

# Pentecost—Live

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Here we are on the Feast of Pentecost, 2014. How long it's going to be until Christ returns, I can't tell you. We have to watch the events.

Dolores told me today that just on the news the pope has gathered together the Muslims and the Jews and the Catholics to a prayer for peace. What this pope will do, we'll have to wait and see. He's not leaving any stone unturned at the present time, especially when you get the DVD (*Pope Francis' Video Fulfills Prophecy* by Doug Batchelor) that we saw here. You're all going to get it where the pope appealed to the charismatics; they used to call them Pentecostals.

I think we will see that repeated over and over again because there is so much confusion. There is so much trouble that people want peace of any kind that will help settle things down. We'll just have to wait and see how all of this fits in. Also remember, in order for the nations of the east to rise, there's a whole lot more that has to be done. We just need to keep abreast of all of those things. God is going to come in the day that *He* decides. No man knows the day, nor the hour.

Pentecost does picture the first resurrection. As we will see, from the very beginning God had planned all of these Holy Days and He gave them to Israel. The instructions in Lev. 23 are for the priests and what they should do, as well as the offerings that they would offer for each day and every Holy Day, as we find in Num. 28 and 29.

This is interesting, because this is after the children of Israel rebelled in making the golden calf and Aaron was there doing his making of the golden calf. Moses asked God not to destroy them, not to set him up as something separate or special and God did that.

Then Moses went up, Exodus 34:1: "And the LORD said to Moses, 'Cut out two tablets of stone like the first *ones*. And I will write upon the tablets the words that were in the first tablets which you broke.'" Moses got mad when he came down and saw them doing what they were doing. He threw them to the ground.

Verse 18: "You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened *Bread*...." We're going to see something a little unusual here in just a little bit. That is on the Feast of Pentecost they were to bring an offering made with leaven. What is the difference there? We know that during the Feast of Unleavened Bread that leaven is a type of sin because it puffs up and it grows within. We will see that there's a proper

use of leaven likened to what God wants done with us according to His will.

"...You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, As I commanded you, in the time of the month Abib, for in the month Abib you came out from Egypt. All that opens the womb *is* Mine; all firstlings of male livestock, of oxen or sheep" (vs 18-19). That begins the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the redemption of the firstborn. They were saved while they were in their houses, but they were redeemed when they were brought out. God says it the same way in Exo. 13.

Verse 20: "But the firstling of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before Me empty."

So, whenever we come before God for a Holy Day, we come before Him and we do take up an offering. Lev. 23 says that we are to bring an offering the Day of Pentecost. I won't go into the counting of how you count to Pentecost, because we sent two booklets on that. So, you have all of that.

Leviticus 23:21: "And you shall proclaim on the same day that it may be a Holy convocation to you. You shall do no servile work *therein*. *It shall be* a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations."

(pause for the offering)

Leviticus 23:16: "...And you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD. You shall bring out of your homes two waves loaves of two tenth parts. They shall be of fine flour. They shall be baked with leaven..." (vs 16-17).

After going through the Feast of Unleavened Bread where leaven is a type of sin, why would God have these two wave loaves, and what do they mean, baked with leaven? We find that the peace offering, the thank offering which is a peace offering, were also offered with leaven (Lev. 7)—a leavened loaf.

"...*they are* the firstfruits to the LORD" (v 17). What does that mean?

Let's see something very interesting. This is how we know that there is a good use of leaven: You take flour, you take water, you add to it yeast or you let it gain the yeast spores from the air, and you have sourdough bread. But in Matt. 13 we find something very interesting that Jesus likens the Kingdom of God to. So, this cannot be leaven that's a type of sin. This has to be leaven, which is a good thing. Go through all of Matt. 13 and you find that Jesus is the

One Who sows the seed and the seed is the Word of God. There are those who bring forth to the harvest. When you are brought forth to the harvest, then everything changes. That's what this is picturing when these two loaves are made with leaven.

Matthew 13:33: "Another parable He spoke to them: 'The kingdom of Heaven is compared to leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour until all was leavened.'"

When you make dough, put in the yeast, or sourdough bread, and it rises, then what you do, you punch it down, let it rise again. Sometimes a third time. What happens when you bake it? When you bake it, it is permanently changed from what it was. Flour, water and yeast all by themselves can't do anything, but mixed together you can make a loaf, or in this case two loaves. You are to let them rise and then you are to bake them and you bring them to the priest.

The priest was to wave these before the Lord and these are the firstfruits unto God. Go back 50 days and you have the Wave Sheaf Offering, which was the *premier sheaf* of the firstfruits. That was a type of Christ and His being resurrected. God is doing something with us

- to change us
- to remake us
- to bring us into the way that God wants us to be

He likens the earth as a field, as a harvest. This harvest has been going on all the time. So, one of these two loaves probably represent all of those from Abel to Christ, who will be in the first resurrection. Then all of those who come in through Christ represent the other loaf. These are presented to God. *When they are waved before God, they are presented to God!* We will see that at the resurrection, we'll be presented to God.

Let's see some more about the harvest. Jesus was in Samaria and He was by a well, which was Joseph's well, and then a woman from Samaria came out to get some water.

Jesus said to the woman, John 4:10: "Give Me *some water* to drink'... [v 11]: ...The woman said to Him, 'Sir, You have nothing with *which* to draw *water*, and the well is deep; how then do You have the living water?'" Jesus was speaking to her about the Holy Spirit and what that would do.

Verse 13: "Jesus answered and said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; rather, the water that I will give him shall become a fountain of water within him, springing up into everlasting life.' The woman said to Him, 'Sir, give me this water... [she thought if

she had that, she'd never have to come out here to the well again] ...so that I will not thirst or *need to* come here to draw *water*.'" (vs 13-15).

Then we know it talks about worshipping God in Spirit and Truth. Then the disciples came back and they saw Him talking to this woman and wondered what had occurred. The woman left, the disciples came back. The woman went into the city, after Jesus said, 'You have five husbands and the one you have is not your husband.' She went in to tell everyone that He was a prophet. Then the disciples came.

Verse 31: "But in the meantime, the disciples were urging Him, saying, 'Rabbi, eat.' And He said to them, 'I have meat to eat that you are not aware of'" (vs 31-32). What He had to do with the rest of His ministry and all the things that He would go through, teaching them and everything, is all combined to do that.

Verse 33: "Then the disciples said to one another, 'Did anyone bring Him *something* to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My meat is **to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to finish His work**'" (vs 33-34). There were three things that Jesus had to finish:

1. He had to finish His ministry. 'I have finished the work that You have given me to do.' (John 17)
2. the second thing was the next day when He was crucified. Just before He died, He said, 'It is finished,' then the spirit returned to God
3. then after everything is all done, He says, 'It is done' (Rev. 21)

When the Protestants say that everything was finished at the cross they are not correct. It was *started* at the cross, *finished* at the resurrection.

Verse 35: "Do not say that there are yet four months, and *then* the harvest comes... [there's the harvest of the firstfruits] ...I say to you, look around. Lift up your eyes and see the fields, for they are already white to harvest." This was projecting all the way down to His return.

Verse 36: "And the one who reaps receives a reward, and gathers fruit unto eternal life; so that the one who is sowing and the one who is reaping may both rejoice together." That only can occur at the resurrection.

Verse 37: "For in this the saying is true, that one sows and another reaps. I sent you to reap that in which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor" (vs 37-38). This is what it is today. Look at what we have that

everybody has labored to produce what we have and we can use:

- the Word of God
- all the technology to print, to duplicate
- all of the technology to preach the Gospel around the world in a way never, never imagined at all by the disciples

Think how many are out there. Some, as Paul said, were preaching the Gospel out of strife, others were preaching out of sincerity. But think how many witnesses are out there today. There are many more witnesses besides those of the Churches of God.

If you look at it this way: all the scattering of the Church can result—if everyone is serving God and doing what is right—in a greater witness to the world, because there will be greater witnesses in greater number than if there is just one organization. But the key is: Do we speak all the same thing that Jesus spoke. That's the answer.

When you watch the History Channel concerning the times at the end, they have a lot of things right. But the thing they don't have right is the rapture. I've got to finish reading this book so I can bring some sermons on the rapture. It won't happen the way that they think and there is no rapture.

Recently I got an e-mail: 'What did Jesus do to observe the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread? Because He had been resurrected in the midst of the Feast. The answer is in Acts 1. He probably kept it with His disciples and taught them many things.

Acts 1:3: "To whom also, by many infallible proofs, He presented Himself alive after He had suffered, being seen by them for forty days... [500 brethren saw Him at once, as Paul reports] ...and speaking the things concerning the Kingdom of God." I wonder what He told them.

Remember Jesus said on the Passover night, 'I have many things to tell you but you are not able to bear them now.' I'm sure He told them some of the things. As we'll see here, one thing He did not tell them:

Verse 4: "And while *they* were assembled with *Him*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem but to 'await the promise of the Father, which' *He said*, 'you have heard of Me. For John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with *the* Holy Spirit after not many days.' So then, when they were assembled together, they asked Him, saying, 'Lord, will You restore the kingdom to Israel at this time?'" (vs 4-6). He told them what He was going to do in restoring the

Kingdom. But did He tell them it was going to be the whole world? *No!*

Verse 7: "And He said to them, 'It is not for you to know *the* times or *the* seasons...' Paul says in 1-Thes 5, 'You know the times and seasons.' We are to know some of them through the Holy Days.

"...It is not for you to know *the* times or *the* seasons, which the Father has placed in His own authority'" (v 7).

We will see why no one—and while Jesus was in the flesh, even He did not know, because of the events that will take place that will change circumstances, so no one but God the Father will know the day.

Verse 8: "But you yourselves shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..." We're sending out a DVD showing that the trinity can never apply to God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. But rather that applies to Satan the devil, who is the 'god of this world,' who is the 'father of lies,' who brings another Jesus, and brings another spirit. That's the trinity.

"...and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto *the* ends of the earth.'.... [that's a prophecy coming clear down to our time] ...And after saying these things, *as* they were looking at *Him*, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight" (vs 8-9).

Then they drew lots for who would replace Judas. But He didn't tell them how long it was going to be until He returned. Imagine the mindset that anyone would have if He would have said, 'You got to hang in there, folks, there's going to be a lot of generations between now and then. I'm not coming back for right around 2,000 years, but you be zealous and you do what I tell you.' *No, He didn't tell them that!* They didn't know until just at the beginning of the 70<sup>th</sup> week as it applied to the destruction of Jerusalem.

Let's see how the Spirit came and see what was done. Let's reflect for just a minute on the Day of Pentecost. Israel received the Ten Commandments of God on the Day of Pentecost. God spoke to them personally on that day. That has never been done in the likeness of that ever again.

Here we come to Jerusalem. What's important about Jerusalem? Jerusalem is the place where God placed His name, where God had the temple built. That's where He gave the Holy Spirit. There would be many, many witnesses there because as you think back on the Days of Unleavened Bread, the Passover, the crucifixion, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, remember all the things that took place.

There were many that came up there to the Feast of Unleavened Bread that year. They saw all the events that took place. They went back to where they were living and the synagogues. Some may be too far to make it back for Pentecost, but since all of that happened during the Feast of Unleavened, I imagine that God caused thousands more to come to this Day of Pentecost for this event.

Now God was going to do something He had not done in all of the time from the creation of man down to this time, with the exception of those that He gave His Spirit to. This was also a prophecy, though all of these Jews lived in these Gentile countries, that the Word of God would go out to all nations. So, quite a day that was!

Acts 2:1: “And when the Day of Pentecost, the fiftieth day, was being fulfilled...” We have a booklet on this, *The True Meaning of Acts 2:1*, that talks about the Pentecost, the 50<sup>th</sup> day, that’s not one of those that we mailed to you recently. However, there is a special infinitive that is used here. It is called an articular infinitive. It is translated in the gerund sense or in the ‘ing.’ It means the Day of Pentecost *was being* fulfilled, during that day. So, that’s how we have it translated here.

“...they were all with one accord in the same place. And suddenly *there* came from heaven a sound like *the* rushing of a powerful wind, and filled the whole house where they were sitting” (vs 1-2). What did Jesus say if a person is a spirit being? (John 3). He is like the wind, can come and go wherever he desires. The Holy Spirit was sent as a wind, couldn’t see it.

Verse 3: “And there appeared to them divided tongues as of fire, and sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with *the* Holy Spirit...” (vs 3-4).

We know you go back to the school of the prophets, there were times when the prophets were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke inspired things. Even Saul went to the school of the prophets and he even spoke prophetic things. Here it is to the apostles and all of those who were there. There were 120 of them.

“...and they began to speak with other languages...” (v 4). It says *tongues* in the *King James*, but it is ‘glossa’—which means *the speaking with the tongue, languages*.

“...as the Spirit gave them *the words* to proclaim. Now, *there* were *many* Jews who were sojourning in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven” (vs 4-5). Think of the witness that they would take back, whether they believed or not. We won’t read all the ones that were there. Here’s what they heard.

Verse 11: “Cretes and Arabians; we hear them speaking in our own languages the great things of God.” So, this is quite a miracle. I am sure they were speaking in their own mind the languages they spoke, which was Greek and they could also speak Hebrew and Aramaic. But it came out in all the other languages that those from the other nations knew. So, they were amazed.

Verse 12: “And they were all amazed and greatly perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’” Remember, the forerunner was John the Baptist, but until Jesus came and even up to this time in the book of Acts, there were no urim and thummim communications by God to the priests, to the people of Israel. So here, this is an astounding thing. Notice, it wasn’t the priests or Levites who were doing it.

Verse 13: “But others were mocking *and* saying, ‘They are full of new wine.’ Then Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke out to them: ‘Men, Jews, and all those of you who inhabit Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words. For these are not drunken as you suppose, for it is *only the* third hour of the day... [9 o’clock in the morning] ...But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel...” (vs 13-16). Here we have a perfect example of the duality of Scripture. For the time that it occurred here and into the future.

Verse 17: “‘And it shall come to pass in the last days’...” When do the last days begin? *That might be interesting to find out!* Remember what Jesus said. He said, ‘Repent and believe the Gospel for the Kingdom of God is at hand’; 2,000 years away—at hand? So, a lot of these prophecies have greater meaning than just the words.

“...says God, ‘*that* I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams’” (v 17).

When will that happen again? *It will happen again to be fulfilled!* When will it happen? *We will see it has to happen with the 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude*, of the descendants of Israel, when they are saved.

Verse 18: “And even upon My servants and upon My handmaids will I pour out My Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy; and I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and vapors of smoke” (vs 18-19). All of that happens before the 144,000 are sealed.

Was there a type of this during the Days of Unleavened Bread when Jesus was crucified? *Yes!*

There was darkness that covered the whole land from the 6<sup>th</sup> hour to the 9<sup>th</sup> hour, from noon until three; darkness covered the whole land. There was the earthquake that shook the whole area, so much so, and it was strong and so visible, that the centurion and soldiers guarding where Jesus was there, said, ‘Truly, this is the Son of God.’

Then a fantastic thing happened when Jesus died. There’s this huge stone, right up at the top of the temple, about seven stories high. From it they hung a great interwoven of linen curtain. There were twelve sections to this curtain, four across and three down or three across and four down, however it works out. That stone was broken in two and it ripped that veil in two. It was about this thick, so that was a miraculous thing that took place. That was a type of it right here. Now he’s giving another application of it.

Verse 20: “The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before *the* coming of the great and awesome day of *the* Lord. And it shall come to pass *that* everyone who calls upon the name of *the* Lord shall be saved” (vs 20-21).

Just kind of picture it if you were there. This was an awesome thing to take place. Then Peter continues speaking. He talks about Christ, how He was killed, how it was not David that was resurrected. His grave was still there. Then he talks about Jesus.

Verse 30: “Therefore, being a prophet... [talking about Jesus] ...and know that God had sworn to him in an oath *that* from *the* fruit of his loins, as concerning *the* flesh. He would raise up the Christ to sit upon his throne; He foresaw *this and* spoke concerning the resurrection of Christ...” (vs 30-31).

- Psa. 22 you have the crucifixion
- Psa. 23 you have the resurrection
- Psa. 24 you have the ascension

*Open the gates and let the King of Glory come in!*

“...that His soul was not left in *the* grave, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus has God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses. Therefore, having been exalted by the right hand of God, and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He has poured out this that you are now seeing and hearing” (vs 31-33). I imagine all the Jews were out there, their mouths were open, their eyes were wide open. This is a fantastic thing!

Verse 34: “For David has not ascended into the heavens, but he himself said, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand Until I have made Your enemies a footstool for Your feet”’” (vs 34-35).

Isn’t that something. Look at the spread of time of this prophecy. From the time that David was inspired to give it (Psa. 110), down to Christ, down to His return, down through all the Millennium and the Last Great Day, and then the Lake of Fire and all the enemies are put under His feet, burned in the Lake of Fire. That one prophecy goes that far.

Then he gets back to the thing that was here, Verse 36: “Therefore, let all *the* house of Israel know with full assurance that God has made this *same* Jesus, Whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” This has to mean there were some of those in that crowd who were in the crowd when Jesus was condemned. And they said, ‘Crucify Him, crucify Him.’ Imagine how they felt.

Verse 37: “Now, after hearing *this*, they were cut to the heart; and they said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?’ Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized each one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for *the* remission of sins, and you yourselves shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’” (vs 37-38).

All of those final details concerning this was given by Jesus during the 40 days that He was with them. Imagine what that would have been like, 40 days with the disciples. Wonder what ‘Doubting Thomas’ thought? Was he convinced after 40 days?

Verse 39: “For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all those who are afar off, **as many as *the* Lord our God may call.**” Let’s tie in some other Scriptures with this:

- John 6—none can come to Me unless the Father draw them
- John 14—Jesus said, ‘I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and none can come to the Father except through Me

All of those things are contained in what we have just read.

Verse 40: “And with many other words he earnestly testified and exhorted, saying, ‘Be saved from this perverse generation.’ Then those who joyfully received his message were baptized; and about three thousand souls were added that day” (vs 40-41). That must have been quite a thing.

They had the twelve apostles to do the baptizing. I imagine certain other ones were able to baptize, as well. So, they could take care of the 3,000 in a couple of hours. But that must have been quite a thing. Wonder where they baptized them?

Around the temple there are pools of water. They probably all went down to those pools. One of them was the Pool of Siloam. I imagine they were baptizing there, and I imagine the priests and Levites were looking at them and saying, ‘What on earth is

this that is going on? Why are they doing this? They are not priests. They are not Levites.’ This was an astonishing thing. They viewed it as competition against them and it continued.

Then you have the healing of man who was lame from his mother’s womb. Peter and John said, ‘Look on us, rise and walk.’ He jumped up and leaped and ran, singing and yelling, going into the temple, because he was the Gate Beautiful. At the temple, it’s a nice quiet place. The Levites are singing; the priests are offering and the people are there going along bringing their sacrifices and everything. Of course, how many were there bringing their wave loaves the Day of Pentecost. Put all of this together.

Then here after that, here comes this man. I don’t what would happen, but you know the priests had to be there working the altar. The high priest had to be there to sprinkle the blood. Here’s this great uproar. Everyone is rejoicing and happy and here’s this man jumping up and down. And everyone is saying, ‘Look, look, that was the man by the Gate Beautiful.’ And all the people gathered around.

Acts 3:12: “And when Peter saw *it*, he answered to the people, ‘Men, Israelites, why are you wondering at this? And why are you looking upon us so intently as if by our *own* power or Godliness we have made him to walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His Son Jesus...” (vs 12-13).

Think of this: Everything that comes to us goes back to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. What are we called in Gal. 3? ‘*If we are Christ’s, we are Abraham’s seed and heirs according to the promise.*’ Remember, there were two promises:

1. the promise of *physical* seed
2. the promise of *spiritual* seed

That we would shine like the stars of heaven. So, you see how vast and fulfilling these prophecies are and how all of these are touched upon as we go through the New Testament.

Notice, he didn’t let them off the hook. “...Whom you delivered up, and denied Him in the presence of Pilate, after he had judged to release *Him*. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and requested that a man *who was* a murderer be granted to you” (vs 13-14).

Sidebar: Irony! What does Barabbas mean? *Son of the father!* Amazing!

Verse 15: “And you killed the Author of life...” Showing that He was the Creator going clear back to Genesis. When we read the Bible, we need to bring all of it together. Look how much is brought together here.

“...Whom God has raised from *the* dead, whereof we are witnesses. And through faith in His name, this *man* whom you see and know was made strong in His name; and the faith that *is* through Him gave this complete soundness to him in the presence of you all.... [after beating them over the head] ...And now, brethren, I realize that you acted in ignorance, as *did* your rulers also; but what God had before announced by *the* mouth of all His prophets, *that* Christ should suffer, He has accordingly fulfilled. Therefore, repent and be converted...” (vs 15-19).

That’s the whole process of taking the bread with the right leaven; we can say the Holy leaven and to make those loaves and to bake them. ***We are going to be changed and it’s going to be so fantastic when that happens!*** That’s what those two loaves figure.

Then what happened in Acts 4? *They had them arrested for healing the man!* They brought the apostles in and they brought the man who had been healed. They wanted to do something to get rid of the apostles so they said, ‘Let’s just beat them and command them not to speak in His name anymore.’ So, the disciples went out and spoke more and more and more. After that, they were wondering where was this going to come.

After Ananias and Sapphira were collapsed in death and were rolled up in a bundle and taken out by the young men; Acts 5:11: “Then great fear came upon the whole Church, and upon all who heard these things.”

What happened. Consider over here. Remember what the Jews said concerning Jesus, why they had to kill Him. Because if He was not killed, everyone would follow them and ‘we would lose our power and position.’ They’re viewing all of this and now the matter has become worse. Look at what happened. Remember Jesus said that ‘if you believe, you’ll do greater wonders than I have done.’ Here they are, right here:

Verse 12: “And many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch.”

Think of the priests and Levites there. Here the Church had its headquarters, as it were, right in Solomon’s porch, right in the temple area. You talk about the competition over running the establishment. That was really something!

Verse 13: “And none of the others dare to join them, but people magnified them; and believers were added all the more to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women), inasmuch *that the people were* bringing out the sick into the streets and

putting *them* on beds and stretchers, so that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. And a multitude from the cities round about also came together to Jerusalem, bringing sick ones and those beset by unclean spirits; *and* they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up..." (vs 13-17). The one who condemned Jesus. The one who prophesied that one should die for the nation.

"...and all those with him, being of *the* sect of the Sadducees; *and* they were filled with anger. And they laid their hands on the apostles and put them in *the* public hold" (vs 17-18).

God wasn't done with them. What happened? They were all put in there, to come before the Sanhedrin the next day, but an angel came and opened the door. The guards didn't know it. They all walked out. The angel said, 'You go early in the morning and you preach in the temple.'

Here comes all the Sanhedrin, all dressed up, ready for them to come before them again. They sent the guard down to get them and the guard came back and said, 'We placed them in there secure, but they're not there.' As soon as they said that, someone came running in and said, 'Look, they're over there at the temple preaching.'

They brought them in and stood them before the august Sanhedrin. Then they wanted to kill them. Gamaliel said, 'Now listen, if this is of God, you're not going to stop it. If it's of men, it will come to nothing. Let them go.' They beat them again and let them go, but said, 'Don't preach in this name anymore.' Really?

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Once they were baptized they entered into the Church. Let's see something really interesting, very important, which is also something that needs to be emphasized more and more, especially in the light of the situation with the Protestants.

They say that they are 'in Jesus' and they need Jesus alone. They need nothing else. However, that's not what the Bible teaches. We'll see how that relates to what God is doing.

2-Thessalonians 1:1: "Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of *the* Thessalonians, *which is* in God our Father... [We are His children, not Jesus' children. Very important. We are brethren with Jesus. He is the Firstborn among many brethren.] ...and *the* Lord Jesus Christ."

Let's see what God is doing with us. Let's look at, what we could call, the work of good leaven in our lives. Here is where we were when God called us; as good as dead:

Ephesians 2:1: "Now, you were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you walked in times

past according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now working within the children of disobedience" (vs 1-2). We see it more and more in our lawless society, too.

Verse 3: "Among whom also we all once had our conduct in the lusts of our flesh, doing the things willed by the flesh and by the mind, and were by nature *the* children of wrath, even as the rest of *the* world."

Notice, this is referring to the Father, v 4: "But God, Who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us." How does He love us? *As He loved Jesus Christ (John 17)!*

Verse 5: "Even when we were dead in *our* trespasses, has made *us* alive together with Christ. (*For* you have been saved by grace)." {Note sermon series: *Grace of God*}

Verse 6: "And He has raised *us* up together and has caused *us* to sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus." That's talking as if it's already done, but not yet.

Verse 7: "So that in the ages that *are* coming... [That's when we will sit in the heavenly places.] ...He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith..." (vs 7-8). After faith comes the re-creation within or the work of God, which is likened to the good activation of leaven, a type of the Holy Spirit in this case.

"...and this *especially* is not of your own selves; *it is* the gift of God. Not of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship..." (vs 8-10). God is working, molding, working with our mind and our heart:

- to change
- to convert
- to give us the mind of Christ

*to write in our heart and our mind:*

- the laws and commandments of God
- the words of God
- the Truth of God

—so we can learn to think with the words of God and think as God thinks. All of that is preparing us for what? *At the resurrection the Divine nature.* You talk about a change; it's going to be something.

"...created in Christ Jesus unto the good works that God ordained beforehand in order that we might walk in them" (v 10).

This is a process, but it's also spoken of as being accomplished, 2-Corinthians 5:10: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ so

that each one may receive according to the things *done* in *his* body—what he has practiced, whether good or evil.” That’s the judgment of the righteous and the judgment of the wicked.

Verse 11: “So then, *because* we know the fear of the Lord, we are persuading men; but are fully known to God... [God knows us, everything about us!] ...and I hope are also fully known in your consciences”—with the Spirit of God.

Verse 12: “For we are not commending ourselves again to you, but are giving you an occasion to boast on our behalf, so that you may have *something to answer to* those who themselves are boasting in *physical* appearance, and not in *the* heart. But if we are jubilant, *it is* to God; or if we are sober-minded, *it is* for you; For the love of Christ compels us...” (vs 12-14).

This is why when you have everything just by law, *by law*, **by law** and not love, not faith and not hope, then everything gets out of whack and out of perspective.

“...*because* we have thus concluded that if one died for all, then all died. And He died for all so that those who live should no longer live to themselves, but to Him Who died for them and was raised again. So then, from this time *forward* we know no man according to *the* flesh; but if we have known Christ in *the* flesh, yet, now we no longer know *Him* accordingly. Therefore, if anyone be in Christ...” (vs 14-17). What does it mean to be in Christ?

- answer the call of God the Father
- repent
- be baptized
- receive the Holy Spirit

You are *in* Christ!

Verse 17: “Therefore, if anyone *be* in Christ, *he* is a new creation...” That where we go back to Acts 3, *repent* and *be converted*, because God is preparing us for:

- the Divine nature
- the resurrection
- to be His sons and daughters

That’s what this day pictures—the day that will occur. “...the old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (v 17).

Let’s see some things concerning how that this is going to be accomplished. We’re going to take an overview of Revelation. We’re not going to necessarily read very many verses, but I want you to see the pattern. I want you to see that God does things in patterns and these patterns follow the Sabbath and the Holy Days. They also follow the times of the Jubilees, and so forth.

Look at all the difficulties that we’re having financially today with all the debt. I can tell you in the Millennium it won’t be that way. Debt will only be six years long. If you have it any longer than that, seven years, the rest of the debt is wiped out. Where would that put the bankers.

The pattern we find is the pattern of the Holy Days. ***The pattern of the Holy Days, beginning with the Passover, is the structure of the book of Revelation!***

Rev. 1—What do we have? *We have the announcement that Christ was the One Who is dead, but is alive!* He’s coming again. He gives us a clue as to how we need to put the Bible together.

Revelation 1:8: “I am the Alpha and the Omega...” This tells us something in addition to being the Beginning and the Ending, the One Who was, Who is, and is coming again, etc. This tells us Jesus approved, inspired and recorded the New Testament in Greek, because Alpha and Omega encompasses the whole Greek alphabet.

He is “...*the Beginning and the Ending...*” (v 8). You find that where? *The book of Isaiah!* This tells us He is Creator. This tells us He is going to finish it.

“...Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come—the Almighty” (v 8).

Verse 11, He says it again: “...‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last’; and ‘What you see, write in a book...’” Did God want it recorded? What do those who do not recognize that the apostles wrote and recorded the New Testament say? *‘Well, this was given by tradition orally for 200-300 years, then it was assembled together.’ Not so!*

“...and send *it* to the churches...” (v 11). Then we find the prophecies of the churches.

In finishing Rev. 1, we see what it’s like to be in glorified form. We won’t read all of those verses because we have a lot of ground to cover.

So, He told them again, v 19: “Write the things that you saw, and the things that are, and the things that shall take place hereafter.”

How many weeks are there in the count to Pentecost? *Seven weeks, seven complete weeks plus one day.* How many churches do we have in Rev. 2 and 3? *Seven!* They are the harvest of the seven weeks. We also know that there is a harvest of the 50<sup>th</sup> day. Here we have the sequence of the seven weeks to Pentecost, Rev. 2 & 3. We’ve covered this in the seven churches and attacks against the seven churches and all of that. We have quite of few sermons on the seven churches, because there’s a lot



in there. {Note sermon series: *Seven Church Harvest*}

What do we have after that? *We've got Passover, counting of the seven weeks, the seven churches, to Pentecost! What do we have in Rev. 4? We have a type of Pentecost!*

Revelation 4:1: "After these things I looked, and behold, a door opened in heaven; and the first voice that I heard was as if a trumpet were speaking with me, saying, 'Come up here...'" Interesting! When are the dead raised? *At the sound of the trumpet!* The last trumpet and that's the last of the seven. What is 'come up here'? *That's a type of the resurrection!* Let's see what he sees:

"...and I will show you *the* things that must take place after these things.' And immediately I was in *the* Spirit... [this is by vision] ...and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* was sitting on the throne" (vs 1-2).

- What do we find there? *We find God the Father, Jesus Christ!*

All Trinitarians pay attention:

- Where is God the Spirit, if you believe that? *Not there!*
- What do we find? *God the Father sitting on the throne and that's on the Sea of Glass!*

Around the throne are twenty-four elders and over the throne are the four living creatures.

- What is the Holy Spirit? *It's the power of God, not a person!*

Verse 8: "And each of the four living creatures had six wings respectively; *and* around and within *they were* full of eyes; and day and night they cease not saying, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was, and Who is, and Who is to come.'" That was quite a scene. There were thunders, there were lightnings, there were the angels, saw a vision of God the Father.

Rev. 5—we see the vision of Jesus Christ. Then he saw that there was a book that couldn't be opened, with seals, front and back, a scroll. No one was worthy. John was weeping (v 4).

Revelation 5:5: "Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. Behold, the Lion Who is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David... [that's Christ as the Warrior] ...has overcome to open the book, and to loose its seven seals.' .... [it changed completely]: ...Then I saw, and behold, before the throne and the four living creatures, and before the elders, *was* standing a Lamb... [Who is the Lamb to take away the sin of the world? *Jesus!*] ...as having been slain... [talking about His crucifixion] ...having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven

Spirits of God that are sent into all the earth" (vs 5-6). That's how God keeps track of everything on the earth. Christ is in charge of that.

Who is the Head of the Church? *Jesus is!* The seven horns are the seven churches. Those churches were the literal ones at that time on the mail route. Then you have projection in history about how the Church would be down through time. Then we come to the end, and I'm convinced as God looks at it—not by corporate structure—but as God looks at His Church on the earth, there are the seven churches again according to the attitudes we find in Rev. 2 & 3; all of them. Predominate though, I believe, Laodicean because of all the things that we have.

He has the seals. They are praised. Oh, what a tremendous thing this is. If you have *The Messiah* by Handel, you listen to where it is they give the 'Amen. Worthy is the Lamb.'

Verse 12: "Saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain to receive power, and riches and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing.'"

I don't know how this is going to work out, but there is going to come a time when this will be. I don't know exactly when:

Verse 13: "And every creature that is in heaven... [all the angels] ...and on the earth, and under the earth, and those that are on the sea, and all the things in them, I heard saying..." So, the whole creation is *literally* going to cry out to God. Isn't that an amazing thing?

Sidebar: There was an atheist who said, 'Whoever wrote Gen. 4 didn't understand very much. How can blood in the ground cry out?' *The blood of Abel cries out to Me!* There are a lot of things that go on that God is aware of that we are not aware of. That's one example of it.

When are all the creatures going to say this and do this: "...To Him Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb... [Where is the Holy Spirit as God? *Not there!*] ...*be* blessing, and honor, and glory, and sovereignty into the ages of eternity.' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen.' And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped *Him Who* lives into the ages of eternity" (vs 13-14).

There's going to come a time at the throne of God that this is going to happen when the seals are opened. We won't necessarily know it. We won't necessarily understand it, but we can catch one thing for sure. Now the first seal. Let's talk just a little bit about this.

### **The First Seal:**

Revelation 6:1: "And I looked when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the

four living creatures say, like the sound of thunder... [Wonder what that was?] ...‘Come and see.’ And I looked, and behold, *there was* a white horse; and the one who was sitting on it had a bow, and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer” (vs 1-2).

How can you conquer with a bow and no arrows? *I’ll let you figure that out!* This white horse has got to be the false religious system of this world.

When you see the video/DVD: *Pope Francis’ Video Fulfills Prophecy* by Doug Batchelor,) you will see what the pope did to Kenneth Copeland and all the leaders of the evangelicals.

I wondered, concerning this first seal, something happened when John Paul XXIII had the beginning the ecumenical movement. They said, ‘A new wind swept through the Vatican.’ The pope is dressed in white. That’s how he was dressed when he was talking to the ‘charismatic’s.’ They have been working the ecumenical movement right along, continuously, from Pope John XXIII on down to our time now, to where a pope using Skype could talk to all of those evangelicals. He did it in such a way that it was like he was talking into a hand-held device so he would be up close with them. I wonder what else they are doing behind the scenes. I wonder how else these things are going.

Is he conquering? *Yes!* I think that Albert Jones made a very astute analysis of what the pope did in speaking to those evangelicals. He let them think that *they* won, that *they* were helping to bring the Catholic Church close to the Protestants. When you see the reaction of Kenneth Copeland, you are going to absolutely just come unglued. I wonder, has the first seal already been opened. I don’t know, this is speculation, just to wonder.

### **The Second Seal:**

This we can pretty well be sure that this is the beginning of the Great Tribulation. Where there is war, followed by famine, followed by persecution.

### **The Sixth Seal:**

Let’s come down to the 6<sup>th</sup> seal, because here is going to be a real change in everything when this occurs. All of these other things that happened leading up to the 6<sup>th</sup> seal, including the martyrdom of the saints, is men against men. There is a great devastation that takes place, starvation.

Here’s where everything changes, v 12: “And when He opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake... [Remember what we read in Acts 2 about the Day of Pentecost?] ...and the sun became black as *the hair of sackcloth*, and the moon became as blood. And the stars of heaven

fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its untimely figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then *the* heaven departed like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place” (vs 12-14). This fulfills the prophecy that ‘I will shake the heavens; shake the earth,’ as we find in the book of Haggai.

Verse 15: “And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the powerful men, and every bondman, and every free *man* hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, ‘Fall on us, and hide us from *the* face of Him Who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb Because the great day of His wrath has come, and who has the power to stand?’” (vs 15-17). This is going to really be a tremendous thing that’s going to take place.

Does it happen just before the Day of Pentecost? *and* which Pentecost? If we go back and read the last part of Hos. 5 and the first part of Hos. 6, it shows there that Israel says that they have been sent out into captivity and after two days He will break the captivity. And in the third day He will raise us up. If a day is a year in prophecy and the Tribulation is 3-1/2 years long, then after two years of tribulation I believe this is where this is going to take place.

What will this be, when the heavens roll back as a scroll? *Obviously, if the children of Israel are in captivity, this is going to do a lot to loose them from that captivity!* What is going to happen? How is the earth going to react, all the people on the earth? The first thing having to do with the return of Christ is, what is called in other places, His appearance. What is that going to be like? *Here we have the heavens roll back as a scroll!*

Matthew 24:27: “For as the light of day, which comes forth from *the* east and shines as far as *the* west, so also shall the coming of the Son of man be. For wherever the carcass may be, there will the eagles be gathered together” (vs 27-28). No one has been able to figure that out yet, so I won’t comment on that.

Verse 29: “But immediately after the tribulation of those days... [remember Israel—after two days, two years] ...the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.... [note: Rev. 6:12] ...And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven...” (vs 29-30).

What will this look like? *The first that we know Christ is coming for sure is that this sign is going to be in the heaven!* How did He describe it?

Verse 27: “For as the light of day, which comes forth from *the* east and shines as far as *the* west, so also shall the coming of the Son of man be.” There will be what will appear like a second sun in the heavens. That’s going to startle the world.

- Is the world being prepared for that?
- Is there a lot of talk about aliens?
- *Yes, indeed!*

Even the Vatican wants to contact aliens.

The comment was made that there’s even a movie out there with Tom Cruise in it about the end of the earth. That will get a lot of people watching it. Of course, Tom Cruise has to be a savior. He is killed and brought back to life.

- Is the world being prepared?

If they see this sun out there, what’s the first thing they are going to say? ‘*Oh, it’s going to crash into the earth.*’ So, they are going to try and get everything ready for that. After all the earthquakes that has hit the earth, they are not going to be prepared to do very much except clean up the mess.

So, here’s that sun out there. It will be out there. The earth will turn, day after day. ‘Oh, it’s not doing anything. It’s not what we really thought it was.’ That’s what happens when the heavens roll back as a scroll. The earth is all shook up because of the earthquakes. Can you imagine? There’s never been a worldwide earthquake. Imagine what that is going to be! We have something unusual here:

Revelation 7:1: “And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that the wind might not blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree.” Right after that earthquake it’s a great still, not even a breeze.

Verse 2: “Then I saw another angel ascending from *the* rising of *the* sun, having *the* seal of *the* living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to damage the earth and the sea, Saying, ‘Do not damage the earth, or the sea, or the trees until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads’” (vs 2-3).

Who are they going to seal? What do we have? *The children of Israel, from all twelve tribes, 144,000! Then a great innumerable multitude!*

Verse 14, when it was explained to John: “They are the ones who have come out of the great tribulation; and they have washed their robes, and have made their robes white in the blood of the Lamb.” They will be before the throne of God; not yet, because the resurrection hasn’t taken place, yet.

Let’s come down in the timeframe of the Holy Days. This, I believe, represents the 50<sup>th</sup> day.

The churches represent the seven weeks. This represents the 50<sup>th</sup> day and God’s salvation, which it looks like it may be more than the combined work of the church and all the prophets going way back. This is some great thing that takes place.

If this is Pentecost, what is the next Holy Day to come? *Trumpets!* About four months and a couple of weeks—4-1/2 months—away. What do you suppose all the nations of the world will be doing right after this great worldwide earthquake? *They’ve got to get things straightened up!* They go out and they clean up the roads. They try and do the best they can with it. That has to be done before Rev. 8 can begin to be fulfilled.

In Rev. 8 we have the seven angels with the seven trumpet plagues. Would we be out of line to say this starts on the Feast of Trumpets? Let’s draw two lines. One of them Pentecost to Pentecost, last year. Then let’s move up 4-1/2 months and we’ll go Trumpets to Trumpets. So, there’s an overlap. These in chapter seven are saved on Pentecost. All the events in Rev. 8 & 9 begin on Trumpets with the blowing of the first trumpet, right on down through all the six trumpets. We’ll cover those leading up to the Feast of Trumpets.

I hope this helps solve the problem that Feast of Trumpets is not the resurrection and return of Christ. It will be the return of Christ with the saints, but the resurrection will have taken place on that last Pentecost, before the last trumpets. So, if you remember those two lines overlapping.

We know about the two witnesses. We’ve covered that before. They were martyred. They are the first two resurrected, which then is a literal fulfillment of ‘the last shall be first.’ That’s how true God’s Word is.

Revelation 11:12, after the two witnesses are brought back to life: “And they heard a great voice from heaven, say, ‘Come up here!’...” Sounds like Rev. 4, come up here; a type of resurrection. Here the actual beginning of the first resurrection.

“...And they ascended into heaven in a cloud; and their enemies saw them *rise*. And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand men were killed in the earthquake. And the rest were filled with fear, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming immediately.... [What do we have?]: ...Then the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet...” (vs 12-15).

- Is he the last angel?
- Is that the last trumpet?
- *Yes!*

This then is the resurrection of the saints, all of them together.

“...and *there* were great voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign into the ages of eternity.’ And the twenty-four elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell on their faces and worshiped God, Saying, ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, Who *is*, and Who was, and Who is to come; for You have taken *to Yourself* Your great power, and have reigned’” (vs 15-17).

That is the beginning of the reign of Christ and it starts with the resurrection. ***He cannot reign until all of those who are going to reign with Him have been raised from the dead or changed if they were still alive!*** Then all the nations were busy repenting; *NO!* they were angry!

Rev, 14 are two harvests:

1. the first harvest is the harvest of the saints
2. the second harvest is the harvest of the wicked through the seven last plagues

Revelation 14:14: “And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and *one* like *the* Son of man sitting on the cloud, having a golden crown on His head; and in His hand *was* a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him Who was sitting on the cloud, ‘Thrust in your sickle and reap, because the time has come for You to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe’” (vs 14-15). That ties in with Matt. 13, *the harvest is the end of the age. This is the end of the age!*

- Where do they go?
- What’s happened to that sun that is out there, the sign of the Son of man in heaven?
- If we are all raised to meet Christ in the air, is this not a plan of God that He has had for a long time? *Yes, indeed!*

As we saw yesterday—Day 49—after the Day of Pentecost, Moses, Nadab, Aaron and Abihu and seven of the elders went up to see God. And He stood on a crystal platform—a Sea of Glass.

- Where are all the saints going to be? *We’re going to meet Him in the air!*
- Are we just going to hang in the air?
- How is that going to work?

Revelation 15:1: “Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and awesome: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is filled up. And I saw a sea of glass...” (vs 1-2). What was the throne of God sitting on when John saw it (Rev. 4)? *A Sea of Glass!*

I suspect that that sun that is out there, they’re going to see like the second sun rising every day, that it’s going to start coming toward the earth. All the nations are going to really get upset with this. They won’t know what on earth this is. I think it will come suddenly, just like it’s ready to smash into the earth. Then when it gets right over Jerusalem, it comes out into a great sea of glass. All the saints will be resurrected and we will be on the Sea of Glass.

Verse 2: “And I saw a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass... [that’s what the Sea of Glass is for, to stand on] ...having *the* lyres [harps] of God. And they were singing the song of Moses, *the* servant of God... [all those from the Old Testament who would be resurrected] ...and the song of the Lamb... [all those in the New Testament] ... ‘Great and awesome *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty; righteous and true *are* Your ways, King of the saints’” (vs 2-3).

What’s going to happen on the Sea of Glass? Remember 1-Cor. 15, where Paul wrote that the first Adam was of the earth, earthy; the second Adam was the Lord from heaven. When Adam and Eve were created—and we’re being created right now by God the Father to be His sons and daughters—He put into them a language. He didn’t have kindergarten class and say, ‘Adam, come here. This is A, this is B, this is C.’ He talked to him. They reasoned with each other.

- Do you think it’s any great stretch of the imagination that when we are resurrected we will have in our spirit minds the language that God speaks?

Then all of us can communicate together. How are we going to know what to do?

- What if Abel is there?
- How are we going to understand what Abel is supposed to do?
- How about all the people from all the different nations of the world with all the different languages?
- Who made all of those languages? *God did!*
  - ✓ He changed their languages.
  - ✓ He changed their brains to put a language in it.

I’m sure that we’ll all have a new language.

First thing’s going to happen, that’s in Heb. 2, Jesus is going to say to God the Father: ‘*Behold, all the children You have given Me.*’ They are all God the Father’s children. My brethren. I think

- we’ll see God the Father
- we’ll see Jesus Christ

- we'll see all the angels
- we'll look down on the earth

'Look at all of them. They are getting ready.' Not for the resurrection, but for the battle.

We'll finish up with the seven things that will happen on the Sea of Glass, and then we'll pick up, when we come close to Trumpets, the rest of the story here in the book of Revelation.

Here's what's going to happen: Like all of those newborn, what do you do when a child is born? *Give them a name!*

1. we're going to receive our new name
2. we're all judged according to our works; all the saints will receive their rewards, whatever is going to be
3. the saints will receive their assignments as kings and priests

Here is this fully organized, great resurrection of God, but unless we are given directions as to what to do, we're nothing more than a mob; a Holy mob, at that.

- What are we going to do, Lord?
- Where are we going to go, Lord?
- How is it going to be done, Lord?
- What do You want us to do?
- 'Oh, You've given me two cities, Lord.
- What is their name?'

We need to put it in practical terms, because it's going to have to happen that way. Then after all of that is done, then there has to be:

4. the marriage of the Lamb will take place

We'll be there with all of our new garb, our crowns. We'll receive a crown. I don't know how the angels are going to set up this banquet, but it's going to be a mighty banquet, indeed. At that point we'll find out:

- How does God eat.
- How much of this Holy wine can we drink.
- Dear angel, what is this lovely dish you set before us?
- Is it heavenly lamb?

5. the marriage supper will take place  
*we'll all be shouting hallelujah*

6. we're all going to see the vengeance of God

Didn't God say to wait for the vengeance of God? You shall see the vengeance of God. What is the vengeance of God? *The seven last plagues!*

- we will be the great host of spectators on the Sea of Glass watching the seven angels pour out the seven last plagues.
- we will watch the kings of the east as they come.

- we will watch the other nations gathered together.
- we will see the last attempt of Satan the devil to deceive them to come to the battle.

Then after that, Jesus will say, 'Are you ready? Follow Me.' Our first ride on our white horses, and

7. we'll come down and take over the world

So that takes us ahead to the Feast of Trumpets, but ***this is the meaning of the Feast of Pentecost***, many great and fantastic things to happen!

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