

THOUGHTS ON THE REVELATION

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SUPPLEMENT

My thoughts on the Revelation have accumulated over a period of years. They were put in manuscript form in 1913. This month I have made another careful study of this the last Book of Inspired prophecy.

I found no reason to change any of the main Gestures of my thoughts. However I have made a new revision, eliminating some repetitions and clarifying some other statements.

In the beginning I thought that I would eliminate errors in typing. Some I did but in reading the type-script I find that wrong letters have slipped into words here and there and some words have been even garbled. Generally the human touch is present. For this I apologize.

However considering all this I believe that anyone who might read this will get my thought and that if he had read the 1973 effort he will not notice any difference.

For those parts which I believe to be future I intend to wait with patience, be alert and look for their fulfilment.

But to what I have attained and obtained - I believe from, the Lord - I am truly thankful. I still do not plan to publish my attempt at explanation. However I have several copies and will supply a copy on loan to anyone who asks for it.

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PREFACE

Having given such prayerful thought to the Book of Revelation and receiving great blessings and benefit therefrom, I have collected my conclusions in typescript, chiefly for the purpose of personal reference. Though some of those thoughts have accumulated over several years, it has never been my purpose to have those thoughts and conclusions put in book or pamphlet form.

That many of the lord's people holding what I believe to be more honorable positions in the Body than I, have drawn different conclusions, have not deterred me from searching for myself. Nor do I believe that one who may draw different thoughts from the text are any the less Able Ministers.

The Lord's presence, the fact that the saints are now awake, that there is still a very dark night to come upon the world, that the saints are now being offered and are acceptable to God as a Sin Offering, that the SEED consists not only of Jesus Christ the Head but also of the Remnant are given in pictures in the Revelation. Those Truths are found elsewhere in the Divine Word but have all been questioned by some who profess to be of us.

Those who believe those things in their hearts and are so steadfast that they are unmovable, if they are certain that they can stand any test and still be grounded in the faith and the Truth, they will not need the Revelation. Such can ru3ke their calling and election sure without it.

The Revelation seems to make it very clear that. those who do not open the door in response to the Bride-groom's knock will not have supper with him, This test is given only to the Church in Laodicea, that the Revelation will be a great source of strength to and keep the words of the prophecy whether or not they under of the symbols.

I would expect that if the thoughts that ere expressed m the following sheets were widely circulated in the Ecelesias and taught as doctrine that they would produce useless and even worse controversy and not the edifying

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INTRODUCTION

“And I saw another mighty angel come down from Heaven clothed with a cloud and a rainbow was upon his head and his face was as it were the sun and his feet as pillars of fire. And he had in his hand a little book open and he set his right foot upon the sea and his left foot upon the earth, And cried with a loud voice as when a lion roareth and when he had cried Seven Thunders Uttered Their Voice.” Revelation 10:1-3

Bible Students who have accepted the message of God delivered by Pastor C. T. Russell are generally agreed that this scene was set at the beginning of Harvest when the Lord came for his jewels.

For a long time it was expected that Pastor Russell would write Seven volumes of Studies in The Scriptures and that those volumes would constitute the Seven Thunders, He stopped at six. It is also evident that he expected to write the Seventh Volume. He promised that if and when he would do as it would contain an explanation of the Book of Revelation. However he continually stated that he was not yet prepared to give that explanation.

When his earthly course was finished, various attempts were made to show that he did write it; had written it unknown to himself. Some of those attempts were sincere efforts but all were abortive. A book came out shortly after his death, bound like the six volumes and marked "Series 7". Of this he would have never approved.

A well written book in two volumes and containing much valuable information was published by faithful brethren in 1923. It never claimed to be the Seventh Thunder though attempting the explanation of Revelation. In the opinion of many serious Bible Students it fell far short of this. It must be so for more than fifty years have gone by and the prophecy must continue to unfold to the very end of the earthly career of the saints and beyond, till the Mystery of God shall be finished and there will be silence in Heaven.

John in vision, was in the spirit and no longer in the flesh. He was precipitated in time to the Day of the Lord's Presence. From that vantage point he was shown things that were: things that were then happening, And things that must be in the time beyond his standpoint, for that standpoint was while the Beast was in the Abyss and before the seventh head appeared. The things that are and the things that shall be hereafter are all things that must be known after the Day of the Lord has begun. Revelation 17:3 and from there to the very end of the- Messianic Age,

The Revelation was not given to the wise men of the world. It is God's gift to the Church and particularly to the Church of Laodicea. Like Daniel's vision most of it was sealed up to be understood by the "wise" at the Time of the End.

The Lord's people have not been historians following the course of the Roman Empire and its changes, Generally speaking they have been the poor of this world who have been rich in faith. Even today with the great increase in learning and knowledge, it is doubtful if ten per

cent of the consecrated know anything about Middle Age wars or the significance of the Imperial Crown of Rome. The Revelation is intended for something greater than the recording of Roman History in advance. True there are references to that history in the Revelation and other prophecies, however only when it touches the interests of the Lord's people, Jewish and Messianic.

The saints of the 1260 days were just as precious in the sight of the Lord as are those of the; Time of the End. The lord gave them of that period what they needed both of Truth and experiences to develop their characters and to prepare them for the Kingdom. An understanding of the Revelation was net among those gifts. The Book was not available to them, even to read except in the case of the very few who were educated in the classical languages.

Now it is possible to follow the fulfillment of the prophecy up to the time that we have reached in the Harvest. It is not intended to be a cheap substitute for e fortune-teller. To please the Lord we must be content to follow the light that is at our feet.

The Book serves as do other prophecies to enable the devout student to locate himself on the stream of time, to find the footprints of the Lord and the milestones and to take courage while it confirms The Divine Plan of The Ages.

Blessed is he that readeth. Particularly blessed is he that recognizes The Book Itself to be the Seventh Thunder To Utter Its Voice,

THE SEA OF GLASS BEFORE THE THRONE

Bible Students who know Brother Russell are generally agreed on the first three chapters of the Revelation. It is the fourth chapter in which the consecrated find the first difficulty, one of the reasons for some of the misunderstandings is that some interpreters have not seen the difference between things on earth and things in Heaven. If one could remember that God sits in His Throne in the Heavens and sends forth His Spirit into all the earth, most of the difficulties would be overcome. The Throne and He that sits upon it, the Living Ones or four Beasts and the slain Lamb are part of the Heavenly arrangement. Likewise the Sea of Glass, the twenty four thrones and the twenty four Elders.

THE SEA OF GLASS is before the Throne of God. It is like unto crystal, not the water in it but the fixture. Revelation 4:6. Once again it is mentioned in Revelation 15:2. In the latter text there are more particulars. It is mingled with fire and they who have overcome are standing upon it. The vision is of the Angels who hold the seven last plagues full of the wrath of God. Those that John saw standing upon the Sea of Glass HAD overcome. Their victory had been declared. Not while they are still in the flesh. Flesh does not appear in Heaven before the Throne of God.

The dimensions are not given in the Revelation. In Solomon's Temple there was a Sea and it was the largest piece of furniture. It is described in 1 Kings 7:23-26 And again in 2 Chronicles 4:2-5. There is a discrepancy in that in Kings it is said to have a capacity of 2,000 baths and in Chronicles 3,000. This may be the mistake of a copyist or there could be some other explanation. However the exact size cannot at this time be known. Authorities differ as to the capacity of the bath measure. Some claim that it was equal to eight Imperial gallons another that it was equal to four. In the lesser measurement and the smaller size of the bath it would hold 8,000 Imperial or 10,000 American gallons. At the larger measurement of eight gallons to the bath and holding 3,000 baths, it would hold 24,000 Imperial gallons. In either case a sizable fixture.

Solomon's Sea was made of molten copper, mistranslated brass and it was cast. In the Throne scene of the Revelation the Sea was of clear glass. There was not a flaw nor a shadow in it. It appeared to be mingled with fire. To one who has seen a small cut glass bowl in the sunlight, there is no surprise of John's description of this crystal glass crystal fixture as being mingled with fire, it was before the Throne and the Glory of God was shining down upon it.

In Solomon's Temple, priests only, washed in the copper sea. Sacrifices were washed in other vessels provided for the purpose. In Tabernacle Shadows we are shown that that the Sacrifices represented the justified flesh. The priests represented the New Creature. The priests stood upon the Sea and washed. Them that had gotten the victory over the forces of evil stand on the Sea of Glass. Those are the Royal Priests in Glory. They are singing praises to God for His great and marvelous works. Many of them had been brought from dust and ashes by the first Resurrection to stand upon the Sea of Glass. They are washed and are clean, a glorious priesthood brought before the Throne of God. The same mighty power that He wrought in Jesus Christ when he raised him from the dead, had now brought them forth to Glory Honor and Immortality. Ephesians 1:20 Romans 2:6 7.

In Ezekiel's Vision he saw waters gush out from under the threshold of the House. Looking closer he saw that they flowed from the right side of the House and at the South side of the altar. This was the position of the Sea in Solomon's Temple. In Revelation 22, John saw a River of Hater of Life, proceeding from the Throne of God and of the Lamb. In what way was it connected with the Sea of Glass?

TWENTY FOUR ELDERS

Revelation 4:4. Daniel 7:9 (Rotherham)

Round about the throne were four and twenty seats and upon the seats I saw four and twenty Elders sitting clothed in white raiment and they had on their heads crowns of gold. Revelation 4:4. Those Elders must be regarded highly in the Divine arrangement for they appear often in the Revelation. They are first seen in this the fourth chapter and the Throne Scene showing their relationship to the Throne, the Sea of Glass - Second the seven lamps of fire. Their first appearance is in the 19th chapter where they are praising God because He had poured righteous judgments upon Babylon. To get the correct identity of the Elders, one should follow their activities through the various scene in which they play a part.

It will be noticed that they are very close to the Throne, They are never said to be in the Throne. It was later that the Lamb was seen to be in the Throne. Revelation 12:5 Revelation 5:6.

As we do not look for the Throne itself, nor the Lamb, nor the Living Ones to be things that are upon the Earth but in Heaven, even so the Elders: They were on their seats round about the Throne before the Lamb was found worthy to open the seven Seals. It was one of those who proclaimed his worthiness,

Their dress is significant. They wear white robes and golden crowns indicating their Divine commission and office. Each Elder is a musician with a harp in unison they cast down their crowns and proclaim God to be the Creator and His right to receive honor and glory and power because all things consist and were created for His pleasure. They were thus proclaiming a great Truth.

The next time that one of them appears it is as the Comforter. This is the second clue to their identity, John was weeping much because no man was worthy to open and read the sealed Scroll. The Elder said to him "Weep not. Behold the Lion of the Tribe of Juda hath prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof." Revelation 5:5. John was comforted.

As at the first they proclaimed a great Truth, now another. Then in the 10th verse there is more Truth and more comfort, and they are seen to be prophets. Then the text is corrected according to more accurate manuscripts it is seen to be a prophecy of the position of the Body of Christ in the Kingdom. The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy. Revelation 19:16. The Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, The Spirit of prophecy. John 14:15-17, John 16:13.

In Revelation 5:3 they are seen to perform another function. They are the custodians of the prayers of Saints. Those prayers are preserved in golden vials with incense. This incense came with their prayers. In some cases those prayers are not answered immediately. They are stored away in the golden vials, the time not then being ripe for God to grant the requests. However they are preserved in the sweet incense of the Sacrifice of Christ Jesus. Those prayers are precious. The incense makes them so. We know not what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit helps our infirmities. The Spirit of God is in us as it is diffused from Heaven. Romans 8:25-28. Those prayers are not only acceptable.

They are stored away as treasures in the sweetest perfume of all creation. The Elders are the keepers. When John was bewildered as to who and what were the Great Multitude arrayed in white robes and carrying palms, it was an Elder that made him understand. When the seventh Trumpet sounded it was they who fell upon their faces and worshiped God saying:

We give thee thanks O Lord God Almighty which art and wast and art to come because thou hast taken to thee Thy great power and hast reigned. And the nations were angry and Thy wrath is come and the time of the dead that they should be judged and that thou shouldest give reward unto Thy servants the prophets and to the saints and them that fear Thy name small and wrest and shouldest destroy them which destroy the Earth. Revelation 11:16 17.

This song is characteristic of the Holy Spirit. The tense of the verbs is well worthy of note. The nations WERE angry. Thy wrath is come. The Holy Spirit has always been the agency to mark the change of Age or Dispensations.

The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus at Jordan and the Gospel Age began. It marked the acceptance of the Body of Christ at Pentecost. It came upon Cornelius when the time had come for the Gospel to go to the Gentiles. Those have been referred to as different beginnings to the Gospel Age or an overlapping of the Jewish Age and the Gospel Age. Likewise we might see different beginnings or over-lapping of the Gospel Age and the Millennial Age. Jesus Christ first returned to begin the Harvest. Revelation 14:14. The Spirit of the Word pointed out 1914. It was the Word spoken by the Master that called attention to the Times of the Gentiles. Those who have been begotten of the Holy Spirit are filled with the Blessed Hope of sitting with Jesus in his throne because this is promised and we have partaken of the Spirit which came sown at Pentecost.

But the Pentecostal outpouring and the pouring upon the Gentiles are not the end of the work of the Holy Spirit. The time must come when the Spirit shall be poured upon all FLESH. It is not my understanding that the Father will wait till the Earth is filled with His glory and all shall know Him.

Just as the Holy Spirit was poured upon the Apostles and we of the fullness of the Body have partaken of that anointing, so the Father has selected certain people. Who have obtained a good report in past Ages and upon them as representing ALL FLESH. He will pour the anointing. The World, as numberless as the sands on the sea-shore will come under that anointing. The outpouring may be expected to be just as evident and at a certain day and hour as was the Pentecostal scene.

This will mark the opening of the Highway of Holiness. It was the Spirit of Prophecy that inspired Jacob when he blessed his twelve sons ushering in the Jewish Age. It is the same Spirit that will fall on the representatives of ALL FLESH that will usher in the age when the Spirit and the Bride say Come, That must be after that the Saints of the Most High possess the Kingdom. Daniel 7:13.

The Elders are not Spirit Beings. But like as the four beasts or more correctly the four living ones personify the attributes of the Father, so the Elders are the personification of the Holy Spirit.

THE SEALED SCROLL IS OPENED.

The Scroll of Revelation contains a part of the Divine Plan of the Ages, that the Almighty, the Most High God, our Father held in His own right hand and kept secret from the beginning of Creation.

Among the things that were written therein was the Call, also the trials of the Christ Company, their resurrection to the Divine Nature, their work of breaking to pieces the Kingdoms of this World and their reign with Jesus Christ. The opened Seals particularly show the conditions through which the many sons were to be brought to glory.

The Eternal One would deliver the Scroll to the one only who was found worthy. After the sacrifice of the Lamb was completed, he was declared by an Elder to be worthy. To him the secret was revealed when the Scroll was opened.

The Scroll, the delivering of it, the opening of the Seals and the Lamb were all symbols. The time when each feature was to begin was symbolized by the order in which they were opened. The pictures illustrated the facts as time would unfold them.

The four Horses may be recognized by reference to Zechariah 6:5. There somewhat similar horses are sent forth and said to be Spirits of the Heavens. Doctrines are Spirits, not spirit beings but powerful forces. Jesus said "The Words that I speak unto you, They are spirit and they are life." John wrote " Believe not every Spirit but try the spirits whether they be of God." That is TEST the doctrines that one teaches, try them by the fundamentals of the Gospel. There is a Spirit of Truth and a spirit of error.

The four Horses in the vision of the sealed Scroll would seem to represent that which went out as Christian Doctrine beginning at Pentecost. The vision of the four Horses extended to the Parousia of the Lord and the beginning of the Harvest, Those four seals are all opened and described in five verses of the Revelation. The reason for this brevity is evidently because the things predicted would all be past before the Day of the Lord and therefore before the Vision could be understood. However we who are privileged to live in this time of Harvest are able to look backward and see briefly the way by which the Lord led His people and that the conditions of their near spiritual starvation were foreknown and deliberately permitted by Him.

The first Horse was white. It represented the Apostolic doctrines, Being White it symbolized purity. White is used in the Revelation over and over. Every time it symbolizes that which is approved by God. The hair of the One like unto the Son of Man. Revelation 1:14, The promise of a White stone, Revelation 2:17, The promise of a White Robe, Revelation 3:5, The clothing of the Elders Revelation 4:4, The clothing of the Resurrected Saints, Revelation 6:11, The clothing of the Great Company, Revelation 7:9-14, the great White Throne, Revelation 20:11, The clothing of the Angels with the Plagues, Revelation 15:6, The Clothing of the Bride, Revelation 19:3, The King and the armies of Heaven riding upon White horses and making righteous war, Revelation 19:11.

The rider of the first Horse was crowned. The Head of the Church is the Lord Jesus. He was crowned as King of Kings and Lord of Lords with glory honor and immortality when he was brought before God when he ascended up on high some ten days before Pentecost. Daniel 7:13-14. Ephesians 1:20-23. Seated on the Horse he carried a bow. His arrows were the Word of God. The Truth was sent forth with great force in the apostolic period. It went east to India, west to Spain south to Ethiopia and north to the Slavic States, and this while communications were almost in an impossible condition. It appeared to the Dragon that the only way he could combat the movement was to join it. This he did and the period of the Red Horse began.

He is the color of the Dragon. Revelation 12:3. He is the color of the Beast Revelation 17:17:3: Part color of the clothing of the Harlot and one of the trading dyes of Babylon Revelation 13:12 and the color of SIN. Isaiah 1:13.

Doctrines of Devils got an early start in the Gospel Age. It would appear that the divinely hated doctrine of the Nicolaitans was the first package of red dye to be dropped into the White waters of Truth. When once the Nicolaitans got control the red Horse was ridden forth.

It was his rider that took peace from the earth. In contrast to the crowned rider who conquered with a bow and arrows of Truth, the ambitious bishops who had the Spirit of Anti-Christ fought each other for positions of power, nor did they fail to use carnal weapons. They were indeed politicians.

Because their ambitions posed a threat to Rome, the Emperor Diocletian presumed that the whole Christian movement was a threat and he instituted a great persecution against the "sect" during which many of the Lord's true Saints suffered martyrdom. This would be the ten days referred to in the message to the Church in Smyrna. Revelation 2:9-10.

When the Emperor Constantine was "Converted" the ambitious bishops had a jubilee. The more they varied from the Truth the more likely they were to receive promotions from the Emperor. Then began the period of The Black Horse.

The same Apostle John who wrote the Revelation also wrote: God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all. In contrast Satan is the Prince of Darkness, When the sixth seal was opened the Sun became black. While this reference does not belong to the period of the Black Horse, it with other references to blackness serves to identify the Black Horse. In that period the doctrine of nominal Christianity became black. Truth was trodden under foot and the very opposite of light was offered to bring about The Dark Ages.

The rider is beyond doubt the Anti-Christ. He carried a pair of balances.

He would dole out what must be accepted as doctrine. He ruled the Dark ages not as Emperor but never-the-less he told Emperors what they must do. He chained the Word of God and plucked up any sprout of Truth that he could find.

However a voice from the Throne of God limited his authority, At the price of paying all that one had he could buy one measure of wheat or three measures of barley. A penny was a fair

day's wages. The Lord's People were to be nourished. The few faithful in that period earned their white robes.

Again the voice from Heaven forbade him to hurt the oil and the wine. Why did not the Antichrist destroy the works of the Apostles? They did not have the power to do so. They thought they did. They still boast that they, the Anti-Christ, were the custodians of the Bible. God not only has the power to con sand, His is the power to enforce His commands whenever He will. The Olive Trees were preserved by GOD and right under the nose of the Anti-Christ.

John Wycliffe and his Lollards did not know that the Horse on which the Antichrist rode was really black. They lived in a dark night. Their light of Truth was but the flickering of a candle. They hoped to do the impossible, reform a thoroughly corrupt system. Many of the followers of Wycliffe paid with their lives for showing their little light. However with their deaths they glorified God.

Wycliffe translated the Bible into English thus releasing it from a dead language into a living tongue. There and then the Protestant Reformation began. He and his Lollards were far removed from the purity of the Gospel. Their Horse was only Pale of Gray. It was neither black nor white. The time had not come for the Cleansing of the Sanctuary. But they were helped with a little help. As a grey Horse continues to turn lighter from year to year so one reformer after another continued to pick up a little more light. Calvin, Knox, Luther all had their parts in the Grey Horse period.

The rider however was the cruelest of all. His name was Death end he earned the title. They were the Kings and Emperors. They made proclamation of' what should be taught and where. Those were the days of the "Holy" Inquisition. Henry VIII hanged Catholics and burned protestants, any who would not accept Catholicism as he prescribed it. Bloody Mary earned her title while she was Queen of England by burning alive hundreds of protestants. The massacre of Saint Bartholomew counted some 50,000 protestants murdered without even the semblance of a trial. For "this victory over Satan" the Pope commended the woman who instituted the massacre and had a medal struck in honor of the event. Death and the grave indeed rode the Grey Horse.

The Horse and his rider continued for many days. The authority of the rider was over the fourth part of the Earth, over Europe but he extended his ugly whip to reach the backs of Quakers in America.

Though the Horse was but pale, the Lord still nourished His people. It was in this period that "The Few" in Sardis won their white robes by not defiling their garments, and the faithful in Philadelphia kept the Word of his patience, held on to the good things and retained their crowns, the Power of God was sufficient to keep them from falling even in the dark days of the pale grey Horse.

THE FIFTH SEAL

And when he had opened the fifth seal I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word Of God and the Testimony which they held. Revelation 6:9-11.

Like the Master they had poured out their souls unto death. They had been baptized into his death. They had drunk of his cup.

Tabernacle Sacrifices, the Book Tabernacle Shadows of Better Sacrifices was the result of the opening of the Fifth Seal. After an all night in prayer Brother Russell was given the meaning of a Scripture that seems obvious to us now. He had been reading and coming over the text: For the bodies of those beasts whose Blood was brought, is brought into the Tabernacle Sanctuary by the High Priest for sin is burned without the Camp. Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own Blood suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the Camp bearing his reproach. Hebrews 11:12-13.

The Father answered Brother Russell's prayer. He then saw the souls of the Saints under the altar. The Blood of those beasts was not only brought into the Sanctuary, but was also poured at the base of the altar. Enough of it was brought into the Sanctuary to sprinkle the Mercy Seat. This was done with the Blood of two beasts. Let us go forth BEFORE unto him without the Camp bearing his reproach. Brother Russell had it. The Fifth Seal was opened. It was he that came to see. The Truth was revealed that they who had died with Jesus Christ had a part in the Sin-Offering. This Truth has been as much a part of the Harvest Message as has been that of the Lord's Presence.

Next it was seen that the Saints no longer slept in death. They were awake and surprised that the patience of God was such that He had waited so long to begin the Day of Vengeance. No longer must they wait for their White Robes that were promised to them in Revelation 3:4. But it was said unto them that they must rest yet for a "Little Season" until their fellow-servants and their brethren that should be killed as they were should be fulfilled. They had been killed as the result of sin. Theirs was a Sacrificial death.

A careful study of the word that is translated "little season" does not bear out the conclusion that it represented any certain number of days or years. Rather it is just what it says "A Little Season". They must rest from their labors as do the Blessed dead who die in the Lord from the beginning of the Harvest. They rest with them. Revelation 14:13-14. The final work of breaking to pieces the nations, binding their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron must wait till all His saints are read to participate. This includes the Apostles and the very last one who shall be killed by Sin as they were killed as a part of the sin-offering. Psalm 149:5-9; Revelation 2:26-27.

Those two verses of the Revelation: I saw the souls... white robes were give unto every one of them Those are the most definite of any Scripture that the sleeping saints were awakened at the beginning of the Harvest, and that the Harvest really began when the fifth Seal was opened some short time before Tabernacle Shadows were understood.

The opening of the Fifth Seal brought Life to those of the Saints who had slept and Light to those who are alive and remain and who must be killed as those others were. If all the Sons of God shouted for joy at the creation of the Earth, What joy in Heaven when so many of the, New Creation were born from the dead to the Divine Nature.

THE SIXTH SEAL:

It has not yet been opened or at least we have not been called to Come and see. The events that are pictured therein are all future, It may be seen however that the scene shifts from the sufferings and joys of the saints to the vengeance of God upon His enemies. We should not attempt to be prophets. The Holy men of Old and the Apostles have written sufficient prophecy that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works, many of the prophecies are not yet unfolded. All modern prophets have been proven wrong, but most of them are willing to have another try. '11 prophecies that are not yet fulfilled are sealed in the Scroll or in the mind of the Almighty. Only the general outline and not the details of the future are made known to the Saints. It is profitable for the Lord's people that they do not know the future. The Lamp of God throws light to the feet, always sufficient for the next step. Faith is required for the future.

It is well that we make ourselves familiar with all prophecies even those that we do not understand. While speculating about the sixth seal we may determine that the Heavens have not yet departed as a scroll when it is rolled together. It would appear that the simile refers to the passing away of the Old Order. Books used to be written on a scroll, when the scroll was in use it was unrolled. When the reader was finished it was rolled together, it departed when it was handed to the keeper of the scrolls. Luke 4:16-21.

There are some mountains and islands that have not yet been moved out of their places. We do see the Kings of the Earth, the Chief captains and the mighty men digging their air-raid shelters and making their atomic-proof caves, but most of them do not recognize the Wrath of the Lamb as the source of the symbolic earthquake. So far only its tremors are felt. The Lord has given US a sufficient outline of the events soon to come to pass that we need not be troubled.

THE SEVENTH SEAL REVEALS

The Seventh Seal reveals the End of the Trouble. Silence in Heaven. He speaks to the Earth "Be still and know that I am God" Psalms 46:10. This is a Divine Command.

The part of the plan of God pictured in the 7th chapter does not all take place in the Harvest nor after the 6th Seal is opened, If it did the Apostles would not be among the 144,000, the number that were sealed. However the sealing must be finished before the seventh Seal is opened. The angels that have been holding the winds of Heaven till the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads have been holding them all through the Gospel Age, Remember it was the day that Lot went out of Sodom that fire came down upon the City. When the angels

let go the winds, clouds will black out the sun. The resulting whirlwind will black out the Sun and sweep away and will sweep away mountains and islands, whatever those symbols may portend.

The Great Company is identified; they are seen in white robes and palms in their hands and singing praises to God and to the Lamb Before the seventh seal is opened.

The Great Company are then before the Throne. The grammar of the 15th and 16 verses are important. They ARE before the Throne. They shall hunger no more The Lamb shall feed them.

The first verse of the 8th chapter should be the ending of the seventh. Another, a separate vision of the Harvest is the angels holding the Trumpets.

THE ANGEL AT THE ALTAR

THE SEVEN ANGELS WITH THE TRUMPETS

The vision of the angel at the altar with the incense is an introduction to the vision of the Seven Angels with the trumpets. It follows a pattern.

As an interim or introductory vision it prepares for the events that are portrayed in the main vision and shows that certain events must precede those that are portrayed in the main vision.

Several examples are found in the Revelation. There is the Vision of God holding the Sealed Scroll, while an angel searches for one worthy to take and open it. In the 7th chapter there is another interim vision showing that the chief work of the Gospel Age must be accomplished, the sealing of the Saints complete, the Great Company identified and seen near the Throne before the 7th Seal is opened. Another such vision begins with the 10th Chapter and terminates at Revelation 11:14, showing that the Harvest work must be over and only then the Seventh Trumpet is blown.

There's a reference to the 7th Angel in Revelation 10:7 that shows that the angels with the trumpets had their appointed days.

The Two Olive Trees must give and finish their testimony and the Temple must be measured also before the seventh Trumpet is blown, the measuring of a building is the last act of an engineer before handing it over to the owners and the opening of the building.

Still another example of an interim vision; The Saints must be overcomers and stand on the Sea of Glass and sing their song of Restitution before the first of the Seven Last Plagues are poured out. Such a vision is Revelation 8:1-5.

The symbol of an angel standing at the altar pouring incense upon it causing a smoke that came before God with the prayers of saints, may be understood by reference to the Tabernacle. On the Day of Atonement the High Priest offered incense ONLY when he went into the Most Holy with the blood of the Bullock. There was no incense with the blood of the goat. The Incense represented the PERFECTION of the Lord Jesus. Our prayers and ourselves are only acceptable to God when we come by Jesus Christ, It is his merit that makes our bodies and our prayers acceptable to God. Incense gives off a perfume when in contact with fire. The fiery trials of the Body Members give off this perfume when the incense - the perfection of Jesus - is poured upon them.

But during the Reformation Period some of the fiery trials of the Elect were taken up and thrown back upon the Earth causing great controversy symbolized by voices and thunderings and lightnings and an earthquake. The French Revolution might very well be that which is symbolized by the Earthquake. The fire was thrown upon the Earth. It was not the Elect that suffered. The Revolution was directed against the Establishment. While this was going on the Seven Angels awaited the command to sound the Trumpets that would herald the seven stages of the Harvest and the Kingdom Reign.

THE HARVEST OF THE GOSPEL AGE

The Harvest of the Gospel Age is the most important period of time in all Eternity. It commences with the second presence of the Lord Jesus and continue till the Vine of The Earth is gathered and cast into the wine-press of the wrath of God. It was God who determined its beginning. He has put its end in His own power Acts 1:7

During this period the whole of the after-fruits of the Gospel Age will have been gathered. The field will then be prepared for another sowing, the Harvest of which will be the Salvation of the World.

During the Gospel Harvest 144,000 persons will be changed from the human to the Divine Nature. Many of that number had sleet in death. They were awakened early in the morning. Those who were alive and remained at its beginning and those who during the Harvest are called and chosen and faithful unto death do not sleep as do others but are changed at the moment of death. Surely the Spirit Birth of such a throng is great and marvelous Revelation 15:3-4. It is the New Creation. It is beyond comprehension when 6t is seen that they are born from the dead to be of the very nature of God. 2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 3:2

SEVEN VIEWS OF THE HARVEST.

When one takes into consideration the importance of the Gospel Age and the astounding implications of bringing together the Hew Creation, he ceases to wonder that the Father and the Lord Jesus would show unto the saints seven scenes from different standpoints of prospect, those things that must be expected in the Harvest. Those Seven we find in the following order:

1. The Opening of The Fifth Seal
2. Seven Angels Sounding Seven Trumpets
3. The Descent of the Angel And the Little Book
4. The Lamb on Mount Zion and The 144, 000
5. Three Angels With Their Messages
6. The Chief Reaper and His Aids
7. The Descent Of The Angel And the Call To Come Out Of Babylon,

In picturing the Harvest and its impact upon the Church, the Body of Christ there is associated with it the effect of those dispensational changes upon the World. A part of the Harvest work is the gathering and burning the false vine, the vine of the earth,

In our study we saw that the opening of the fifth Seal revealed the Body's share in the Atonement Sacrifices and the beginning of the First Resurrection. It was also made clear in that scene that the sacrificing was not all in the past. There is a Remnant that must be faithful unto death and thus finish their course.

THE FIRST ANGEL with his trumpet takes us back to the beginning of the Harvest. We should not wonder that Paul saw One last trump that sounded and the dead are raised. The One church of the Epistles are Seven Churches in the Revelation. The One Holy Spirit of the Gospels and the Epistles are the Seven Spirits of God in the Revelation. The One Day of Vengeance become the Seven Last Plagues. All these are the One divided into Seven to show different and more detailed aspects of the One thing,

When he, the first angel sounded there followed Hail. The lord had promised through the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 23:17) that the Hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies. Nothing can sweep away lies as can truth. Food For Thinking Christians turned into a great Hail storm. In six volumes of Studies in the Scriptures, millions of tracts, newspaper sermons, public lectures combined to sweep away the refuge of lies behind which false shepherds fed themselves and slept.

Many centuries ago the Lord, out of the whirlwind inquired of Job "Hast thou seen the treasures of the snow and Hail which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?" Job 38:22 23. The Lord let His people see those treasures at the beginning of the Harvest, How wonderfully the Lord did use the Faithful Servant! Why did not the Lord unlock those treasures earlier? In His wisdom He had reserved them against this time of trouble.

Fire and Blood followed the first angel's trumpet. The first World War is thus pictured. Not all the Spirit begotten (Trees) were brought into the conflict. But it did take a great toll of them. Those who were had been warned by that Servant but had failed to take heed. But all the green grass - those who had been hearing the Truth and wondering as well as the merely nominal Christians - were burnt up. They were consumed in the spirit of battle and war. Nominal Church buildings were transformed into recruiting stations.

THE SECOND ANGEL SOUNDED and the great Communist Revolution occurred. A great mountain burning with fire - the fires of anarchy - tumbled down into the sea. The great Russian Empire was swept away. The Revolution was the greatest that the world had ever seen. The French Revolution seems to be insignificant when compared with it, though it was the pilot plan and it did play such a part in preparing for the Harvest.

When the Russian Empire was toppled end was destroyed in the sea of the enraged masses, the Russian part of the sea became RED with Revolution and ran with rivers of actual human blood. The Spirit-begotten people who were in Russia died, either physically or by grieving away the Spirit of God lost their hope of Eternal Life. The Revolution made short work of the Nominal Churches (the ships that had been in the sea).

THE THIRD ANGEL SOUNDED and a Star fell from Heaven, burning as it were a lamp with new light. It fell upon the Rivers and Fountains of Water, the channels of Truth. It did not pollute all the streams but a third part of them. The waters at which the Lord's people had drunk and were refreshed began to contain the wormwood of bitterness and hate. Many of them turned away and found that all the waters had not been polluted. The Lord had preserved the Watch Tower Reprints and the six volumes in their purity. The saddest verse in the whole Bible is Revelation 8:11. The many men who died from drinking the bitter waters were the Brethren. What bitter tears would have been avoided if when reading Habakkuk 2:3 the Lord's people had gone on to read and then to heed the warning of the 4th verse.

THE FOURTH ANGEL SOUNDED AND The Hitler Regime blacked out the Gospel and the Hebrew form of worship in Europe. Those are symbolized in the vision respectively by the Sun and the Moon, neither the pollution of the streams nor the rise of Hitler and the Nazi nor the way in which the Truth and the Jewish forms of worship were crushed when the Beast came out of the Abyss could be seen by students of prophecy. But now that those prophecies have been fulfilled, the Lord's people may see how they dovetail into the facts.

Such indeed is the main purpose of prophecy. It is encouraging to see how the Lord foresaw it all and that nothing surprises Him.

They were dark days indeed for those who were under Nazi domination and particularly dark for those who were looking to the Law Covenant. It was dark too for those who had received some light even though they may not be of the Elect.

It was under the fourth trumpet that we found our position in the Harvest. An angel proclaimed to those who hear the fourth blast that there are three more trumpets to be sounded, Those three are in the future. They will come in rapid succession said the angel. They are said to be woes. Not woes to the saints but woes to the inhabitants of the Earth. Even the seventh Trump is said to be a woe to the Earth even though all Heaven rejoices and shouts that the Kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of the Lord and of His anointed, The four and twenty Elders sing a beautiful song. They rejoice that the Wrath of God is past. So says Rotherham. The Greek text also warrants this translation. 1) Even the anger of the Nations is written in the past tense. And then there is an explanation of why the Kingdom is a woe to the earth He will spoil them who are spoiling the Earth. Revelation 11:18. Won't the spoilers be terribly frustrated?

THE FIFTH AND THE SIXTH ANGELS not yet sounded their trumpets. We must wait. We should wait with patience. The lord of the Harvest is present. The direction of the Harvest is in his hands.

Though we cannot tell in advance the course that events will take during the next two stages of the Harvest for the details are awaiting the sounding of the Trumpets, there are certain clues that is good for us to notice, while the blast is held back. One of the functions of prophecy is to alert the believers to watchfulness so that they will recognize the fulfilment when such takes place. Twice when describing the happenings under the fifth trumpet it is said that the plague

of locust lasts five months. In the past this time feature has served to hide its meaning. Nor may we yet understand it. It used to be taken for granted that the 150 days was the equal of five months, and that those 150 days represented 150 years. That interpretation will not agree with placing the fifth trumpet in the Harvest. For it to fit in with this interpretation the five months must be literal. And why not? Do not all believers believe that the thousand years are literal? Or is the Millennium 360,000 years long?

It is not true that 1260 days are equal to forty two months. The Hebrew and Greek months were measured by the moon; with the Hebrew from New-moon to, New-moon was the measure of their month. To this day their feasts are so governed. The moon governs the number of days in the month. The months are not of equal length, The one has twenty-nine days the next may have thirty, nor are there the same number of months in the year.

Daniel prophesied (prophesied) in symbolic weeks which are all of equal length and in days which are all the same length if they are solar days, never did he use months as a symbol. The 1,260 days that the woman was hid in the wilderness would appear to be the same time that the two witnesses testified clothed in sackcloth. We understand that in each case a Day represented a year. They lie dead in the streets for three days and a half. We understand this to be three and a half years. The "times, times and a half are shown to be equal to 1, 260 days. But in no case is the Forty Two months connected with the, 1260 days or the Time times and a half. If we have the correct interpretation of Revelation chapter thirteen and seventeen, the Beast having come out of the Abyss makes war with the Lamb and the beginning of that war is the beginning of the forty and two months. This is while he is wearing his ten horns which is "not yet". The margin of the King James version of the Bible reads "He has power to make war, forty and two months." In every case where the word month or months appears in the Revelation it would seem that literal time is intended, or indicated.

The fifth and sixth trumpets with the woes being future we had better not make an attempt to interpret them. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. However we should note that the woes are to the inhabitants of the Earth and not to the Saints.

The tenth chapter is one of those interim visions. It covers the entire Harvest period. It is one of the seven views of the Harvest. The things prophesied must be all accomplished after the Lord's presence and before the seventh trumpet is blown. The Angel blows this trumpet right after the earthquake and after the two witnesses have finished their testimony.

The description of the mighty angel coming down from Heaven leaves no doubt that he is the Lord of the Harvest. The most loud cry was the shout of encouragement that the Lord is here. The response is "Behold the Bridegroom." Immediately He delivers the Little Book. This is the fulfilment of the promise that when the Lord comes he will cause his servants to sit down to meat, and he will come forth and serve them. The Little Book is meat and is eaten up by him to whom it is delivered. It is sweet meat. It also causes stomach trouble. The bitterness of those who believe the t all Truth should come through them is just as manifest in the Gospel Harvest as it was in the Jewish Harvest. The Truth has caused many bitter experiences, particularly is this true of the Harvest Message.

The Little Book contained a message to the world too, many peoples and tongues and kings. Indeed with the printed page, the public platform, radio and television the message has gone world wide. The King on his throne, the priest in his study, the Pope in the Vatican, the fisherman in his boat the miner in the bowels of the earth, all who can turn a dial may hear the message of the Little Book. What a privilege is ours! How powerful is the Angel who makes this possible!

It was shortly after the arrival of the Mighty Angel who came in the cloud that Seven Thunders uttered their voices, Thunders are the result of lightnings. Sometimes they symbolize controversies that develop as the result of the proclamation of Truth. The Lord at his return gave us six volumes of Studies In The Scriptures. They were not inspired in the sense that the Bible is inspired. The human hand may be seen here and there, They caused much controversy and the Truth that they uttered was sealed up. Only those who were represented by John heard what they uttered. To those they revealed the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. But in the days of the voice of the Seventh Angel when he shall B. EGIW to sound, there will be no more heed to have the Mysteries sealed. To have revealed those earlier would have been to frustrate them. Satan would not knowingly and willingly cooperate in bringing many sons to glory.

The Seven Thunders should be carefully distinguished from the Seven Angels with the Trumpets, from the Seven Angels that hold the Seven last plagues and from the Angels of the Seven Churches. The Seventh Thunder is the REVELATION.

The Book of Revelation is at last understood, unfolding as the various prophecies are fulfilled. While certain features are yet future the details of which are not yet known, the students of the Book are alerted to watchfulness. However as in the case of other Scriptures this understanding comes only to those who approach the Book with unfettered minds. It is not for the World. It is only intended for the Saints who are Watchers.

OTHER VISIONS OF THE HARVEST

The fourth Vision of the Harvest takes us to Mount Sion. The Lamb is there and with him 144,000 of his saints. It required all the Harvest period with the exception of the clean up period to put them there. The scene is recorded in the first four verses of the fourteenth chapter. They have all had part in the first Resurrection and are changed, They have received their individual judgment. The names of the Father and of the lord Jesus was found upon their foreheads. In their mouth was found no guile. They are assigned their positions to follow the Lamb whither-so-ever he goeth. Those are the first- fruits of the Great Redemptive 1st fork. They sing a song of their very own to the accompany of the harps of the Elders.

Scene Five to be staged, again takes us back to the beginning of the Harvest. We see three angels each in their turn flying through the midst of heaven. The reference would appear to be to the atmosphere or the Ecclesiastical heavens for the reference would have no significance if their performance were before the Throne, of God in Heaven. They would each appear to be human messengers, though who would sponsor the messages is not stated. Each student is left to decide for himself who it was that sent the message.

The first messenger has the Everlasting Gospel to preach to them that dwell on the Earth. In- as-much as the message is said to be Everlasting, it is not suppressed by any message that followed, nor superseded by any. How appropriate it is that this message should begin with the Harvest and be a part of the Everlasting Gospel. His message was one of Hope and Restitution for them that dwell on the Earth.

Neither are either of the three angels said to come down from Heaven as are those of Revelation 10 and of 13. In fact it would appear from other Scriptures that two of these are not approved of God. Their message is entirely negative.

Looking back through the Harvest it is easy to see who it was that brought each of the three messages. The voice of our beloved Pastor Russell was heard strong and clear right around the globe. It called to the worship of God. The one God in contrast to a trinity. It proclaimed the creation in contrast to the rising theory of evolution and it was Good News, the Gospel, the message that God had planned to bless all the families of the Earth. This is the same Gospel that God preached unto Abraham. It is Eternally True.

After that Wise and Faithful Servant was taken away there was a vary concerted effort on the part of the new head of the Society which Brother Russell founded, it having been captured, to proclaim that Babylon had fallen. The fact that a great part of his accusations against the Harlot City was true and their he kept up the theme as long as he lived, does not show his character. That is described in Habakkuk 2:4 following the caution to wait for the Vision that had been written upon "tables?" .

After we beheld him, whose soul was lifted up and we a w his passing, there followed another messenger so the head of tie captured organization with a whole book full of threats to all, saint and sinner, all and sundry who would not join his organization.

To many, those two "angels" have seemed to hinder the Harvest Work, but not so The Wheat Harvest includes the sifting, separation and grading of the grain.

The two messengers that followed the Everlasting Gospel messenger provided the test of faith that should come to all the faithful. In warning against the one whose soul was lifted up, the Lord declared that the Just shall live by his faith. Rotherham's translation is still more enlightening. He writes: Lo, as for the conceited one, crooked is his soul within him. But one who is righteous by his faithfulness shall live. Habakkuk 2:4. It should be noted that the 4th verse of this chapter is part of the answer to the Watchman.

When the curtain is raised on the SIXTH HARVEST SCENE, the action is in the sky again. As with the others the scene goes back to the beginning of the Harvest. The time of the vision is set by the voice from Heaven proclaiming that Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth. As the Apostle looked toward the sky in the direction from which the voice came, he saw a cloud and one sitting upon it. The rider on the cloud has a sickle in his hand and a crown on his head. The Lord Jesus who had been made king had come in a cloud to begin the Harvest.

As part of the same vision an Angel came out of the Temple which was under construction, since the first Resurrection had begun. It should be noticed that the Revelation does not reveal a Temple till the Harvest began and the sleeping saints were raised. But as with Solomon's Temple, it was used for some time before it was finally completed. The Angel who came out represented the RISEN SAINTS. He cried to the Chief reaper to thrust in his sickle and reap. A part of the first-fruits was still in the flesh. It must all be gathered before the Harvest is over. The second Angel who came out of the Temple was squirmed to be an assistant reaper. He too had a sharp sickle. His assignment was to reap the Vine of the Earth for the winepress of the wrath of God. The cry from the altar is a cry for God's vengeance as in Revelation 6:10.

The Angel from the altar had power over fire, the fire of God's jealousy (Zephaniah 3:8). The Angels from the Temple and from the altar are the Divine executioner. This honor have all his Saints. Psalms 149:8-9.

THE SEVENTH and final scene of the Harvest is to that of the faithful being called out of Babylon. As is the case of the other six it begins when the Lord returns. A mighty Angel came down from Heaven. It might be better understood if the word "angelos" were translated "messenger". Malachi had prophesies that The Messenger of the Covenant suddenly come to his Temple. The call to come out of Babylon continues till the Bride and the Bridegroom's voices are not heard any more in her, Soon after that she is destroyed.

The Holy Apostles and Prophets of the Gospel Age are brought together by the first Resurrection and they rejoice over the victory and join in the song of Heaven. For God had avenged them.

It would seem that some of the Lord's people had slept and did not "come out," and will be overtaken with the Seven Last Plagues. Blessed is he that keepeth his garments lest he walk naked and they see his shame. Revelation 16:15; Song of Solomon 5:2-3.

SEVEN ANGELS HAVING THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

This was a vision separate and distinct from all that went before it. To John the sight was Great and marvelous. The same words are used by those who have overcome and stand on the sea of Glass. The chief importance to us is the identity of the Seven Angels. The time of the beginning of the plagues should also be noticed. The Angels were identified in verse 2. Before they pour out even the first plague they are clothed with pure and white linen and their breasts were girded with golden girdles. They were clothed as was the Master. They had been made like him. Revelation 1:13. It was one of the Living Ones (presumably Justice) that gave unto them the vials.

The symbolism of the sores, the congealed blood, the bloody waters, the scorching sun, the darkness that comes upon the Kingdom of the Beast the drying up of the River Euphrates and Armageddon will be better understood when the plagues have been poured out.

When the Seventh vial is poured out upon the air there is an announcement from Heaven that "It is done". The vials are emptied and the wrath of God is over. Following this verse there is a review of the plague period. For sometime before any of those plagues were poured out at least one of those Angels was present. It was one of them, that escorted John in the Vision of the Harlot and the Beast that carried her. The time of that vision was between the fifth and seventh head and while the body of the Beast was still in the Abyss. This will be better understood when the 13th and the 17th chapters are studied.

In all the visions following the fifteenth Chapter it was one of those Angels that showed John the things that must happen. It was one of them before whom he fell down to worship and was rebuked. The Angel told him plainly; I am one of thy brethren and thy fellow-servant. Revelation 19:10; Revelation 22:8-9.

The Seven Last Plagues are for those who are in Babylon, for those of the Beast who look to one or the other of the beasts or the image for Salvation and for those who fail to keep their garments of Salvation which they obtained at their consecration and who will at the time of the plagues walk naked.

THE WOMAN HER SEED AND THE SERPENT.

And there appeared a great wonder in Heaven: A woman clothed with the Sun and the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. And there appeared another wonder in Heaven and behold a great RED DRAGON having seven heads and ten horns and upon his head seven crowns. Revelation 12:1-3.

This is the same dragon or serpent to whom the Lord spoke when He said: I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed. It shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel. And it is the same Woman of whom He spoke. Gen. 3:15. Beginning, with Abel and from that day forward the serpent made war with any that he suspected to be the Seed. It was however some 2,000 years later before the Woman who was to bring forth the Seed appeared. The Abrahamic Covenant was that Woman. From Abraham's day till now the promises of God have revolved around her.

St. Paul identifies the Woman as being "The Covenant, the mother of us all" Isaiah devotes his 54th chapter to her. Jesus identifies her and her children in John 6:45. This last may be understood by comparing the Prophet with the statement of the Master.

The whole of the 12th chapter of Revelation is devoted to her and the story of the war that developed when the Seed was born. The Dragon, That Old Serpent, The Devil and Satan are different names for the one person and this wherever one of the names appear in the Revelation.

The Woman, the Covenant, does not fight with him. Her Seed does bruise his head Revelation 20:1-3. Romans 16:20. The Woman does not resist him, except to flee from his face into the wilderness. She is God's Woman and he gives her full protection. He provides her place in the wilderness her clothing and her food.

But before her flight she gives birth to the SEED, though she had been for a long time barren. The SEED was not the Babe of Bethlehem but the Christ, the Anointed at Jordan, even as the Woman was not Mary but the Covenant. Galatians 3:15-13; Galatians 4:22-23. The SEED was Heavenly, the Mother was Heavenly, the Father was Heavenly. As is the Heavenly such are thy also that are Heavenly. Jesus was Heavenly ever after his baptism.

There was war in Heaven for three and a half years. Michael and his angels fought with the Dragon and his angels. It began in the wilderness of Judea and was fought on that ground for forty days. After that Satan enlisted every resource from the demons to the High Priest and the Power of Rome. The instances of Spiritism during the Earthly ministry of Jesus were many and varied.

The War ended at Calvary. The Dragon thought that he had won the fight when he saw Jesus hang dead upon the cross. But three days later the CHILD OF THE COVENANT WAS raised from the dead and shortly thereafter was caught up to God and to His Throne. Revelation 3:21.

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The Devil now realized that he was cast out unto the Earth. He saw that he had no further place in Heaven. No longer could he accuse those who had been redeemed by Jesus Christ as he had done to those "Holy men Of Old". He had accused Job before God and no doubt continued to accuse all the light-bearers till he was cast out of Heaven.

They too overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. They received a good report through Faith. They believed the promise that God would provide a SEED that would bless all the nations of the Earth. Isaiah and others prophesied that the SEED would suffer, be wounded and bruised for iniquity other than his own. But that he would be victorious and share his victory with "The Strong!"

When the Dragon saw that he was cast out unto the earth, he persecuted the Woman that brought forth the Man Child. It will be asked: How may a Covenant be persecuted? The Apostle Paul saw how. He identified the Woman of Isaiah chapter 54 as the Covenant. Isaiah wrote of her: O thou afflicted and tossed with tempest and not comforted. This chapter shows how God regards the Covenant. Isaiah seems to suggest that the New Jerusalem shall be built for her.

Paul calls her the Holy City - New Jerusalem which is above is free and is the Mother of US ALL (The New Creation) He refers to the Law Covenant as "Jerusalem that now is", She is in bondage with her children. But the children of the FREE WOMAN shall be all taught of God. They are His children born of His Free wife, the Covenant of His oath to Abraham. Isaiah 54:5. She is clothed with the Sun, the Gospel, the promises

She is clothed with the Sun, the Gospel, the promises of God. She is supported by the Moon, the Law and the Prophets. Upon her head is a crown of twelve stars. She is the Queen. The stars represent the hope of the Promise Covenant, a star for every Spiritual Tribe. Revelation 7:4-8. In the shadow of good things to come, the high Priest's breastplate bore twelve jewels. A jewel for each tribe.

Those were the shadows of the Stars of hope that the Woman wore. The Covenant was hidden in the Wilderness for 1,260 days, each day representing a year. Those days were the Dark Ages. She was hidden from the face of the Serpent. He probably thought that she was dead. There were few, very few in those days who knew that the Abrahamic Covenant lived and is the mother of us all, all the SEED the heirs and joint-heirs of the Promise Covenant. It was when she emerged from the wilderness that the Serpent cast the great flood of waters after her. Running water would seem to be a symbol of Truth even when it originates with

Satan, Much Truth broke loose shortly after the French Revolution. As a result there was a great awakening of the common people It gave a death blow to much tradition. The Revolution originated with Satan and was intended by him to sweep away the Woman. He hoped that the Powers that then were would through fear crush the movement that he realized was a great threat to his masterpiece, the woman in scarlet and decked with gold.

But Society opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood. Democracy as we know it is based upon truths that emerged in the French Revolution.

We brethren as Isaac was are the children of the Woman, the Promise Covenant, Stand fast therefore in the Liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free and be not entangled again with the yoke of Bondage, the Law Covenant Galatians 3:29; Galatians 4:1. These two verses should not be separated. We are the remnant of the SEED of the Woman. We are not the Woman. The Church is a chaste virgin in contrast to the harlot of Revelation 17. She is never referred to in the inspired writings as the mother of anything till as a Bride she is presented to the Anointed One and is given his name.

The Dragon is at war with us who are the remnant of her SEED. Galatians 3:29. Nor does he make war haphazardly. He and his anti-Christ organization will do anything that he can think of to destroy this remnant, We are identified in that we have the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Before the Harvest his assaults were directed against the bodies of those who had this testimony or any that he suspected of having it. He hoped that there would not be a first Resurrection. He is now disillusioned. Since he now realizes that to kill a Saint does not mean to destroy him, he employs new tactics. How he directs his darts at our minds in the hope of destroying our Faith. If he could succeed in this he would destroy us indeed. The Just shall live by his faith.

The song of those who sit in Heavenly places with Christ is recorded in verses 10-12. 'The loud voices are those of the Apostles and disciples while still in the Flesh who realize at last that the Kingdom has come in its formative state. That they are not referring to the Millennial Kingdom is evident for they predict WOE to the Earth because the Dragon has come down having great power and wrath. That wrath has been manifest all through the Gospel Age, which to the Dragon must seem but a short time who may be billions of years old. There has indeed been woe to the inhabitants of the Earth for over 1900 years. And it is still the Present Evil world.

When the Master said "Now is the judgment of this world, Now shall the prince of this world be cast out," he was talking of the Order of Things that then existed particularly in Israel. But how was the prince of This world cast out at that time? The prince is Satan. He was not then cast out of the Earth or out of his kingdom, the kingdoms of this world. It would seem that the reference is to Satan being cast out of Heaven in the same sense as in Revelation 12:9.

The Apostle Paul gives us the clue to Salvation and Strength. He says that the Law Covenant was weak through the Flesh and therefore by it no man is justified Romans 8:3. But there is Power and Strength in Christ to Save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him. Such are

translated from the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of His dear Son. Col. 1:13. The Overcomers of past Ages were not justified by the Law Covenant but by their Faith in the Promises.

The Dragon symbolizes the Devil. It is one of his names. His color Red is a symbol of sin. His seven heads symbolizes the Kingdoms of this world which he once offered to Jesus and later conferred upon the Beast. The Ten horns are seen upon the Beast after he rises up out of the Abyss. They seem to me to represent Ten dictators that have not yet received a Kingdom. In the 13th chapter it is said that the Dragon gave the Beast his power and great authority. This does not mean that the Devil abdicated. It simply means that the Dragon gave the beast power, seat and authority in the same way that God gave those, things to Christ. In a word the Beast derived his power from the Devil.

The Dragon's day is fast coming to a close. An Angel comes down from heaven having the key of the Bottomless Pit and a great chain in his hand and he lays hold of the Dragon and binds him for a thousand years, and locks him up securely in the Abyss.

We should remember that the agents of Satan (1) Laid hold on the Lord Jesus (2) Pound him and led him away. (3) cast him into the Abyss (death) (4) shut him up and set a seal upon him, that he might deceive the nation of Israel no more. Now the Mighty Angel delivers the same treatment to the Dragon.

Satan is to spend a thousand years in this Abyss then be loosed for a Little Season. When the Little Season is over he is to be cast into the Lake of Fire, the second death and destroyed for ever.

Where and what is this Abyss? When the Beast was in the Abyss he was out of existence (He is not). He had no existence while he was in the Abyss. When Jesus was in the Abyss he was dead. Says the Apostle Paul in Romans 10:6-7. Say not in thine heart Who shall descend into the DEEP. THAT is to bring up Christ from the DEAD. The Greek word here translated "DEEP" and in Revelation 20:3 translated "Bottomless Pit" is identical. In each case the equivalent English word is Abyss.

In Isaiah 14:15, Lucifer Son of the Morning receives his sentence to be brought down to Hell.(Sheol where Job is hidden; where Jacob expected to go.) Another pertinent Scripture is Isaiah 14:7-11. The 8th verse is very illuminating. It reads: Yea the fir trees rejoice at thee and the cedars of Lebanon saying: Since thou art laid down no feller is come up against us. The words "laid down" is translated from a Hebrew word that in ten other places is translated "sleep" or gone to sleep. It would appear that Satan will sleep in the Deep, the Bottomless Pit, the Abyss for a thousand years that he might deceive the Nations no more till the thousand years are fulfilled.

Some may object that if Satan were once dead, Christ would not revive him. Is it anything more to Jesus Christ to release him from the grave, Isaiah 14:11, than to release him from, some prison house where he would be conscious ? As a matter of fact Death is the Great Prison House of the Scriptures. In DEATH Satan will be out of reach of the Nations.

THE BEAST THE FALSE PROPHET THE IMAGE

The 13th chapter of Revelation is devoted to the prophecy pertaining to the Beast that was leopard like, another Beast and ally of the original and again the Image of the leopard Beast. The 17th chapter was given to show the judgment of the Harlot that was carried by a scarlet colored Beast. This Beast is distinguished from the Leopard-like Beast in that he was first seen in the wilderness with the Woman sitting upon him. He represents what is known as the Christian Roman Empire.

The Lord's People are fortunate in that the mystery is explained. We are also given the clues to the identity of the Leopard-like Beast, the False Prophet (the two horned beast) and we believe, to the mystery of the Image. The Image has only been molded late in the Harvest.

The fact that four beasts represented Empires in a vision shown to Daniel recorded in chapter seven and a Ram and a Goat represented empires in the vision recorded in his eighth chapter should direct our thoughts to Empires in the various Revelation beasts.

The fact that a two-horned beast represented Media and Persia, two nations having one mind, would indicate that the Two-horned Beast of Revelation may represent two distinct Nations yet with one purpose and under one command. The fact that the Persians overshadowed the Medes did not break off the second horn of the Ram.

We can never get the understanding of the Revelation unless we get the significance of John being IN THE SPIRIT On the Lord's Day. The chief purpose of the Book is to show unto his saints things which must shortly come to pass; come to pass in the Lord's Day; not the details but the order and the outline.

It would appear that the Beasts, all of them including the Image have their part in The Lord's Day, though the Leopard-like one had an existence and went into the Abyss prior to That Day and came out late in the Harvest. The Mark of the Beast and the number of His name also belong to this time. Of those two the writer is unable to supply an explanation. Both are in the future "Not Yet."

It is the same old Beast, the one that Daniel saw. Daniel's Beast represented The Roman Empire. The Beast of Revelation 13 is the Roman Empire revived. The 17th chapter represents the Empire that came into existence when the Emperor Constantine professed Christianity.

The Leopard-like Beast came up out of the sea. In the 17th Chapter the Scarlet colored Beast came up out of the Abyss and this after six of his heads had fallen. The ten that had fallen were East Rome, West Rome, East Franks, West Franks, France under Napoleon, and Great Britain. The last of the Six fell about 1925. To the point of time when the Angel who had the vial of plagues talked with John the Seventh head had not appeared. With the seventh head the Beast comes out of the Abyss. He gets life again.

The Seven heads represent seven successive Empires all except Britain aspiring to Caesar's Crown, better known as the Imperial Crown of Rome. When the seventh appeared he claimed

the Crown and dominated Europe for a short time. He went into Perdition. The EIGHTH, the Beast himself shall be composed of the Seven. Perhaps dominated by one of the Seven.

The Seventh Head continued but a short space as predicted but in that time he devoured much flesh and trampled the residue with his feet. The abominable beastly rule of Nazi Germany was cut short in mercy, the Mercy of God to save the Jewish people and to facilitate the High Calling.

The eighth form is yet to appear. Not a Head but the Beast Himself. We cannot tell any of the details because it is future but so far as we have gone it is not speculation. It is written and explained right in the text.

The Beast that will appear is the Old Roman Empire . The Ten horns will be reigning together and ten will be all of one mind.

The Beast always was and always will be Fascist. The Ten Horns represent ten fascist Dictators. They come into power while the eyes of the west are blinded by the weed-like growth of Communism, It is the Roman Empire revived that makes the final war with the Lamb.

The Dictators will hate the Woman in purple and scarlet and they will set about to destroy her. For God hath put it into their hearts to fulfil His Will and to unite and to eat her flesh and to burn her with fire. This is the only time that it is said That God makes use of the Beast.

In the 13th chapter it is said that the Leopard-like beast is seen to come up out of the sea. As the scene is set in the Day of the Lord, it is the Beast's return after his head has been wounded unto death. One of his Heads had been wounded in the 1914-1918 war. The seventh head came up out of the sea of chpas that resulted from that war. The world was in revolution; the sea and the waves roaring such as they never did before. Men's hearts failed them for fear distress and anguishings fell from their thrones and European Governments toppled as fast as they could be formed. Then the Nazi arose dominating every country in Europe even those that tried to be neutral.

Germany would seem to be one of the Ten Powers that receive now for one hour with the Beast; just long enough to execute the Judgment of God on the sinful city, represented by the woman clothed in purple and scarlet. It would appear to be the same Ten powers that are represented in the Scarlet colored beast that are seen on the Leonard-like Beast.

He has power to make war forty two months. (Biblical margin) Literal months This would seem to be the war that he makes with the Saints and overcomes them, but the Lamb overcomes him in the end.

The Beast was taken and with him the false prophet, the two horned least and they were cast into a Lake of Fire. They were not cast into the Abyss (the sleep of death) but destroyed as Satan will be at the end of his Little Season after the end of the Millennium. The Saints will have all finished their course before the final conflict.

It is the two horned Beast, looking like a lamb and speaking like a dragon that is the False Prophet. He has at his command Fire to drop out of the sky. For a long time the Father kept the secret of nuclear power in His own hands. It is no longer a secret.

It is the two-horned Beast that deceives the nations into making an image of the Leopard-like Beast. Those are the nations that never have been a part of that Beast. Before them the two-horned Beast demonstrates his great power, such as the conquest of space. But above all, he gives life to the Image of the Leopard-like Beast, The Image is an Organization of States formed after the pattern of the Roman Empire. The Beast, his image and the False Prophet all operate at the same time.

The Two-horned Beast places himself in the leadership of the world. He is content to exercise leadership. He does not colonize. He is content to say to the world outside his own Empire and that of the Leopard-like Beast "take an Image of the Beast". He does not stop there. He commands the Nations to bow down and worship both the Beast and his image. Nor does he demand that they desist from their Devil-worship. But he declares that only the worship of the Beast and his Image can save the world from Communism. So he gives life to the Image. That is he pours money into any Government that will practice Fascism. Money is the very life-blood of Fascism.

It is the two-horned Beast that causes all both small and great to receive a mark. It is he who forbids trade with any who will not receive this mark. It is the Two-horned Beast whose number is 666.

Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast, It will be useless to look for it on the head of churches. Much confusion has resulted from the mixture of Church and State. Even among Bible Students who spell "students" with a capital "S" the distinction between the woman in purple and scarlet AND the Beast that carries her is not clear in the minds of many. The Revelator clearly distinguishes between them. The details of the destruction of the two-horned Beast also called The False Prophet, are not given except that he was taken in his war with the Lamb and cast into the Lake of Fire.

The woman in costly apparel sat on all seven heads of the scarlet colored Beast. This is the story that limits the 17th chapter to the Christian Roman Empire. In the Lord's Day she was sitting upon the sixth Head. The Lord's Day began in 1874. Queen Victoria was then on the Throne of Great Britain. The Roman Empire was then and until the rise of Nazi Germany in the Abyss. Five of the heads had fallen, the fifth France under Napoleon. Great Britain held the balance of Power and did not claim the Imperial frown of Rome.

Time has progressed. The Seventh head has come up and carried the woman. That head too has fallen. She however survived and boasts "I sit a queen and am no widow". She will not ride the ten horns or the beast when they rule. The horns will hate her and destroy her for God hath put it into their hearts to agree. This is the only time that it is said that God used the Beast.

The woman has used the Beast so long that she does not fear him. Her fear is that Communism will rise up and destroy the Beast and her with him. Her surprise will be when the Old Beast

that has obeyed her rein so long, takes sway everything that she has, strips her naked, eats her flesh and burns her with fire.

The eighteenth chanter of Revelation shows that the People of God are called out of Babylon after the arrival of the Angel with great power and whose glory lights the Earth. The command to retaliate against her is given to the saints who are then beyond the veil. The Holy Prophets of the Gospel Age and the Apostles are there. They are invited to rejoice in her destruction. Revelation 18:20; 1 Corinthians 12:28.

The woman in purple and scarlet is contrasted with the Woman in White. Both women are cities. One is Rome the other the Holy Jerusalem. Those who belong to the Harlot will have the name Babylon written in their foreheads; those who belong to the Woman in white, the Holy Jerusalem, will have the Father's Name written on their foreheads.

Like the first three chapters of the Book of Genesis, the last three of the Revelation should need no explanation for anyone who has studied the first six Thunders. The marriage of the Lamb, the measurements of the Holy City the River of water of life all belong to the Glorious future, The Trees by the River are shown in Psalms and in Ezekiel 47. We do hope to be one of those trees.

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