

Rising End-Time Signs

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After services last week, I went home and I wanted to see what was happening on the news. I turned it on and that's right when they were dropping the bombs in Iran.

Everybody was saying, 'Oh, this is the end of the world, the Tribulation has started and all the Sunday-keeping prophets online were all giving their opinion. 'This is Gog and Magog' and all of these things.

They don't have a clue as to what's happening! *They have no understanding!* They take a phrase here, a phrase there and try and construct it. But because:

- they *don't* believe God
- they *don't* accept His Truth
- they *won't* believe what they need to believe

So, we're going to look at some of those things today.

Remember last week on the Roman calendar was 7/21. Are those not Biblical numbers? *Seven and three!*

Then the next morning we wake up and what do we have after the bombing? *Peace!* Everyone thought we're going to get into WWII. Well, we're going to see there's one little phrase in Revelation that destroys that thought. We'll look at it.

Not only did that happen the first part of the week, but look at all of the Supreme Court decisions coming down, knocking down all of the lawfare that the Democrats have set up against Donald Trump.

Now then, let me read what President Trump said ending the war. And it was a 12-day war. Is 12 a Biblical number, too? *Yes, indeed!* Who was the greatest enemy of the Jews and of the other Arabs? *Iran!* To show how deceived they are, the Ayatollah came out and said, 'We won the war.' How more completely deceived can you be?

Here we have Donald Trump's message about the peace. And no one expected that. So here's his message.

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Congratulations to everyone! It has been fully agreed by and between Israel and Iran that there will be a Complete and Total CEASEFIRE (in approximately 6 hours from now, when Israel and Iran have wound down and completed their in progress, final missions!), for 12 hours, at

which point the War will be considered, ENDED!

Officially, Iran will start the CEASEFIRE and, upon the 12th Hour, Israel will start the CEASEFIRE and, upon the 24th Hour, an Official END to THE 12 DAY WAR will be saluted by the World.

During each CEASEFIRE, the other side will remain PEACEFUL and RESPECTFUL.

Netanyahu didn't want to do that. So Trump got on the phone and he said, 'Turn those planes around.' And then he had an expletive he shouldn't have, but nevertheless, it was true. They don't know what they're doing.

On the assumption that everything works as it should, which it will, I would like to congratulate both Countries, Israel and Iran, on having the Stamina, Courage, and Intelligence to end, what should be called, "THE 12 DAY WAR."

This is a war that could have gone on for years and destroyed the entire Middle East. Now isn't it interesting? I want you to think about this for a minute. Does God use Israel and the Jews to carry out things that He is determined he wants done? *Yes!*

Those two men, and especially Trump, have done more for controlling the world than anybody else. Remember when Trump went to NATO, they were all silly and giddy and happy and willing to put up 5% for their defense and they even called Trump 'daddy.'

- Did God use Nebuchadnezzar?
- Did he use Cyrus?
- *Yes!*
- Were they converted? *Probably not!*

Read Jer. 18; ***God judges all nations!*** What else happened on the peace in the world just yesterday? *The war with Rwanda and Congo: they signed a peace agreement.* They have been at war for 30 years. What is happening?

This is a war that could have gone on for years and destroy the entire Middle East, but it didn't and never will.

God bless Israel. God bless Iran. God bless the Middle East. God bless the United States of America. God bless the world.

I mean, think of that! When he also spoke, he thanked God personally. There's something going on behind

the scenes that we don't know anything about between what God wants Trump to do and their relationship. Now let's look at something else.

What is the key to understanding the throne in the UK? There are several keys.

KEY: The first two children of Judah by Tamar were twins. The first one coming out stuck out his hand and the midwife put a red thread around his wrist to designate who was born first. But he pulled his hand back and that was Zara. Then Perez was born. So, Perez was *the breach*, and that's what Perez means. He was the firstborn and the throne went to him first.

- What's another key?
- What happened when the Babylonians came and finally destroyed Jerusalem and the temple?

KEY: Zedekiah could have saved the temple from being destroyed, *but he didn't believe Jeremiah!* Remember when he called for Jeremiah? 'Oh, Jeremiah, come and see me. I won't tell anybody you're here.'

Jeremiah told him, 'If you will surrender to Nebuchadnezzar, then you'll sit as a vassal king and 'I [God] won't destroy the city and the temple.' But he wouldn't do it. So, he thought he could escape by night, and took his sons with him. ***You can never go against God!***

The Babylonians captured him, took him to Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar killed his sons, gouged out his eyes and sent him on to Babylon for the rest of his life.

KEY: *It's in one sentence in the book of Jeremiah!* You'll have to look it up. It's in there right after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Jews going down to Egypt.

- What did it say? *Jeremiah had the king's daughters!*
- Why? *Because God promised David that a man would always sit on the throne down through all history!*
- Where did they go? *They went to Egypt!*
- From there, where did they go? *To Ireland!*

Guess whose descendants were in Ireland; *the Jewish descendants of Zarah!* Teia Teph married one of the princes who became king.

So, God's Word was true down through everything in spite of all that went on.

Then the prophecy in Ezekiel that it would overturn three times. So this was the first overturn. Second overturn was up to Scotland. And the third overturn was back to London. Then come to today:

- Who's Donald Trump?
- Why is he doing what he is doing?
- Why does he have a relationship with God?
However that relationship may be!

He's from the Royal Scottish line, meaning he's of the descendants of Zarah and the princess.

Now the king sitting on the throne today—King Charles—has virtually no impact at all. It's a miracle he still recognizes that he's here. What we see is the Word of God is always true. What did Jesus say in his last prayer about the Word of God? *He said two things:*

1. Your Word is the Truth

Of those that He called to be apostles and those who would come later:

2. Sanctify them

What does sanctify mean? *Make Holy! Those who would come after!*

So, there's one sentence in there where Jesus is praying for the apostles that everybody else who would believe them. *One sentence!* I want you to think about *Truth in one word from God will always stand!*

Dwight Blevins is our numbers guy. He can see numbers here and there and everywhere and put them together and they make sense all the time.

Also remember that *time goes in a spiral!* As the earth is turning, it's moving in another pattern as it's turning and that creates a spiral tail behind it. Same thing with the universe. Same thing with trees. Did you know trees grow in spirals? When you look at a paper straw, how do they make that paper straw? It's in a spiral. Why? Because it gives it strength. That's why trees grow in spirals. It gives them strength. They have to have strength against the wind; they have to have strength to hold all the branches.

Another thing they have found out is that our hearts are a spiral pump. Just like water comes out of the tap in a spiral from right to left in the northern hemisphere, from left to right in the southern hemisphere. So our blood is pumped through our system in a spiral.

Time is in a spiral. So Dwight writes this:

President Trump's statement is a construct of 6 plus 12, which equals 24. It was already 6/24 in the Middle East when the President issued his unusual succinct statement with specific time markers, which outlined a pattern of 6/24. Though the calendars are different, Gregorian and Biblical, this was the very date pattern,

which ended WWII on the U.S. Missouri, named for the 24th state of the Union.

Same day!

The official end of WWII came on 6/24 of the Biblical calendar, 1945.

On 9/11, 2001, it was 6/23 in the U.S. and already 6/24 in the Middle East.

- Does God operate by numbers? *Yes!*

I mean, think about this:

- How many churches are in Rev. 2 & 3? *Seven!*
- How come there aren't 13?
- How come there aren't 25?

God operates by numbers!

Think about this in relationship to Christ. Where is the first prophecy of the coming Messiah? *Genesis 3:15!* *Passover!* Think on that. ***The Passover becomes a critical day for all the operations of God!*** The major ones!

When did God pass over the children of Israel's firstborn? *Passover!* Now we've covered this where at Pentecost they received the Law. When they went into the Holy Land, what is the first thing they observed after they went through the River Jordan? *Passover!*

Now then, you come on down to the birth of Christ and on to the death of Christ. What day was that on? *Passover*, the 14th day of the 1st month. ***That's the five days that changed the world forever.*** So the numbers make a great deal of difference.

The Twin Towers fell in Manhattan when the time calculated by 6 pm to 6 pm Biblical calendar reckoning.

So, President Trump issued his statement on 6/23 in the US, but it was 6/24 in Israel and Iran. Trump won the 2024 election with 312 electoral votes, which is a sub harmonic of 6/11...

- 3 is half of 6
- 12 is half of 24

Haggai 1:15 became November, 11/5 date 2024 when Donald Trump became President of the United States for the second time.

The day of Trump etc. occurs precisely 11.5% of the time on the weekday of Tuesday, the date of the election in the United States. Today is Tuesday, the date 6/24.

Amazing! When I was on the Caravan to Midnight In the last 15 minutes, *John B asked me:*

- What was this going to lead to?

- Will it lead to WWIII?

I said, 'No, it will be peace!' That's the way it turned out right now. Why did I say that? Because it looks like God is using Donald Trump to get everything set up for the final finale:

- before Christ begins to return
- before the antichrist comes on the scene and the great apostasy of the one-world religion and the one world government takes over
- also to give peace so the Jews will build a temple

Rev. 6:1 tells us that ***nothing in the end-time prophecies are going to take place unless the command comes from God in heaven above:***

- there isn't going to be any man on the earth to tell God what to do
- there isn't going to be any prophecy that a man is going to bring that is going to counteract anything that God says

The first one is going to be because there's peace on the earth. Then it looks like there's going to be a great movement toward the amalgamation of all religions. As we're thinking about the Middle East, think about this. Whose descendants are involved? ***The descendants of Abraham!*** Everyone involved in that directly in the Middle East, with the exception of Iran, are descendants of Abraham:

- the Jews
- Ishmael
- Esau
- Edom

Now, Egypt is always right there in the middle of it.

- America
- Europe

All of those are involved in what's going on now. And China's over here wondering, what are we going to do? Russia doesn't know what to do, yet. It was rumored that Putin called Trump and said, is there any way I can help it? He said, 'no!' We'll look for this right now. This is what's going to start working.

- we don't know if the seal is open
- we don't know how long it's going to take
- we don't know how many years we have down the road

But we'll look at the events that we need to watch so that we will understand what is actually happening. Also, we will see that we have a great responsibility in preaching the Truth and doing our part, as well as all of the Churches of God to do their part.

So, what they need to do, because a lot of you out there in the different Churches of God, you've got to get some of these doctrinal things straightened around.

Revelation 6:1: "And I looked when the Lamb opened one of the seals..."

This is the first one; so, Christ is in charge of taking care of the end-time events.

"...and I heard one of the four living creatures say, like the sound of thunder, '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).

Why didn't he have arrows? *Because this is the false prophet!* What did we also have earlier this summer? What happened? *A new pope!* Now, he was born in America, but he's Italian, French, and Spanish. And he proclaimed, 'I am a Roman.' So, we'll see all religions. The only way that they're going to get along for a while is to accept each other as they are and not fight them. We'll see why in just a minute here.

Verse 3: "And when He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, 'Come and see.'"

This is the one who is going to be the antichrist. And he's going to come out of Europe. What did Trump do to Europe? *Get them started to start rising as a power in the world!*

God does a lot of things! That's why we have to:

- stay close to God
- keep the Truth
- obey Him
- look at the events
- see what's happening

Verse 4: "And another horse went out *that was red*; and *power* was given to the one sitting on it **to take peace from the earth...**"

- What does that tell us?
- Is this that is happening now, the beginning of that peace on the earth?
- How will we know? *We will have wait and see about the temple!*

There are still some people, and ministers who say, that the Jews can sacrifice without a temple.

Yes, they can take 12 stones, as I said last week. But they can't offer morning and evening sacrifice. They cannot offer any sacrifice for sin.

What does it tell us in Dan. 12, that after

1,290 days the sacrifices are stopped, and the abomination of desolation comes in. So, there has to be a temple built.

We'll talk about the two witnesses here in a little bit when we get to Haggai and Zechariah.

Revelation 11:1: "Then *the angel* gave me a measuring rod like a staff, saying, 'Arise and measure the Temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it.'"

It's not talking about a vision that is not real. This is talking about what is going to be happening just before the resurrection.

Verse 2: "But leave out the court that is within the temple *area*, and do not measure it because it has been given *up* to the Gentiles; and they shall trample upon the Holy city *for* forty-two months." *That's three and a half years; hasn't happened yet.*

Verse 3: "And I will give *power* to My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

What is the difference between 1290 and 1260?

- 1260 is with common years, 42 months
- 1290 is with two common years and one leap year of 30 days, hence 1290

Verse 4: "These are the two olive trees, and *the two* lampstands that stand before the God of the earth."

Don't anyone think that some minister in any Church of God is one of the two witnesses nor his wife. They're well beyond the 1260 days and their bodies were not lying in Jerusalem. David Pack better understand he's not going to be the head of the two witnesses. **God is!** Amen!

Verse 5: "And if anyone attempts to harm them, fire will go out of their mouths and devour their enemies...."

Did the one who said he and his wife are the two witnesses, did they have fire go out of their mouth? *No!* As a matter of fact, he got caught for fraud for having a Swiss bank account from the tithes and offerings of the brethren that he put over there for himself, *and he spent time in a federal jail!* ' "

"...For if anyone attempts to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. These have authority to shut heaven..." (vs 5-6).

Now, did anyone shut up the heavens? *No!* No one is going to tell God what to do—**period!** That goes back to Isa. 29: 'Shall the potter say to the clay, what are you making? Now you get some clay and work it in your hands and see if it speaks to you.'

Verse 6: “These have authority to shut heaven so that no rain may fall in *the* days of their prophecy; and they have authority over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they will.” *Hasn’t happened yet!*

Verse 7: “And when they have completed their testimony, the beast who ascends out of the abyss... [Satan the devil] ...will make war against them, and will overcome them, and will kill them.”

Again, the world’s going to think: ‘Oh, finally! Just think of that. No more bloody water. No more mosquitoes. No more locusts. No more mice, no hemorrhoids!’

Now then, this tells us exactly when these things are going to occur by the event.

Verse 8: “And their bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt...”

Now think about this: There are a lot of people who think that the Jews in the area of Jerusalem today and Palestine and what they call Israel; it’s not Israel, *it’s Judea!* They think that they’re only Khazars, that they’re not really Jews. Well, did God make a mistake in putting Jews there and put Khazars there instead of Jews? *No!* They know nothing of the history of the Khazarian Jews, because a lot of those who were in Babylon went after the area of Khazaria, and that’s where the Jews lived for centuries.

So, the ones who are there in Palestine today are Jews that God wants there. Do you think God is going to let Khazars build His temple? *No!* Even though they’re going to build it, *the return of Christ is going to destroy it so they can learn the lesson of Isa. 66:1-2.*

You’re not going to make a temple to tell God to come into the Holy of Holies here, because we made the temple. What does God say? *I fill the heavens and the earth with all that I have made! Christ is going to destroy that temple!* There will be no *Millennial* temple as people have said or commentaries have said in the past. You read Isa. 4 God only gives two verses to what He’s going to have in Jerusalem on the Mount of Olives: *a tabernacle!* I’ve covered that before.

What that’s going to look like, He’s not going to tell us because he’s going to build it. Who’s going to be there?

- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- David
- the apostles
- all the prophets
- the patriarchs

That’s going to be the central government of the

whole world for a thousand years!

You’re not going to confine God into a little cubits of a four by four by four in a temple called the Holy Place. God put a Holy presence there called the ‘Shanika,’ but He Himself didn’t personally live there.

Verse 9: “Then those of the peoples and tribes and languages and nations shall see their bodies three and a half days, for they will not allow their bodies to be put into tombs. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, and will make merry, and will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets had tormented those who dwell on the earth. Then after the three and a half days” (vs 9-11). *Now, this is just the beginning of the resurrection here.*

What we need to know is God is operating all the time in the world to carry out *what He wants done!* *IF* we yield to God and do what God wants, will He use us to do it? *IF* we do what He wants! We don’t go to God *and tell God what we’re going to do*, and then He’s got to make it happen because we told Him so. Never happened!

Verse 11: “Then after the three and a half days *the* Spirit of Life from God entered into them and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.... [I imagine so] ...And they heard a great voice from heaven...” (vs 11-12).

Here is God’s first personal intervention into the world. “...say, ‘Come up here!’” (v 12).

What is this? The only two to ascend to God. The first two who were the last two martyrs. they’re going to the Sea of Glass. ‘The last shall be first.’ Is this happening here? Right here? *Yes!*

“...And they ascended into heaven in a cloud; and their enemies saw them *rise*. Then the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet...” (vs 14-15).

When there are seven trumpets, which one is the last trumpet? *The seventh!*

“...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” (v 15).

Then the resurrection for all the saints take place. And someone said, ‘Yeah, it’s going to happen on Pentecost.’ But think about this: Someone asked me the question here recently: Why does it say no one knows the day or the hour, but we understand Pentecost?

I told them it’s very simple: When you view the earth from heaven, there are parts of two days going on all the time. Here we’re speaking now, and it’s early, early in the morning on Sunday in New

Zealand and Australia.

- Do we know what time it is over there? *No!*
- Do they know what time it is over here? *No!*
- Do they know which day they're on? *Yes!*
- Do they know which day we're on? *Yes!*
- But which day did God choose?

or

- Will the resurrection occur in cycles around the world?

What's the world going to think when they see these people rising?

They're going to say, 'Oh, I missed the rapture!' *No, they won't.* They'll say that these are aliens from outer space taking people up. They're going to be astonished when that great Sea of Glass is right over Jerusalem.

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As we have seen in Rev. 11 that there's going to be a temple. Now we've already covered this extensively here recently so I'll just refer to it again. You cannot have 'an abomination of desolation stand in the Holy Place' unless there is a temple.

Remember what Jesus said of the temple that was there when the disciples came and said, 'Look at the temple how beautiful it is and everything.'

- What did Jesus say?
- You see all that you're looking at?

'There shall not one stone be left upon another' and that's what happened to that temple. Now then, little later He said, 'When you see the abomination of desolation stand in the Holy Place.'

Matt. 24—we'll look at that because this is a very interesting thing. A lot of people miss it.

Matthew 24:15: "Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation..."

Now that's also confirmed in 2-Thessalonians the second chapter that he goes into the Temple of God and says he's 'God.'

- that tells you he's going to be destroyed 'with the brightness of His [Christ's] coming
- that tells you that before Christ returns they've got to build a temple
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So this is the thing we need to look for now! They're going to have to start working toward building the temple. Now you go to **templeinstitute.org** and you see what they have there in building the temple. The Jews are not going to have sacrifices on stones.

After all that they've had in the Middle East and all the wars that they've gone through and all the things that they have gone through, you think they're going to settle for a few sacrifices on stones?

- you can't have morning and evening sacrifices
- you can't have sacrifice for sin
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None of that on stones!

Verse 15: "Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, standing in the Holy Place.'.... [notice what follows]: ...(The one who reads, let him understand.)"—*a parenthetical statement!*

- Why is that a parenthetical statement? *Because that was added at the time when they canonized the New Testament around 100AD!*
- Was there any temple in Jerusalem at that time? *No! It had been totally destroyed! Not one stone upon another stone!*

So in canonizing the New Testament, John had to put in this statement: "...**(The one who reads, let him understand.)**" That's not something Jesus said.

That's what John put in there. Why did He put it there? *Because there was no temple standing!* And when it was destroyed in 70AD, did John know all about the destruction of the temple? *Of course.*

He knew that the vision in Rev. 11 said to 'measure the temple.' So, he put in this parenthetical statement. ("The one who reads, let him understand.")

All of those tell us there will be a temple. Now let's come back to the book of Haggai, which is a very interesting prophecy. It talks about the building of the second temple after the Jews had come back from Babylon. And actually to complete the whole thing it took a total of 49 years because of all the wars and difficulties that they had. There's some good lessons for us here.

Haggai 1:1: "In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the Word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, 'Thus the LORD of hosts speaks, saying, "This people says, 'The time has not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built'"' (vs 1-2).

That's what they were saying there, but that was a thing that now will be overcome with what's going on today. "...the time that the LORD'S house should be built."

Verse 3: "Then came the Word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, 'Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your finished houses, and shall this My house lie waste?' And now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Consider your ways'" (vs 3-5).

This is what's going to be happening in the area where the Jews are today in Judea. They're going to consider their ways.

Verse 6: "You have sown much, but bring in little; *you* eat, but you do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you dress, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes." *Inflation, worthless money!*

Verse 7: "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Consider your ways.'"

This is what's going to happen. There will be a repentance of Jews toward building the temple.

What's going to happen after the temple is built? There will be how many in Rev. 7? *144,000, 12,000 from each tribe of the children of Israel!*

That tells you another thing. The ten tribes are still here, too. They're not all in the Middle East. Then after that an innumerable multitude. When you follow the time scale on that, that probably happens on the next to the last Pentecost before the resurrection. So, they're one year from Pentecost to Pentecost converted. Here's a prophecy: "...Consider your ways."

Verse 12: "Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him...."

There's going to have to be a movement among the Jews to build a temple.

"...And the people feared before the LORD. Then Haggai, the LORD'S messenger, spoke the message of the LORD to the people, saying, 'I am with you,' says the LORD.' And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people...." (vs 12-14).

God will move them to do certain things. Now it's pretty evident that God has done certain things here in America with what Trump is doing and moving him to do certain things that He [God] wants him to do.

"...And they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God" (v 14).

Now let's come to Zachariah, which is a very interesting book, because contained in here are prophecies that are directly related to what they were actually doing in Judea at the time in building the temple and the visions that Zachariah saw.

Plus we have some prophecies just ahead of that time and then we have prophecies at the end-time. They're sort of all mixed together so it's a little

difficult to figure out exactly how all of them apply but we will see this answers: Who are the two witnesses?

Rev. 11 says that *these are the two who what stand before the God of the earth!*

So, God's going to select them. Do they deserve by their own works to be what they are? *No!* God is going to deal with them.

Zechariah 3:1: "And He showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him." *Satan is there to try and stop it, but he's not going to!*

Verse 2: "And the LORD said to Satan, 'May the LORD rebuke you, Satan! May even the LORD Who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! **Is this not a brand plucked out of the fire?**'"

What does that tell you? That this one who is going to be the high priest, though he's of the high priest line, didn't have a very righteous life right.

"...Is this not a brand plucked out of the fire?"—*saved from burning!*

Verse 3: "Now, Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel"—showing that he had been living a very sinful life up to that time. That's quite amazing to figure that out!

Verse 4: "And He answered and spoke to those who stood before him, saying, 'Take the filthy garments from off him.' And to him He said, 'Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe you with ceremonial robes.'"

Guess what they have already manufactured in Jerusalem? *All the robes of the high priest; all the things concerning for the Levites!*

- they know who the Levites are
- they know who of the priestly line are

They've done genetics on it so they know what they're doing!

Verse 5: "And I said, 'Let them set a clean miter on his head.' And they set a clean miter on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by. And the angel of the LORD charged Joshua, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My charge, then you shall also judge My house, and shall also keep My courts, and I will give you places to walk among these who stand by'''" (vs 5-7).

So, God is going to be active in them building that temple.

Verse 8: "Hear now, O Joshua the high priest,

you and your fellows who sit before you... [all of the other ones who will be consecrated to operate at the temple] ... for they *are* men wondered at, for behold, I will bring forth My Servant the Branch!" *This is right before the return of Christ!*

Verse 9: "For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua: On one stone *are* seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its engraving *upon it*," says the LORD of hosts, "and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day." *That will happen later when Christ returns!*

Verse 10: "In that day," says the LORD of hosts, "you shall call, each man to his neighbor, to sit under the vine and under the fig tree." *That goes right into the Millennium!*

Zech. 4—here we have one of the two witnesses; ***the coming high priest at the temple!***

Zechariah 4:1: "And the angel that talked with me came again and awakened me, as a man that is awakened out of his sleep. And he said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see, and behold, a lampstand, all of it gold, and a bowl on its top, and its seven lamps upon it, and seven pipes to the seven lamps on its top'" (vs 1-2).

This is not the same candelabra that was for the original tabernacle. Here it is that there are seven lights and on top of it is golden bowl, and coming down into pipes into the seven lamps was the olive oil.

Could those seven be the seven churches? *We don't know, but it's very possible*, because there will be the seven churches at the end.

Verse 4: "And I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, 'What *are* these, my lord?' Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, 'Do you know what these *are*?' And I said, 'No, my lord.' Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, 'This *is* the Word of the LORD to Zerubbabel... [that's the governor] ...saying, 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts'" (vs 4-6).

So the two ***witnesses no one could touch them!*** Why? *Because God protected them and gave them great powers!*

Verse 7: "Who *are* you, O **great mountain?**.... [that has got to be the Beast Power] ...Before Zerubbabel..."

So, here we have right now everything being manipulated around by God to accomplish what He wants done in the Middle East, *and there's got to be peace to do it!* I think it's really interesting that it involves all the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob I mean think about:

- the Middle East
- Europe
- UK
- America
- Canada
- Australia
- New Zealand

all the descendants of Abraham! Nothing about Africa nothing about the Orient, that comes a little later. This this is quite a thing that God is doing right now!

"...*you shall become* a plain; and he shall bring forth the head stone with shoutings, 'Grace! Grace unto it!'.... [that's the coming of Christ] ...And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house...' (vs 7-9).

When they lay the foundation of the house that's going to be a great ceremony! I've wondered if Donald Trump will be there? Will Netanyahu be there? *Could be, we don't know!*

Verse 9: "'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house. His hands shall also finish *it*.' And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you."

That happened in building the temple at that time, and it's going to happen in building the temple this time.

Verse 10: "For who has despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. **These seven are the eyes of the LORD**, which run to and fro through the whole earth."

That's another study in itself: the seven Spirits of God, so He knows what's going on everywhere all the time. What does it say about a bird? ***If a sparrow falls God knows about it!*** Think about that!

Verse 11: "And I answered and said to him, 'What *are* these two olive trees on the right side of the lampstand and on its left side?' And I answered again and said to him, 'What *are* the two olive branches beside the two golden pipes, emptying the golden *oil* out of themselves?' And he answered me and said, 'Do you not know what these *are*?' And I said, 'No, my lord.' And he said, '**These are the two anointed ones who stand by the LORD of the whole earth**'" (vs 11-14).

That identifies the two witnesses very clearly! No one stands between them and God (Rev. 11).

Let me just say this about the Bible: everything that is before and after you need to read.

All the Commentaries in the front, because that answers a lot of questions:

- How do we get the Bible?
- What do we have the Bible?
- Why was this translated?

I didn't copy Dr. Ernest Martin; this was known by all Bible scholars for a long, long time: the correct order of the books of the Bible

Sidebar: Dr. Martin left Worldwide COG, and he started the *Association for Scriptural Knowledge*. He wrote the books:

- The Temples that Jerusalem Forgot
- Restoring the Original Bible

He set it up with Dave Tabor and Robert L. Kuhn; they were supposed to be doing the translation. They collected money for 10 years and my friend Bob Elsworth was the treasurer, and they collected about \$100,000 every year. But after 10 years Taber barely finished Genesis.

Why? They weren't there to do it, they were there to keep it from being done!

So I told Bob Elsworth when we were doing the New Testament. I said, You better be careful because you've collected a lot of money over the years and they haven't produced very much, and you may be sued!

I later found out from Dr. Sielaff who succeeded Dr. Martin after he died that that's exactly what was in the works. So, Dr. Sielaff gave a great review for *The Holy Bible In Its Original Order, A Faithful Version* and it's the only one to this date done in English that is in its original order.

I didn't set out to do it, but that's what God worked out and opened the doors so it would be done.

Since I've been able to be on Caravan to Midnight for quite a while now—and I appreciate that very much—we've had a good response for people writing in for things. But now that I look at what we have, what God had us do already to be able to help people... Because if they come with a question say what about this? what about that? what about the other thing? We can say here read this 'go on our websites

- truthofGod.org
- afaithfulversion.org

you can download the whole Bible into your smartphone

July 17th I'm going to also advertise the book: *Lord What Should I Do?* Because there are a lot of

Protestants out there and Catholics who need to know! What are you going to do?

There's one couple that that were baptized by Byron Norrod over in Colorado Catholics who said, 'We've been searching for God all our lives.'

➤ *Lord What Should I Do?*

It tells you what you need to do, because it's all right here:

- What do you do?
- Where do you go?
- Who is God?
- How do you pray?
- How do you understand the Bible ?

Then there's another one, and this is one of our best books and I recommend that everyone you get it and you read it:

➤ *From A Speck of Dust To A Son of God: Why Were You Born*

An amazing book! I hadn't looked at it for a long, long time and all I can do is say, 'Thank You, God that we were able to do it.' It's a unique book; ***there's no other book like it in the world!*** After they find out what they need to do then this tells them:

- what God is doing
- how God is doing it
- how do you pray
- how do you study
- what is baptism

All of that all right here, and ***you were created from a speck of dust!*** Think about that! Think of that the next time you look in the mirror see if you can find a speck of dust. Everything that you are came from that speck of dust from your mother and your father. You have:

- a mind
- eyes
- ears
- a mouth

You can

- breathe
- walk
- talk
- think
- make choices

All of these things are from God; yet, how many people out there know why they were born?

'Well we evolved from apes!' ***NO!*** The worst thing that ever happened to the UK is Charles Darwin! We are purposefully made by God for a great purpose and for those of us in the Church now, now is the time we all need to:

- in every Church of God
- every minister
- every elder
- everyone everywhere that have anything to do with God

I'm in touch with the seven day Adventist as I mentioned before, and there's a big movement going on with them to try and get back to the Bible. In 1883 they voted not to keep the Holy Days. Here in California there are some who keep the Holy Days in other places, as well. But Richard Gonzalez the SDA minister I'm in touch with—he lives in Virginia—is astonished at all the things we have done!

It's all possible because of all the brethren! That's why any money that comes in, any tithes or offerings that come in we put it into things to help people see. Now we have these websites out there and you can have the whole Bible in the palm of your hand; think about that you go back to the days of those who were who were copying and writing down the Bible on lambskin vellum, because they didn't know how to make paper.

Then look where it came from. The first thing printed by Gutenberg was the Bible, and there are more Bibles in the world than ever before, but it doesn't do any good unless people have the material to know what they need to do. So, we need to ask God to open more doors for us so that more can repent and they will have the information. They won't have to wait and wait; it'll be ready for them. This one here I'm reading it and I'm thinking as I'm reading it: **God only** could have inspired what had to be written here. This is really a Bible study now I'm rereading it so I know everything that is in it:

- there are pictures of the speck of dust
 - there are pictures of children being born
- Amazing!
- there are pictures of galaxies

because God says what it's saying in Dan. 12 that **'those who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars of heaven!'** That those who attain to the resurrection Jesus said, **'their face shall shine like the sun!'**

So, we need to understand why we're here where we're going see and you need to get rid of your stupid hierarchies.

God is the One Who determines doctrine, not a committee of men! A committee of men is exactly what the Catholics use to *change* doctrine!

It's the Word of God that's what it is so we need to have it we need to get it out. Besides the Bible we have a new series that we're doing:

- *Basic Biblical Christianity* Volume One

This is the result of the elders at our last elders conference. They said we need something for new people that is a quick read. Got it right here we're working on more. That'll start them out, because I'm of the kind that I like to get into details and I go into details and details and details and pretty soon it adds up to so much. If someone new comes along and says 'how can you help me' and you hand them a book that's six inches thick and say 'read it!' They won't be able to do it; they need something like this!

Revelation 1:13^[transcriber's correction]—*this is John seeing Christ: "And in the midst of the seven lampstands..."—we read that in Zech. 4, the seven lampstands!*

Now this is in a circle, it's not a menorah, because you can't stand in the midst of a menorah. But you can stand in the center of a circle.

"...One like the Son of man, clothed in a garment reaching to the feet, and girded about the chest with a golden breastplate. And His head and hair were like white wool, white as snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire" (vs 13-14).

That tells you what it's going to be like to be a spirit being, lesser of course, but what did John write in 1-John 3? ***We will see Him [Christ] exactly as he is because we'll be like Him!***

I mean think about the calling! This is not a Church organization or religion of the world:

- this is a calling of God
- this is the Truth of God
- this is the Word of God
- this is what He has promised
- this is what we need to keep in our mind

Verse 15: "And His feet were like fine brass, as if they glowed in a furnace; and His voice was like the sound of many waters. And in His right hand He had seven stars, and a sharp two-edged sword went out of His mouth, and His countenance was as the sun shining in its full power" (vs 15-16).

What is it like to be a spirit being? Look at it this way: Find yourself a piece of dust and then look at yourself in the mirror how much different are you from that piece of dust? By comparison how much different it's going to be from being a human being in the flesh and a spirit being.

What God has called us to is something so great, so magnificent! ***We will see that Satan is right there to try and take it away!***

Verse 17: "And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as if dead; but He laid His right hand upon me, saying to me, 'Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last, even the One Who is living; for I was dead, and behold, **I am alive into the ages of eternity.**'"

Amen.... [that's what God is holding out for us] ...And I have the keys of *the* grave and of death'" (vs 17-18). *Only Christ can open the grave!*

Verse 19: "**Write**..."

Interesting, He says that three or four times in Rev. Why does He want it written down? *Well, John's gonna die and Christ wants us to know what it is!* When we read it He'll inspire us to understand it so that we know what God is doing.

Verse 19: "Write the things that you saw, and the things that are, and the things that shall take place hereafter. The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, *is this*: the seven stars are *the* angels of the seven churches; and the seven lampstands that you saw are *the* seven churches" (vs 19-20).

So we can say Rev. 1 interprets Zech. 4—seven churches, and the Holy oil pictures the Spirit of God, **and this is what we need to have!**

Revelation 2:1: "To the angel of the Ephesian Church, write: 'These things says He Who holds the seven stars in His right hand, Who walks in *the* midst of the seven golden lampstands.'"

Christ is in our midst spiritually with the Holy spirit within each one of us! That's an amazing thing! I want all of us to ***remember this and never forget it: Every single one of us have contact to God the Father directly through prayer!***

Think about that! You have the Holy Spirit, ***which is a begettal from God the Father and Christ for eternal life and you have direct access to God the Father in heaven above:***

- all of the time day or night
- wherever you are
- as quick as a thought in your mind
- as quick as you can get on your knees

So, you take everything to God! You can't work it out yourself! This is why we'll see in going through the seven churches that whenever they got to the point that they thought they were good enough that they could tell God what to do BAM! something always happens! ***That's what happened to Worldwide COG!***

Herbert Armstrong was never an apostle; he got everything that he got from the Church of God Seventh-Day, with the exception of 'the spirit of man.' That came through Ernest Martin, but he wouldn't give Ernest Martin any credit for it.

Sidebar on Ernest Martin and Herbert Armstrong and the Bible. When we I set up the Greek class with Dr. Dorothy the first thing we asked him was:

- Shouldn't the Church produce the Bible?

- Shouldn't have Worldwide Church of God produce the Bible?
- Didn't they have the money? *Yeah there was one year they took in \$120 million!*

What was his answer? If Herbert Armstrong's name was not on it, it would never be published. I never forgot that! That was from late 1973, very first Greek class that we had.

Verse 2: "**I know your works**..."

God knows everything we do that's why there's repentance every day if there are mistakes and sins that come along.

God is interested in total conversion of the heart, mind, soul and being; that's what He wants. God is not like a crucifix or a rosary or a rabbit's foot! ***God's Spirit is right in you and He wants to perfect you!*** But we have to do the work and then He does the spiritual work!

IF you don't study IF you don't pray how is God going to work with you? These are the words of Life! Isn't that what Peter said? *Yes!*

Jesus said, ***The words that I speak to you they are Spirit and Life!***

Some of the disciples because Jesus said, 'Eat my flesh and drink my blood,' they went away and Jesus looked at Peter and said, 'Where will you go? Peter said, ***Lord you have the words of eternal life!***'

So, that's what it is; *that's why we're here!* This is why we have the calling! Doesn't matter if you're alone; sometimes that's the best, because then you trust in God, and that's what has to happen!

God wants to know of us: What are we—each one of us before God—are alone and no one else is there:

- What are your thoughts?
- What do you do?
- What is your mind on?
- How do you live your life?

Remember this no secret with God!

Verse 2: "I know your works, and your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot bear those who are evil; and *that* you did test those who proclaim *themselves* to be apostles, but are not, and did find them liars."

That's why there's so much about exposing the religions of this world and it's multiplied many times over now than what it was back then.

Verse 3: "And *that* you have borne *much* and have endured, and for My name's sake have labored and have not grown weary; nevertheless, I have *this* against you..." (vs 3-4).

Now stop and think about it: What does God have against me? Ask the question; not of the other person I'm looking at, **but me!**

- between me and God
- between you and God

That's what's important!

Verse 4: "Nevertheless, I have *this* against you, that you have **left your first love**"—'agape'—*you slack off on loving God!*

How do you love God? *By keeping His Commandments!* That's rudimentary!

- by thinking on His Word
- by studying His Word
- by understanding His Word
- by how man is to live

What did Jesus say? By every Word of God!

If you're to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God how are these ministers going to stand up and say, 'Oh the Law is abolished.' How do you like lawlessness in the world? *They're agents of Satan the devil!*

Now, I was going through just the other night—I check up on them every once in a while—TBN, Day Star and the Catholic one. I was astonished!

It's all happy sing-song this and that, and Kenneth Copeland is getting to be senile. You go watch him and then you have Joanie and all the singing women and all the women preachers.

Then you go to the Catholic channel and here's the priest and you've got all this hypnotic music to keep you hypnotized and all the chants. He has the robe, he has the cup and he has a little basket with the bread in it. Then he's got that little thing where they have the 'holy place' where they put the bread. Then it pans the audience and there's not more than about a dozen people there.

Anyway, I watched that and I think to myself how do these people get so entrenched into this and the priest have license to do anything. That's why they're pedophiles.

Then the priest is supposed to have the power that when he blesses the wine and blesses the bread it becomes the blood of Jesus and His flesh, and that's the mystery that they hold over the people.

Because everyone who takes of it says, 'Well, it's still wine and it's still bread.' I've said before you can't have any of the flesh or the blood of Christ because He's a spirit being and He no longer has flesh and blood. He shed all of His blood for the sins of the world; end of story! But you look at that you take all these people are there and they have three-billion

Catholics, a billion and a half Protestants, and then you have that many Muslims and how many Hindus and Buddhists.

So, here we are with the Church; think of what a tragic thing it is ***if you slack up on loving God with all your heart, mind, soul and being!*** That's what it is here so He says:

Verse 5: "Therefore, **remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works; for if you do not, I will come to you quickly...**"

- Did God come to Worldwide Church of God and take it away? *Absolutely!*
- Why? ***Because they forgot God!***

"...and I will remove your lampstand out of its place unless you repent. But this you have: that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate" (vs 5-6).

Verse 7: "**The one who has an ear, let him hear...** [we all have two] ...**what the Spirit says to the Churches...**"

God's Spirit moving in each one of us, what does God's Spirit lead us to do with the Word of God

- to love God
- to keep His Commandments
- to believe Him

That's what God wants every day!

- that's our life
- that's why we draw breath
- that's why we look forward to the resurrection

In the days that we're facing right now we don't know what God is going to open for us. or what we're going to do, but whatever it is God has helped us to provide what we need.

Now we're not done producing things, yet! We're still doing them, because we have the book that I did a series on:

- *The Love of God Which Surpasses Human Knowledge* (new)

It's coming out in a book with a with the a DVD to go with it; a beautiful cover and 300 pages. The first one is *Remember, When All Else Fails God Loves You!*

What is the ultimate of it? Let's see what it says right at the end of Eph. 3. Paul was there in prison in Rome when he wrote Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. He was virtually alone. Some of the times that you get close to God is when you are alone. You've studied, you pray and you think about what God is doing and God's Spirit moves you. tears come into your eyes and you're so thankful to God for everything that there is.

Now think about Paul; he said; Ephesians 3:7: “Of which I became a servant according to the gift of the grace of God, which was given to me through the inner working of His power.”

That’s what God wants working in our mind. Here’s what he thought; think about how arrogant he was when he was out arresting all those who were Christian to take him off and throw him in prison ***before God struck him down and called him!*** Think about:

- How powerful he thought he was?
- How mighty he thought he was?
- What does God’s Spirit do to us?

Same thing it did to him and it takes time!

Verse 8: “**To me, who am less than the least of all the saints...**”

- Was he humble?
- Was he completely yielded to God? *Yes indeed, so that he could give what is given in the rest of it!*
- Isn’t that something?

That’s why it says in all of the seven churches ‘I know your works...’

So, wherever we are and we’re thankful to have this digital setup, this live streaming, and it’s the reason we’re scattered today:

- for our own protection
- for our own personal growth
- so that we can draw close to God
- so that we’re not leaning on other people for our righteousness
 - ✓ we’re leaning on God
 - ✓ we’re looking to God

We have a lot of brethren out there who were in their late 70s, 80s, 90s; I talked to a woman 95—Shirley Price—she lives in Pennsylvania and quite a woman. She’s been through it all and there she is at 95, faithful! Her handwriting is perfect! She says she’s a little weak. But you see, there are many brethren out there, maybe not that old. Then we have Peter Fairbanks who is going on 98!

So, God has preserved a lot of brethren who have been faithful and all of us who have been faithful we need to always understand what we need to do to get the Gospel out. You can take these books that I just mentioned here and give them to anyone you want. That will help them, that will give them more information than attending a Protestant Church for 10 years!

There we are, we’ll finish up with the Churches next week!

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