wealth!) were all nations deceived." (18:20,23) American affluence is the dream of every country the world over, and her luxuries, sins and violence, from her music to her crimes, are imitated by nations around the world!

103. "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints (the future of some Children of God in America?), and of all that were slain upon the Earth." (18:24) **THIS FALSE WORSHIP SYSTEM IN HER RELIGIOUS FORM HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE MARTYRS OF THE TRUE CHURCH, AND IN HER COMMERCIAL FORM HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MILLIONS OF OTHERS SLAIN IN WARS.**

104. **AMERICA, THE EPITOME OF THE WHORE, HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN AND TO BLAME FOR NEARLY EVERY MAJOR WAR OF THIS CENTURY**, as well as a good many of the past, and has wrought more destruction of war on the world than any other nation in history, nay more than all other nations combined in all the wars throughout all history! She is the greatest warmonger the world has ever known, and the greatest destroyer they will ever see--and even so shall be her own destruction!

105. "And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea (the nations of the world, see 17:15), saying, **THUS WITH VIOLENCE SHALL THAT GREAT CITY BABYLON BE THROWN DOWN**, and shall be found no more at all." (18:21)

106. **THIS IS THE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON**, "found no more at all", which happens at the Coming of Christ, and Jesus is that millstone, "the Lord...a Living Stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious.... And whosoever shall fall on this Stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever It shall fall, It will grind him to powder." (1Pet.2:3,4 & Mt.21:44)

107. **AT THE SOUND OF THE SEVENTH TRUMPET THE CHURCH WAS RESURRECTED TO BE WITH JESUS** and the Wrath of God began to be poured out on the wicked remaining on the Earth. During this time of Wrath. (Chapters 16 & 18), we are going to be up in Heaven having a Heaven-of-a-party.

108. "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude...saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for **THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB IS COME, AND HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY**." (19:6,7)

109. **THE LAMB'S WIFE IS THE CHURCH OF JESUS, THE SAINTS**. As Paul said to the Christians that he had led to the Lord, "I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ...that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead." (2Cor.11:2; Rom.7:4) A "marriage" is not a wedding ceremony but the uniting in one of the man and woman, in this case the total spiritual unification of Jesus and His saints.

110. "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the **FINE LINEN IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF SAINTS.**" (19:8) **IT'S NOT OUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS EITHER**, but, as Paul said, "not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, and the righteousness which is of God by faith." (Ph.3:9)

111. "And he saith unto me, Write, **BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE CALLED UNTO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.**" (19:9) (There'll be a supper too, quite a feast to celebrate the wedding!)

112. "And I fell at his feet to worship him (this angelic messenger). And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." (19:10) SO THIS "ANGEL" THAT IS BRINGING JOHN THIS REVELATION IS EVIDENTLY A MAN, A DEPARTED PROPHET in a supernatural spiritual body, so glorified that John started to worship him.

113. **THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE AND CHURCH HISTORY THERE ARE MANY RECORDED INSTANCES OF GOD USING DEPARTED SAINTS FOR SPIRITUAL MESSENGERS** like the angels. For one example, Jesus had Moses and Elijah appear to Him to comfort and talk with Him about His coming crucifixion. (Lk.9:30,31) Verses 8 and 9 of Revelation 20 also show again that this angel was one of the prophets.

114. "And I saw Heaven opened, and behold **A WHITE HORSE; AND HE THAT SAT UPON HIM WAS CALLED FAITHFUL AND TRUE.**" (19:11) Who is He? "His Name is called The Word of God"--**JESUS CHRIST!** The same horse and rider that were under the first seal in Chapter 6, that went forth "conquering and to conquer", and in this Chapter we have the final conquest!

115. **"AND THE ARMIES WHICH WERE IN HEAVEN FOLLOWED HIM UPON WHITE HORSES.**" (19:14)--Here are the resurrected saints following Jesus into battle. I don't know where the Lord got all these horses, but if He can create them on Earth, He can surely do it in Heaven!

116. **"AND OUT OF HIS MOUTH GOETH A SHARP SWORD, THAT WITH IT HE SHOULD SMITE THE NATIONS:** and He shall rule with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of almighty God." (19:15) **THIS SHARP SWORD IS THE LORD'S WORD.** "The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" and "by the Word of the Lord were the Heavens made." (Ep.6:17; Ps.33:6) If the Lord can use His Word to create and give life, He can certainly use it to destroy and kill!

117. The Lord is not coming as a gentle babe in a manger this time; He is not coming with mercy now. **HE'S COMING AS A GREAT WARRIOR AND JUDGE TO MAKE WAR!!!** John now sees another angle standing in the sun who calls all **THE FOWLS OF HEAVEN TO "GATHER YOURSELVES TOGETHER UNTO THE SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD;** That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great." (19:17,18)

118. **THIS IS A DIFFERENT SUPPER FROM THE MARRIAGE SUPPER,** the kind you and I don't want to attend--it's going to be such a horrible slaughter of the wicked! "For by fire and by His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and...the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the Earth even unto the other end of the Earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground." (Is.66:16; Jer.25:33) **THE LORD IS GOING TO HAVE TO USE ALL THESE SCAVENGERS AND BIRDS OF CARRION TO CLEAN UP THE PLACE!**

119. "And I saw the Beast (the Antichrist himself), and the kings of the Earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army." (19:19) Just shows you how insanelly ridiculous man is, that **EVEN WHEN HE SEES JESUS COMING IN MIGHTY POWER AS KING OF KINGS WITH ALL HIS MIGHTY SAINTS, HE THINKS HE CAN STILL FIGHT GOD!**

120. "And **THE BEAST** was taken, and with him the **FALSE PROPHET** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. **THESE BOTH WERE CAST ALIVE INTO A LAKE OF FIRE BURNING WITH BRIMSTONE.**" (19:20)

The Antichrist and False Prophet get theirs ahead of time--tossed into the lake of fire, which doesn't happen to the rest of the wicked until after the Millennium.

121. "And the remnant (that attended this battle) were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh." (19:21) However it doesn't say everyone on the entire Earth was killed. Other scriptures show that **SOME OF THE WICKED ARE GOING TO LIVE THROUGH THIS HOLOCAUST INTO THE 1000-YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST**, otherwise we wouldn't have anyone to rule over when we "rule the nations with a rod of iron" during that time.

## **CHAPTER 20 THE MILLENNIUM**

122. You can't find the word "Millennium" in the Bible, but it does speak of a thousand years, which is a millennium, coming from the Latin word "mille", "a thousand"--the thousand year reign of Christ upon Earth! **THE FIRST THING THE LORD DOES IN THE MILLENNIUM TO GET THE "OLD BOY" TIED UP SO HE CAN'T CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE--at least for a while!**

123. "And I saw an angel come down from Heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and **BOUND HIM A THOUSAND YEARS**. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon, him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and **AFTER THAT HE MUST BE LOOSED A LITTLE SEASON.**" (20:1-3)

124. The Devil is going to be cast into a bottomless pit during the entire Millennium. How could a pit not have a bottom? Well, both science and the Bible teach that **THE EARTH'S CENTER IS A FIERY INFERNO, A HOLLOW SPHERE OF MOLTEN FIRE**. If you were able to bore a hole through the Earth's crust and you got down there and fell in, how far would you fall?

125. You'd fall down until you passed the center of gravity and then you'd fall upward until you slowed down, stopped, and began to fall back down again--you'd go back and forth, back and forth, like a pendulum, and never hit bottom. **THAT'S LITERALLY WHAT THE HEART OF THE EARTH IS: "A BOTTOMLESS PIT"!**

126. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them (these are all the martyrs of Jesus and those who didn't worship the Beast)...and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead (the wicked) lived not again until the thousand years were finished." (20:4,5) **THE RIGHTEOUS OF ALL AGES ARE RAISED AT THE END OF THE TRIBULATION TO LIVE AND REIGN WITH CHRIST DURING THE MILLENNIUM. BUT THE WICKED WHO HAVE DIED THROUGHOUT ALL TIME AREN'T RAISED UNTIL THE END OF THE THOUSAND YEARS.**

127. "This (the Rapture) 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." (20:5,6)

128. During this thousand years is where all those beautiful verses come in about the lion lying down with the lamb and the bear eating grass like the ox. When the nations "shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks...neither shall they learn war anymore...they shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy Mountain (or Kingdom)," saith the Lord. (Isa.2:4; 11:9) **SOME OF THE WICKED WILL STILL BE HERE DURING THIS PERIOD, BUT THEY'LL BE UNDER OUR RULE**, rule like a 'rod of iron", and they'll be compelled to do what God says.

129. **BUT "WHEN THE THOUSAND YEARS ARE EXPIRED, SATAN SHALL BE LOOSED OUT OF HIS PRISON**. And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the Earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up...and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city (Jerusalem will be our HQ during that time)." (20:7,9)

130. **AFTER A THOUSAND YEARS OF THE VISIBLE, PERSONAL, SUPERNATURAL REIGN**

**OF CHRIST AND HIS CHILDREN ON EARTH** and a time of beautiful peace and prosperity, **THE WICKED WILL AGAIN TRY TO OVERTHROW HIS KINGDOM.** "Let favour be showed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness (Christ's Kingdom) will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord." (Isa.26:10) It just shows you how utterly under control of the Devil the unsaved are--they'll just do what the Devil tells them. They still won't love and obey God even after all His mercy upon them during the Millennium.

131. "Gog and Magog" shows it's a revival of the same old wicked Antichrist Empire, but this time **"FIRE CAME DOWN FROM GOD OUT OF HEAVEN, AND DEVOURED THEM.** And the Devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." (20:9,10)

132. **"AND, I SAW A GREAT WHITE THRONE, AND HIM THAT SAT ON IT,** from Whose face the Earth and the Heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. **AND I SAW THE DEAD...STAND BEFORE GOD; AND THE BOOKS WERE OPENED:** And another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things, which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea...and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works." (20:11-13)

133. Psychologists say that everything a person has ever seen, heard or thought is recorded in his subconscious ("the books"?) It's like your own little tape recorder, and don't you think God can turn on that tape recorder and just reel it off? Jesus said, **"FOR BY THY WORDS THOU SHALT BE JUSTIFIED, AND BY THY WORDS THOU SHALT BE CONDEMNED."** (Mt.12:37)

134. "Judged according to their works"--**THERE ARE GOING TO BE DEGREES OF PUNISHMENT, JUST AS THERE ARE DEGREES OF REWARDS TO THE SAINTS.** "And Death and Hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the Second Death. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire." (20:14,15)

135. **IF YOU'RE ONLY BORN ONCE YOU'LL DIE TWICE, BUT IF YOU'RE BORN TWICE YOU'LL ONLY DIE ONCE.** "Except a man be born again (a second time, spiritually, by accepting Jesus, to be written in the Book of Life),...he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." (Jn.3:3,5)

136. Your works don't ban you from Heaven, 'cause Jesus came to save sinners, those who don't have good works; only unbelief in Jesus bans you. "For by grace (mercy) are ye saved through **FAITH.**" (Ep.2:8) **EITHER YOU ACCEPT JESUS AND BECOME WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE, OR REJECT HIM AND DIE TO BE CAST INTO HELL** now, and eventually cast into the Lake of Fire, "the second death"!

## CHAPTERS 21 & 22

### OUR ETERNAL HOME

137. Where will you spend Eternity? Heaven or the Lake of Fire? Well, I'm not going to spend it in either! As Christians, we may visit Heaven occasionally at the Rapture and maybe other times, but **MY ETERNAL HOME IS GOING TO BE ON EARTH, 'CAUSE HEAVEN IS GOING TO COME DOWN TO EARTH!** "And I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth: for the first Heaven and the first Earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." (21:1)

138. It's my opinion that God is only going to destroy the present Earth just as He did when He destroyed the Earth the first time by a Flood. Only the surface was changed. **IT'LL BE THE SAME PLANET, JUST PURGED BY ATOMIC FIRE.** As Peter said, "the elements (very atoms) shall melt with fervent heat, the Earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2Pet.3:10)

139. "And I John saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." (21:2) **AFTER GOD RENEWS THE FACE OF THE EARTH AND CREATES A NEW ATMOSPHERIC HEAVENS, HE'S GOING TO SEND DOWN THIS HEAVENLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM--**God's Space City is going to come down to Earth!

140. **NEW JERUSALEM**, the eternal City of the saints as described in these last two chapters, **IS ALMOST BEYOND DESCRIPTION OR COMPREHENSION**. It is called "the tabernacle of God" (21:3), "the bride, the Lamb's wife" (21:9), and looks like "a great and high mountain" (21:10). It has its own "light,...like unto a...jasper stone, clear as crystal," with "a wall great and high and...twelve gates." (21:11,12)

141. "The wall of the City had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles...And the City lieth foursquare" and measures "twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal." (21:14,16) **(1,500 MILES LONG, WIDE AND HIGH!)**

142. "The wall of it was of jasper: and the City was pure gold, like unto clear glass...And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. **AND THE CITY HAD NO NEED OF THE SUN, NEITHER OF THE MOON, TO SHINE IN IT: FOR THE GLORY OF GOD DID LIGHTEN IT**, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the...saved shall walk in the light of it...And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth...but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." (21:18,22,24,27)

143. This is where we're headed for! "For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." "Wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: For He hath prepared for them a City." This beautiful physical/spiritual City of God, **THE PERFECTION OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE**, shaped like a mountain or pyramid, 1,500 miles high--"which hath foundations, Whose builder and maker is God"--it's forever! (Heb.13:14; 11:16,10)

144. But will it and the saints be the only ones on the Earth? No! "**FOR WITHOUT (THE CITY) ARE DOGS, AND SORCERERS, AND WHOREMONGERS, AND MURDERERS, AND IDOLATERS, AND WHOSOEVER LOVETH AND MAKETH A LIE.**" (22:15) These people who live outside the City sound just like the type of people who were cast into the Lake of Fire: "the fearful, and unbelieving and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the Second Death." (21:8)

145. **SO APPARENTLY THE LAKE OF FIRE IS WHERE THE WICKED GO TO GET PURGED** from their sins, or at least purged out enough to let them eventually come and live outside the City!

146. **OUR WORK AS GOD'S HEALERS IS NOT OVER EVEN AFTER THE MILLENNIUM!** There are still going to be nations and people that need to be healed and saved--all these that live outside the City. If there isn't any more need for salvation at this time, why does it say "in the midst of the street of it (the City), and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." (22:2)

147. What nations? Certainly not the saints! It says for them "**GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS FROM THEIR EYES;** and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." (21:4) God is not some hateful Deity, but a God of Love, and is not "willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2Pet.3:9)

148. The Lord has told us in prophecy: "**I AM THY SAVIOUR AND I SHALL REDEEM ALL MEN THROUGH THEE AND THY CHILDREN, FOR THOU ART THE SAVIOURS OF THIS EARTH...**For ye shall be kings and priests unto Me and rule and reign with Me with a rod of iron and all nations shall fall before thee and worship at thy feet and say: `Surely thy God is with thee! Give us favour and forgive us our sin and seek for us mercy before thy God that He may forgive us and give us bread and rain upon our land!" (135:13,41)

149. **THE HEAVENLY CITY IS ONLY THE BEGINNING! GOD ONLY KNOWS HOW MUCH MORE WE'LL HAVE TO CONQUER AFTER WE'VE CONQUERED THE EARTH** and all the souls who have ever lived on it and all the problems! We'll go right on through the Coming of Christ and the Millennium and Space City and right on out to Outer Space, and God only knows how far we have to go!--And we'll enjoy every minute of it if we're faithful servants!

150. So, beloved, **BE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR NAME WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF**

**LIFE IN HEAVEN** so you'll be sure you've got your reservations confirmed for one of those mansions in God's golden Space City. That's the place where you'll be happy forever with Jesus. If you love and receive and live for Him now, you can enjoy Him and Heaven forever! You'll know which direction you're going--not down to some demons' Hell, but up to a happy Heaven! God bless you! See you there!--Amen?--If you love JESUS!