

## **NOTE FROM PASTOR (emeritus) FEDENA**

The following outlines and messages are on prophetic themes. I hope you will be able to use this material as I have done much research and study to be a help and hopefully a blessing to you and those you may share it with. I have only put this material together to be used. Edit it, change it, delete it or do whatever you please, but at least try to use it in these last days in God's prophetic calendar to help your flock or your class or to help yourself to try to put these coming events into some focus.

No originality is claimed and I owe much to those who have preceded me. My prayer is that God will use what follows to be blessing and help to you and others. Please forgive my mistakes in grammar, etc.

I am now 87 years old, but I hope that long after I am gone these truths will be taught and preached so that it can be said that *"He being dead, yet speaketh..."*

## **"COME FLY WITH ME"**

**TEXT:** I Cor. 15:51-53

**THESIS:** To show the mystery aspect of the Rapture and the responsibility of believers in the light of this imminent event.

**INTRO:** A. Suppose a visitor to earth would see and be able to communicate with a caterpillar. "How ugly you are, and how gross, all you do is eat." "True," replies the caterpillar "but I won't always be like this. Some day I'll have beautiful wings, and fly from flower to flower." "A likely story" the visitor says with a laugh. A few days later

the stranger finds a hard brown chrysalis on the rosebush, and is surprised to hear the caterpillar's voice:

"Now I'm worse off than before. You think I'm dead and I can neither move nor eat, but soon I shall have a resurrection and fly in the sun." Poor deluded worm," says the visitor, "you'd better accept the fact that your life is over." But 3 weeks later the stranger is surprised to hear the caterpillar's voice again. Looking for the chrysalis, he sees one beautiful wing, then another unfolding from its cracked shell. "You see," says the voice, "my resurrection has come," and spreading its wings the butterfly flits away and cries out "COME FLY WITH ME..."

B. Today the unbeliever sees believer's die just like the unsaved and concludes that that is all there is to it. Or he hears us talk about the rapture and the resurrection and shakes his head at our "pathetic belief." But the day is coming when we will indeed "fly away".

## **I. BEHOLD...A MYSTERY: V.51**

### **A. It's A Secret!**

1. The word "mystery" comes from the Greek word "musterion"; the root = "muo" or "deep secret", or "to shut the mouth."

**ILLUS:** The word is derived from ancient secret societies relating to their secret oaths, pass-words and rituals. Only those who knew the "musterion" could know and enter into the secret orders and rites.

2. Only believers now know the "musterion" of the rapture:

- a. "We shall not all sleep": this was unknown in the O.T.; everyone was expected to die (even though God gave Enoch and Elijah as examples).

b. "We shall all be changed": be glad the period didn't come after "sleep" or die!

**ILLUS:** Greek mythology: The goddess Aurora fell in love with the mortal Tichonus. At the wedding, Zeus, King of the gods, offered her any gift. Naturally she chose eternal life for Tichonus. But she forgot to ask that he stay forever young and as he became older and older, the gift became a curse!

We will not only live forever, but we won't have to wear glasses, toupees, false teeth or get old! We will be changed first! "COME FLY WITH ME!"

#### B. Are You Tuned In?

**ILLUS:** Ever watch someone in the car ahead of you singing with their car radio? Unless you are tuned in to the same station, you don't hear the music they are responding to. When shouts "Come up hither!" only the saints who are tuned to station "B.L.O.O.D." will respond and go up.

1. The rapture is for believers only and the Bible implies that unbelievers will not even understand our sudden disappearance.
2. The Greatest Liar who ever lived will take control of the planet as soon as we are gone.

**ILLUS:** A possible speech from the Antichrist might be: "My dear friends, thank you for listening to me. I know many of you have lost loved ones in this unusual disappearance of so many people. However we believe it was God's judgment on them for their un-cooperation and divisions in our New Age, New World Order and the church on earth. Now that the separatists are gone, let us unite under the great goal of universal brotherhood, love and peace on earth."

#### II. UP, UP and AWAY: V.52,53

#### A. Fly The (UN)Friendly Skies!

##### 1. We will be transported instantaneously!

**ILLUS:** The word "moment" comes from a Greek scientific word from which we get our word atom and was considered the smallest, indivisible particle of matter. Thus, here, it means the smallest time possible. He will come, take us out and change us simultaneously! A "twinkle" is shorter than a wink or a blink...it is akin to a quick glance.

2. The trumpet blast may simply be our call to go up, but it may more likely be God's command to the angelic host to transport us thru the devil's domain: "the prince and power of the air."

#### B. We Love To Fly and It Shows!

1. What will we be like? v.52b, 53
2. Where will we go?

**ILLUS:** No place in the N.T. does it ever say that Christ is coming to take us to heaven! Every time it speaks of Christ coming to take us to Himself! ("...ever be with the Lord"; "...unto Myself") The glory of heaven is not the golden highways, the jeweled gates, nor the splendor of our mansions. It is the Person of our Lord and Savior. We are not looking for a place or a program. We are looking for a Person!

#### III. OCCUPY TILL HE COMES: v.58

**Luke 19:13** And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

#### A. What Will You Be Doing When Jesus Comes Back?

1. Will you be ashamed?

*I John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.*

## 2. Will you be found faithful?

**NOTE:** These are the only 2 possibilities: slothful or faithful! Working or shirking!

**CONCL:** British soldiers were trapped by the Nazi pincers at Dunkirk and it seemed there was no possible escape for them. But ships from Britain glided thru the dark waters at night and stole them away as "thieves in the night". They were taken safely back to their homeland. They came for those they loved.

He Who loves us will come back to this alien land and take us to our true home. As the pincers of the Antichrist tighten their stranglehold upon us, Our Savior will come as a "thief in the night" and transport us safely home.

We invite you to **"COME FLY WITH US!"**

*(NOTE: I am presently working on a message regarding the rapture entitled: "WHY ARE WE STILL HERE?")*

## **"THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL"**

**TEXT:** I John 4:1-3

**THESIS:** To examine the Near-Death and Out-of-Body experiences in the light of God's Word.

**INTRO:** A. With modern resuscitation technology we now have a population of between 8 and 11 million people who have had "Near-Death" (NDE) or "Out-of- Body" Experiences (OBE). A noted reasearcher in this field, Dr.

Chas. Garfield noted: "Not everyone dies a blissful, accepting death...Almost as many of the dying patients interviewed reported negative visions (demons, etc.), as report blissful experiences..." p.73 "To Hell and Back" Our text demands that we "Try (examine) the spirits..." Nearly all the NDE'S and OBE'S see "THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL" of death, but the question is what is that "Light"?!

B. The New Agers claim that death is a positive, ecstatic experience and "the uniform acceptance by the angel of light has inspired a new philosophy called 'Omega,...Omega serves to indicate 2 things: There are no prerequisites for entrance into this heavenly place, and those who are not accepted but are returned to earthly life are constrained to move the world toward peace and brotherly love, which is called the 'Omega Point.'" IBID. Bible-believers know better and see these "positive" experiences of unbelievers, as Satanic delusions designed to convince the lost that salvation is not required and that there is no judgment after death.

C. You may wonder what this has to do with prophecy. The next event on the prophetic calendar may be the rapture, but the next event on God's calendar for your life or mine may be death!

**TRANS:** Today, let's "Try the spirits..." and take a biblical look at **"THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL"...**

## **I. THE TRUE LIGHT:**

John 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

### A. The "Light From Heaven":

#### 1. Paul's Conversion:

**ILLUS:** Paul apparently had a "Near-Death Experience" on the Rd. to Damascus and he was struck down by "a light from heaven" Who was the Lord Himself!

*Acts 9:3-6 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

**NOTE:** Paul asks Who this beautiful Figure of Light is. If you ever have a NDE you had better ask too! He may turn out to be an imposter! But we who know Him now will also know Him then!

## 2. Stephen's Execution:

**ILLUS.:** Stephen was being stoned. (This wasn't a "NDE" it was a "RDE" - Real Death Experience!) The Bible account says he "looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory (light) of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God..." Acts 7:55

## 3. Paul's Vision:

- a. Paul says he may have had an "OBE" when he was stoned at Lystra.

**II Cor. 12:1-4** *It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and hear unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.*

- b. There was no doubt as to where Paul was; he called it "the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven" and "paradise".

**ILLUS:** When someone tells you that you cannot know for sure that heaven is real because no one has ever been there and came back with a report, tell them about our Savior who did and Paul who did! And now there are apparently thousands who have had NDE'S OR OBE'S who have come back as well.

## B. The Light of the World:

**John 8:12** *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

## II. THE FALSE LIGHT:

### A. An Angel of Light:

**II Cor. 11:14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

1. Satan wears 2 faces: he is either "an angel of light" or "a roaring lion" - Beware!

**NOTE:** p.61,62 IBID.

2. For many "THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL" may turn into fire!
3. No one ever reports seeing Satan himself in hell; that is because though he is alive and well he is not yet in hell.
4. But as the great deceiver and counterfeiter he is sending many others on ahead.

**NOTE:** p.86 IBID.

## B. The Light Bearer:

1. The word Lucifer is translated from a Hebrew word meaning "Morning Star."
2. The Latin words "Lucis-Ferre" means "light bearer".

**QUES:** Why are most of the NDE'S and OBE'S positive or beautiful? If Satan should appear as Satan, it would horrify the victim. It would turn him from his wicked ways and dispel the aura of unconditional love and acceptance.

On the other hand, if Satan appears as Lucifer the angel of light, the victim might feel secure and comfortable in the seduction of this angelic fate.

- a. Instead of Satan, Lucifer is now presented as "The Force" which will energize the New Age.

**ILLUS:** Darth Vader says to Luke Skywalker: "You've only begun to discover your power. If only you had known the power of the Dark Side...Join me, and together we can rule the galaxy." Crystals, mind-altering drugs, yoga, meditation, hypnosis, spirit guides, crying are all used to raise The Force, The Power, Kundalini, the Omega Point...SATAN!

The New World Order or the New Age Conspiracy is a disguised plot to usher in the Kingdom of Antichrist. A whole new world order of politics, religion, holistic health, and economic change which completely writes God out of the picture and deifies Lucifer instead...another light, another glory

- b. The 4 lies of Satan in Eden are being repeated today by the New World Order, the Omega Point (Christ is the ALPHA and THE OMEGA!), and the New Age:

- 1) You will not die! (Yes, you will!!!) Reincarnation

- 2) Your eyes will be opened! (You will be blinded!!) Mysticism
- 3) You will be like gods! (You will become demon-possessed!!) Demonism
- 4) You will know good and evil! (You will think you are God!) Humanism

**CONCL:** There is indeed a "LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL" but before you go through the tunnel you had better know which light is at the end of YOUR tunnel! There are more than one!

The only way to be sure is to receive the True Light!

**"WHAT NEXT?!" OR  
"WAR, WORKS AND WORSHIP IN HEAVEN"**

**TEXT:** Rev. 12:7-12

**THESIS:** To show the events which follow the Rapture of the Church in heaven.

**INTRO:** A. Most Christians are conversant with the Scriptures relating to the Rapture, but beyond that the prophetic picture is often unclear. This series of messages is designed to clarify some of these events.

**ILLUS:** (Attached) 1a

B. But the question is, "WHAT NEXT?!" i.e., what will every believer experience after the Rapture? We know that down here on earth, we will be discovered missing, the Antichrist will be revealed and the Tribulation will commence, but what is in store for the raptured church?

**I. WAR IN HEAVEN: Rev. 12:7-13**

**NOTE:** Who ever heard of "War in Heaven"?! What a strange concept. Of course Satan has had access to heaven

over the millennia, and where ever he is there is always conflict. No wonder God will create both a new earth and new heavens. But this war will be decisive.

#### A. The Archangel VS. The Arch-Devil: v.7

1. These two age-old enemies have had their "wars" before.

*Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*

2. Satan probably wanted Moses' body so he could cause the Israelites to worship his relics and bones.

#### B. The Rapture and The Results:

1. Previously Michael was not permitted to engage Satan in battle, but this time there is a fantastic war between the holy angels and the unholy angels with their respective leaders.
2. Nearly all the Bible commentators connect this "war" with the Rapture.

**QUOTES:** LaHaye: "...Satan and his hosts will battle vigorously with Michael and the heavenly hosts immediately after the Rapture of the Church, for when Christ comes for His Church "with a shout," He will come with "the voice of the archangel."

Strauss: "...it is possible that the Rapture occasions this conflict." Morris: "Almost certainly the devil and his angels would offer strong resistance (but unsuccessful) to the great rapture of believers and the translation of God's throne to earth's atmosphere, and this great 'war in heaven' would become more intense than ever when Satan

makes a last ditch effort to destroy Israel and any remaining earthly believers."

3. The "air" or atmosphere is Satan's present domain and without super natural help and assistance believers would never make it through.

4. The outcome of this war is never in question and Satan and his cohorts are forever cast out of heaven. v.8,9

- a. His privileged position of "Accuser" is over forever. v.10
- b. Blood washed believers have a part in this defeat. v.11
- c. The timing of this even is given in v.12 and the Tribulation now begins in earnest.

**NOTE:** Though this war begins at the Rapture, it may continue through the 1st 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation when the persecution phase or the Great Tribulation begins, "the time of Jacob's trouble". cf. "the woman" v.13ff

#### II. WORKS IN HEAVEN: I Cor.3:11-15

- A. Works Reviewed: "made manifest...revealed..." v.13

**NOTE:** It is works, not sin which is the issue. Works (activities) can be moral, amoral or immoral. Ex.: TV, music, friends...

- B. Works Rewarded: v.14

- C. Works Razed: v.15

#### III. WORSHIP IN HEAVEN: Rev.19:7-10

- A. The Time:

1. Now we are engaged or "espoused" to Christ.

2. At the Judgment Seat we are "cleaned up" for presentation to the Bridegroom.

*Eph. 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

3. After the Judgment Seat is over the Marriage takes place.

4. Next comes the Marriage Supper of the Lamb or the Reception.

#### B. The Place:

1. There are two views: earth and heaven.

2. First, the Church consists of a heavenly people, so heaven seems fitting.

3. Second, It is the Marriage Supper of the "Lamb" - He is especially the Sacrificial Lamb to the Church.

#### C. The Participants:

1. The Church is the Bride, Jesus is the Bridegroom and the Friends of the Bridegroom are John the Baptist and the Old Testament saints.

2. The Bride is ready and robed:

a. Ready because of the imputed righteousness of Christ. v.7

b. Robed in the garments she has made herself. v.8

**NOTE:** We will apparently be wearing a wedding garment of our own making!!

Some will be wearing "mini-skirts" instead of gowns or robes!!!

Satan tells the unbeliever to work for his salvation knowing that it is impossible. Satan tells the believer to

quit working after he is saved knowing that is an abomination to God.

**CONCL:** Heaven is not only wonderful place, it is also a very busy place! Death and/or the Rapture is just the beginning of the believer's eternal life and continuing service for the Savior. After the Wedding Reception, the Bride and Bridegroom have a whole life ahead of them. What kind of garments will you wear at your wedding? What kind of Wife will you be? Faithful now...faithful then! Unfaithful now...?????

#### "THE NEXT PRESIDENT?"

**TEXT:** Rev. 13:1,2

**THESIS:** To reveal the coming world dictator, the next President (?) of the world...the antichrist.

**INTRO:** A. There is an excitement and at the same time a chill in the air. It is as if something spectacular, awesome or awful is about to occur. The world is in turmoil, people long for change, something - anything - anyone to get them out of the mess. They long for leadership. No one is emerging.

**QUOTE:** Henry Spaak, former Premier of Belgium, headquarters of the European Community or E.C. stated: "We do not want another committee, we have too many already. What we want is a man of significant stature to hold the allegiance of the people, and to lift us out of our economic morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man and be it God or the devil, we will receive him." !!!

B. Here in America we are seeking to elect a new President. But no one seems to address the real economic crisis, the situation in the Mideast, the problems of the environment, the spiraling costs of health-care, the

abortion mess, the homosexual problem, AIDS, child abuse, etc. We are ripe for real help from any direction.

**QUOTE:** From the Book "One World" dealing with the New World Order and the E.C. and addressing the gloomy prospects brought about by devastating and lethal weapons, the economic mess worldwide: "...we are ripe for the deifying of any NEW CEASAR (!) who might succeed in giving world unity and peace." Enter the Antichrist!

**TRANS:** On January 1, 1993 the New World Order became a reality in the entity known as the European Community or E.C. As many as 12 nations have already signed up to surrender their sovereignty in exchange for one currency, one World Bank, 1 passport, 1 foreign policy, 1 high court, 1 Central Economic Control, 1 set of laws and ultimately ONE WORLD LEADER! The next President of the world!

## **I. HIS PERSON: V.1,2**

**NOTE:** Prince Charles of Britain has already submitted his name as the King or President of the E.C.! But he doesn't qualify. The one who comes and takes the reins of world govt. will be Satan personified and Satan energized.

### A. His Ascension: "out of the sea..."

1. The "sea" is always the Mediterranean in prophetic Script. unless designated otherwise.
2. The "sea" is probably the "sea" of nations around the Mediterranean.

**ILLUS:** The 12 stars on the E.C. flag rep. Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, The U.K., Greece, Spain, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Denmark and Portugal. Over time these will be reduced to 10 ("ten horns"). 7 of these are designated the industrial nations or "G-7". ("7 heads")!

### B. His Description:

1. He is a "beast LIKE...leopard...a bear...a lion..."i.e. his origin speaks of 3 of the world empires described in Dan. 7 (Greece, a leopard 7:6, Medo-Persia, a bear 7:5, Babylon, a lion 7:4).
2. He is a Gentile leader coming out of the Revived Roman Empire.

## **II. HIS POWER: V.2b, 3**

### A. Its Source: v.2b

1. The "dragon" is Satan and he energizes the Antichrist.
2. Because Satan is the power of this world system he has great "power and his seat (throne) and great authority."

### B. Its Strength: v.3

1. He is apparently resurrected after being assassinated.
2. This gives him even greater status and power in "all the world"!

**ILLUS:** Imagine the headlines! "World President Resurrected!" Assassination attempt fails. Heads of state on hand for the viewing of the body were astonished when Pres. Judas sat up in the casket! He immediately gave credit to his god while discrediting the God worshipped by the Bible believing troublemakers who he said had been deported to another planet for their own good. cf. v.5,6

3. The result is open Satan worship. v.3

**NOTE:** Compare v.12-15 Satan is a supernatural creature who wants worship, dedication and devotion. Religion is his primary source of converts!



As a "god" he has fantastic, supernatural, miracle-working power!

### **III. HIS PROGRAM: v.7**

#### **A. The Fiscal Solution: v.16,17**

**QUOTE:** Standardization News: "In 1993...all regulated products (will require) the E.C. mark to be affixed to the regulated product in order to circulate it thruout the E.C. One cannot market or sell a product unless it has the E.C. mark." !!!

**ILLUS:** In a secular magazine Senior Scholastics (9/20/73 !) entitled "Public Needs and Private Rights - Who is Watching You? stated "All buying and selling ...will be done by computer. No currency, no change, no checks ...people would receive a number...assigned... and tatoood in their wrist or forehead.

The number is put on by a laser beam and cannot be felt...(cannot) be seen ... and is as permanent as your fingerprints. The computer outlet in the store which picks up the number on the items at the checkout stand will also pick up the number in the person's body and automatically total the price and deduct the amount from the person's 'Special Drawing Rights' account."

#### **B. The Final Solution: "to overcome them..."**

**NOTE:** Every passage dealing with the Antichrist emphasizes his victories over the saints!

**Dan. 7:21** *I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;*

**Dan. 7:25** *And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints...*

**NOTE:** But God will intervene on behalf of His own...

**Mt. 24:22** *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*

**TRANS:** And this brings us to the great pitfall of the Antichrist. God has a plan and just when all seems to be going Satan's way, the Lord will step in...

### **IV. HIS PITFALL: Rev. 19:11-21**

**NOTE:** God's "Final Solution" is really final! Like some mystery novel that builds to a fantastically exciting climax, God's Word leaves no question unanswered, no loose ends to be taken care of, no rebel free, no saint unrewarded and His Son reigning supreme!

**CONCL:** Yes, the next President may not be who you think he will be, nor whom you plan to vote for. "THE NEXT PRESIDENT" may be the Antichrist. Thank God we will be gone before he assumes power.

Believers are not looking forward to "THE NEXT PRESIDENT" they are looking for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

**"THE PRINCE THAT SHALL COME" or  
"ANTICHRISTMAS"**

**TEXT:** Rev. 13:11-18 (Dan. 9:26)

**THESIS:** To identify the Antichrist and his earthly activities.

**INTRO:** A. If Christ's first coming is referred to as Christmas, I suppose it would be fair to refer to the Antichrist's coming as "Antichristmas." As the coming of Christ into the world was promised and prophesied, so too the coming of Antichrist is promised and prophesied. In

fact other than Christ Himself, the Bible probably has more to say about the Antichrist than any other person.

B. In Rev. 13 we have his mark, name and number as well as other details about his 7 year reign as "The Prince That Shall Come" (Dan. 9:26) or till the real Christ shows up he will be the "King of Kings"!! All world rulers will cooperate with him...or else! More facts, details and information are given throughout the Bible about this one man, this Superman, than any man!

TRANS: We will attempt to expose him, his identity and his "ministry" or pro gram. He will appear soon...

## I. THE TIME OF ANTICHRIST:

### A. Saints Go Up - Satan Comes Down:

1. Satan is cast out of heaven after the Rapture, to the earth.
2. He is now angry and vents his anger on the planet by giving them a false christ to follow.

**John 5:43** *I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.*

**ILLUS:** New Agers are very interested in "sings from heaven" e.g., UFO'S, astrology, angels, etc. Satan will accomodate them. This visitor from outer space (like the real Christ) will lie about the missing saints disappearance. He will say we didn't go up...at least not to heaven!

### B. Rapture Then Revelation and Revolution:

**II Th. 2:1-4** *Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, (the Rapture) That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from*

*us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that MAN OF SIN be REVEALED the SON OF PERDITION; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

1. His names reveal his repulsive nature and his program for earth.

**ILLUS:** A.W. Pink in his book "The Antichrist" lists 25 names for this Superman, this one who opposes all the real Christ is, this mock Messiah. He is known as the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition, the Lawless One, The Beast, the Bloody and Decietful Man (Ps.5:6), the Wicked One, the Mighty Man (Ps.52:1), the Enemy, the Adversary, the Head Over Many Countries (Ps.110:6), the King of Babylon, the Spoiler (Is.16:4,5), the Profane and Wicked Prince of Israel (Ez.21:25-27), the Vile Person (Dan.11:21), the Wilful King (Dan. 11:36), the Idol Shepherd and the Prince That Shall Come!

2. He has plans for every unsaved person on the planet as well as for those who receive Christ, especially for Jews!

**ILLUS:** He will be another Hitler and he will establish the Fourth Reich! It will be a counterfeit Millennium which will only survive for 7 years. Just like Hitler he will come holding out the olive branch of peace, but after the world accepts him, he will then show his true nature.

## II. THE TYPES OF ANTICHRIST:

### A. A Phony Christ:

1. He will be a close counterfeit of the real Christ.
2. He will pawn himself off as the Prince of Peace.  
Dan. 9:26

3. He will rule peacefully for 1st 3 1/2 yrs. from Rome. Rev. 17:9
4. He will use purple, scarlet and gold vestments. Rev. 17:4
5. He will use a golden chalice as his symbol. Rev. 17:4
6. He will rule violently for the next 3 1/2 years.
7. He will war against Christ and his followers. Rev. 17:13,14

#### B. A Mock Messiah:

1. He will set himself up as the God-man and receive worship.

**II Th. 2:4** *Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

2. He is the Satan incarnate as Christ was God incarnate.
3. He will be slain and resurrected. Rev. 13:3,4,14,15
4. His number is 666 (Superman!) and is related to the number 13!
5. He is pictured throughout the Bible: (at least 18 types of the Antichrist in the Bible)
  - a. CAIN: "born of that wicked one (I John 3:12) who had a mark which revealed him as a murderer.
  - b. NIMROD: "The Rebel" and 13th (!) from Adam.
  - c. PHARAOH: Persecuted God's people... called a "dragon" in Ez. 29:3.
  - d. BALAK: corrupts Israel with Baal worship, His prophet is Balaam... an unholy trinity.
  - e. SAUL: a tall man, the people's choice.

- f. GOLIATH: a tall man, killed by a head wound. (Gen.3:15)
- g. SISERA: killed by a head wound.
- h. AHAB: wicked prince of Israel...contd. Baal worship and begins to honor the "Queen of heaven"!!
- i. NEBUCHADNEZZAR: builds a 60 X 6 X 6 image...also called a dragon Jer.51:34
- j. SOLOMON: his number is 666. (II Chron.9:13)
- k. HEROD: usurps God's voice and is slain by God.
- l. JUDAS: called the "Son of Perdition" by Christ and betrays Christ with a kiss. XXX His name means Judah, a man of Kerioth (Iscariot). Kerioth is in Moab so Judas is a half-breed Jew like Nimrod and Balak, who follows Christ for 3 1/2 years (42 months!).

**ILLUS:** The relation of Antichrist to Israel will be precisely the same as that of Judas to Christ. He will pose as a friend to Israel for 3 1/2 years but his true character will then be exposed and he will be destroyed.

#### III. THE TERRORS OF ANTICHRIST:

- A. Supernatural Power: Rev.13:4, 14,15
- B. Capital Power: Rev.13:15
- C. Economic Power: Rev.13:16,17

**ILLUS:** In Rev. 6 we see the Antichrist riding first a white horse, carrying a bow symbolizing peace, then a red horse with a sword in his hand and he takes away the world peace he had established, next a black horse with scales in his hands picturing his control over the world economy and the ensuing famine and finally a pale horse and he is revealed in his true nature as Death and Hell. Here is Satan

as the Antichrist portrayed in a fourfold way as Christ is in the Gospels.

**CONCL:** "THE PRINCE THAT SHALL COME" before the real "PRINCE OF PEACE" shows up is none other than the Antichrist Himself. Merry "ANTICHRISTMAS!"

He will show up and rule over all those left behind at the Rapture.

Don't get left behind! Believer the night is soon coming when no man can work any longer. Do what you can while you can!

**"BEHOLD THE MAN!" or  
"HAIL CAESAR!"**

**TEXT:** Ezek. 21:25-27

**THESIS:** To reveal the pictures of the Antichrist painted in the Scriptures.

**INTRO:** A. The book of Daniel portrays 4 world Kingdoms and then presents the disintegration of the Roman Empire and the reign of the Caesars. Under Antichrist the Roman Empire will be revived and he will emerge as the Caesar.

We are living in the days when that Empire is being rebuilt in what is called the European Community or E.C. The words: "HAIL CAESAR!" may again be heard soon.

B. For 6000 years Satan has had opportunity to study fallen human nature and discover its weakest points. He knows full well how to dazzle men by the attraction of power and make them tremble at its terrors. He knows how to gratify the craving for knowledge (computers), entertain them (monies, VCR's, music, etc.). If he could transport the Savior from the wilderness to a mountain peak in a moment of time and present all the kingdoms of the world with all their glitz and glitter, he can surely allure and lure his victims today or tomorrow. And he will! The world will soon fall at his feet in the person of

Antichrist and exclaim "BEHOLD THE MAN!" "HAIL CAESAR!"

**TRANS.:** Who is this Satanic counterfeit of the Christ, called the Antichrist?

The Scriptures present him as a man, but like Christ, more than a man. He will be Satan's son and Christ was God's Son. He will be a half-breed Jew like Judas and may in fact be Judas rein-carnated. But he will be much more; he will be the new world ruler, the Caesar of the Revived Roman Empire... ANTICHRIST WILL BE...

### **I. AN INTELLECTUAL GENIUS:**

**Dan. 8:23** *And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.*

*Ezek. 28:3 Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:*

#### **A. Surpassing Solomon:**

1. The Hebrew word translated "dark sentences" in Dan. 8:23 is the same rendered "hard questions" where the Queen of Sheba came to Solomon to test his wisdom.
2. He will use all the technology of the computer age and beyond to all the occult secrets of the New Age.

### **BEHOLD THE MAN!**

**QUOTE:** "The Antichrist", A.W. Pink: "His master mind will captivate the educated world. His marvelous store of knowledge, his acquaintance with the secrets of nature, his superhuman powers of perception, will stamp him as an intellectual genius of the first magnitude." He will mimic the wisdom of Christ.

## II. AN ORATORICAL GENIUS:

*Dan. 7:20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and A MOUTH THAT SPAKE VERY GREAT THINGS, whose look was more stout than his fellows.*

### A. A Wizard of Words:

1. He will have a perfect command and flow of language, probably being fluent in many.
2. Here the Devil will imitate that One "who spake as never man spake."
3. As the people were astonished at Christ's doctrine (Mt. 7:28) and asked "Whence hath this man this wisdom?" (Mt. 13:54) so will people be awed by Antichrist's oratory!

## BEHOLD THE MAN!

## III. A POLITICAL GENIUS:

*Dan. 11:21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.*

### A. The Last Great Caesar:

1. At first he is known as "the little horn" and the nations do not give him their cooperation, "but he shall come in peaceably and obtain the kingdom by flatteries."
2. World powers will be united; conflicting forces will be unified; the Oriental and Occidental powers will come together. Rev. 13:1,2

3. So swayed by his hypnotic powers, the ten kings of the Roman Empire will "give their kingdoms unto him."

*Rev. 17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.*

## BEHOLD THE MAN!

**NOTE:** Here too he will mimic the Savior, who will be King of Kings and Who will assume worldwide political/governmental power.

## IV. A COMMERCIAL GENIUS:

*Dan. 11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.*

*Rev. 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

*Ezek. 28:4-5 4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:*

### A. Stock Market Superstar:

1. He will outshine Solomon in all his financial glory.
2. He will mimic the one who owns everything.
3. He will wield the sceptre of financial power and control the World Bank.

**ILLUS:** Thru his mark on the hand or forehead he will produce the first real cashless society and control every

purchase anyone makes. The technology is presently in place to accomplish this.

## **BEHOLD THE MAN!**

### **V. A MILITARY GENIUS:**

**Dan. 8:24** *And HIS POWER SHALL BE MIGHTY, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.*

*Rev. 6:2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and HE WENT FORTH CONQUERING, and to conquer.*

*Rev.13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH HIM?*

#### **A. Hitler II:**

1. Ghengis Khan, Napoleon, Alexander the Great and Hitler will be forgotten in the light of his military achievements.
2. His military exploits will be universal; he is spoken of as the man who will "shake kingdoms" and "make the earth to tremble."
3. He will wage world war III and it will culminate in the Battle of Armageddon.

## **BEHOLD THE MAN!**

**NOTE:** Here he will mimic our Savior Who is a Man of War. The Lord will not have to send in armies to destroy the Antichrist, but will destroy him with "the brightness of His coming"!

*Ex. 15:3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.*

## **"THE END OF THE WORLD (AS WE KNOW IT)" THE TRIBULATION**

**TEXT:** Mt. 24:21

**THESIS:** To show the nature and purpose of the Tribulation Period.

**INTRO:** A. There is more prophecy on the Tribulation than any other period in Bible prophecy. It would take many messages to cover adequately the subject, but today we will make an attempt to show the nature and purpose of the Tribulation.

B. **WHEN** is this event called the Tribulation? It is a 7 year period before the 2nd Advent of Christ and after the Rapture of the Church.

C. **WHAT** happens during this period? God's judgments occur under the 7 Seal, 7 trumpet and 7 bowl judgments resulting in an ecologist's nightmare. Stars fall, planets veer off course, dramatic climactic changes occur, famine, disease and plagues run rampant, fires rage out of control, sea life dies, water supplies are polluted, earthquakes, storms and winds increase, darkness and death reign and the earth is demonized. Besides these natural and supernatural events, the Antichrist will run rampant and create economic turmoil, terrorize the nations, wipe out all morality and persecute saints.

D. **WHY** does all this happen? What is the purpose of this horrendous period in the earth's history?

### **I. TO JUDGE THE WORLD:**

A. For Her Sins:

**Is. 26:21** *For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.*

1. The world at large has rejected the Savior and deliberately and willfully worshipped false gods and "worshipped the creature more than the Creator." (Evolution)
2. The world has also jettisoned the morality of the 10 Commandments, the moral law of God, and violated every semblance of decency.

**ILLUS:** We now live in a world where the rights of the rapist, murderer, homo, child molester, etc. are protected over the rights of the victims.

Why didn't the assault by the homos on a church in San Francisco not even make the evening news, but when a homo gets beat up by a couple of sailors all the media pick it up and the TV news magazines beat it to death?!

#### B. For Her Worship of Antichrist:

1. They follow lamb who speaks like a dragon and reject the Lamb of God. Rev. 13:11,12
2. They prefer the Antichrist over the real Christ.

#### C. For Her Rejection of Christ:Priest

1. The Tribulation is God's purging and cleansing of the planet for the coming of His Son.
2. The Millennium is the climactic dispensation of man's sojourn on earth and the Lord wants to "begin again" with only saved people on an earth cleansed of sin and sinners.

**ILLUS:** There is a spiritual principle here also. Before blessing there is often suffering. Before peace there is often

warfare. Before fellowship with Christ there is often purging.

## II. TO PREPARE THE JEWS:

### A. For Their Messiah:

1. Jews are presently blinded to the Gospel.

**Is. 6:9-10** *9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. 10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.*

**Rom. 11:25** *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.*

2. Jews will either follow the Antichrist and die or get saved and live forever.

- a. God will seal 144,000 Jewish witnesses to preach the Gospel of the coming Kingdom and multitudes will be saved.
- b. God will send 2 O.T. witnesses to win Jews to Himself.

**Rev. 11:3** *And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.*

- c. God will apparently resurrect Elijah.

**Mal. 4:5-6** *5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the*

*children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*

#### **B. For Their Future:**

1. Israel will be persecuted but preserved.
2. The Abrahamic Covenant will be fulfilled and Israel will become a blessing to all the nations of the earth.

### **III. TO POPULATE THE MILLENNIUM:**

#### **A. The Jewish Remnant Will Be Saved:**

**Rev. 12:17** *And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

1. The purpose of the Tribulation concerning the Jews will have a positive effect.
2. Many of those who have not received the mark of the beast will be protected by God.

**Rev. 12:15-17** *15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.*

*16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of pit of the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

#### **B. The Gentiles Who Reject Antichrist Will Be Saved:**

**Rev. 7:9** *After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and*

*people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;*

1. These together will make up the inhabitants of the Millennial Kingdom.

**Rev. 20:4** *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

**Mt. 25:31-34** *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

**CONCL:** "THE END OF THE WORLD (AS WE KNOW IT)" is the result of the 7 yr. Tribulation Period. But it is also THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD AS WE DON'T KNOW IT! This will be a world where wrongs are righted, righteousness reigns and Christ rules. Purging comes before the Prince of Peace comes.

Only those who are saved now, will escape the coming Tribulation. Are you saved? Are you clean?

**"WORLD WAR III"**

**TEXT:** Rev. 16:12-16



**THESIS:** To give some details concerning the coming World War at the close of the Tribulation commonly referred to as "The Battle of Armageddon."

**INTRO:** A. WORLD WAR II was really the prelude to the Time of Jacob's Trouble when Jews are again persecuted en masse. This persecution will reach its climax at the close of the Tribulation Period and the battle (lit. "campaign") is usually referred to as Armageddon. It will be "WORLD WAR III"!

B. But just as WWII backfired on Hitler, WWIII will backfire on the Antichrist and his forces. And just as Hitler was successful in roasting 6 million Jews and as WWII was responsible for 16 million deaths, so Antichrist will slaughter millions more Jews and 10's of millions of Gentiles will die in the bloodiest battles in the history of earth. No wonder even the most hardened military men speak in awe of Armageddon! Though the climactic battle of this war will take place at Armageddon, biblically it is called "the battle of that great day of God Almighty." v.14b

## **I. ARMAGEDDON: THE PLACE**

### A. God's Winepress:

**Rev. 14:19-20** *19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*

1. This piece of geography runs about 200 miles long (1600 furlongs).
2. It extends from the Valley of Jehoshaphat in the north to the plains of Megiddo in the south...the length of Palestine! Joel 3:10ff

- a. The "wine" being pressed in this "winepress" is blood... the blood of the enemies of our Savior.
- b. It is the bloodiest campaign in all history and when the blood runs 3 ft. deep in the river bed and down the trench the length of Israel!

**ILLUS:** This picture is definitely not for the squeamish. But the Bible is only "good news" for the believer; it is "BAD NEWS" for the unbeliever. Our Savior is directing the culmination of this bloodbath and he and His angel thrust in their sickles into this giant winepress and harvest the hordes of troops gathered there.

**TRANS:** But we are getting ahead of the story...

## **II. ARMAGEDDON: THE PREPARATION**

### A. The Players:

1. The 10 Kingdom Federation of European Nations (European Community).  
- the Revived Roman Empire under the Antichrist.

**NOTE:** This is that 7 headed beast with ten horns and crowns mentioned in Rev. 13:1. One of those heads turns out to be the Antichrist, and after his deadly wound is healed he is not only respected but worshipped (v.3) and all submit to his great power and ask "who is able to make war with him?" (v.4)

2. The King of the South (a North African federation - Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia?)
3. The King of the North (Russia and her allies).
4. The Kings of the East (Asiatic/Oriental Powers).

**SCRIPT:** Read Dan. 11:36-45 here.

5. The Lord and His armies from heaven.

## B. The Powers:

### 1. The power of Satan, the Dragon.

**Rev. 16:13** *And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.*

### 2. The power of demons:

**Rev. 16:14** *For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

**ILLUS:** Satan knows that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming to reign on the earth over the seed of Abraham and the seed of David. If Jesus reigns, it is evident that Satan is no longer a world ruler. Satan's "final solution to the Jewish problem" will be stopped. If he can exterminate the Jews the Savior will have no Kingdom. If that is so Satan could continue as the world ruler! This is the real purpose of WORLD WAR III - Armageddon!

### 3. The power of Christ:

- a. Christ has "all power" not just delegated power, like Satan.
- b. Christ will destroy the Antichrist with the "brightness of His coming" after Armageddon.

## III. ARMAGEDDON: THE PINNACLE

### A. The Assembling of the Nations: TEXT

#### 1. Jerusalem is the focal point: v.19

**ILLUS:** When Russia and Egypt meet at Jerusalem the city is completely destroyed. Apparently this is when the

rebuilt Temple of Antichrist is also destroyed (making room for the Millennial Temple when Christ reigns).

#### 2. Judgment is the final product: v.19-21

**ILLUS:** The Lord has even the forces of nature working for Him. The Antichrist trusted in the "God of forces" ("The Force be with you!"), but the real God of the forces of nature is the Lord Himself. "Mother Nature" turns out to be Father God!!!

### B. The Appearance of the King: Rev.19

1. He comes with the armies of heaven: v.11 and 14
2. He comes with a "sharp sword" destroying His enemies: v.15,16

**ILLUS:** The Antichrist, False Prophet and Satan himself will ultimately burn forever in the lake of fire. But not just yet. Other events must occur before Christ can return and reign...

**CONCL:** **WORLD WAR III** is on its way! Nothing can stop it. It might be delayed, but it cannot be prevented. It is written in God's Word. "The Scriptures cannot be broken." What is the purpose of prophecy since we will already be up in heaven?

1. It should have a cleansing effect upon the believer toward his life.
2. It should have a compelling effect upon the believer toward the lost.
3. It should have a consecrating effect upon the believer toward the Lord.

**"SUPPER TIME"**

**TEXT:** Rev. 19:17,18

**THESIS:** To examine what Rev. calls "the supper of the Great God".

**INTRO:** A. In the Bible we have "The Lord's Supper" which is a blessed occasion for believers, and in the passage before us in Rev.19 we have two other "suppers" mentioned. One is a very happy time and the other is very sad. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb is a scene of joy, but the "Supper of the Great God" is a scene of judgment.

C. The timing of this "Supper" seems clear, i.e. at the close of Armageddon. It's counterpart in Ez. 38,39 is some-what controversial as to the timing. Some see it completely separate from Armageddon, I see it as being synonymous, due to the language, the participants and the description. We will examine both passages of Script. and you can judge for yourself. Regardless of the timing, the events are certain...

## **I. THE GREAT BATTLE:**

### **A. Summary: Gog On The Move**

1. In Ez. 38 the prophet delivers a message to a man named Gog and his kingdom is called Magog.
2. Since he is the "chief prince of Meshech and Tubal" identify him as the northern King who moves against Israel at Armageddon.

**NOTE:** Meshech is usually identified as Moscow and Tubal as Tobolsk, cities in Russia (Rosh).

3. We call the "battle (war) of Armageddon" World War III.

4. We have seen the tremendous carnage of this battle involving 200 million troops, with the blood running approx. 200 miles 3ft. deep!

### **B. Sovereignty: God On The Move**

1. We have seen how God unleashed the forces of nature to aid in the destruction of the forces of the Anti-christ and the armies of the world.

**ILLUS:** We can see how God could use "nature" against mankind. Tiny, silent white crystals fall from the sky and in a few hours traffic comes to a crawl, airports are closed, plans are changed, etc. The earth trembles and entire buildings and cities are in shambles. The river overflows its banks and man's hopes, dreams and possessions are destroyed. A mountain burps and lava roasts everything in its path. A forest fire out of control devastates an entire area of prime property. Stay tuned...

2. Now our Sovereign God will move against the armies and finally cleanse the planet of evil and sinners as the Tribulation comes to a close.

**ILLUS:** Note in Ez.38 how often the phrase "I will..." is used. That is a statement of God's sovereignty. He doesn't consult with anyone, he just decides to do something and does it!

*"I WILL turn thee back and leave but the sixth part of thee..." v.2*

*"I WILL smite the bow..." v.3*

*"I WILL give thee unto the ravenous birds..." v.4*

*"I WILL send fire on Magog..." v.6*

*"I WILL make my holy name known..." v.7*

*"I WILL give unto Gog a place there of graves..." v.11*

*"I (WILL) SHALL be glorified..." v.13*

*"I WILL set my glory among the heathen (Gentiles)..." v.21*

*"(I WILL) bring again the captivity of Jacob..." v.25*

**TRANS:** Thank God there is a Sovereign God in control of human history and "we shall overcome" by the blood of the Lamb! Praise the Lord, He is in control of our circumstances as well. Praise God every believer will never have to face God on the basis of His sovereign wrath and power, but rather on the basis of His love and mercy!!

## **II. THE GREAT SUPPER: EZ.39**

### **A. Birds and Beasts: v.1-4, 17-20**

**QUOTE:** LaHaye: "In one moment man stands in his physical might filled with hate and bitterness, attacking the very headquarters of the Christ. The next moment his flesh is food for the ravenous birds of the heavens."

**Rev. 19:17-18** *17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper the great God; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.*

1. This is called "the supper of the great God" emphasizing God's vengeance upon His enemies.
2. Every bird and beast on the planet obeys His voice; man alone is the rebel against God.

**ILLUS:** Those very birds and beasts which man practically worships in his theory of evolution, will be used by God almighty to consume the armies of Satan.

### **B. Burning Bows: v.9**

1. Will these be literal bows and arrows?

2. There is a possibility that God used language that people of his day could understand to describe weapons which they could not comprehend.

3. There is another possibility that AntiChrist will destroy all weapons during the 3 1/2 years of peace, leaving only primitive weapons for this battle; this would explain Joel's statement that nations will "beat their plowshares into swords..."

4. There is no reason to spiritualize the fire or the 7 years.

### **C. Burying Bodies: v.11-13**

**NOTE:** If you are not saved and have some money to invest, put it into the Gravediggers Union!

## **III. THE GREAT SALVATION: Ez.39**

### **A. The Point:**

1. Jews and Gentiles alike will respond with believing hearts when they witness the awesome power of God. v.7, 21-23

2. The survivors of this awesome holocaust will gladly bow their knee to God and His Son as the planet is cleansed for His reign.

### **B. The Purpose:**

1. When Israel sees the naked power of God displayed she will finally acknowledge Him and be reunited spiritually. v.25, 28

2. The Great Savior will give His people the Great Salvation He has longed to give them over the centuries.

**ILLUS:** It is sad that it often takes such dramatic and calamitous events to bring people to their knees and ack-

knowledge Who God is. It is often so in our lives as well. Many only get saved after some terrible calamity occurs. If the Lord cannot win us with His love, then He will do whatever it takes.

For Israel it will take the horrors of the Tribulation Period. What will it take for you?!

**CONCL:** On a TV show this week called "Ancient Prophecies" which focused on Armageddon and the end of the world as we know it, even the secular seers spoke of changing their lifestyles in the light of coming events. Peter asks a penetrating question in his second epistle to believers...

*II Pet. 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness...?*

The other burning question for the lost is Why Not Now?!

### **"THIS LAND IS THEIR LAND..."** **(The Restoration of Israel)**

**TEXT:** Gen. 12:1-7

**THESIS:** To show the past, present and future of Israel relating to the promise of God concerning the land of Palestine.

**INTRO:** A. The focal point in world news will always be the land of Palestine! The Land and the People who belong in the land is the hottest issue going and will be for at least the next 1007 years! This Mideast Madness is simply due to conflicting claims by 2 special people: the Arabs and the Jews. (It is somewhat humbling to realize that God's focus is not on America, Europe Japan or the emerging 3rd world nations.)

B. The problem comes because the promises to Abraham and HIS SEED, include Isaac and Ishmael or the Jews and the Arabs.

**Gen. 17:20-21** 20 *And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. 21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.*

**ILLUS:** The Land is and will be the focal point of present and future world history because it is the crossroads of the 3 major continents of the world.

The cradle of civilization and the 3 races of humanity (Mongoloid, Negroid and Caucasoid) are in 100 miles of each other on the continents of Asia, Africa, and Europe!

**TRANS:** To comprehend the future of Israel, we need to look to the past and scrutinize the present...

#### **I. ISRAEL ELECTED: (PAST)**

##### **A. Selection: Creation to the call of Abraham**

1. God is not a respecter of persons, and before Abraham there were no national favorites with God.
2. Israel, via Abraham, was born out of the rebellion of the nations on earth at that time.
3. So God called and created a special nation through which to fulfill His program.

**Rom. 9:4** *Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;*

##### **B. Protection: Abraham thru the Kings of Israel**

1. Nation after nation tempted and enticed Israel into idolatry, intermarriage and rebellion.
2. God always managed to salvage a remnant of believers who would follow His appointed and anointed leaders.
3. But the erosion took its toll and God had to use the nations of the world to punish His own special nation.

### C. Rejection: The Kings to the Captivities

1. Finally their rejection of His leadership provoked the Lord to send his nation into slavery via captivity by other idolatrous nations.
2. The books of the major and minor prophets detail the events of these captivities.

## II. ISRAEL REJECTED: (PRESENT)

### A. Scattered:

Presently the Jews are scattered world wide and hidden as jewels among the nations.

Cf. I Chron. 16:15-22

### B. Battered:

1. Egypt made slaves of 600,000 Jews and 3000 years after God drowned Pharaoh, the British Army made 600,000 Egyptians build a railroad to haul water and supplies to her troops on the Nile.
2. Sennacherib carried 10 tribes of Jews into captivity and he wound up murdered by his own children. (II Ki. 19:37)
3. Babylon kept the Jews for 70 years and Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom wound up fit for nothing but the "wild beasts of the desert." Is. 13:19-22
4. Rome sacked Jerusalem, burning the temple and crucifying 500 Jews on trees and 500 yrs. later the

Goths, Vandals, Huns, Visigoths sacked Rome and destroyed the Empire.

5. Other nations purged themselves of Jews and have been subsequently eclipsed, paralyzed by plagues, etc.
6. England reneged on the Balfour Declaration to give the Jews Palestine and when they did WWII came with the bombing of London and the end of the British Empire.
7. Hitler gassed, burned, shot, skinned them alive and buried them for 5 bloody years under His reign and Germany was devastated by the Allies.
8. Russia has persecuted, punished and purged Jews from its homeland and the collapse of Communistic power resulted.

**ILLUS:** Oh, the bush that burns without being consumed...watch it burn up all who attempt to burn it!

Today the Church has been "grafted in" to this bush and "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (us)! Praise the Lord we are as much His "favorites" as Israel ever was.

## III. ISRAEL RESTORED: (FUTURE)

**NOTE:** God still has future plans for His people and their Promised Land!

**Rom. 11:1-2a** *1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.*

**2** *God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew.*

**Rom. 11:25** *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.*

*Rom. 11:28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*

#### A. Yearning: (Preparation)

**ILLUS:** The Jew yearns to go back to his Land, promised to him by his God.

1. WWI made the land ready (but the people were unwilling to go back).
2. WWII made the people ready (and they have returned by the 1000's).
3. WWIII will mean that Messiah is ready (and will have made the land and the people ready)!

#### B. Returning: (Restoration)

1. When peace in the Mid-East looks hopeless, the Antichrist, head of the European Economic Community will arise and offer peace and safety the the land of Palestine and make a covenant with Israel.
2. The Jews will return to the Land in unprecedented numbers enjoying peace and prosperity as last and will accept Antichrist as the Messiah.
3. Antichrist will move his headquarters from Rome to Jerusalem and move from a political ruler to a religious authority...even proclaiming that he is God and must be worshipped.
4. Antichrist will again partition the Land: "he...shall divide the land for gain." Dan. 11:39b
5. Then God will move in, using the armies of the world against Israel and the armies of the Antichrist and the Jews will again be driven from their Land and the Land will be drenched with Jewish blood.
6. Finally the Lord Himself will come back, destroy the Antichrist and purge the earth of all sin and sinners and recall His people, the remnant, back to the Land.

**ILLUS:** The 144,000 witnesses will apparently evangelize the nation and nations and call God's people back to Him and to the Land He promised them.

**Ezek. 20:34-38** *34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury put out.*

*35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.*

*36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the LORD GOD. 37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:*

*38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.*

**Amos 9:14-15** *14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. 15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.*

**CONCL:** Keep your eyes on the bush which burns and cannot be consumed! As a nation we had better favor Jerusalem over Rome! As believers we had better put down anti-Semitism anywhere we see it. As the grafted-in branches we had better get serious about serving the Husbandman who grafted us in and realize that God's Olive Tree is still His ultimate focus!

**Rom. 11:20-21** *20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded,*

*but fear: 21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.*

## **BABYLON AND THE BEAST" or "ALL ROADS LEAD TO..."**

**TEXT:** Rev. 17

**THESIS:** To show how God will destroy Catholicism and the Ecumenical church.

**INTRO:** A. Before us is an awesome revelation of God's holy hatred of a counterfeit system of religion, an apostate church. The Holy Spirit refers to her as "the great whore," (V.1) "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS" (V.5). A wife who is unfaithful to her husband is an adulterous woman. A church which calls itself Christian, and which courts an alliance with the godless world-system, commits spiritual adultery.

B. In this chapter, the unholy alliance between this ecumenical church and the European Community comes to an end at last. The 10 Kings of the EC (v.12) who have given their authority over to the Antichrist (v.13) rebel against the religious whore who has dominated them (v.18) and finally destroy her. (v.16)...

### **I. THE HARLOT EXPOSED: V.1-6**

A. Universal Power: v.1,2

**NOTE:** 3 times in Rev. the Apostle John is bidden to "come hither..." First in 4:1 when he is invited to view the future events of the Tribulation.

In 21:9 where he will see the Lamb's Bride in her perfection. And here, where before that great event the "great whore" is judged.

1. The vials of God's wrath have just been poured out on the earth and John is standing aghast at the devastation, when one of the angels comes to lay bare to him the power structure of the Beast's empire: religion!
2. He calls this religious prostitute, "the great whore."

**NOTE:** The word "whore" is often translated "prostitute" or "harlot" and is the basis for the English word "pornography." Spiritual adultery is idolatry. Do you know any church that bows down to images? "ALL ROADS LEAD TO..."

3. The "many waters" of v.1 are the nations of the world where this prostitute has practiced her adultery. v.15
4. This is a religious/political system, a church/state set-up; the name of the game is power.

**NOTE:** Do you know any church which claims both political and spiritual power? " ALL ROAD LEAD TO..."

Thank God, Jesus promised "All power is given unto Me, go ye therefore ..." and "...I will build My (true) church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!"

B. Unique Position: v.3

1. She seems secure and in control of the Gentile world empire headed up by the Beast, administered by 10 subordinate Kings.
2. But this is a very powerful Beast she rides and she is headed for a fall.



**ILLUS:** Rome still licks the wounds of scars inflicted in the French Revolution. Napoleon (type of Antichrist) summoned Pope Pius VII to Paris in 1804 to preside over his coronation. When the Pope lifted the crown to Napoleon's head, he pushed the Pope aside, seized the crown and placed it on his own head.

C. Unlimited Prosperity: v.4a

**NOTE:** Do you know any church whose colors are purple and scarlet, who has amassed gold, jewels, etc. over the centuries, who deals in "mysteries" and whose symbol is a golden cup? "ALL ROADS LEAD TO..."

D. Unholy Passions: v.4b,5

1. Idolatry and immorality are always connected in the Scriptures.
2. "Mystery Babylon" traces this idolatry and immorality all the way back to Nimrod and the Tower of Babel (Babylon).
  - a. Semiramis married Nimrod and had a baby named Tammuz.
  - b. This was the beginning of the cult of Mother and child worship.
  - c. This political/religious system began in Babylon and continues into the future on the city on 7 mountains. v.9

**NOTE:** Do you know any church that worships a Madonna and child? "ALL ROADS..."

E. Ungodly Persecutions: v.6

1. Rome invented the Inquisition with the tortures of believers.
2. Rome continues to torture and kill true believers today

**NOTE:** Do you know which church was responsible for the deaths of millions of true Christians during the Dark Ages? "ALL ROADS LEAD TO..."

**II. THE HARLOT EXPLAINED: v.8-15**

A. The Mystery: v.8-11

1. This man-beast "was" (before John), "is not" (in John's day - he was in the bottomless pit) and "shall ascend" (i.e. will have a "Second Coming just like Christ).
2. There are 7 mountains (v.9) and 7 kings or kingdoms (v.10) - Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece ("5 are fallen"), Rome ("one is") and Mystery Babylon ("the other is not yet come").
3. The Beast is #8 "and is of the seven" (Rome) and after "a short space...goeth into perdition."

B. The Might: v.12-15

1. 10 Kingdoms or nations rule with the Beast and even give him his authority. v.12,13
2. But they are no match for the Lamb! v.14

**III. THE HARLOT EXTERMINATED: v.16-18**

A. The Hatred: v.16-18

1. The Beast and his 10 nation federation will turn against the whore. v.16
2. They do so because "God hath put in their hearts to fulfill His will...until the WORDS of God are fulfilled." v.17

**ILLUS:** Praise the Lord, even God's enemies must do His bidding and fulfill His Word! The nations will voluntarily

submit themselves to the authority of the evil beast within the permissive will of God. One day the rule of wicked men will cease!

#### B. The Holocaust: 18:1-3

**ILLUS:** This filthy (v.2), drunken (v.3), commercial (v.19), pagan (v.4), proud (v.7), popular (v.9), mighty (v.10), rich (v.12) city is a doomed and damned city under the curse and wrath of Almighty God! (v.5)

Believers are on the winning side. We may appear to be losing now, but everything is going to come out all right!

#### C. The Hallelujah: 18:4-8

**CONCL:** "ALL (PROPHETIC) ROADS LEAD TO ROME!" The end of Christendom and the Counterfeit ("one true church") will come to a fiery conclusion. The warning to all who are in bed with this harlot is "come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues." 18:4

"BABYLON and THE BEAST" will both be ultimately and finally defeated! Truly, "the meek will inherit the earth" - not the powerful.

**"KING OF THE WORLD!"**

**TEXT:** Rev. 19:11-16

**THESIS:** To reveal Christ's ultimate manifestation of Himself to the world as it's Absolute Monarch.

**INTRO:** A. Elvis Presley was called "The King of R and R" - but the King is dead! Frank Sinatra was called "The King of N.Y." but the King is dead! Muhammed Ali was called "The King of the Ring" but the King has faltered! Jesus Christ was hailed "The King of the Jews" on Palm

Sunday and crucified on Good Friday! But though He died He promised to return and He always keeps His promises. He Who came the 1st time as "King of the Jews" will return the 2nd time as "KING OF THE WORLD!"

B. When "The King of the Jews" came riding into Jerusalem He came riding a colt, the foal of an ass. When "THE KING OF THE WORLD" comes riding from heaven He will come riding a "white horse". At His first coming He was "lowly Jesus meek and mild" but when He comes the 2nd time He will be Judge, Warrior and Monarch and ultimately this "KING OF THE WORLD" will become "KING OF THE UNIVERSE!" (There is no "QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE" unless it be the Church, the Bride of Christ!")

#### I. THE ADVENT OF THE KING: V.11

##### A. His Ministry: The Righteous Judge

1. The last time John saw "heaven opened" to him was in ch. 4 when the Tribulation, God's judgment on the nation of Israel began.
2. Now heaven is again opened and he observes God's judgment on the "nations" (ethnos) of the world. v.15

**ILLUS:** In ch.6 there was another rider on a white horse; the counterfeit Christ. In this chapter that rider will be defeated along with all the nations who come against Israel in the Battle of Armageddon. The other rider was the arch deceiver; this Rider is called "Faithful and True"!

3. Praise the Lord that this Judge cannot be deceived, bribed or make an unjust judgment. "in righteousness He doth judge..."

**ILLUS:** In Calif. (!!!) the court system is so corrupt that a man who admitted to 100 rapes was just paroled...put back on the streets to rape again. The laws in Calif. are so written that rapists and murderers paroles cannot even be contested! (J/W's are C.O.'s [conscientious objectors - cowards] who are pacifists. When I made a statement that if someone were to attempt to rape my wife or daughters, I would shoot them, a J/W objected. I said "what would you do?" The J/W said "Pray!" There is a time to pray and a time to shoot!!!)

4. Before the "KING OF THE WORLD" can reign He must exercise "righteous judgment" over any and all who would be an offense to His reign.

*Mt. 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;*

**ILLUS:** Before He can pass sentence and exercise the penalty, He must personally conduct His "righteous judgment" upon those openly or secretly in rebellion against Him. There will be no "plea bargaining" or cop outs by the defendants! There will be no further opportunity to "repent" or feign remorse.

## **II. THE ARMIES OF THE KING: V.11B-14**

### **A. His Might: The Righteous Warrior**

1. He not only is the Righteous King but also the Righteous Warrior! "in righteousness He doth judge and MAKE WAR!"

2. Note His awesome description in v.12,13:

- a. "His eyes...fire" (fire speaks of purging and judgment).
- b. "Many crowns..." (all earths power and authority are His now!)

- c. His secret "Name" (an unknown designation, possibly YHWH...the "I AM")
- d. His revealed "Name" (v.13) ("The Word of God)
- e. His vesture (dipped in blood) the winepress"

### **3. Note the armies which follow Him: v.14**

- a. Probably the O.T. saints, the Church (the Bride), the Tribulation saints and maybe even the angelic hosts...an innumerable company.

**ILLUS.:** When Hezekiah the King called upon the Lord for help against the Assyrians, God sent one angel, just one...and when Sen-nacherib woke up the next morning, as far as his eyes could see there were thousands and thousands of corpses that once comprised that vast proud army! Just one angel!

- b. But note that this army, unlike any other, is "clothed in fine linen, white and CLEAN" i.e., there is no blood because this army doesn't have to fight!

## **III. THE AUTHORITY OF THE KING: V.15,16**

### **A. His Majesty: The Righteous Monarch**

1. The only weapon this KING OF THE WORLD needs is His own Word... "out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with IT He should smite the nations..."

**NOTE:** John had seen this lethal weapon of judgment before...

**Rev. 1:16** *And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.*

**Is. 11:4** *But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall*

*smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*

2. This is the way He will also rule (lit. shepardize or pastor) his subjects (nations) with a "rod of iron" viz., a dictatorship!
3. The word "fierceness" ("thumos") is also translated "indignation"
4. The word "wrath" (orge) is rendered elsewhere "anger" and "vengeance"

**ILLUS:** In WWI about 40 million died, in WWII about 60 million, in the upcoming WWIII (Armageddon) about 200 million will war against Christ and will feel His wrath!

It is not a wise idea to have the Christ, THE KING OF THE WORLD, angry with you. He IS angry with sinners every day! He will try them, judge them, sentence them and punish them...no matter what anyone says to the contrary. Yes He is a God of love, but He is also a God of justice and wrath.

5. Both on His garments and on His thigh His Name will be emblazoned:  
"KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

**NOTE:** He needed no sword at His thigh, like earthly conquerors, because His sword proceeded out of His mouth, so here is His Name and Title.

While the other Kings of the earth who have opposed Him are lying in the battlefield withbirds of prey feasting on their carcasses (v.17,18),

**"THE KING OF THE EARTH"** is savoring V.A. DAY (Victory in Armageddon) against all who have rebelled against Him.

**CONCL:** Yes, Jesus came meekly riding a colt, the foal of an ass in His 1st advent, but He will come in power riding a white horse in His 2nd advent.

What is your relationship to THE KING OF THE EARTH? Have you submitted to His authority yet? Are you saved? Submit, be saved and serve now or resist now and be doomed later. The choice is yours. Trust Christ as your Savior now or meet Him as your Judge later!

**"HERE COMES THE JUDGE!"**

**TEXT:** Mt. 25

**THESIS:** To show that Christ will begin His Millennial reign by purging Jews and Gentiles who are unsaved and stop them from entering.

**INTRO:** A. No one looks forward to going to court to be sentenced by a judge. The innocent fears that the judge may be biased or prejudiced or simply incompetent to make a fair judgment. The guilty fear that the judge may give him what he deserves.

B. When Christ comes back He will not only sit on a throne as King but will sit on the bench as Judge. Thank God that the innocent have nothing to fear from Him, but those guilty of rejecting Him will indeed get what they deserve. Now is the time to prepare for the inevitable judgment.

**TRANS:** The saved of this age will all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ where rewards are determined; the unsaved of this age will appear before the Great White Throne Judgment to receive their sentence of hell.

But after the Judgment Seat of Christ and before the GWT other judgments take place...

**I. JUDGING THE JEWS: v.1-13**

**NOTE:** This Script. is a part of what is referred to as the Olivet Discourse and deals with Christ, the Bridegroom returning from the Wedding with His Bride to set up His earthly Kingdom. Since this is Kingdom truth it deals primarily with the nation of Israel, then the nations in relation to her...

**QUOTE:** English: "The 10 virgins represent the remnant of Israel after the church has been taken. (After the Tribulation P.F.) The 5 wise virgins are the believing remnant, the foolish virgins the unbelieving, who only profess to be looking for Messiah's coming in power."

#### A. Those With Light and Life: (Wise)

1. Both possess lamps which suggests that all had an opportunity, a chance to hear that Christ is the Messiah. v.1
2. Those with oil in their lamps speak of those who received the message and were spiritually prepared for His coming Kingdom. v.4

**ILLUS:** There is obviously an application we can make to the Church age as well. Those who are wise will receive the Savior and will be ready for the rapture; those who are foolish will reject Him and be ready for Judgment.

#### B. Those Without Light and Life: (Foolish)

1. All had lamps (opportunity because of testimony - if not of the 144,000 or 2 special Jewish witnesses - surely the witness of the "time of Jacob's trouble; the Tribulation).
2. All "*slumbered and slept*" ... "*while the Bridegroom tarried...*" v.5
3. All "*trimmed their lamps (wicks)*" when He came. v.7
4. The foolish begged the wise to share their oil with them. v.8

5. The wise refused their request; not out of selfishness, but out of faithfulness to the Bridegroom. v.9

6. The foolish are shut out of the Marriage Feast, (v.10) and though they begged (v.11), the Bridegroom answered "I know you not!" (v.12)

7. Christ gives the final warning to the nation in v.13.

**ILLUS:** Several important truths can be gleaned from this parable by way of application:

1. Christ's life is not transferrable (oil).
2. Lost opportunities are not always possible to regain.
3. The Lord always comes when He is least expected, even though a general warning is given. v.6
4. Don't wait till the crisis comes to prepare...it may be too late. (v.10)

**NOTE:** Israel has had 2000 years to prepare for their Messiah, plus they will receive one final opportunity during the Tribulation. If they fail again, the only alternative is for Judgment.

## II. JUDGING THE GENTILES: v.31-45

**QUOTE:** Pentecost "While military powers will be broken and brought into subjection to Christ, multitudes of individual Gentiles will not be judged when armies are destroyed and military might is broken. And in order to determine who from among the Gentiles will enter into Christ's earthly millennial kingdom, there must be a judgment in which these Gentiles are judged concerning their salvation, concerning their faith in Jesus Christ. So it is for this point that Christ will gather all nations before Him."

#### A. Those Who Are "Sheep":

1. Note the awesome scene depicted in v.31 and 32!
2. The "nations" are Gentiles; Israel was to be God's channel of blessing, but Gentiles were to be recipients as well.

**Gen. 12:1-3** *1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

3. Note the startling statement in v.34 that His Kingdom was prepared "from the foundation of the world" for Gentiles!
4. The basis of their judgment is their treatment of Israel during the Tribulation. v.35-40

**NOTE:** This is not a "salvation by works" setup. These nations have heard the message of the 144,000 witnesses and have responded in belief, and on that basis their treatment of Israel changed. "Faith without works is dead." The 144,000 are all Jews and their only source of sustenance and support during the reign of Antichrist will be their converts among the nations. These converts are not saved by the way they treat the witnesses, but they treat the witnesses right because they are saved! Their works demonstrate their faith.

5. The "right hand" is the place of honor and their destiny would be determined by which hand was placed on them.

**ILLUS:** The right hand indicated the heir, e.g., Jacob deliberately crossed his hands and put his right hand on Ephraim and his left on Manasseh. These are the "sheep" nations! v.33

## B. Those Who Are "Goats":

1. Note the terrifying sentence by the Righteous Judge in v.41
2. Note the final, irrevocable nature of the sentence in v.46

**ILLUS:** So it will be when YOU stand before the Judge. You will be considered a lost goat or a saved sheep based upon what you have done with the warning message delivered to you. You WILL stand at His bar of justice. How will you fare in that day?!

**CONC:** How embarrassing to be unprepared to meet the Lord. Even the "wise" virgins were caught sleeping in His absence. How about YOU?

How stupid not to respond NOW to the warning: "HERE COMES THE JUDGE!"

Why not get ready NOW?!

## "WHEN THE WILL IS READ"

**TEXT:** Prov. 13:22

**THESIS:** To show that "The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just..."

**INTRO:** A. DO YOU EVER WISH that you didn't have to worry about the prices at eh supermarket?...the Dept. store?...the restaurant?

B. DO YOU EVER WONDER why you drive a used car while your unsaved, alcoholic neighbor drives a brand new Cadillac?!...and you live in a old Levittowner and can't even afford the taxes or put a new roof on your house while the local porn store owner lives in Yardley, overlooking the

River, has his yard landscaped, a full time gardener, maid and spends the winter in the Bahamas?!

**B. DON'T FRET...things will soon change, "WHEN THE WILL IS READ"!**

We are Joint-heirs with Christ and since the "earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof..." we will soon possess our possessions. "THE WEALTH OF THE SINNER IS LAID UP FOR THE JUST!"

**ILLUS:** That Rolls Royce they are driving will soon be yours! Their yacht will soon have its title transferred to you! The banker down the street is simply taking care of your money for a while! That ritzy lady shopping in the exclusive stores and sporting a 2 carat diamond is getting your ward robe ready and is just wearing YOUR ring for now. Soon the farms, ranches, oil wells, summer homes and world tours will all be yours!! "THE WEALTH OF THE SINNER IS LAID UP FOR THE JUST!"

**ILLUS:** Hey...murdering, liquor-loving, lady-loving, liberal Sen. Ted Kennedy, take good care of our mansion in Hyannis Port! Hey...whoremongering, lustful, filthy-rich and filthy Hugh Hefner, take care of you jet-plane, Playboy empire...for you wealth will soon be ours!! Hey...sensual, sexy, sinful Bo Derek, your beauty and looks will soon fade, but every saint will be a "perfect 10!" Hey...all you bankers, oil-rich shieks, movie moguls, filthy and filthy rich porn peddlers, get ready to move out...for we are all going to move in!! For "THE WEALTH OF THE SINNER IS LAID UP FOR THE JUST!"

**I. POOR NOW - RICH THEN:**

**A. Our Riches Are Invested:**

1. We are not poor, our riches are just tied up now!
2. The wealthy will soon forfeit their wealth to God's people.

**I Tim. 6:7** *For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.*

3. The wealth of the sinner is simple invested for the saint.

**ILLUS:** As Laban's wealth was invested for Jacob. As Joseph stored up grain and food during the years of plenty and later, during the famine had great wealth to share with his brothers, so will our "Joseph" share the riches of the ungodly with his brethren!

**B. Our Wealth Is In Storage:**

1. We are not insolvent, we simply have our wealth invested in long term notes!
2. We are just waiting for our "bonds" to mature.
3. We are just waiting for the stock to go up!
4. We are just waiting for THE WILL TO BE OPENED AND READ!

**Ex. 12:35-36** *35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: 36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.*

**ILLUS:** As the wealth of Egypt became the Israelites, so "THE WEALTH OF THE SINNER IS LAID UP FOR THE JUST!" Drive thru the rich neighborhoods and see if the landlords are taking good care of your property!!

**Josh.24:13** *And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.*

**ILLUS.:** As the wealth of Caanan became the Israelites, so "THE WEALTH OF THE SINNER IS LAID UP FOR THE JUST!" They didn't have to work for it, the Lord delivered it into their hands.

- a. The unsaved have to enjoy their riches now because they will soon leave it behind.
- b. The saved seem to be poor now, but the Lord is their inheritance now...like the Levites.

**Num. 18:20** *And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.*

- c. The saint seems to be impoverished now, but as long as Jesus lives and the promises of God stand, we have a bright future, for "THE WEALTH OF THE SINNER IS LAID UP FOR THE JUST!"

**ILLUS: Lk.16:25** *The rich man may laugh today but soon he will "lift up his eyes, being in torments" and will be reminded that "thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things and likewise Lazarus evil things, but NOW he is comforted and thou art tormented."*

Haman laughed too till his wealth became Esther's and Mordecai's!

- d. The believer appears worthless now but he is an "heir and joint heir" with Christ!

**ILLUS: WHEN THE WILL IS READ** and the rewards are handed out the tables will be turned and the rich will be poor and the poor will be rich! He not only owns the cattle on a 1000 hills...He owns the hills...and He will share His wealth with us! I have it in writing! He has given us His "last will and Testament" and sealed it with His blood!

## **II. RIDICULED NOW - RESPLENDENT THEN:**

### **A. Now We Are Rejected, Then We Will Be Respected:**

1. We are looked down upon now, but will become respected then.
2. Things are backwards now, but true believers can rejoice in spite of circumstances:

**Luke 6:22-26** *22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.*

3. Things are unfavorable for us now...but the saints will yet receive respectability:

- a. As the inheritance is laid up for the "children" so the wrath of this world is Christ's and His children.
- b. We will return to earth (in as little as 7 years) with the King of Kings to "reign on the earth" as Kings and Priests!!!

**Mt. 19:27-30** *27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?*

**28** *And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

**29** *And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or*



lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

**B. Now We Are Repudiated, Then We Will Be Recognized:**

**ILLUS:** Satan, in conjunction with the NCCC, WCCC, RCC and Charismatics are now building the kingdom which God's people will inherit for 1000 years.

**Lk. 19:17-19** 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

**C. Now We Are Resented, Then We Will Be Rich:**

**II Cor. 6:9-10** 9 As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; 10 As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

1. We are the unknowns of this world...but are known by God and the angelic hosts as the truly wealthy. v.9a

2. We appear mortal now but are truly immortal. v.9b

**ILLUS:** The world is seeking after FORTUNE, FAME AND IMMORTALITY by being or doing something great. But we who are saved have found all three by knowing Someone great!

3. We are persecuted ("chastened") now, but cannot be killed. v.9c

4. We look "sorrowful" now but inside we rejoice. v.10a

5. We are considered "poor" now but we alone have riches to share! v.10b

6. We have "nothing" now as the world counts riches, yet we possess all things worth possessing.

**CONCL:** Don't "throw in the towel" - the best is yet to come! Instead of worrying about food bills, economics, what you don't have now, think of that great day "WHEN THE WILL IS READ!" "Eye hath not seen..."

If you are unsaved whatever you have will be taken and given to us! Better get saved and bear a little reproach now and lay up for yourselves "treasures in Heaven" and eternal life, fame, fortune and immortality! Get saved today!

## **"THE EIGHTH MILLENNIUM"**

**TEXT:** Rev. 1:5-7; 5:10

**THESIS:** To show that believers should not only look for the Rapture but pray for the Millennium.

**INTRO:** A. Scripturally, life on earth is only thousands, not millions or billions of years old. Scientists frequently change their minds...God never changes His!

**QUOTE:** Dr. Robert Gentry: Popular Science, 11/69 "Many top scientists believe that the decay rates (used for dating the earth) have been misjudged by orders of magnitude which would suggest that man has been around for only a few thousand years instead of the 3.6 million announced by some."

B. When Christ returns to set up His Kingdom of Heaven on earth, we (Church-age saints) will touch down with the King on Olivet and become Kingdom cops, Savior-servants and Paradise-police in a world of Adams and

Eves! God has given us abundant evidence to this period in both the O.T. and N.T. It all begins when the King returns and "THE EIGHTH MILLENNIUM" commences...

## I. THE KING: Rev. 1:5-7

### A. His Coming:

**ILLUS:** On May 6, 1942 Gen. D. MacArthur was forced into retreat by the Japanese from the Philippines and promised "I shall return." He meant he would come again with military might to eradicate all resistance and retake the islands. 2 years later he did return with the power of our armed forces with world wide publicity. 2000 years ago Jesus Christ promised "I will return" (John 14: Acts 1:10,

11) to rescue His saints from Satan's Kingdom and with His power and with His saints would set up His Kingdom ..."THE EIGHTH MILLENNIUM"...which will also receive world-wide publicity. "Every eye shall see Him..." v.7

### B. His Coronation:

1. He is coming as the 2nd Adam to rule over an earthly Eden with the curse lifted (the dominion the 1st Adam lost, the 2nd Adam will regain).

2. When He is crowned King all other Kings and rulers will be subject to Him. ("the prince of the Kings of the earth..." v.5)

**Rev. 20:6** *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

3. His Kingdom will be characterized by righteousness.

**Heb. 1:8** *But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*

## II. THE SUBJECTS:

### A. Church-Age Saints:

1. Those who partake of the "first resurrection". (cf.Rev.20:6 above)
2. We will have resurrected, glorified bodies like His.

**I John 3:2** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

**ILLUS:** We will be spirit-beings wearing glorified bodies. NOW we are subject to the limitations and demands of our natural bodies (we must feed them, put them to bed, etc.). THEN our new bodies will obey the desires of our spirit. Our circumcised souls will be free from our fleshly bodies. We will leave the flesh (as we know it) and the old nature behind!

**Col. 2:11** *In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:*

We will all be perfect, but not equal...in rank, station or position. All believers will be made perfect but will vary in maturity and thus in assignment.

**Rev. 5:10** *And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

### B. Gentile Nations:

1. Those who were martyred in the Tribulation and resurrected.
2. Those who survived the Tribulation (saved on the basis of faith...before the Millennium).
3. Those born after the Mill. begins...with old natures.

#### C. The Nation of Israel:

1. Those who died in faith and are res. at the end of the Tribulation
2. Those who escaped the Antichrist and enter the Mill.
3. Those who AS A NATION are saved at His coming.

**Rom. 11:25-27** *25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob 27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*

**NOTE:** Since salvation is always by faith and not by sight, apparently Israel does not merely believe based on His revelation when they SEE HIM, but when in their hearts they trust Him.

4. Those born in the Mill. With old natures.

**ILLUS:** It appears as if men on earth will not die during this 1000 years since the curse is lifted. The earth will yield only nutritious foods. Satan will be bound. The water canopy will again shield the planet from harmful rays. Hate, jealousy and sin will not be tolerated. Those of us in glorified bodies may become Kingdom cops and Paradise police to enforce His righteous rule.

### III. THE KINGDOM:

**Rom. 8:21-23** *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

#### A. Eden Worldwide: Is.11:6-9

1. God will restore paradise to earth, with perfect climate, fellowship with the animals and harmony in His creation.

**ILLUS:** Adam was the orig. "Dr. Doolittle" and was able to "talk with the animals" The predatory instinct and carnivorous nature will disappear. The "bug eat bug" program will end. (Even my wife will like cats!)

2. Weapons and armament will be abolished "neither shall they learn war any more..."
  - a. They will still have sin natures, but with Satan chained things will be more manageable.
  - b. Besides, with the Savior ruling with a "rod of iron" and His Kingdom cops monitoring all activity things will not be permitted to get too far out of hand.

#### B. Adams Everywhere:

1. One purpose of the Mill. is to provide Christ an inheritance to share with His children.
2. Another is to keep His Word to Abraham.
3. Still another is to restore the original balance on planet earth and to His universe.
4. Also to prove the accuracy of God's claim about all men that they like father Adam.

- a. Men are sinners by nature and bent on "doing their own thing" instead of doing God's will.
- b. Men are tested again and again fail, like Adam, even in a perfect environment.

**NOTE:** No one will be able to say "If I were in Adam's shoes, I would have done differently." For many will follow Satan in a final rebellion to overthrow Christ's righteous rule.

**CONCL:** The Rapture is only one event the bel. should be looking forward to. God has a perfect and complete program for the redeemed. Even the Mill. is not all He has for us. We should not only be looking for the Rapture but praying for the Kingdom. "Thy Kingdom come, on earth, as it is in heaven."

## **"STAGE 2 IN THE BELIEVER'S 3 LIVES"**

**TEXT:** Zech. 14:4-21

**THESIS:** To show the nature of life in the Millennium and the changes which it will bring to the planet.

**INTRO:** A. Every believer has 3 lives to live. Life on earth now for 70+ years the Millennial reign of 1000 years and our life beyond the Mill. for eternity.

We want to focus on "STAGE 2 IN THE BELIEVER'S 3 LIVES."

B. So much of O.T. prophecy has to do with the Millennium. Stage 2 for the bel. is so diff. from Stage 1 that we cannot even imagine the vast and far-reaching changes which will take place on this planet and in our new life. In fact, what is revealed, only whets our spiritual appetites for more. This chapter in Zechariah is but a

sample or appetizer, but it does yield very interesting details...

### **I. TOUCHDOWN! (GEOGRAPHICAL CHANGE)**

#### **A. An Earthquake: v.4,5**

1. This will be the "Big One" as far as the fantastic geographical, political and religious changes it will set in motion.
2. The "Lord my God" in the person of Jesus Christ will touchdown on the Mount of Olives along with "all the saints" (v.2) and that centuries old graveyard will split and create 2 mountains and a great valley.

#### **B. An Eerie Half-Light: v.6,7**

1. It will be neither day nor night, but the Lord will create a new eerie day/night combination.
2. Perhaps the brightness of His presence will overshadow the sun and create this unique condition which will cause darkness to flee away.

#### **C. An Exceptional River: v.8**

1. A new river will be created which will originate under the throne of the King and go west to the Mediterranean and east to the Dead Sea.
2. According to Ezek.47 they will be "waters to swim in" (v.5) and waters to fish in (v.9.10) and they will heal the Dead Sea (v.8-10).

**Ezek. 47:8-10** 8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. 9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great

*multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and everything shall live whither the river cometh. 10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto Eneglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.*

#### **D. An Extended Plain: v.10**

1. This elevation of the land mass will no doubt have effects on the climate of that region as well.
2. The entire topography of Israel will be affected and all these changes will be supernatural in origin creating respect and reverence for the new King who is obviously behind them.

**ILLUS:** What an awesome Person is our Savior. He is not only the Creator, but the Renovator of the earth! He can trigger earthquakes, split mountains instantly, create new rivers, heal the Dead Sea and even raise the earth's surface and level it in the process!!!! Indeed we should sing "My God, How Great Thou Art!"

## **II. TRIUMPH! (POLITICAL CHANGE)**

**NOTE:** But Jesus doesn't come primarily to bring about geographical change, but to bring Political and Religious Change...

#### **A. The King of The Earth: v.9**

1. The ancient prophecy that the "Govt. shall be upon His shoulder" finally comes to pass.
2. The song of the angels on the night of Messiah's human birth of "Peace on earth, good will to men" becomes a reality at last.

#### **B. The Kingdom of Peace: v.10-15**

1. Finally the prayers of the saints for ages concerning the "peace of Jerusalem" will become a reality. v.11
2. Instead of anti-Semitism there will be worldwide pro-Semitism!
3. The price of peace is always warfare! v.12,13

**ILLUS:** Oh, the price that men will pay for rebelling against the Savior! V.12 is like a scene from some horror film! Men's flesh will melt and their eyeballs will be consumed in their sockets!

This is a picture of the horrors of the Tribulation preceding the Mill. v.15 (Note v.14 which again reinforces the truth of the wealth of the rich becoming the property of the saints.)

**ILLUS:** How wonderful it will be when the Lord Himself assumes all authority on earth! No more inequities or injustices...no more ridicule or persecution for the saints! No more Watergates or White Water Gates, no more corruption or immorality in Govt.! The King is reigning with His saints!

## **III. THANKSGIVING! (RELIGIOUS CHANGE)**

#### **A. Enforced Worship: v.16**

1. The Temple will be rebuilt as a testimony to the sin-barrier bet. God and sinful man and the High Priest "which abideth forever" will minister there.
2. Those indwelt by the Spirit will rejoice in His holiness and delight to do His will.
3. We will serve under the King of Kings to reign with Him, those left after the Trib. will come to Him as High Priest.

**ILLUS:** Finally "every knee shall bow" before Him...on the earth; later after the Mill. and GWT even the demons of hell and Satan himself will worship Him.

#### B. Excluded Wickedness: v.17-19

1. The "Feast of Tabernacles" celebrated the fruit, wine and oil harvests, speaking of earth's bounty.
2. In the Mill. this New Thanksgiving Day will be observed to celebrate earth's freedom from the curse and its new productivity.

**ILLUS:** Those who refuse to celebrate will be cut off via drought and famine. This unthankful spirit for the new fruitfulness under Christ's personal reign will be interpreted as rebellion and will be excised with His rod of iron.

#### C. Extended Worship: v.20,21

1. Even the commonplace will be elevated to the status of "holy" the bells on horses bridles and pots and pans!
2. The land will be holy, the Temple holy, the city holy and the subjects will live holy unto the Lord.

**ILLUS:** All we know and see now is tainted by man's perverted sin nature. All is unholy. Then, every TV program will be holy, every public event will be holy. This lifestyle will become boring and obnoxious to the unsaved born into this holy atmosphere and will breed secret rebellion...just as living in a Christian home does today to those unsaved children born and raised there, oftentimes. (Stay tuned...)

**CONCL:** Believer in Stage One of your existence, don't get discouraged. A better day is on the way! Stage 2 is coming! The Millennium may only be a short 7 years away and we may just do our waiting in heaven should the Rapture occur now. In any event "STAGE 2 IN THE BELIEVER'S 3 LIVES" is by far better than Stage 1 and it

only gets better after Stage 2!!!!!! What a Savior!~ What a salvation! (Don't miss out...get saved today!)

### "ETERNAL BEINGS WITH WRIST WATCHES"

**TEXT:** Rev. 20:7-15

**THESIS:** To examine the concept and transition of time and eternity.

**INTRO:** A. Time is God's accommodation to finite beings. As long as we are in this body we are confined to time. We are **"ETERNAL BEINGS WITH WRIST WATCHES."** Calendars and watches are reminders that we are still earth-bound. Time and eternity are two separate entities - one has to do with flesh, the other with spirit. Since we are not only fleshly beings, but also spiritual beings God has designed men destined for eternity and blended them into time.

Presently we wear earth suits, called bodies, which are governed by time, space and matter. Ultimately, those who are saved will wear space suits, called resurrection bodies and will be governed by spirit.

B. God uses time to prepare us for eternity. Time is man's testing ground. It is a temporary device for testing eternal beings. If a man chooses to accept Christ he shows he is suitable for eternal fellowship with the Lord. If he rejects Christ he will be eternally separated from God in the lake of fire...

### I. TIME = THE TESTING GROUND Rev.10:6

A. Watches and Calendars: (Dispensations)

1. Time is man's testing period, wherein God tests man as to his obedience or disobedience to clearly stated rules.
2. This concept is referred to as "Dispensations" or Stewardships, i.e. God places man on trial with certain limitations.

**ILLUS:** MAN'S REPORT CARD

TEST: (DISPENSATION)      SCORE:      TIME:

Innocence (Adam)..... 0 .....(Creation to Fall)  
 Conscience (Cain)..... 0 .....(Fall to Flood)  
 Human Government (Noah). 0 ....(Flood to Babel)  
 Promise (Abraham)..... 0 .....(Babel to Egypt)  
 Law (Moses)..... 0 .....(Sinai to Calvary)  
 Church (Christ)..... 0 ..... (Pentecost to Rapture)  
 Millennium (Christ)..... 0 .....(2nd Coming to GWT)

**B. Beginnings and Endings: (Earthly Relationships)**

1. Everything in our human existence has a beginning and an ending.
2. Even our closest human bonds: parents, spouses... terminate with death.
3. Time is fleeting...SOON "time will be no more" and so we must make the best possible use of what little we may have left.

**ILLUS:** If we compare our "3 score and 10" (70 yrs.) to a day from 7A.M. to 11 P.M. what time is it?

If your age is 15, the time is 10:25 AM  
 ...45, the time is 5:16PM  
 ...50, the time is 6:25PM  
 ...30, the time is 1:51 PM  
 ...55, the time is 7:34PM  
 ...35, the time is 3:00 PM  
 ...60, the time is 8:42PM

...40, the time is 4:08 PM  
 ...65, the time is 9:51PM  
 ...70, the time is 11:00PM

- a. Every earthly relationship will end sooner than we expect, so we had better do whatever we intend to do ASAP!

**ILLUS:** Send those flowers NOW while your loved ones can still smell them! Tell them you love them NOW while they can still hear you! Do that good deed NOW before the time is gone! Buy that gift NOW to express your love before that friend can no longer benefit from it!

- c. Every opportunity for service will end sooner than we expect, so we had better do for the Lord whatever we intend to do ASAP!

**ILLUS.:** There is no time for prayer TOMORROW...there is no time to learn the Bible TOMORROW...there is no time to win the lost TOMORROW...

**POEM:** "All I Meant To Do" Said yesterday to tomorrow: "When I was young like you, I, too, was fond of boasting of all I meant to do. But while I fell a dreaming along the pleasant way, Before I scarcely knew it, I found it was today!"

**TRANS:** "Today is the tomorrow you planned to use wisely yesterday!" But soon time shall be no more. Prophetically the Millennium is the "end of time"!

**II. TRANSITION = THE TRIBUNAL Rev.20:7-15**

**A. Satan Set Free: v.7**

1. Satan doesn't escape from his prison, God "looses" him.

2. He is set free briefly to prove how wicked man really is. v.3

a. During the 1000 years when Satan was bound God has graciously extended plenty of time for men to repent of their wickedness and trust their Beneficent ruler, Jesus Christ.

b. Instead many, if not most, of all Mill.-born citizens rebel and follow their leader and choose Satan as their god.

c. Without Satan's influence man's rebellion is exposed.

#### B. Satan Succeeding: v.8

1. The Satanic trinity of Satan, Gog and Magog plot to "deceive the nations."

2. Satan is probably startled at his own success.

#### C. Satan Stopped: v.9,10

1. All the redeemed and reigning saints - those in natural and resurrected bodies - along with the holy angels apparently retreat to the Holy City to escape Satan's hordes.

2. Suddenly a falling ring of fire radiating outward will consume every wicked sinner and Satan and his followers.

3. Surely they will look to their god, Satan, for some master stroke of genius to deliver them - but will finally and forever see him for the liar and deceiver he is - too late!

4. The great deceiver must finally realize - as he hurtles toward hell that he had deceived himself most of all.

5. In the lake of fire he joins his tribulation cohorts - and they become the tormented trinity - in terrifying, eternal torment.

#### D. Satan's Subjects: v.11-15

1. The lost of the ages are gathered before the Terrible Tribunal of a Righteous and Holy Deity at this truly "Supreme Court"!

2. The Chief Justice of this Supreme Court: "Him that sat upon it..." v.11a

3. The earth and heaven "fled away" in a "Big Bang"!

a. The unveiled glory and pure white hot energy of the Creator vaporizes the atomic structure of all matter in a gigantic holocaust.

**II Pet. 3:10** *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

**II Pet. 3:12** *Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*

b. Every evolutionist and atheist who ever lived will face His Creator and will be without excuse and speechless.

4. The common accusation against the defendants will be that their names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life. v.12,13,15

5. This is not a trial but a sentence hearing; they are already deemed guilty of rejecting Christ.

**ILLUS:** Assuming 45 billion people to be sentenced with each review of works lasting 1 hr., this GWT tribunal would last 5 million years - if time was a factor. (Morris, The Revelation Record)

Names will be called of the res. dead of the ages of every station in life and from every place of burial, land or sea (Noah's flood). Movie stars and beggars, the rich and famous and the poor and infamous and will be cast into the



lake of fire and a place of burning blackness. (A star is a literal lake of fire and some burn without light in the visible spectrum so they consist of fire and darkness.) They will be dying forever with their god and we will be living for-ever with our God!

6. People will be sentenced by the absence of their names in the book of life and the presence of their names in the books of works.

7. There will be a "lowerarchy" in hell as there is a hierarchy in heaven.

8. Men will live forever with unsatisfied lusts and unsatiated appetites. cf. 22:11

### III. ETERNITY = TIME NO MORE!

**CONCL:** We are all "ETERNAL BEINGS WITH WRIST WATCHES". Those who are saved will live in heaven for all eternity. Those who are lost will be tormented in hell for all eternity. We have all been given time for this period of earth history. We had better make the most of it!

"ALL NEW!"

**TEXT:** Rev. 21:1-5

**THESIS:** To examine the New Heavens, New Earth and New Jerusalem promised in Rev. 21.

**INTRO:** A. The words "ALL NEW!" or just simply "NEW!" are plastered on every thing from beans to Bibles, from cars to canned carrots! In fact "there is nothing NEW under the sun" according to the wisest man who ever lived. Creation is an event of the distant past. But renovation or regeneration will "make all things NEW!" (V.5)

B. Let's examine 3 of those "ALL NEW!" things which God will make. Why are they made NEW? What will the differences and similarities be? Who will be the recipients of all these NEW things?

**TRANS:** The Bible is a circle, an infinite Book. Revelation leads us right back to Genesis. In Genesis we have Paradise Lost and in Rev. Paradise Restored. In Gen.1:1 we have "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" and in Rev. 21:1 we have "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth"...

#### I. THE NEW HEAVEN: v.1

A. Not Annihilation But Renovation:

1. Comparing Script. With Scripture in II Pet. 3 it appears that renovation regeneration and recreation are in view, not annihilation.

**ILLUS:** When a person becomes a "NEW CREATURE" his old man is not done away with, the new man is added. So with the new creation. The elements which "melt with a fervent heat" are apparently refashioned and refurbished.

2. Peter uses the first destruction by water to illustrate what will take place the next time by fire.

**II Pet. 3:6-7** 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

B. Not One Heaven but Three Heavens:

*II Peter 3:12-13 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*

*13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*

1. The atmospheric heaven: where the birds fly and the clouds hover.
2. The planetary heaven: where the stars, planets and galaxies are located
3. The heaven of heavens: where God dwells and the souls of the departed believers live.

**NOTE:** Apparently the 1st and 2nd "heavens" are in view in II Pet. whereas in Revelation only the visible atmospheric heaven is noted.

Our sin has affected even the weather of our planet. Hurricanes, cyclones, lightning, tornados, wind, rain, sleet, hail, snow, ice, et. al. are by products of God's curse on His creation due to man's sin. It will be restored to its pristine, primordial state as it originally came from the hand of God!

- a. Even stars burn out today and comets collide with planets.

**ILLUS:** The cover story on a recent TIME magazine had to do with a giant comet colliding with the planet Jupiter with the effect of millions of hydrogen bombs exploding at once. They then asked the question: "Could it happen here (on earth)?" There answer was yes.

- b. Our climactic pattern is changing and this is in line with the atmospheric disturbances prophesied just before the Lord returns.

**ILLUS:** Nothing needs to be changed about God's heaven! It doesn't need renewal...it is perfect and unaffected by man's sin.

## **II. THE NEW EARTH: v.1**

### **A. Ruined!**

**Rom. 8:21-22** 21 *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and tra-vaieth in pain together until now.*

1. The vegetable world is cursed...thorns and thistles, mosquitoes and microbes. "...not willingly..."
2. Animals give birth in suffering, pain and death and then must live by teeth, claws, fangs and blood.
3. Our humanity...childhood, youth, manhood, old age...a continual process of deterioration, disease and death.

**ILLUS:** The new earth will no longer be cut into graves and cemeteries. No longer will the earth be watered with showers of human tears. No longer will the earth be stained with the crimson blood of animals or humans. No longer will earth's highways bear the processions of those who are breaved and brokenhearted.

**QUOTE:** Criswell: "There are no stonecutters chiseling epitaphs in glory. There are no wreaths on the mansion doors in the sky. There are no graves on the hillsides of heaven. There are no obituary columns in the newspapers. There are no funeral processions over the streets of gold." v.4

**ILLUS:** There is no need any longer for Drs., hospitals, insane asylums, drug rehab centers, prisons, lawyers or judges! There are no more sodomites, prostitutes, drug pushers, pimps, pornographers, blasphemers, liars, ,etc. cf. v.8

TRANS: Oh how wonderful is the NEW Heaven and the NEW Earth. But there is even more. There is...

### III. THE NEW JERUSALEM: v.2

#### A. The Holy City:

1. The Old Jerusalem was for the nation of Israel; the New Jerusalem is for the Bride of Christ, the Church.

**Gal. 4:25-26** *25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. 26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.*

2. The Old Jerusalem was called the "holy city" but was unholy due to man's sin and rebellion, the New Jerusalem will be holy indeed, because the Lamb of God is there with His blood-washed disciples. v.22,23

#### B. The Heavenly City:

1. It comes "down from God out of heaven".
2. It is the abode of God and the Lamb. v.23
3. It is supernatural in origin and fantastic in description. v.10ff

- a. First John describes it from the outside as he saw it descend. v.10-21
- b. Then he describes it from the inside. v.22-27; 22:1-5

**ILLUS:** This fantastic place is an "I.F.O." which floats down from heaven and hovers over the new earth. It sparkles like the jeweled crown of God Himself! John gives us a 1st class tour of this unbelievable place! Beverly Hills, Tahiti, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands all rolled into one cannot compare. The most expensive mansions on the planet together do not come close. The Taj Mahal, the Pyramids

and the Parthenon combined pale into insignificance. Yet it will be our home!

CONCL: God creates "ALL THINGS NEW" just for His blood-washed saints!

**WARNING:** The promise of these new things are for believers only!

### "WHAT WILL WE DO IN HEAVEN?"

**TEXT:** Rev. 21:3

**THESIS:** To show that heaven is not just a state of "rest" but a place of great and wonderful activity.

**INTRO:** A. The Bible has comparatively little to say about heaven. Perhaps because if it did describe it and our activities there we would not want to continue here at all. There are no specific chapters which spell out in detail "WHAT WE WILL DO IN HEAVEN" but scattered throughout the Bible are hints and suggestions to whet our appetite for eternity there.

B. Artists have portrayed heaven as the atmospheric heavens with clouds; there are no clouds there! Cartoonists picture us as sitting on a cloud, playing a harp all day.. every day; boring! Even hymn-writers portray heaven as a place where bels. sit under the shade of a tree, with soft breezes blowing while they relax day after day; the temp. will be perfect so no need to cool off (or for the wind to blow! Winds blow on earth...not in heaven).

**TRANS:** The question is then, "WHAT WILL WE DO IN HEAVEN?" ...

## **I. WE WILL WORSHIP: Rev. 21:3**

**QUOTE:** Westminster Confession: "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to worship Him forever."

### **A. The Tabernacle of God:**

1. The "Tabernacle" means "Meeting Place"; the place of worship.
2. The word immediately conjures up the image of the O.T. Tabernacle.
  - a. The Brazen Altar: the Lamb is the completed Sacrifice. v.22
  - b. The Brazen Laver: the Word of God living will keep us clean.
  - c. The Table of Shewbread: we will feed upon the Living Word daily.
  - d. The Golden Lampstand: we no longer need to be lights in the world
  - e. The Altar of Incense: our prayers will no longer be petitions, but words of praise; all our needs will be met.
  - f. The Veil: even the veil of Christ's Body was a "barrier" to complete worship - no longer.
  - g. The Ark of the Covenant and Mercy Seat: No more need of sacrifice and His presence "is with men and He will dwell with them."

## **II. WE WILL LEARN:**

**I Cor. 13:11-12** *11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

### **A. The Scriptures:**

1. The Bible (O.T. and N.T.) is simply God's revelation of Himself to man, but in 6000 years no man has mastered even this revelation.
2. All man needs to know in this life is contained in His Word.

### **B. The Savior:**

1. Christ did not come to do away with the Scriptures, but to add to the revelation of God.
2. But even Christ was an incomplete revelation of God, due to the veil of His flesh.

**ILLUS:** On the Mt. of Transfiguration, some of the glory and majesty of Who Christ was shown thru the veil of flesh, but that was fleeting and temporary man wasn't capable of receiving this advanced revelation. When we get to glory and the limitations of our flesh, imposed by sin, is removed, God can and will reveal Himself more completely.

A finite God could reveal Himself totally and completely in a limited amount of time, but an infinite God may require all eternity to do so.

### **B. Our Sufferings:**

1. Finally we will learn "Why?!"

**ILLUS:** Why did that little baby die? Why did that child get leukemia? Why did that divorce happen? Why did that spouse cheat on you? Why did you always have to scrape and scrounge for finances, when you tithed faithfully? Why did your wife/husband die at such a young age?

2. Then we will learn HOW the "all things" worked together for good!

**NOTE:** Eternity will be spent learning more about God and the mysteries of God's dealings with His children and the wonder of His will.

### **III. WE WILL FELLOWSHIP:**

A. With the Lord: Rev.22:4

**Mark 3:14** *And he ordained twelve, THAT THEY SHOULD BE WITH HIM, and that he might send them forth to preach,*

1. As amazing as it is, the Lord desires our fellowship!
2. He will finally have all of us that He wants now and doesn't get.

**NOTE:** Our experience will be like Adam before the fall, walking and communing with the Lord Himself.

B. With the Saints:

1. Fellowship is based on knowledge.
2. In heaven we will have eternity to get to know the billions of saints of the ages!

**ILLUS:** We will get to know and fellowship with Paul and Peter and Elijah and Obadiah.

We will get to know friends, acquaintances and relatives like we have never known them...and our fellowship will be unhindered by sin!

C. With Supernatural Beings! (Angels, Cherubim, Seraphim, Arch-angels)

### **IV. WE WILL SERVE: Rev.22:3**

A. As Priests:

1. The word used for "serve" here is the same word used for priestly service.
2. All we do for Him will be viewed as important priestly ministry.

**ILLUS:** What a blessed thought that the God Who doesn't need us or anything, will create jobs for us to do just so He can delight in us!!!!

### **V. WE WILL REIGN: Rev.22:5**

A. His Kingdom:

**Is. 9:6-7** *6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of howill perform this. (This is my favorite passage in God's Word. – P.F.)*

1. His Kingdom has a beginning but no ending.
2. Finally all that offends will be purged from His Kingdom and we will administrate that Kingdom forever.
3. The extent of people now, or to serve Him now... why do you think that your desire will change just because you are transported

His Kingdom will likely transcend this planet and encompass the universe.

**CONCL:** If you have no desire to worship Him now, or to learn more of Him now, or to fellowship with Him and His geographically to another place called heaven?! What makes you think you will reign with Him then?! How IS

**your worship, knowledge, fellowship and service doing  
NOW?!**