

Progress of the Mark of the Beast

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Let's talk about money, financing. Today, there is virtually no money. What is real money? *Real money is actually gold and silver!* Today we have something different. Today we have *digital funds*.

Have you ever wondered what on earth is going to happen with debt in America and Europe and around the world? *and why the banks have gotten us into this situation? Because they have!* All the debt that Obama has run through the last three years, guess how they got the money for that? *The Federal Reserve* bought those debt securities. What happens is, the Congress authorizes so much money to be put into circulation, and if you've never studied about the Federal Reserve, just get the book: *The Creature from Jekyll Island*.

Let me tell you who runs the banking system in the world. There are eight families that run all the banking system in the entire world. That banking system is based upon debt. You want some money; I'll give you some money, but sign this note—and I.O.U.

If you look at any denominational bill and read it, it says on the front right below the United States of America: *This note is legal tender for all debts public and private*. Before the depression of 1929 they had gold-backed currency. You would get a \$20 bill and it would say: *This is redeemable for \$20 worth of gold*. That was a legitimate paper currency. Now it's just a debit.

Isn't it interesting, if you've overdrawn your checking account, they don't send you a notice that you have run out of money. They send you a notice of *insufficient funds*, because your checking account—though it's accepted as legal tender and money—is a substitute for money.

These eight families control all the central banks in the world. They have a plan, and the plan is going to lead to the *mark of the beast!* Go online and look up *single global currency*. About ten years ago I got a book about world currency. There would be many things that would be of benefit with a world currency. There would be no balance of payments between nations. But who is going to control it?

Remember this: It's going to be those eight families that involve:

- United States
- England
- Switzerland
- European banking
- Chinese banking
- IMF

- The World Bank
- BIS—Bank of International Settlements

They are now setting it up so that the bank of International Settlements, the World Bank and the IMF will have SDRs. What are SDRs? *Special Drawing Rights!* In other words, a line of credit. The way that you control the nations and the banking system is to ***get everybody in debt!***

- Do we have debt?
- Does Europe have debt?
- Does Asia have debt?
- Does Africa have debt?

It's not a coincidence! It is planned!

Their plan is by 2024—or sooner—they are going to have a single global currency. {note book: *The Day the Dollar Crashes*} The moral of that story is that when you get a notice from your bank that says *insufficient funds* you have a personal dilemma; when the bank sends out notice that they have run out of money, everybody is in trouble.

They have a proposal here. Remember this: The system of this world is controlled by Satan the devil and he works by incrementalism—a little here, a little there, get everybody used to it, bring in another generation. That's what we saw with this election. All of the parents who immigrated here, who worked hard, who developed their lives, had children, had families, the majority of their children voted for liberalism. That was the tipping point in the election.

Same way with education. How did they get God out of the schools? First of all they had the Scopes trials in the 1920s. Then they had a challenge about prayer in school. Then they had a challenge about the Bible in school. Then they had a challenge about teaching Bible classes in a public school. Since the incrementalism said that we're secular, not Christian, and we can't discriminate against other religions, therefore,

- you can't pray in school
- you can't pray before a football game or baseball game
- you can't pray for a friend in school
- you can't bring a Bible to school

Now what do we have? *We have a youth that knows nothing of God*, only secularism, revamped history that they have been taught where now they are teaching that the Boston Tea Party was an act of terrorism.

We have incrementalism with sex education. I remember when that started to come in the mid 1960s. Look what has happened to the whole society because of it. Has it been benefited? *or* cursed? *It's been cursed!* Now we are teaching children a social education with emotional responses without the capacity to really have critical thinking.

- You give them goodies.
- You give them all kinds of opportunities.
- You take care of them on the government grants.
- *You take over a nation!*

Monetary-wise this is what they have done with all the currencies in the world.

Article:

[Single Global Currency, SGC—Proposed to Goal](#) ([singleglobalcurrency.org](#)):

This schedule is proposed to add realism to the idea that the goal of a single global currency is achievable by the year 2024.

I think it's going to be much sooner than that. If we have the *fiscal cliff* coming in 30 days, and it happens, we are going to be in deep—immediate—financial trouble. That could affect Europe because everything is sitting on a teeter-totter. Everything is right at the tipping point. If there is no action by our Congress here, no action by Europe, that's going to be the tipping-point to collapse all currencies. I think they will bring in a world-currency quite quickly.

Here's what they've done:

2011—January 1. **Estonia** will adopt the euro and become the 17th member of the European Monetary Union.

2011—The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries plan to **launch their new currency**....

Ever heard of that? *Gulf Cooperation Council!* I wrote a letter on that about 7 years ago—2004. Remember the letter I wrote about Turkey coming to the fore. Guess what they're doing with Syria. Turkey used to be the Ottoman Empire before the end of WWI. Don't you think they want it back?

The West African Monetary Zone's five countries, Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, and Guinea, adopt their common currency, the ECO.

2012—The five nation East African Community implements its monetary union with members: Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania.

2012—International conference for the establishment of a **global monetary union**?

Then you have different ones joining in the Eurozone and it goes right down the list to a single currency to be used for electronic transactions around the world in 2021.

This is quite a report here in how it's going come about. But where will it lead to? How many have wave technology for credit cards? At the checkout stand all you have to do is take it out—you don't have to swipe it anymore—and just wave it.

Now you can have it on your SmartPhone; has all your banking information on it. Be careful if you lose it! And what I told you earlier (*Jerusalem Today* message of Dec. 1, 2012) with Kenya doing their transactions through their cell phones and SmartPhones, once you get everybody used to that, what is the major problem that they're going to have with this? *Theft!* I've got four articles on the Central Banking System. How do you solve the problem? *RFID tracking!*

Article: [Use of RFID Tracking Technology to be Mandatory for U.S. Food Stamp Program](#) ([nowtheendbegins.com](#))

Whoa! We just put 15-million this year on it. And advertising in Mexico telling the Mexicans 'come on up and here's how you get on the Food Stamp Program.

How many have heard of the Digital Angel or the Chip? Once you have that you don't need a card, cell phone, all you have to do is just *wave your hand*. So, there may be lopping off of right hands; I don't know what thieves will do to try and get these.

Think of this: We're going to talk about the coming world government and the *mark of the beast*. Just think when the only money they had was coin money. Put yourself back in the days when the Apostle John was given this vision and you read:

Revelation 13:16: "And he causes **all**, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, to receive a mark in their right hands, or in their foreheads... [Who are *the all*?] ...so that no one may have the ability to buy and sell unless he has the mark, or the name of the Beast, or the number of his name" (vs 16-17).

Put yourself back in the beginning of the second century, say 210_{A. D.}; right after the book of Revelation came out, and you heard this read in church and you would think: What is this talking about? How can that be? Well, *you can't understand these things until you come to the last days!* These things are only understood in the light of the events that are taking place today.

Let's read about this beast system here in Rev. 13. I want you to think about what has happened in the nations here recently.

Revelation 13:1: "And I stood on the sand of the sea; and I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads *the* name of blasphemy." This is a satanic system.

When you read this, it goes back to Daniel; but here is the key with the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation. Daniel gives the foundation of it. Revelation gives the finishing of it. You can understand a lot of the things out of the book of Daniel, but you can't understand many things at the end-time from the book of Daniel; there are just references to it. So, the book of Revelation then connects with the book of Daniel. That's why we have the sermon series on Daniel & Revelation.

The description that is given of this beast is one that goes back to the description of Babylon, Greece, Persia and the Roman Empire. Now this system comes up in the end-time, and this system is a combination of all of the past empires. That's why it's given the description that we will read here:

Verse 2: "And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, and his feet like *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth like *the* mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne and great authority."

Let's see what Satan told Jesus, Luke 4. There are a lot of people who don't believe in the devil. There are a lot of people that do not believe that he has deceived the world. However, the Bible tells us that he has.

Luke 4:5: "Then the devil led Him up into a high mountain *and* showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, 'I will give You all this authority, and the glory of them *all*; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I desire'" (vs 5-6). That's why ***you're not going to solve the problems of the nations without the return of Christ!***

Notice what Satan said, because this gives us a clue, v 7: "Therefore, if You will worship me in *my* presence, all things shall be Yours." This tells us that all of the superpower elite, the great rich and wealthy people of the world, *follow Satan the devil!*

They don't think so; they themselves are deceived, except the very few right at the very tiptop. So, Jesus told Satan to get behind Him. Satan has the whole world deceived, like a great net around the world. Part of that net is the great financial system that is coming.

Revelation 13:3: "And I saw one of his

heads as *if it were* slain to death, but his deadly wound was healed; and the whole earth was amazed..."

What I want you to pay attention to in the book of Revelation is whenever it mentions the whole world, all nations, kindreds, languages and tongues, it means precisely that! This is not symbolic language in the sense that it does not apply literally. There is some symbolism in it, but when we understand and interpret it correctly, as the rest of the Bible shows us, we will understand what's going on.

"...and the whole earth was amazed *and* followed the beast" (v 3). How many have heard of world governance. Look it up online, it's there! Look up what the U.N. wants to do. But the U.N. has to be reformed and changed. Whenever the system breaks down Satan changes it. Many times he develops a system to it will breakdown, so he can change it. That's what's going to happen.

Verse 4: "And they worshiped the dragon..." Just exactly like Satan challenged Jesus to do: 'Worship me!' Stop and think! How many people in the world really worship the true God? How do you know who they are?

Revelation 14:12: "Here is *the* patience of the saints; here *are* the ones who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus"—combined together. That ties in with the sermon on *The Sabbath*, part 1 by Michael Heiss. How many people *really* are worshiping the true God.

- Protestant—they have the name of Jesus but they keep all of the occult holidays
- Catholics—they use the name of Jesus and ignore the whole Bible
- Buddhists—believe in love and compassion

Like the Dalai Lama—someone was doing a special on him and he had this little fat Buddha there on his desk and he told the reporter doing the video biography, 'You see that there, that's my boss.'

- Hinduism—*No!*
- Animism—*No!*
- demonism—*No!*

This is why Jesus warned, 'Let no one deceive you by any means.' It's like a con man. Watch *American Greed* sometime. That's something! They have a lot of truth. They have a lot of things that are blatant lies, but look gloriously true until they run out of money.

Revelation 13:4: "And they worshiped the dragon who gave *his* authority to the beast. And they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who *is* like the beast? Who has the power to make war against him?'"

That's one thing to watch for. A world government where war—nation against nation—temporarily will not be possible. One of the things you need to control that there will be no war is that you control the money supply so they can't buy arms. Think about it! Think about all these things coming together. Think about what I said in *Jerusalem Today* concerning Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Verse 5: "And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given to him; and authority was given to him to continue *for* forty-two months." After his deadly wound was healed.

Now, notice what he does. This is a man of great sin! One of great power! Satan finale! His great coup de gra!

Verse 6. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. And he was given *power* to make war against the saints, and to overcome them; and he was given authority over **every** tribe and language and nation" (vs 6-7). World government, and *it is coming!*

If you have a world currency come first, then won't it be a whole lot easier for a world government to come second? *Yes, indeed!*

Verse 8: "And **all** who dwell on the earth will worship him..." This is going to be all encompassing. Have the people of the world been prepared for that? What do they do with rock stars? What do they do with movie stars? *They flock after them*—right? But if someone stands on a street corner and says, 'Jesus says to repent the end of the world is coming.' *Oh, look at that nut over there!*

Some people have asked me: Is Obama the beast? Well, I've been saying *no!* But I thought he would lose the election, too, so how's that for a batting average? I don't know! He's young! He's going to be out of office in four years! Do you think his lust for power is going to cease? *No!* So, don't anybody say I said that he's the beast, because I didn't!

Notice v 8 because this becomes very important: "And all who dwell on the earth will worship him whose names have not been written in the book of Life of the Lamb slain from *the* foundation of *the* world." That narrows it right down—doesn't it? *Yes, indeed!* This is why we need to understand:

- the Word of God is true
- the Holy Spirit of God is the Holy Spirit of Truth
- that true Christianity and being under the grace of God is that you have direct connection between you and God the Father and Jesus Christ

When we get together as a congregation we are God's people in congregation. But our lives are scattered. That's why prayer and study everyday:

- so we learn
- so we know
- so we grow

God has called all of us to be prepared to take over the world! Think of that! That's why all nations are going to hate us. That's why the beast is going to come after us, and there's going to be a martyrdom that will take place.

Jesus gives the warning here, v 9: "**If anyone has an ear, let him hear.**"

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As we covered in the message *Jerusalem Today* about the two witnesses, now we're looking at *the beast and the false prophet*. Let's learn a little bit more about *the beast* who is given authority over all nations.

2-Thessalonians 2—this is a prophecy that Paul wrote concerning the return of Christ. This was actually written about 52_{A.D.} It's evident when you study the history of the destruction of Jerusalem in 70_{A.D.} that there was no *abomination of desolation* that went and 'stood in the Holy Place.' This is a future event. But notice how this ties right in with Rev. 13.

2-Thessalonians 2:1: "Now, we beseech you, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken in mind, nor be troubled—neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by epistle, as if from us, *saying* that the day of Christ is present" (vs 1-2). That's an interesting statement because what they are going to say is that this antichrist is the Christ. Christ is not going to come in human flesh. He's going to come as an all-conquering spirit being.

Verse 3: "Do not let anyone deceive you by any means because *that day will not* come unless **the apostasy** shall come first..." A complete rejection of God in the whole world; that must come first. Has the groundwork been laid for it? *Yes, indeed!* Remember the key word: *incrementalism!*

- little-by-little!
- year-by-year!
- decade-by-decade!
- century-by-century!

When you get to the end of it

- everything is upside down
- everything that is upside down looks to be real
- everything that is true has been rejected and counted as evil

A complete turning of everything!

Here's what he does, v 4: "The one who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God... [no man has yet done that] ...or that is an object of worship; so that he **comes into the temple of God...** [that's why Rev. 11 shows there will be a temple built] **...and sits down as God, proclaiming that he himself is God.**" No one has done that, yet. Some have tried it, very short-lived.

Verse 5: "Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I told you these things? And now you understand what is holding *him* back in order for him to be revealed in his own set time" (vs 5-6). God has a set time for all of these prophecies to be fulfilled.

Here's how you identify him, 7: "For the mystery of lawlessness is already working; only *there is* one Who is restraining at the present *time* until it arises out of *the* midst." How did we see *the beast* come up? *Rising up out of the middle of the sea!*

This identifies that this is at the end-time, v 8: "And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth, and will destroy with the brightness of His coming); *even* the one whose coming is according to *the* inner working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are perishing because they did not receive the love of the Truth..." (vs 8-10). The Truth is:

- the Word of God
- the commandments of God
- Jesus Christ
- God the Father

That's Truth! What have they done to this?

- Ridiculed it!
- Besmirched it!
- Rejected it!
- Substituted it with lies!

Here's what happens to people; you've heard of *spiritual blindness*? Here is the full dose of it when he comes on the scene: "...because they did not receive the love of the Truth, so that they might be saved. And for this cause, **God will send upon them a powerful deception that will cause them to believe *the lie***" (vs 10-11)—that this man is Christ; *that will be the lie!* That's why they will worship.

Now we're going to see that there is a 'religious element' to this whole system, as there always has been. This element is the Babylonian mysteries.

This is why online we have *free: The Two*

Babylons by Alexander Hislop. That's the very first book that I read when I was being called 52 years ago. That is an amazing book. If you have never read *The Two Babylons*, and you're online, you go either to churchathome.org or cbcg.org and you can download the whole book. This system is talked about in Rev. 17, and its leader is talked about in Rev. 13.

Revelation 13:11 "And I saw another beast rising out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, but spoke like a dragon; and he exercises all the authority of the first beast before him..." (vs 11-12). So, it's worldwide authority. I want you to think of a 'religious' figure today that has worldwide authority. I'll explain a little bit about that, but the source of that is the Vatican. Watch for there to be changed in Catholic worship to be more inclusive of other 'religions.'

- Did you know that the pope sends well-wishes and greetings to Hindus for their feast of Diwali?
- Did you know that the Vatican is a separate nation—the smallest in the world?
- Did you know that there are ambassadors from every nation on earth, even Iran?

Revelation 17:18: "And the woman whom you saw is the great city that has royal power over the kings of the earth." The only 'religious' system that has that is the Vatican.

Let's see what he does. I want you to think about how the world would go after the pope, especially if he's including other 'religions.' After all it came from Babylon and all the 'religions' this side of Babylon came from Babylon, *except the Truth*. So, it wouldn't be too hard to do.

Revelation 13:12: "And he exercises all the authority of the first beast before him; and he causes the earth and those who dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed." Maybe the pope even laid hands on him and he rose from the dead. What a miracle that would be! This has got to be from God! Can you imagine all the television stations? Can you imagine the world news? I mean, this would be amazing!

Verse 13: "And he performs great wonders, so that he even causes fire to come down to the earth from heaven in the sight of men." If you see it, you believe it—so, seeing is believing. How can you deny that this is from God? Look at the wonderful things that are being done. You can almost write all of the headlines for it.

Verse 14: "And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by means of the wonders that were given to him to perform in the sight of the beast, saying to those who dwell on the earth that they

should make an image for the beast, which had the wound by the sword, yet was alive.” Isn’t that what they do. He comes back to life and now we have to make a god out of him. You can make an image, a T-shirt, hats, banners, all of those things. Just imagine what would happen with that.

He made a great image, and this goes back to Dan. 3—the image that King Nebuchadnezzar saw. Remember Nebuchadnezzar was the head. Comes all the way down to the ten toes; that’s where we are in history today, but it’s the same old Babylonian system all the way down.

Verse 15: “And he was given *power* to give life to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast also could speak; and he causes everyone who will not worship the image of the beast to be killed.” That’s how the martyrdom of the saints will probably begin. Nice sweet loving government—huh?

Verse 16: “And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, to receive a mark in their right hands, or in their foreheads; so that no one may have the ability to buy and sell unless he has the mark, or the name of the Beast, or the number of his name” (vs 16-17). God says do not take that. When that happens there are going to be difficult times for those who don’t take it.

Why? *Because they are perfecting all of these systems so that in a few years they will be able, by microwaves from satellites, to control people’s minds* by inserting thoughts into their brain through the chip that is in the right hand, and they have an invisible tattoo that they can put on now that can do the same thing.

I believe the mark in the forehead will be the government workers. They’ll be the privileged ones, of course. They can do a lot of control right now of the human mind. Go online and look up what they’re doing with the human mind. Look up Singularity University and Transhumanism, and see what they’re doing there with that.

When that happens this whole world financial system has got to collapse everywhere all at once. They’ve got to have all the machinery in line so that they can introduce a world currency first. That world currency will probably be a combination of paper money, maybe even some coins, and digital money. But you have to have the system setup first, and that’s exactly what the G-20 leading central banks of the world are doing. They have been working at it, so you need to follow what is done at the Federal Reserve. You need to listen to ‘Uncle’ Ben Bernanke and listen to his words. There will be a sentence or two in what he says that will tell you what they’re doing.

Let me give you a little history back on this. Remember, in 2008 when the market collapsed, because there was a sell-off and it was affecting 401Ks. It was dropping precipitously that would have crashed the whole market. Never did they ask who was doing the selling. Somebody had to do the selling. This was deliberate! This had to be the central banks finagling it through one of those who are in the hierarchy of the super-elite rich. My hunch was it was George Soros. I do not know, but that’s my hunch. That got Obama elected!

What did President Bush announce immediately when that happened? *He announced the formation of the G-20—Central Banks of the World* coming together to develop a system of regulations that applies to all central banks and banks in the world. Guess what they’ve been doing every year since that time? *Improving it!*

At one of the hearings when ‘Uncle’ Ben Bernanke was testifying before the House and they were asking him about the bond problem and buying bonds and what’s going to happen with the fiscal cliff, what’s happening in Europe and how that’s affecting the dollar and all of these things. He said, ‘All of the central banks of the world are working to get their regulations unified.’ That’s all he said.

If you don’t have the background on all these other things that we’ve talked about, that’s not going to mean too much to the average person. It’ll go right over their head! But when I heard that, I said, ‘Ut oh, another big step has just been announced.’ Remember: *incrementalism!* Step-by-step, so that when it happens and the solution comes out it will seem so good. People will say, ‘Why didn’t we think of that before?’

Then after they get the single currency and the digital working and all the banks working together. Then it will come down to the *mark of the beast*.

Why would God have such tremendous penalties on those who receive the *mark of the beast*? It says that he deceives them into receiving the *mark of the beast*, but what else are you going to do? *It’s either that or die—right? Isn’t it?* That’s what it will be! So, it’s a tough choice and people will come and say:

- Don’t you care for your family?
- Don’t you want you family to eat?
- Just think how selfish it is of you to not take this.
- You just pass it under this little reader, and you can buy anything you want.
- What’s wrong with that?

It’s because it is also *a device to control your mind and turn you from God!* That’s what it is!

Revelation 14:9: “And a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image... [that comes first] ...and receives *the* mark in his forehead or in his hand, he shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath; and he shall be tormented in fire and brimstone in the sight of the Holy angels, and of the Lamb” (vs 9-10).

The question we need to ask is when is the wrath of the Lamb poured out? This leaves open a question, and it doesn’t tell us directly. Could a person receive the *mark of the beast* and repent and get rid of it before the rejection of God? *I do not know!* I cannot tell you, and I would be remiss in saying that if that were a possibility, how many people would say, ‘I’ll take it and repent later’? We don’t know. Bible doesn’t tell us everything that we need to know. But it tells us what we need to know in the major things.

Verse 11: “And the smoke of their torment ascends into the ages of eternity; and those who worship the beast and his image, and all who receive the mark of his name, have no rest day and night.” This tells me that their minds are controlled.

Let’s look at some other Scriptures concerning this, because this doesn’t tell us everything. We can conclude concerning:

1. the wrath of God
2. the torment will be because there is no repentance

Revelation 15:1—let’s see what it says about the seven last plagues: “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.” This is God directly dealing. This is after the resurrection has taken place because:

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, having *the* lyres of God. And they were singing the song of Moses, *the* servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, ‘Great and awesome *are* Your works...’” (vs 2-3).

Verse 5: “And after these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. And the seven angels who had the seven *last* plagues came out of the temple; they were clothed in linen, pure and bright, and girded about the chest with golden breastplates. And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden vials, full of the wrath of God, Who lives into the ages of eternity” (vs 5-7).

Here’s how the end of the world is going to be, v 8: “And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power; and no one was able to enter inside the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.”

Revelation 16:1: “Then I heard a loud voice from the temple say to the seven angels, ‘Go and pour out the vials of the wrath of God onto the earth.’ And the first *angel* went and poured out his vial onto the earth; and an evil and grievous sore fell upon the men who had the mark of the beast, and upon those who were worshiping his image” (vs 1-2). Is this in addition to *no rest day and night? I think it is!* There’s a reference to it there.

Verse 3: “And the second angel *went and* poured out his vial into the sea; and it became blood...”

Verse 8: “And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and *power* was given to it to scorch men with fire. Then men were scorched with great heat; and they blasphemed the name of God, Who has authority over these plagues... [the ones who go into the Lake of Fire and are tormented with fire and brimstone are these]: ...and **did not repent to give Him glory**” (vs 8-9). Through it all God is offering repentance right down to the very last thing.

Verse 10: “And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; yet they did not repent of their works” (vs 10-11). This again sounds like it follows right along with Rev. 14 and being tormented.

The smoke goes up. What happens to smoke when it gets up into the atmosphere? Well, they didn’t know this until just a few years ago: Whenever there is radiation accumulated in the atmosphere, it accumulates at a certain point and the only way they saw this was they had a camera pointing in the direction in which they were able to observe it. But they didn’t know that this was going to happen. The ionosphere opened like a door and all of the radiation came out. Then it closed.

Whenever anything goes out into space—just like these satellites we send out there to look at the different planets—they’re still going. They had one that went for 7 years, 9 years, 10 years. What did they have? *Just a wee, little bit of electronic communication was able to span those hundreds of millions of miles to communicate with it.* That’s how we got the pictures of Jupiter and Saturn and Uranus. That’s how we got the pictures of Europa, the moon around Jupiter—and that’s covered with methane.

Once something gets out beyond the atmosphere into outer space, and smoke is actually particles of material, and they go forever. Another example: between Mars and Jupiter^[transcriber's correction] there is what is called the asteroid belt. It's nothing but a huge, big circling field. Like one of the discs around Jupiter, a huge big disc full of asteroids: rocks, boulders, etc. God's got it all loaded and ready to go if at any time He wants to send them on the earth, they're there!

I tell you, when you read the book of Revelation, you need to make up your mind you're not going to argue with God. 'God, love me; don't be made at me.'

Verse 11: "...yet they did not repent of their works.... [Clear down to the fifth seal, God is holding out repentance to them.] ...And the sixth angel poured out his vial into the great river Euphrates..." (vs 11-12).

Verse 17: "Then the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air..." Then we have the *Battle of Armageddon!*

Revelation 20—again it talks about the *mark of the beast*. When we go through this it gives us a good amount of understanding, but it doesn't answer all our questions. So, what we will have to do is wait until we are there and then we can see what will happen. That will answer our questions.

Revelation 20:4—after Satan is put in the abyss: "And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given to them; and I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and those who did not worship the beast, or his image, and did not receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

Eventually, all human life—past, present and future to the return of Christ and through the Millennium, and so forth—are all in the hands of God. Prophecy is interesting. Prophecy is challenging! But the main thing it comes down to this:

- How is our relationship with God?
- Do we love God?
- Do we serve God?
- Do we believe God?
- Do we obey God?
- Are we thankful for Christ and what He did?

All of those things then come down to our relationship with God.

This can give us some understanding if we don't go through and read these things and try to figure them out. Maybe there will be something that

we will miss. But there are some things that we don't know

Let's put it all in God's hands, thank Him for it, and make sure that we are faithful and yielded to God.

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