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Gospel and Prophecy

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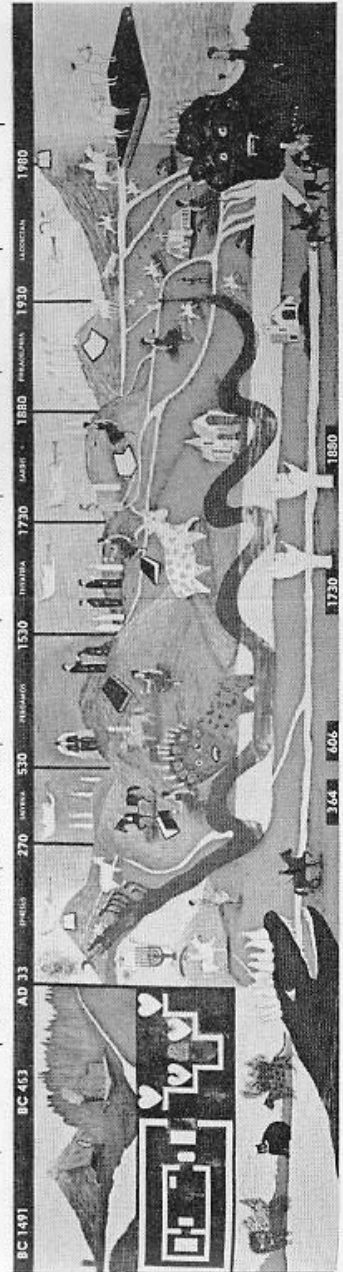
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Revelation Chart

DIVIDING OF THE REVELATION

Seven series of the Revelation reaching from the advent of Christ to the end of the seventh seal, and over into the Camp. The Revelation retraces seven times through the Gospel dispensation. The Gospel day is also divided into seven periods of time, in which the seven spirits of God are carried into all the earth, Rev. 5:6 and 1:20. The seven letters to the seven churches of Asia describe each period of time spiritually. Chapters 21 and 22 are directing from the Camp into the New Heaven and New Earth.

Prophetic Age	Seven Series	A.D. 33	A.D. 270	A.D. 530	A.D. 630	A.D. 1530	A.D. 1730	A.D. 1730	A.D. 1880	A.D. 1880	A.D. 1930	A.D. 1980	Camp of Saints
1	Chap. One is an introduction to Series One.	C-2							C-3				C-4
2	Chap. Five is an introduction to Series Two.	C-6								C-7			C-8.1
3	C-8:2-13												C-10
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5	C-12												
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Preface

The object of revising this book is not for the purpose of changing the line of thought as already presented, but to add more light in connection to it.

Since writing the book in A.D. 1945 much more light is available; this is in line with truth. Proverbs 4:18.

There will be other light coming in connection with that already given us reaching to the end of the seventh seal.

It is clear now without a doubt the Lord is setting His hand in this seventh seal, and sounding of the seventh Trumpet, the second time in the 100 years of Preliminary Judgment as explained in this Book, to gather the remnant of His people as we have in Prophecy. Isaiah 11:11.

The people of God will be a separate people from all the many divisions of the so-called Christian world at the return of Christ.

This people will be known as “The Church of God in Name and Spirit” as explained in this revision.

Read this Book carefully and prayerfully studying all seals, trumpets and vials, as explained in their proper place in time, and you will see truth brought to light through the Revelation, in connection with Gospel, Prophecy, and Church History.

The Revelation was given for the real people of God. See the first verse of the first chapter of the book.

The time symbols as recorded in the Revelation brings through to the end and when rightly applied they locate each age of time in harmony with history fulfilled.

As time moves on, it will be through walking in the light of truth that the true people of God will be made to see the errors and misunderstandings of the past ages and will eventually be made to see “eye to eye” in the late evening of time, when it is so necessary that all Christians should be workers together with God.

We believe the fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah 52:8 where the “watchman shall see eye to eye” will be fulfilled now in the seventh seal and trumpet age, when the fullness of light is revealed. The Revelation, when scripturally understood in full, will surely bring truth that will be clearer than that we have had, which has been only in part under the sixth seal and the past ages.

Many facts and points we are presenting in this book have been gathered or given us by brethren where we have labored in the field. After hearing us through our series of services, these brethren have been given thoughts in line with truth, and have offered them to us in connection with facts presented. We are always glad to get new light, as now is coming.

No one man has a monopoly on any part of the Word of God, and the Lord always works through His Church or people as a body. When any one man comes to the place that he is not willing to consider others, even the least among us, as servants of the Lord, he is heading into destruction on the rock of exaltation. A little child can not lead them.

Sect-making has its origin through people building on one man’s interpretation of Scriptures to the neglect and failure to rely upon the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to direct, in being able to prove all things and hold fast to truth.

May the Lord take and bless the truth of this book to the good of honest souls. We are passing this work on to the church and all honest and true people of God for their consideration in the light of truth. We earnestly pray that it may be a help to all who read it, in stimulating greater interest in the study of the Bible, and leading souls to deeper depths and higher heights in the service of the Lord.

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Foreword

Before entering into the study proper and the conflict of the Revelation, we wish to give a brief summary stating why we bring gospel and prophecy in connection with the explanation of the Revelation. By this method we hope to be able to explain some truth relative to how, when and where Daniel and other prophecies as well as Revelation, have their fulfillment in time. To be able to rightly divide the truth is important in Bible study. Revelation, Gospels and prophecy must and will harmonize when rightly interpreted and applied in their proper places and according to time. For this reason we are using “The Revelation, Gospel and Prophecy” as the title for the book. If we can prove time and fulfillment of each, in relation with church history and the prophecies of Daniel and others in connection with the times referred to in the Revelations, then it is evidence and proof enough that the interpretation given is Biblical truth. If Scriptures, in prophecies and facts in church histories do not harmonize; then it is evident that the interpretation of the Bible has been misapplied.

In this foreword explanation, before entering into the actual conflict of the Revelation, we hope to locate some of the errors that have been the means of sidetracking many from the real spiritual truth of the Revelation. This will be a great help to honest souls seeking more light and understanding of this book.

We speak of the conflict, and by that we refer to a spiritual warfare, a conflict between the true and false spiritual forces of the world as recorded in the Revelation, and extending from the days of Christ’s first advent to this world, then continuing throughout the Gospel dispensation until His second coming.

It is by failing to see the truth of Daniel’s prophecy that many have been sidetracked from the spiritual truth of the Revelation. A few points given here will enable us to get our bearings more perfectly in spiritual matters.

In the first place, we know it has been the business of the enemy of souls to blind the eyes of people to truth by substituting the natural to cover up the spiritual. This is just what has been done in contusing the minds of many commentators on the Revelation, in connection with the prophecies of the old covenant. Back under the old covenant they fought literal battles and things were understood literally. However, most of the prophecies have a two-fold meaning, and when speaking of things under the law, or under the old covenant, they also have their fulfillment spiritually in the Gospel dispensation. This will be better understood later in this study, but along this line the enemy has confused the minds of many honest souls. Daniel’s vision in the second and seventh chapters of his book, when passing from under the law age or the old covenant into the new dispensation, changed from political to spiritual, reaching through with Revelation to the second coming of Christ.

In the conflict of the Revelation, starting with the first and second seal age covering a period of 270 years of the Church of the morning, opposed by the Roman government, as referred to in Daniel’s vision in chapter seven, the fourth beast, is where the enemy of souls has taken advantage of the Christian nations and sidetracked them from seeing the spiritual truth of Revelation. Daniel said that the fourth beast of chapter 7 was different from all the beasts before him. (Daniel 7:7). They do not resemble one another in appearance; but what Daniel really meant was that the fourth beast, passing

from under the old covenant to the new, would take on a form of Christianity and deceive the nations spiritually rather than politically, thus forcing the nations to accept their pagan worship. This is where he differs from the other beasts before him.

The enemy knew the truth of the Revelation from the time it was given to John. He even knows very nearly the time of the end of the world. This is made clear in Revelation 12:12, when he was cast down, "He knoweth that he hath but a short time." This very Scripture proves the war in heaven mentioned in chapter 12, to extend through to A.D. 1880. If he was cast down during the 270-year conflict of the morning church, as some commentators explain it, then his time could not be called short as that would be more than 1700 years. In A.D. 1880 he was cast down in the fall of Babylon, which will be explained and proved later in this study.

If we can produce truth to prove that chapters two and seven of Daniel extend through to the second coming of Christ, then many former interpretations of these scriptures will not stand, or harmonize, and we will endeavor by the help of the Lord and His word to show the contrast between false and true interpretations.

The enemy of souls, seeing the truth of the Revelation as he does and since he was the underlying power of the Roman Government that opposed Christianity, and knowing that Daniel and Revelation extends through to the second coming of Christ, took advantage of the Revelation truth in blinding the eyes and understanding of Christian nations by dividing the Roman Government into ten factions or minor kingdoms, and by so doing he succeeded in covering up the truth, relative to just when and where the ten horns of Daniel seven, change from political to spiritual. It is true that Daniel said the ten horns of the fourth beast were ten kings but he said nothing about the heads. There are seven heads of the four beasts of the seventh chapter of Daniel, and seven heads on the dragon, also the beasts of chapter thirteen and seventeen of the Revelation. John, the Revelator, gives the keynote explanation of the heads and tells us just what they are and they will be placed according to Revelation.

Daniel said that "the ten horns are ten kings" and "he beheld till three were plucked up by the roots."

In Myer's Ancient History, page 223, Pagan Rome dates back to 753 B.C. Pagan Rome was typified by the fourth beast of Daniel 7. At the time of this vision Daniel saw in the future where the fourth kingdom, which was Pagan Rome, would bear rule over the other three kingdoms, which were the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, and Grecian, and that they would be subdued into the Roman Kingdom. Since the ten horns are ten kings and three of them were plucked up by the roots (Dan. 7:8), these three, surely, would be the kings of the three kingdoms that were subdued into the Roman Kingdom, namely the Babylonian, the Medo-Persian, and the Grecian. Then Daniel saw a little horn coming up, which had the eyes of a man. This little horn, according to our former interpretations which we believe to be correct, is typical of Papal Rome which followed Pagan Rome. If the three first horns were typical of kings for the three subdued into the Roman kingdom, then the fourth horn would stand for the king of Pagan Rome, and since Pagan Rome was defeated in overthrowing the church of the morning and Christianity eventually won out in the 270-year conflict, the little horn must have originated from the fourth horn.

Now at this time we will see by the little horn power that a change is made in the horn from political to the spiritual. The devil knew all of this and this is where he has caused many to lose sight of the genuine truth, by misplacing the horns of the seventh

chapter of Daniel and causing them to be placed as literal kings in the minor kingdoms of the Roman Government, rather than following on out in time, according to John, the Revelator, and placing the rest of the horns (which are seven) through the Gospel dispensation in a spiritual way, in opposition to the seven horns on the Lamb of Revelation five.

The little horn of Daniel 7:21, “Made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; UNTIL THE ANCIENT OF DAYS CAME AND JUDGMENT WAS GIVEN TO THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH; AND THE TIME CAME THAT THE SAINTS POSSESSED THE KINGDOM.”

Since this little horn power was typical of Papal Rome, and Papal Rome was the general outcome of Pagan Rome, we note that the spirit of Daniel 7 was carried up into the Papal beast of Revelation 13. Daniel, referring to the three first beasts (Daniel 7:12), said though “their dominion were taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.” When the beast of Revelation 13 came up he was spotted “like unto a leopard,” (like the third beast of Daniel 7), “And his feet were as the feet of a bear,” (like the second beast of Daniel 7), “And his mouth, as the mouth of a lion,” (like the first beast of Daniel 7). By this we see the spirit of the three kingdoms (Babylonian, Medo-Persian and Grecian) handed up into Papal Rome, and their lives prolonged.

Then the dragon that prompted the spirit of Paganism which was defeated in overthrowing the church of the morning, after seeing his kingdom crumble beneath the forces of Christianity, gave the papal beast of Revelation 13, “his seat and great authority.” In this we have the spirit of Daniel, chapter two and seven, transferred up through the dragon into Papalism, symbolized by the seven-headed and ten-horned beast of Revelation thirteen. This beast has seven heads and ten horns, the same number as in Daniel 7. The dragon of the Revelation has ten horns, and these horns stand for power. Now the beast (Revelation 13) came up with the horns; which symbolizes the power of the dragon given him during the gospel dispensation. The seven horns left over in Daniel 7, stand in opposition to the seven horns on the Lamb. (Revelation 5). In Luke 1:69, the writer refers to the Lord who “hath raised up for us an horn of salvation.” The seven horns on the Lamb here stand for salvation, or the power of salvation through the gospel dispensation.

These seven horns left over on Daniel 7, surely will stand as kings in opposition to the horns on the Lamb. Christ, the Lamb of God, is the King in the heavenly realm, and in opposition to Christ is the dragon, the devil, king in the earthly. The second chapter of Daniel will be explained later.

In Daniel 7:10, 26 mention is made that the “judgment is set.” This little horn power made war with the saints and prevailed against them till the Judgment was set, and the Ancient of days came. Surely this is in the evening of time. It could not have been back in the morning church age for 270 years for the little horn had not yet appeared.

In A.D. 1880, the Dragon, the devil and Satan (Revelation 20:2) was cast down in the fall of Babylon, where he had been exalted from A.D. 270 to A.D. 1880, during which time he was lifted up in the heavenly place, as the church in the form of Papal Rome, for a period of 1260 years, and then in Protestantism for 350 years, thus bringing to time he was cast out in 1880 through the power of the truth given the saints as recorded in Daniel 7:26; Revelation 12:10, 12. The power and strength of the kingdom is restored to the saints, and he is to be destroyed unto the end. This is in harmony with Daniel

relative to the power of the little horn, making war with the saints until he is cast down, when judgment and truth is restored to the saints, which happened in A.D. 1880. This could not refer to the power of the kingdom in the morning and the first advent of Christ to the world, as some suppose. It is by this that we are made to see and understand the line of truth on this subject, and we will endeavor to carry it through the gospel dispensation to the end of the world, giving scriptural interpretation and prophecy that we trust will be the means of understanding and help on this important subject.

The heads and horns of Daniel and Revelation, with the dragon, the beasts and their horns, will all be placed in their proper place throughout the gospel day, and will all harmonize through to the end.

When Christ was here in the world, He taught men by parables, or simple illustrations to explain spiritual matters. In the Revelation we have a book of symbols, and when we understand their true meaning, we will see the conflict, or opposition in the Revelation to be spiritual in both the heavenly and the earthly, each against the other. "Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels." If one side is spiritual, surely the other side must be spiritual. Michael is Christ. (Daniel 12:1). No one could deliver his people other than Christ. The dragon is the Devil and Satan (See Revelation 20:2). Here John tells us in plain words just what the dragon is, and we will take the apostle's word for it. The conflict, or warfare in the Revelation, covering the gospel dispensation is between right and wrong, the true and the false. Therefore, it is a spiritual conflict.

In the tenth chapter of Revelation, John saw what he termed, "another angel coming down." This angel follows the six trumpet angels, recorded in the eighth and ninth chapters, and is the seventh trumpet angel. He had a little book open in his hands, and in verse 7 we read, "IN THE DAYS OF THE VOICE OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL, WHEN HE SHALL BEGIN TO SOUND, THE MYSTERY OF GOD SHOULD BE FINISHED, AS HE HATH DECLARED TO HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS."

In the explanation to follow we will prove that we are now in the seventh trumpet age; and it is at the time that the little book (which is the Revelation) is opening up in its fullness. The restoration of truth given to us through the Revelation and prophecy beginning with A.D. 1880 was given to us only in part under the sixth seal, but now there are many more truths opening up to the church, that were not and could not be seen clearly in the sixth seal. We do not have to discard any of the fundamental truth that we had under the sixth seal, for all truth that was true and clear then is still that way today, which is the prelude to spiritual harmony of the seventh seal age. Error cannot and will not stand and genuine Bible truth will cast no reflection on any honest people. True, sincere, honest souls will exchange error for the truth at any time, when their spiritual understanding sees the contrast.

So with these few remarks we will enter into the study of the Revelation in connection with the Gospels and prophecies. This foreword is given only to help those who are interested in the study of this book, which will be given in the fullness with all the Scriptures and all the symbols properly placed in time throughout the Gospel day of Grace.

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CHAPTER ONE

THE DIVIDING OF THE REVELATION

Revelation 1:1-20:

1. The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass, and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:
2. Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.
3. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.
4. JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia:
Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;
5. And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.
6. And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
7. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.
8. I am Alpha, and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
9. I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.
10. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,
11. Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.
12. And I turned to see the voice that spake with me, And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;
13. And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
14. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow: and his eyes were as a flame of fire;
15. And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.
16. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.
17. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:
18. I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
19. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20. The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

(IF YOU HAVE NOT READ THE PREFACE AND FOREWORD OF THIS BOOK, THE AUTHORS REQUEST THAT YOU READ THEM BEFORE ENTERING INTO THE STUDY OF THIS BOOK).

In this first chapter of the Revelation, in connection with the fifth chapter, we give the explanation of how the Revelation is rightly divided. Chapter one (notice chart illustration accompanying this book) is used as an introduction. In fact this chapter is a brief outline of facts extending through to the end, and in this chapter we have symbols, when properly placed in connection with symbols of the fifth chapter, that bring out the principal keynotes to the entire book.

We notice by verse 1, that the Revelation is for the servants of Christ, the real true people of God. And according to John, there is a blessing awaiting those who read and understand the Revelation, although there are comparatively few who actually understand this book of symbols in its true meaning.

John was exiled to this island called Patmos, a small rocky, barren island, less than twenty miles from the mainland of Asia Minor. It was here that John received the vision of the Revelation in about A.D. 96.

He was in the Spirit on the Lord's day (verse 10) and received this vision. He was instructed to write in a book what he saw, and send it to the seven churches of Asia. In verse 19, he was told to "write the things he had seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter." The Revelation was written 66 years after the death of Christ. In this vision John saw things that happened back at Pentecost, things that were taking place while he lived, and also the things that would happen in the future. The Revelation starts with the day of Pentecost and extends throughout the Gospel dispensation, to the end of the world.

In this first chapter, John saw one like the Son of man, "standing in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks and in his right hand seven stars." The candlesticks and the stars are outstanding symbols of this book, and the 20th verse of this chapter gives us their meaning. "The stars are the seven angels of the seven churches and the candlesticks are the seven churches."

In chapters two and three, we have seven letters addressed to the seven churches of Asia; and in this first chapter John was told to write the things he saw and send it to these seven churches. We are not questioning or doubting the fact there were literal local congregations in Asia at the places named, and they were in the spiritual conditions as described in the seven letters. But do we suppose the Revelation given to them as a whole was profitable to them, and do we suppose they understood even the first seal age? We have history, which will be quoted later, that in the morning church age, there was an attempt made to destroy the entire book of the Revelation, even by the followers of Christ in order to refute a false doctrine that was being advocated at that time. The genuine meaning of the book to the congregations in Asia in their day was unknown; however, a portion may have been understood. Since the book is a symbolical representation of the entire Gospel dispensation, we consider it as it refers to the various conditions in the church from the morning to the coming of Christ. Christ knew the spiritual conditions of

those seven local congregations in Asia and He chose them not to symbolize the church but the spiritual condition of the church in each one of the seven ages of the gospel dispensation. The seven candlesticks symbolize the seven churches in the seven periods of time of the gospel age.

Some have opposed the using of the seven churches as symbols. We do not use them to symbolize the church, since this would be error in proper use of symbols. They are only used to make clear the spiritual conditions of each one of the seven church periods during their particular time of existence.

We will make it clear without doubt further in this study, THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO INTERPRET CORRECTLY THE REVELATION AS A WHOLE WITHOUT PLACING THE CANDLESTICKS, ONE IN EACH ONE OF THE SEVEN AGES. The seven candlesticks are the seven churches. They are due to be used as symbols. And since we are going to have to deal with candlesticks in the various ages of the dispensation, we will be able to explain more clearly the proper meaning of them by placing them in this manner throughout the gospel dispensation. Otherwise, it would difficult to understand their meaning.

There are seven series of the Revelation, retracing seven times through the entire Gospel dispensation. The chart illustration shown in this book makes this point clear, showing at what age the various chapters of the book begin and end. The letter "C" is used for the word "chapter" in the illustration. Then notice also the dates (A.D.) on the chart and at the top of the dividing diagram, running parallel through to the end of the seventh seal. At a glance we can see when each chapter of the Revelation takes its place in time. To endeavor to explain the chapters out of their particular places of their fulfillment would not harmonize. Series one begins with the first chapter, as an introduction, then chapter two holds four letters to the seven churches. These four letters are placed one in each of the four periods of time, beginning with the letter to the church at Ephesus, for a period of 270 years, then to the church at Smyrna for 260 years; then Pergamos for 1,000 years; and Thyatira for 200 years, bringing up to A.D. 1730 in time. Then chapter three takes its place in fulfillment and extends out to the end of the seventh seal. It is in the fourth chapter that the Apostle John was caught up at the end of the first series.

The second series starts with the fifth chapter as an introduction to series two. This chapter leads up to the opening of the seals of the Revelation. The second series begins with chapter six, and extends to the opening of the sixth seal, after which the seventh chapter comes in for fulfillment, extending through to the end of the seventh seal. Chapter 8, verse 1, brings the seventh seal to an end.

Then the third series is the trumpet series beginning with the morning church age, and extends throughout the gospel dispensation unto the end. (Chapter 8, 9 and 10).

The fourth series referred to in the eleventh chapter of the Revelation, concerning the two witnesses, extends from the morning church age to the end, and is a series in full.

The fifth series is made up with the twelfth chapter, referring to the woman clothed with the sun, standing on the moon, and it reaches throughout the entire gospel dispensation.

The sixth series begins with A.D. 270, the thirteenth chapter, and extends through to A.D. 1880, where chapters 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 come in for fulfillment and all of these latter chapters are fulfilled during the period of 100 years. Chapter 19 is fulfilled

after the seventh seal is opened and the door of mercy closed. This is in the camp of the saints' periods and will be explained later.

The seventh series is the bringing in of the fulfillment of the twentieth chapter and extends from the morning church age to the final judgment. Chapter 21 and 22 leads from this world into the New Heaven and New Earth.

In this explanation of the Revelation we will not take the book chapter after chapter but we will rightly divide the scriptures and explain each period of time as they are divided on the chart; first explaining the 270 years, by rightly dividing scriptures that belong to that period of time, then taking each following age, explaining each of the seven ages throughout the dispensation accordingly and each in a separate manner. There will be some symbols in the various ages as we move up, that will be explained, when we will go back and review through the ages. The entire book will have been explained in full at the end of the study.

Many commentators of the Revelation, even in these modern days, explain only a portion of the Revelation, leaving out many of the vital symbolical meanings without making any attempt whatever to explain them. To do this is only trying to explain the Revelation in part, then when the truth of the entire book is brought to light, much of their interpretation cannot be substantiated. The correct interpretation of the entire book of Revelation will harmonize with the prophetic authors of the Old Testament, the gospel writers of the New Testament, and the historical facts of church history. Nothing short of the entire book and its full meaning will satisfy the Lord, or man's soul, nor will it stand in the day of judgment (See Revelation 22:18-19).

In this first chapter we have placed a candlestick in each age. We are told by John (Revelation 1:20) that the seven stars in the right hand of Christ are the seven angels of the seven churches. Since that is true, the letters addressed to the angel of the church would symbolize the pastor, or minister. Placing a star in each one of the seven periods of time they would symbolize the ministry of each age. The pastor is the message bearer to the church, just as angels are ministering spiritual beings. So where we have candlesticks recorded in the Revelation they will be the symbol of the church, and where stars are recorded in the Revelation they will stand for the ministers of the gospel. If the candlestick is symbol of the church in the morning for 270 years, then they will stand for the church in each one of the seven ages of the gospel dispensation, and there is no scripture to change the interpretation and use candlesticks to symbolize something else. This is so in all other symbols; no one symbol can be used to symbolize one thing at one time or place and then something else at other times and places, as we have done back in the sixth seal interpretation. Scripture rightly divided and placed in their proper place in time will fit in with no cross, and the church can be seen beautifully portrayed in print through out Revelation reaching to the end.

Also we must remember the church is not complete until the return of Christ for it in the end. When He said He would build His church He meant from Pentecost through to the end, and He is still building. So many try to establish the church in the fullness from Pentecost, then bend the ages up through time to fit in with light as they had it then, when in each one of the seven ages people will be judged by light given them at the time they lived in. We will be judged by the light offered us now when Christ comes, and He is coming for a sanctified Church, (Ephesians 5:25-27) for judgments are now made

manifest, (Revelation 15:4) with those failing to walk in light, cut off, explained further on in this study.

The Church, following the days of Christ and the apostles, apostatized and spiritual darkness in general covered the earth. The Church was 530 years going into this spiritual darkness from the days of Christ. So we could not expect light in the fullness, as the morning church had, given back immediately on coming out of the dark night of apostasy. All will be judged by light they have been privileged to know, and to reject any light they go into darkness.

The Revelation gives a beautiful picture of the entire gospel day reaching to the end and there is no Bible for laying down rules for interpreting the Revelation. Revelation means truth revealed, and it comes through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and not through any set up rules of man.

Rightly dividing scriptures as 2 Timothy 2:15 and Isaiah 28:9-10, directed by the Holy Spirit, is all that is needed to understand the meaning of the symbols of Revelation and types in Prophecy, for no prophecy is of any private interpretation (2 Peter 1:20). Surely, the Revelation is prophecy covering the whole gospel day of grace, and harmonize with the prophecy under the old covenant dispensation.

In this age there is so much false teaching by depending on the natural; not willing to study relying only upon the Holy Spirit as the teacher needed, which is our only hope for the real truth of the Revelation. So in this study we will look to the Lord through the teacher, the Holy Spirit to direct in bringing the truth of the Revelation, and not some set of rules laid down by man.

Follow through the book as a whole, studying all explanations in the light of each other, and you will see truth as never before.

Next we quote from chapter five. Revelation 5:1-14:

1. And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
2. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof?
3. And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
4. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
5. And one of the elders said unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
6. And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
7. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.
8. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints.
9. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by the blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.
10. And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

11. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;
12. Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.
13. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.
14. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

The fifth chapter is used as an introduction to the Seal series, which begins with the sixth chapter. The person on the throne with the book in hand, would surely refer to God, the Father; and the book which was sealed on the backside, is the Word of God, including both the Old and the New Testament, or covenants and also including the Revelation, the last book in the Bible, or the backside of the Bible, the book with the seven seals.

The Lamb in the midst of the throne, we surely believe to be the Christ, or a symbol of Christ. Some have said that Christ is never symbolized but He always appears for Himself, but this Lamb “as it had been slain” with seven horns and seven eyes, is evidently without question a symbol of the Christ of the Bible. There is no question that Christ was a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, but there is some doubt as to what the seven horns and seven eyes symbolize. However, John answers this for us in the latter part of verse 6, where we are told that they are the “seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.”

Since there are seven periods of the gospel dispensation, we can apply a horn for each period of time, also an eye in each period of time; and turning to Luke 1:69, we read, “And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of David.” This makes it clear that in each one of the seven periods of time there is salvation through Christ.

We will find up through the seven ages that people were saved according to the light given them in each church age and their obedience to that light. The Lord has always been reasonable and merciful with humanity and is yet. All he requires of man is that he obey His truth which is given in His Word.

Considering the seven eyes of the Lamb—as the eye is the light of our natural being—the seven eyes of the Lamb, one placed in each period of the seven ages of time, is the light of Christ in the body which is the church, in each age. Simple, but true.

There was great rejoicing around the throne of God when the Lamb had taken the book to open the seals. If we today will look to the Lamb for the genuine truth of the Revelation, there will be no doubt in our minds but that it will be definitely clear and right, and unless this is done we cannot hope for the proper truth.

With the explanation of the first and the fifth chapters of the Revelation as means of introducing the study and after showing the dividing of the various ages, we are now ready to proceed in bringing other truths from this book of symbols in connection with the use of Old and New Testament scriptures.

CHAPTER TWO

THE CHURCH BEING BUILT BY CHRIST BEGINNING WITH A.D. 33

Since the Revelation is dealing in a spiritual conflict, the true opposing the false, it is necessary now to establish the church in our study, before entering into the conflict proper of the seal ages.

Some prophecies relative to the church will help in establishing the fact concerning the building of the church. Under the old covenant the Lord dwelt in tabernacles made with the hands of men, but in this new day He dwells in tabernacles not made with hands. In the beginning when man transgressed and fell, God began at once to devise a workable plan that He might again bring man back to Himself and to the plane of right living.

God promised Abraham that it would be through his seed that all nations would be blessed. We read in Hebrews 11:10; "Abraham looked for a city, that hath a foundation, whose builder and maker is God." This city was the Church. Through the seed of Abraham, Christ was given as the Saviour of mankind a fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham. The chosen people of God, or the Jews, which was literal Israel, the seed of Abraham, being delivered from Egyptian bondage is typical of deliverance from sin through the blood of Christ. Israel being delivered across the Red Sea and their enemies being destroyed behind them is typical of the blotting out of our sins through the red blood of Christ shed on Calvary's cross. After Israel's deliverance from Egypt across the Red Sea, the law was given them through Moses from Mt. Sinai.

The going forth of the Old Covenant from Mt. Sinai was typical of the giving of the New Covenant from Mt. Zion. And it is Mt. Zion that we wish to emphasize as the New Testament Church and we will proceed to show by the scriptures that this is true.

It was through holy men of God, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that the gospels were written. Through obedience to the New Covenant, which is the Gospel of Christ, salvation is offered to lost humanity.

Now consider the prophecies concerning Mt. Zion, which is the true church, and which Christ said He was going to build. (See Matthew 16:18). He is still building.

Isaiah 2:2-3. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountain, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us his ways and we will walk in his paths; FOR OUT OF ZION SHALL GO FORTH THE LAW, AND THE WORD OF THE LORD FROM JERUSALEM." "In the last days" as used in this prophecy, the reference is to the days of Christ. Hebrews 1:1-2. "God, who at sundry times, and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken to us by his Son." Zion in the top of the mountain is the Church. It is often referred to as a mountain, a house, and a city, which is the heavenly Jerusalem. (Hebrews 12:22-23). They were told that they had already come to Mt. Zion. Here it is also called "the city of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and the church of the first born." In Isaiah 66:7-8, the church is spoken of as a woman in

travail. The prophet makes the statement that before her pain came she brought forth a man child, meaning that before the church of the morning was persecuted, or suffered pain, she brought forth. Then he said, "Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day, or shall a nation be born at once?" It will take the entire Gospel day for her, the church, to bring forth.

Notice Revelation 12:1-2:

1. And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.
2. And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

Here the Revelation follows Isaiah, the prophet, and uses a pure woman to symbolize the true church, which is Mt. Zion. This woman standing on the moon, clothed with the sun, with a crown of twelve stars upon her head is surely a symbol of the New Testament Church, "built upon the foundations of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." (Ephesians 2:20).

Standing on the moon would symbolize the Old Covenant under her feet. The light of the moon is in reality, a reflection or a shadow of the sun, the real light. The sun shining on the moon makes the light only a shadow of the real. The moon then is a symbol of the Old Covenant. Surely the sun would symbolize the true gospel of Christ, in the Holy Spirit dispensation. The old Covenant was only a shadow of the real. Then the crown of twelve stars on her head would symbolize the twelve apostles, which were lively head stones of the church. The woman herself is a symbol of the church, the true tabernacle the Lord pitched, and not man.

Under the former covenant the Lord dwelt in tabernacles made by hands. After the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt, the tabernacle was built in the wilderness by Moses after the pattern which God gave him. Then, when the Israelites reached Canaan we have the erecting of Solomon's temple. The Lord met with His people, who gathered there to worship. Those temples were made by hands.

Now Paul, the apostle, tells us in 1 Corinthians 3:9, referring to the Church of the morning time, and he said, "Ye are God's building." In Hebrews 8:2, "A minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man." This refers to a spiritual building. Hebrews. 3:6, "But Christ is the Son over his own house, whose house are we." 1 Peter 2:5. "Ye also as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices." In this number of scriptures in connection with Revelation and prophecy we believe honest people will be made to see the true meaning of the woman in Revelation 12:1-2, as a symbol of the true church divine, of which Christ was and is the head. We have many verses of scripture to bring in connection as to just what will constitute this same church in the evening of time. If we can trace this same church, symbolized by the woman of Revelation 12:1-2, up through the gospel dispensation to this evening of time, then produce scripture to prove what constitutes the real church divine, of the age in which we are now living, it should be sufficient to settle the doubts of any honest soul relative to what is right and what is wrong, what is true and what is false. By the help of the Lord and the Holy Spirit, we will endeavor to trace this woman, or the church, through to the evening of time and show what constitutes the church in each of the seven ages of the gospel dispensation. We will not see the church clearly and distinctly, on through time, as we see it in the days of the apostles shortly

after Pentecost; but nevertheless the Lord will have a people to represent the truth in each age of time, according to the light they possess, and we will deal with those conditions of each particular age, at which time the people of God will be acknowledged in their respective periods.

With this, we will now proceed to bring the first conflict of the Revelation and the opening of the first and second seals.

CHAPTER THREE

THE FIRST SEAL (Revelation 6:1-2)

A.D. 33 to A.D. 270

Revelation 6:1-2

1. And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.
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.

Since the Revelation is to be understood symbolically, it is necessary to mention a few objects recorded in the scriptures as symbols, which have a spiritual meaning.

First, for example, going into the aerial heavens we have the sun, moon, stars, clouds, hail, rain, lightning, the rainbow and heaven. All these are things to be seen by the natural eye. Second, noticing the things of the earth, we have the earth, sea, rivers, rocks, mountains, trees, grass, horses, beasts, candlesticks, fowls, horns, eyes, crowns, balances, blood, women and churches. All of these things can also be seen with the natural eye. Then third, there are a number of other things mentioned that we cannot see with natural senses. For instance, the wind, thunder, and what John saw around the throne of God, lamps of fire, sea of glass, twenty-four elders, twenty-four seats, angels with trumpets, and many other objects all go to make up this book of symbols. A symbol is a figure, or analogous representing a fact, and they are often used in the same respect as the parables. Christ often used the parable method pointing His hearers to heavenly things. The many symbols of Revelation in their true meaning show the conflict spiritually between the true and the false, reaching to Christ's second advent. We will not establish any rigid rule for applying the symbols other than endeavoring to stay on the level of spiritual understanding, proving time with history, and rightly dividing the scriptures, (See 2 Timothy 2:15). We will take a little here and a little there, as mentioned in prophecy (Isaiah 28:9-10) and bring it to its proper place in time and move with time up through the ages. In this chapter we will explain a period of 270 years of the morning church age. Some of the symbols for this age will be left over for future explanation, together with other scriptures in their proper time, which refers to the same thing. In this way we will not have to make separate explanation.

In the opening of the first seal we have the first symbol mentioned, that of "thunder." This is not placed in the Bible simply to fill up space; it has a meaning; it refers to something, and if we are able to know the meaning in symbol we can rightly read Revelation. When we give the interpretation of any symbol, this same interpretation is carried out throughout the study of the book.

Common sense and reason will help us a great deal to solve many of the symbols in the Revelation. When we hear thunder, we know that it is a report, or an echo, of a clash of lightning that has already happened. In this noise of thunder (Revelation 6:1) we understand it is pointing back to things of the past, and in this event of the first seal it is referring us to the happenings on the day of Pentecost. The Revelation begins with Pentecost. John was to write the things he had seen, things present, and things future. Where thunder is recorded in the Revelation it always points back to happenings of the

past. This can be made clearer as we proceed with the interpretation of other symbols where thunder is recorded.

The next symbol in the foregoing scriptures is one of four beasts, Saying, Come and see. This will be explained more fully later on in this study. We have four beasts mentioned in the fourth chapter and they will all be referred to when we reach the proper place for their explanation.

Then John saw a white horse, “and he that sat on him had a bow and a crown was given him and he went forth conquering and to conquer.” Since this is a warfare, or conflict between the false and the true, the horse is a symbol of war, which is drawn from the civil and military life of the Romans. In their day they used horses in warfare, and the same is true in parts of the world today. White is a symbol of purity. It is a pure people in warfare, battling against the false. The bow in the hand of the rider could not be called or used as a literal bow, but it is a symbol rather. Since the white horse is a symbol of Christ and His army, or the church, entering into the conflict beginning with the day of Pentecost, we must find a spiritual application for the bow. We do not suppose that Christ is going forth with literal weapons, upon a literal horse, but it is a symbol of the truth going forth under pure banners, in the Spirit, or Christ in His people which is the Church. And a crown was given him “and he went forth conquering and to conquer.” Of course the crown is upon Christ. Since he is the recognized head (Colossians 1:18) of the body or the church, who is due a crown other than Christ? He came forth victorious over death, hell and the grave, and enters into the conflict with one crown; and at the end, He will come out with many crowns, as we shall see further on. The bow surely would symbolize the old and new covenants foreshadowed by the bow that was set in the cloud after the flood in the days of Noah. The Lord made a covenant and set his bow as a token of that covenant. They did not have the written covenants then, as we do, but they had only God’s word or promise with the bow set as a token of that covenant. Now we have both the old and new covenant in print, of which the bow in the hands of the rider of the white horse is a symbol.

The word in the hands of the church with Christ crowned as head, is engaged in a bitter fight against all types of evil and wrong. We are not fighting with weapons of a carnal and literal war but using spiritual weapons. (Ephesians 6:12). “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

When the bow in the clouds is seen clearly there are seven colors each blending into the other in a harmonious effect, which is a beautiful picture of the seven ages of the Gospel Dispensation, making up the entire period of time. Then there are always two rainbows, one not so bright, and in this we have again the typical reference of both old and new covenant foreseen in the heavens after the shower. And after the spiritual showers of blessings poured out upon us from heaven, we then shine brightly against the dark clouds of discouragements and tests of this natural life. Praise God for the wonderful truths of the Revelation and prophecy!

Next we will study the opening of the second seal.

THE SECOND SEAL (Revelation 6:3-4)

A.D. 33 to A.D. 270

Revelation 6:4-3

3. And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

The second beast saying “come and see,” mentioned in the above scripture, will be explained in the future. The come and see, as mentioned by these two beasts, in the first and second seal is calling attention to the first battle between the early church and Pagan Rome, for 270 years, this battle is explained in the opening of the first and second seal.

The third and fourth seal call to come and see is referring to the apostasy and falling away of the early church reaching through to A.D. 1530 where light begins to break at the end of Papal Rome rule.

These four beasts were seen by John in Chapter 4, which you will notice takes its place for fulfillment at the end of the first series shown in the chart diagram, and is out in the camp of the saints before the throne.

They are also mentioned in chapter 19 which is fulfilled and brought to light at the end of the seventh seal out in the camp. They will be explained at that time, and can not be made to harmonize with these four seals in time.

The seals are explained in their proper places as follows, and the four beasts refer to four periods of time covering the entire gospel day of grace reaching from the early church through to the end of the seventh seal, and will be explained when we reach up to that time in explanation.

We have another horse as a symbol, red in color, still symbolizing a warfare. Red is a symbol of danger, or blood, and will be more perfectly explained in a spiritual manner later on. And the power given him to take peace from the earth is spiritual also.

In the first seal, as we have just learned, Christ is head of His people, and surely in opposition to the truth and on the opposite side of the conflict, we will see the dragon or the devil and Satan (Revelation 20:2), as head of his army. We must locate the people now, who are on the side of the dragon in this conflict.

In the second chapter of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, was given a dream by the Lord. Then the dream was taken from him, he forgot it, still it troubled him very much, so that he inquired of the wise men of Babylon that they might tell him the meaning of the dream, but they failed to help the king in his problem. So because they could not tell the king the dream, he made a decree to put all the wise men of the kingdom to death. Daniel was numbered among them: he had proved his profound wisdom in the eyes of the king himself by standing true to the Lord. So when the news was delivered to Daniel, he insisted that they be given some time, and this was granted. Then Daniel inquired of the Lord regarding the matter, and since he was a devout man of

faith and prayer, God heard his inquiry and made known unto him the king's dream; and in turn Daniel told the king, not only his dream, but also the interpretation of the dream. Daniel told the king that a great image had appeared before him in the form of a man, who had a head of gold, arms and breast of silver, belly and thighs of brass, the legs iron, with the feet part iron and part clay. (Four parts, of different kinds of material). Then Daniel told the king that the image was typical of four kingdoms that rule the earth, and that he, Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold. Following his kingdom there would be three others, and in the days of these four kingdoms, the God of heaven would set up a kingdom in the earth which would never be destroyed and it would stand forever, and would break in pieces all these kingdoms. (Daniel 2:44).

According to history we have found that these four kingdoms mentioned here by Daniel were the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian, and the Roman. It was in the time of the fourth kingdom, the Roman empire, that John the Baptist came, preaching the kingdom of heaven was at hand, then followed Christ preaching the same thing. The Roman kingdom was the ruling kingdom in the earth at this time and it was through the Roman government that the dragon, the Devil and Satan (Revelation 20:2), worked to overthrow Christianity. At the time of Christ's advent to the world darkness covered the earth, nations had forgotten God. No prophet had appeared on the scene for around 400 years. The worship of the Roman kingdom was pagan or image worship, and because of Christ and His followers bringing in salvation from sin through the blood, it caused great persecution for the genuine followers of Christ. The people of God were not against the Roman government, but they were against the image worship of the government. The conflict, through the Devil and Satan being the underlying spirit of the pagan worship, caused the people of the government to oppose Christianity in so much that millions of Christians were martyred, because of their loyalty to Christ and the Gospel. This conflict lasted over a 270 year period and was followed by many persecutions under different rulers and governmental heads.

Christ was born in Bethlehem, in the 26th year of the reign of Augustus Caesar, emperor of Rome, and was crucified in the 18th year of the reign of Tiberius, successor of Augustus Caesar. Now, since we have been able to locate the dragon side of this conflict, we will proceed to explain the second seal, the red horse power, the dragon, the devil and Satan in spirit that worked in his people.

"It was given him that sat there upon to take peace from the earth." Just to look at the persecution and martyrdoms as far as destroying peace would be placing a literal interpretation and would not harmonize with the spiritual side of the first seal. In this conflict both sides must be considered fighting a spiritual battle, both sides being spiritual, one against the other. In this 270 year of opposition the dragon failed to take peace from the earth, but finally did succeed in time yet future, to take in a general way, the peace Christ brought to the souls of men. The peace referred to here is the peace of God in the soul. Jesus referred to this peace, in John 16:33, "These things I have spoken that ye might have peace." John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." Then, we find in Luke 2:14, the angels announcing the birth of Christ to the shepherds, singing the song, "Peace on earth and good will to men."

The object of the dragon through the Roman government in martyring the many Christians was to cause the followers of Christ to recant and lose the peace of salvation from their souls. According to history, many did recant and give up, and when they did,

they saved their physical life but they lost their spiritual standing with God, a fulfillment of Christ's saying, "If a man will lose his life, (physically) he will save it, (spiritually)." But if he recants and saves it physically he loses it spiritually.

The power to kill one another in this seal age is spiritual. The people of God, through the blood of Christ, are laboring to kill people to sin; and the dragon, the Devil, is killing in sin, through persecutions when people recant and give up the truth. In this, we see both sides are fighting in the same manner. When we are made to understand the spiritual truths of these two seals and the spiritual conflict, then we have no need of bringing multiplied, conflicts with long drawn out historical events of all emperors and persecutions. The spiritual side is all that is needed in a study of this kind and this manner will be used throughout the study.

The Sword given the rider will be explained later on. He does not receive it in this 270 year period, but by being defeated in this conflict, as will see further on, he will change and acknowledge Christ and by so doing will come in possession of the sword, which is the Word of God. The sword is spiritual also. In spite of the millions who were martyred during this period of 270 years, Christianity won out, defeating the dragon powers. A few paragraphs from church history along this subject when we bring the next chapter will be given.

The nations seeing the faithfulness of the true people of God, caused those who were not fully persuaded to take their stand, and when one was put to death, because of his stand for the gospel, several more would turn from the pagan powers of darkness, to the truth, and because of this, the paganistic Roman government began to weaken, but the forces of Christianity were strengthened instead. The conflict of the Revelation is dealing with nations and the church in a universal sense, or in a general way, and does not refer to individual conditions as a whole. This fact should always be kept in mind in making this study.

We bring now the sounding of the first trumpet in its proper place of this 270 year period of time.

THE FIRST TRUMPET (Revelation 8:2-7)

A.D. 33 to A.D. 270

Revelation 8:2-7

2. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
3. And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
4. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.
5. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth; and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.
6. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth, and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

The sounding of the trumpets of the Revelation symbolizes what John saw taking place while the gospel was being preached by the ministry of each trumpet age. The ministry sounds the trumpets. When Israel marched around Jericho, the priests sounded the trumpets. They went around once each day for six days, then on the seventh day, they went around the city seven times, once for each day they had gone before. This is a beautiful type of the seven ages of the gospel day as symbolized in the Revelation. In the last period, or age (in which we are now living) all of the past six ages will come to light clearly and will sound out 'together the truth of the past. Many errors of the past are being uncovered now, because of more light and truth, shining forth in this evening of time. That which was real truth in the past, is still truth and that which was only understood in part is clearing up, and the perfect understanding according to the scriptures is now being given to us. Truth that was truth still stands, but error is cast aside.

Then a study of Ezekiel, the 33rd chapter will help us to get a meaning of the trumpets. The watchman is sounding the trumpets of warning to the people. The prophet says: "If the people of the land set a man as their watchman and he see the sword (which is the Word of God) come against the people and he sound the trumpet of warning and "the people refuse to take heed, they are then guilty of their own blood."

In the sounding of the first trumpet we have blood mentioned and this explains in part the blood referred to in the Revelation. The blood of Christ is included in this trumpet.

John, at this time saw seven angels standing before God, which is a symbol of the ministry for the seven trumpet ages of the gospel dispensation. And he saw another angel standing at the altar with a golden censer. There was given him much incense that he should offer it on the altar with the prayers of the saints, AND THE SMOKE OF THE INCENSE, THAT CAME WITH THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS ASCENDED UP BEFORE GOD. Smoke is a symbol of prayers ascending up, and will be used in this manner further along in this study.

This is a fulfillment of what Christ said when he mentioned that, "I will pray the Father and he will give you another Comforter." Michael, according to Jude 9, is called an Archangel, and Michael is Christ. See Daniel 12:1. No one can deliver His people other than Christ, Himself. And He is the angel recorded here, casting fire into the earth off the altar from before the throne. "And there were voices." Surely this was so on the day of Pentecost, when a great preparation was made to carry the gospel of Christ up through the entire Holy Spirit dispensation, to all people.

"And there was thunderings,"—a symbol of happenings of the past. The prophecies of the past, were quoted by the Apostle Peter, as he spoke relative to Joel 2:28, when he prophesied of the "pouring out of the spirit upon all flesh and their sons and their daughters would prophesy."

"And there was lightnings"—a symbol of the Holy Ghost fire falling from heaven. "And an earthquake," which is a symbol of a spiritual awakening. In Acts 4, when the saints were gathered together and praying, the place where they were was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. This also happened on the day of

Pentecost. We have three earthquakes recorded in the Revelation. The next one is when the sixth seal is opened, then the other one happening now—in our day, in the seventh seal age. In each of these three earthquakes there comes an outpouring of the Holy Ghost and a religious awakening, and also a falling down. This first one which extends throughout the first trumpet age for 270 years, brought about the falling down of the Roman government. In the other earthquakes to follow there will also be more falling down of the false, as the result of Gospel truth.

In the sounding of this first trumpet there was hail and fire mingled with blood. Hail would symbolize truth poured down from heaven. A prophecy of this is found in Isaiah 28:17: “Judgment will I also lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail will sweep away a refuge of lies and the water will overflow their hiding places.” Hail comes from above, and so does the truth, which will sweep away, or erase the flimsy false interpretations of the scriptures, with all error and deception included. Falsity and error can not stand the continual pounding of God’s eternal truth, backed up by the Holy Ghost from heaven. There will be additional explanation along this line later.

In Revelation 17:15, water is used as a symbol of people, and in the prophecy of Isaiah, the people of God will overflow the hiding places of the false. God’s people will certainly uncover the false by standing for the truth and living consistent Christian lives.

Blood is a symbol of the people who refuse to hear the truth when it is given, and by rejecting it, they become guilty of their own blood, and also of the blood of Christ (Ezekiel 33). The blood of Christ is offered in cleansing, along with the hail and fire.

And one third of the trees were burned up at the sounding of the first trumpet also. Notice Prophecy in Isaiah 61:3, “To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called ‘trees’ of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.” This prophecy makes it very clear that TREES ARE USED AS A SYMBOL OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

During the martyrdom of Christians in this age according to the Revelation, one-third of those accepting Christ, when the tests and trials came, gave up salvation and recanted. And when they did, truth turned against them, burning them up spiritually. Not only that, but all the green grass was burned up. The same prophet, Isaiah 40:6-7 says, “The voice said, Cry, and he said what shall I cry? All flesh is grass and all the goodliness thereof is the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth because the spirit of the Lord, bloweth upon it. Surely the people is grass.”

1 Peter 1:24. “For all flesh is grass.” The people of the entire Roman government rejected Christ and judgment was against them. People who are saved are recorded as trees, who do not live after the flesh. The unsaved are as grass of which were the Romans after the flesh. (See Romans 8:9). This is what John saw in the first trumpet age while the gospel was being preached for the 270 year period.

THE FIRST CANDLESTICK (Revelation 2:1-7)

A.D. 33 to A.D. 270

Revelation 2:1-7:

1. Unto the angel of the church at Ephesus write:
These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks:
2. I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:
3. And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.
4. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.
5. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works: or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place except thou repent.
6. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.
7. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

This letter to the church at Ephesus is used to symbolize the spiritual standing or conditions of this 270 year period of the first and second seal age. It is not used to symbolize the church. The seven candlesticks symbolize the church in the seven ages of the dispensation. It would be out of reason, and neither would it harmonize, to double symbolize in any point or part of the Revelation.

In this letter, the church is complimented for their devout faithfulness in the beginning of this age, starting with the day of Pentecost. They labored in the work of God, and had much patience, and they could not bear those who were evil, and tried those who claimed to be apostles and were not; but found them liars.

During this period of 270 years many scriptures teach us that truth began to slip into the background, and this happened even in the days of the apostles. Heresy and error were working in many ways and as the older saints passed on and the church moved up through time, many truths were left off, compromising began, and the apostasy in the church continued until the church generally had lost its first love. It is well always to keep in mind the Revelation is dealing with the church in a universal sense and generally speaking at this time, nearing the end of the 270 year period, the church had lost her first love and had fallen. They surely had the truth and genuine love; otherwise it could not have been said they lost it, and were fallen. This is true in a general sense, and by history, we will prove this in the beginning of the next chapter. They had something to do. That was to repent, and do the first works. The first works are repentance, believe the gospel and be baptized. If they refuse to obey this command, the candlestick was to be removed and another candlestick brought in. And this is the very thing that occurred. This church age passes, and in the next age people were saved, according to the light and knowledge that they had the privilege of knowing during that particular time.

Then the church at Ephesus was told that there were those who advocated the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes among (them, which was abomination to the Lord and He hated them. Nicolas was one of the seven deacons who were appointed to serve tables in the days of the apostles (Acts 6). He was a proselyte of Antioch, converted to Christianity, and later fell to a deception and began to teach it among the saints, which some permitted.

The overcomers in this 270 year period were promised that they would have right to the tree of life in the midst the paradise of God. And to overcome in this age of persecution was to seal their testimony with their life's blood in martyrdom and be carried away to be with Christ, the tree of life in the paradise of God.

The seven letters are all addressed to the angels of the seven churches, each letter to each specific church. As we have already mentioned, the angels are ministering spirits used to symbolize the ministry of the seven different ages. The letters are first addressed to the ministry or angel of the church, and then at the last of each letter we have the admonition, "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." The message comes through the angel, or the pastors.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE RISE OF PAPAL ROME

A.D. 270 to A.D. 530—260 Years

Before using scriptures to explain this chapter it is necessary to inform ourselves from history that we might have a starting point of time. A.D. 270 is the date of the beginning of this chapter, and this date will correspond with time symbols found in the Revelation, which will be explained in proper time in connection with the following paragraphs of history.

Wickersham's 1900 Year Church History, page 104: "Another great event which marks the close of this period of time (A.D. 270) is in the division and the decline of the Roman Empire. At this time almost half of the inhabitants of the Roman Empire professed faith in Christ. Christianity was being generally accepted among the people and instead of the church following the word with Christ as head, and endeavoring to preserve unity, the phase of things was changed and the bishops, who were to be examples to the flock, were aspired to a higher degree of authority and power than they had formerly possessed and assumed in many places a princely authority, particularly those who had the greatest number of churches under inspection, and presided over the most wealthy congregations. They assumed the authority of a temporal magistrate and dazzled the eyes of the multitude by wearing sumptuous clothing. They neglected the more sacred duties of the spiritual phase of the work and to feed the flock spiritually and instead they boldly usurped their rights and privileges and the effects of a corrupt and official body spread through every rank of the church. (WARNING—HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF).

"Paul, of Samonsata, acting as bishop at Antioch, prepared himself an exclusive seat where he decided cases as a magistrate and attained to excessive wealth by the means derived thereby and to extort from the brethren money for his services, depressing the injured and poor, promising them aid in their troubles for a reward received of them."

This surely marks the beginning of Popery coming to light at this time. Later Constantine, Emperor in Rome about the year A.D. 323, favored Christianity and opposed Pagan worship, thus developing further Popery.

We quote from Daniel Webster Kurtz's Church History, page 48: "The heresies within the church forced the Christians to a rule of authority. (SO THEY THOUGHT). At first, religion was an inner experience, of Christ in the heart being personal, or the theology of a good shepherd. As the church entered the Greek and Roman territory and prevailed in conflict with heathenism, religion became more and more a matter of creeds.

"During the apostolic age elders and bishops were of equal rank, and near the same in person, and there were some of these in each local church congregation. But now the bishop is one that exercises authority over all others. This change was ordered by the Roman government which they thought was a model to all Gentile converts. This generally accepted developed the pope."

We can readily see according to history that A.D. 270 dates the beginning of popery rule, even though the apostasy began to develop back in the days of the apostles.

THE THIRD SEAL (Revelation 6:5-6; Revelation 13:1-10)

A.D. 270 to A.D. 530—260 Years

Revelation 6:5-6:

5. And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.
6. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

Revelation 13:1.10:

1. And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.
2. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.
3. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.
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?
5. And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.
6. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.
7. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
8. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
9. If any man have an ear, let him hear.
10. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity : he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

The above scriptures in connection must be explained together. The first passage, referring to the black horse power, is a continuation of warfare as in the first and second seal ages. And in the second passage of scriptures, we have the bringing up or the rise of a spiritual and political power, symbolized in the coming up of the spotted beast.

In this seal age, the dragon, or the Devil, seeing his kingdom crumble and the pagan powers losing ground, acknowledges Christ and takes on a form or cloak of religion and begins to exalt himself up in the form of Papal Rome following Pagan Rome. **BUT IT IS STILL ROME WITH NO MORE SALVATION IN THE TEACHINGS OF PAPALISM THAN IN PAGANISM.** So the legs of iron of the image of the second chapter of Daniel, extended on out in time. The spirit of the fourth beast of Daniel is also carried up into Papalism. The coming out of the black horse is a symbol of a warfare extending up in time; black is a symbol of spiritual darkness, coming upon the nations through the power of the thirteenth chapter beast. And dealing out literal food at the price mentioned (Revelation 6:6) would symbolize the cheapness of the religion now offered as the true religion of the Bible. To accept this cheap form of religion one only has to join

the Roman Catholic church, and take a vow to be loyal to the creeds of that church, confess to the priest, and then go out and sin again and return and confess, and so on. There is no deliverance, no salvation in adhering to the teachings of the Roman Catholic church. While in this age of Bibles where all have access to the Word, the Bible is being read by honest people, in spite of past traditions; and when read and obeyed to the extent of repenting and believing, it will search out honest souls from among those of the Catholic teaching and cause them to see what is required of them.

This period of 260 years is known in history as the age of the Apostasy. That is when the church of the morning age was in a general sense developing into compromise with the forces and powers of Papalism. The phrase “See thou hurt not the oil and the wine” would symbolize the Word and the Spirit; as oil was used under the old covenant to anoint kings, typical of the anointing of the Holy Spirit in this age. Since the wine is literally the fruit of the vine, it would symbolize the Word, or the food for the soul, through the spiritual vine which is Christ. Jesus said, “I am the true vine.” One of the four beasts spoke with reference to the oil and wine, and these four beasts will be explained later on in the study. John saw them in chapter four before the throne.

The church of Rome tried to destroy the true Bible and substitute their own creed instead. But this voice from the throne of God said, “See thou hurt not the oil and the wine,” or the Word and the Spirit. The true Bible has been handed down to us, and has not been destroyed.

The thirteenth chapter beast came up from the sea. In Revelation 17:15, water is termed people. When Daniel saw four beasts coming up from the sea, Daniel 7, in reality, he saw four political kingdoms coming up from the people. When John saw this beast coming up from the sea, he saw a political and spiritual power combined into one, coming up from the people. We have then the sea as the symbol of the people of Papalism, or the Roman Catholic church. The rivers and fountains of water in the Revelation all symbolize people. The beast is the spirit. This beast was spotted and deceptive as the third beast of Daniel 7th chapter. It had feet as a bear, like the second beast of Daniel 7. And a mouth as the mouth of a lion like the first beast of Daniel 7. When the devil was defeated in overthrowing the morning church through Pagan Rome, he gave his seat and power to the Papal beast. The power of the dragon was invested in his horn and the papal beast now comes up with ten horns. One of the heads of this beast was wounded to death. (Verse 3) and the deadly wound was healed. In chapter 17 of the Revelation John said, the seven heads were seven mountains on which the woman sat. Then in Isaiah 4:1, we have this prophecy, “In that day (meaning this Gospel day) seven women shall take hold of one man, saying we will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach.”

We have seven ages and this woman is placed in each one of the seven ages on the seven mountains of the earthly, in opposition to the true woman which is the true church, the bride of Christ, in the seven ages of the heavenly.

In Daniel, the seventh chapter, there are seven heads and the spirit of Daniel 7 is carried up into the 13th chapter beast and the seven heads are placed, one in each age of the gospel dispensation. Since Christ, according to the scriptures, is the head of the body, the church (Colossians 1:18) in the heavenly, surely the Dragon, the devil, is the head of the false in the earthly. The heads of Daniel 7 will each be carried over in their proper place later in the study. The dragon has seven heads and crowns upon them and he will

continue in the seven ages of the earthly as head in opposition to the heavenly. But in the end, the 17th chapter beast loses the crowns from his heads and also the horns. This head being wounded unto death and its deadly wound healed, is sure to be the head for the Pagan age in the fall of Pagan Rome. Since it was healed, it is symbolized by what the dragon lost in the Pagan conflict he regained in the papal age, and brought the nations under his control by acknowledging Christ and taking on a form of religion.

As we explained in the foreword outline of this book relative to the ten horns on the pagan beast as kings and the up-rooting of three of those horns, then there appeared instead a little horn out of the fourth. We have already stated that this little horn was a symbol of the power of Papal Rome following Pagan Rome. The little horn had the eyes of a man and a mouth that spake very great things. On the Lamb of chapter 5, we had seven horns and seven eyes. We placed a horn in each one of the seven church ages and an eye in each age; using the horn for the power of salvation, as in Luke 1:69, and the eye for the light of Christ to the body, the church. He is the head. Now we have in this little horn the eyes of a man, or the light of the earthly through man carried out through the little horn into the six left over on the beast of Daniel 7. These six horns, together with the little horn, will be explained further on in the book.

The time of the little horn's existence was the time when the horns were changed from political to spiritual. The horns on the dragon will be explained later.

“And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast.” “DEVIL WORSHIP.” Keep this in mind. And to continue for a period of 42 months will be better explained in connection with other time symbols later. He blasphemed the true church, or God's tabernacle. It was given him to make war with the saints and overcome them and rule all nations and all that dwell upon the earth that do not have their names written in the Book of Life. All must worship him. This is partly future, though he did succeed to be the ruling religion of the earth in the fourth seal age for 1,000 years.

Leading into captivity is nothing else but deceiving people with the Word and the Spirit, killing them spiritually speaking. The Word will cut them off in the end and they will go into captivity.

We want to consider a few thoughts in connection with the beast of Daniel 7. Referring to the fourth beast, he made it definitely clear that it was diverse, or different from the other beasts before it (Daniel 7:7). He spoke of it as being dreadful, terrible and strong. It certainly was that, since it subdued the three previous beasts. Then its power was handed up into the papal beast and later on out into the Protestant beast, through the power of the dragon and then it extends on into the 17th chapter (Revelation) beasts. This beast was diverse or different from the rest because when it passed from under the law age into the gospel dispensation, it takes on a form or cloak of Christianity and deceives the nations spiritually to the end.

THE SECOND TRUMPET (Revelation 8:8-9)

A.D. 270 to A.D. 530—260 Years

Revelation 8:8-9:

8. And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood.

9. And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

In the time of the sounding of second trumpet, or the gospel being preached by the ministry for this period of 260 years, John saw, as it were, a great mountain burning with fire, cast into the sea. The church, termed Mount Zion, is seen at this time, generally speaking, going into compromise with papal Rome. We have already explained the sea to symbolize the people of the Catholic Church. Water is a symbol of people. (Revelation 17:15). And the beast of chapter 13 coming up from the sea would symbolize the spirit of Rome. In this age of compromise, according to Bible history, the church did go into compromise with Papalism BUT NOT AS A WHOLE as we shall see in future explanations. One-third part of the sea turning to blood would symbolize a people who were guilty of their own blood and the blood of Christ. They turned from the truth and died spiritually in the sea of Papal Rome. When anyone lowers the standard of Gospel truth and goes into compromise with false and deceptive religious movements, though he may be saved, when he does he will eventually lose his experience and die a spiritual death. Many have and are still doing so in this modern day of deception.

One-third part of the ships being destroyed would mean message bearers. Just as ships are used in the waters to transfer merchandise, so is the ministry of the church to transport or deliver the gospel. The gospel being transported, seen as ships transport the goods for gain, were destroyed in the sea of papalism, and now the third part of the sea, or papal Rome, is made up of people that turned from the truth and are guilty of their own blood.

This brings us down to the second candlestick age, or the church in spirit as Smyrna.

THE SECOND CANDLESTICK (Revelation 2:8-11)

A.D. 270 to A.D. 530—260 Years

Revelation 2:8-11:

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive.

9. I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

10. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

10. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

In this age the church, (the few that stood true) was in much tribulation and poverty, but they were rich in grace and the treasures of gospel living. It meant much at this time to stand against error and for the truth: but according to church history THERE WERE A FEW THAT REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE PAPAL ROME AS BEING THE TRUE CHURCH OF THE BIBLE. It meant FAR MORE at this time to stand firm than it did in the morning church age, in the first and second seal age conflict. Then the

nations denied Christ, but now many profess and would have a form of religion without possessing a real experience.

Knowing the blasphemy of them claiming to be Jews, or Christians, and found them to be of the synagogues of Satan is nothing other than professions of papalism. We read in chapter 13 that they worshipped the dragon, or recognized devil worship. **NOW THE SYNAGOGUES OF SATAN.**

The few at this age that constituted the church were counted rich, and they surely were, since it required grace from God to withstand people who were compromising the truth. They were to fear nothing for the devil was to cast some of them in prison. Some would fall, even those who were left in this church age, and go into the prison house of sin. (Daniel 11:35). “Some of the understanding will fall to try them;” not to try those that fall, but those who were standing true. When one falls who has been instrumental in the hands of the Lord among the righteous people, it certainly is a trial to the people of God.

The tribulation for ten days is a time symbol and will be used as such in the fourth seal just ahead. This is a time symbol pointing out into the future. The crown is at the end of the way as promised to those who endure and are faithful. The second death means a separation. When Adam sinned, his sins separated him from Eden and from God. The second death is an eternal separation from God. If we hold out faithful we will never be separated from God.

THE FOURTH SEAL (Revelation 6:7-8)

A.D. 530 to A.D. 1530—1000 Years

Revelation 6:7-8:

7. And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Before giving explanation of the scripture of this seal age, we refer to some vital historical paragraphs relative to the date of bringing in of this seal age. At this time papalism was fully developed and exalted as the true church of the Bible, with the true church generally cast down. Also we note that this date marks the ending of Pagan Rome also.

In Fisher’s Church history page 98, we have the following paragraph. “It was around 200 years after Constantine, the first supposed Christian emperor of the Roman Empire, that Paganism had vanished.” Constantine’s reign was around A.D. 323 to 330. With the adding of 200 years brings us up to A.D. 530. Then in the same history, page 138, we have this reference. “In A.D. 530 the decisions of the many synods was approved by the Roman Bishop Boniface, the Second,” and also on page 139 and 140 the history states, “The day of critical inquirers and discussions was passing by and a settling down to the catholic orthodox doctrines was being generally accepted.”

Some of the teachings from the Roman Catholic catechisms will help us see to what they were settling down to, and the cheapness of their religion. We quote from their Catechism No. 4, chapter 16.

Question. Who is the supreme pastor of the church?

Answer. Our Holy Father, the Pope.

Ques. What is the Pope?

Ans. The Pope is the vicar of Christ, the successor of St. Peter and the visible head of the church.

Ques. Why is the Pope called the vicar of Christ?

Ans. He holds Christ's place and represents him upon the earth.

Ques. (Chapter 17) Who in the church has the power to forgive sins?

Ans. This power belongs to the Pope, the successor of St. Peter, to the bishops, the successors of the apostles, and to the priests approved by the bishops.

Ques. How far does the power of the church to forgive sins extend?

Ans. It has no limits. It is an absolute and universal power.

Ques. In whom does the infallibility of the church reside.

Ans. It resides in the pope, speaking either alone, **or** in union with bishop of the church.

We can readily see by their own teaching that it cost very little to become a member of the Catholic church, while on the other hand to become a member of THE CHURCH OF GOD, it required giving up all and sometimes even meant death at the hands of the enemy. Papalism is cheap religion, compared with the truth.

In the opening of this seal, we noticed a pale horse going out which is a continuation of spiritual warfare. The horse is used as a symbol of warfare, drawn from the civil and military life of the Romans. Pale is a symbol of death and destruction, spiritually. Death reigns supremely throughout this fourth seal age. Notice the rider upon this horse was death. In the diagram chart, death is illustrated by a skeleton upon the pale horse, representing spiritual death. The papal powers ruling with their church and state combined made the laws prohibiting the gospel from being preached during this seal age, other than promoting the doctrine and teachings of Papalism which was generally a state religion, and as the result of such false teaching and deception hell followed with him. In Isaiah 5:13-14 we have a prophecy of this very time. "Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honorable men are famished and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it."

In the age of the apostasy under the third seal we gave a scripture in the letter to the Smyrna church that it was the SYNAGOGUES OF SATAN and in bringing up the beast of chapter 13, it was the dragon, or the DEVIL AND SATAN. NOW HELL FOLLOWS WITH PAPALISM. Christ said that the gates of hell would not prevail against his church. The church continues on up through time as will be proved farther on. Power was given this pale horse rider over the fourth part of the earth to kill with sword and with hunger and death and the beasts of the earth. (This is spiritual. Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 is writing to them, I comforting and consoling their minds with the fact that the day of the coming of Christ would not come at that time; for he said, that there would come a falling away first and the man of sin be revealed. And he would

oppose and exalt himself above all that is called God, so that he as God would sit in the temple of God. Paul surely understood prophecy. In Amos 8:9, 11, we have a prophecy of this very time. "And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon and I will darken the earth in a clear day. Behold the days cometh saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, NOT A FAMINE OF BREAD, OR A THIRST FOR WATER, BUT OF HEARING OF THE WORD OF THE LORD." This is truly the age spoken of and this explains the killing with the sword, deceiving, and destroying the true Bible and substituting their own interpretations. Thus, killing with hunger, in that no spiritual food was given to them, and they died spiritually.

The sun of righteousness went down in the midst of the gospel day of grace. We do not have a trumpet sounding in this fourth seal period, since there was no minister allowed to come out in the open and preach his convictions and the pure gospel of Christ.

We have some time symbols of the Revelation at this point to explain that will enlighten us and will bring us up in time from A.D. 270 to A.D. 1530.

The first is found in Revelation 13:5:

5. And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

This beast which is to continue for 42 months is recorded here as a time symbol, and, since there are 30 days to the month, it would total up to 1260 days, a symbol covering a period of time, a thousand and two hundred and sixty days. And using one day for a year as in the prophecy of Ezek. 4:6, this would figure 1260 years. Adding this number of years to the 270 years of the church of the morning would bring us up to A.D. 1530. At this time Papalism lost her power as a state ruling religion and the Bible began to be released to nations. This will be made clearer later on at the opening of the fifth seal.

The next time symbol is mentioned in Revelation 12:6:

6. And the woman fled into the wilderness where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand and two hundred and threescore days.

In this scripture we have another time symbol of 1260 days, the same number of days as the beast of chapter 13, bringing the woman, or the church, with Christ as the head of the church, from A.D. 270 to A.D. 1530. Some would have us believe that the church as a whole was subdued into the Catholic church, but according to John's writings here, the church existed during the age of Papal Roman rule, where she had a place prepared of God. We have history which tells us, (Gibbon's History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, volume 6, page 229) "that there were a few Christians during this age that denied Papal Rome being the true church of the Bible," and the letter to the Pergamos church for this period of time makes it clear that God had a church in this age, separate from Papalism. According to history, this little band of Christians that worshipped in caves and hide cuts, where the woman, or the church was preserved, were known as the Waldenses. We will give some history of these people in the opening of the fifth seal. God had a church separate, though they were few in number, in this age of darkness. However they no doubt suffered martyrdom when found by their enemies. The woman who fled into the wilderness was fed, John said, and this preserved life. The

question might arise, how was she fed? This will be explained from the following scripture. Revelation 11:3-4:

3. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy, a thousand, two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.
4. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

The two witnesses mentioned here symbolize the Word and the Spirit. John 5:39, says "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me." Matthew 4:4, "This gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world for a witness, then cometh the end." By two or three witnesses shall every word be established. These two scriptures prove the word as a witness and the time symbol of 1260 days, using one day for a year up through time, or 1260 years denote the period of time when they were clothed in sackcloth, or they were obscured from sight. Hebrews 10:15. "The Spirit is also a witness" and in Romans 8:16, the "Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit."

The Word and the Spirit fed the woman and preserved her life spiritually for the 1260 year period that she was in the wilderness.

Verse 4 of the above scripture, referring to the two olive trees and the two candlesticks makes IT VERY CLEAR THAT UNLESS WE PLACE A CANDLESTICK IN EACH CHURCH AGE WE COULD NOT EXPLAIN THESE TWO CANDLESTICKS. They are to be symbolized.

We have a candlestick here for the two ages of Papalism, the age of the apostasy under the third seal, and the dark age under the fourth seal. Now by quoting from Zechariah the 4th chapter, we get the truth relative to the olive trees. The prophet saw a candlestick with seven lamps and two olive trees, one on the right side and the other on the left side. Each had golden pipes from the tree to the candlesticks. He tells in the 6th verse that this is the "Word" and not by might but by my "Spirit" saith the Lord. By this scripture we know that the two olive trees were typical of the Word and the Spirit. And in verse 14 he said, "These are the two anointed ones." So the two witnesses are the anointed ones. The oil piped from the olive tree into the candlestick and the candle gave the light. The Word and the Spirit during these two church ages, fed the woman, the church, or candlestick and the spiritual life of the woman is preserved. This is a wonderful picture in symbols of the true church and the Word and Spirit carried up through time.

Now we have had three time symbols of 1260 days, or 1260 years, and our next time symbol scripture is found in Revelation 11:1-2:

1. And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: And the angel stood saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.
2. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not, for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

In this passage of the scriptures we have the measuring the temple with a reed as a rod, symbolizing the church and the Word. The temple as the church and the rod for

word. In this measuring, the courts were left out for it given into the hands of the Gentiles and the holy city would they tread under foot forty and two months, the pie period of time as in the other three time symbols of 1260 years.

Before Christ the worship of the courts of the temple typical of justification in the gospel dispensation. Measuring the temple would symbolize the church. God had a true church in this age. But justification, as far as being actually preached, was generally in the hands of the unsaved or the Catholics for no justification was preached in the open to the nations. The Gentiles were the unsaved people and so is papalism.

In these four time symbols it surely proves time through from A.D. 270 to A.D. 1530, a period of 1260 years of the papal age from the time popery came into existence until they ceased to be the ruling religion in the earth. This is proved by history.

If we did not use the time symbols in proving the rise and fall of popery, history would prove it anyway. However the given time symbols already mentioned certainly are intended to be applied in this manner.

THE THIRD CANDLESTICK (Revelation 2:12-17)

A.D. 530 to A.D. 1530—1000 Years

Revelation 2:12-17:

12. And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

13. I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou boldest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

14. But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

15. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

16. Repent, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

17. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

In this foregoing scripture of the Spirit of the Pergamos church age, the first symbol to be considered is the church in this age dwelling where Satan's seat is. In Revelation 13:2 "The Dragon gave Papalism his power and his seat, and great authority." Surely this beast in spirit exalted up her in the earth into the heavenly place of the church would find the people of God also dwelling in the heavenly, where Satan's seat is. Not in Satan's seat, but where the false church is also exalted up in the earth.

The true church at this time HAS NOT DENIED THE TRUE NAME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE. They have not been guilty of taking an earthly name, as the Roman Catholic church did but they are holding firmly, according to John, TO THE BIBLICAL NAME of whom the whole family in earth and heaven is named.' And that is THE CHURCH OF GOD. They also were holding steadfastly to the profession of their faith

without wavering, the faith of Christ for forgiveness of sins and not looking to man, as those of Papalism did, but they fixed their eyes on the “author and the finisher of their faith” with confidence even though it meant many times to sacrifice their lives unto death. He makes mention here of Antipas, as his faithful martyr, which is a symbol of those who were faithful and martyred for the Gospel and for the Word of God which they held. Many were martyred through the dark ages of Papal rule. The church was advocating among them some that were holding the doctrine of Balaam, causing the children of Israel to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication. In Numbers 31:8, Balaam, the son of Boer, who was hired to curse the Israelites by Balac of old, and who offered him riches and honor to do so, finally consented to go, however the angel of the Lord stood in the way for an adversary against him. Afterwards a battle resulted between the Israelites and the Midianites and Balaam was slain by the sword of the people whom he had endeavored to curse. This is typical of some coming in among the people of God to insert a stumbling block of idolatry in the path of spiritual Israel in an attempt to commit spiritual fornication with the true Church of God. Peter declares that such are “wells without water, wandering stars, etc.” and will evidently come to a sad and abrupt end, in spiritual death by the sword of Biblical truth. Peter further states that they “were natural brute beasts, which have forsaken the right way and gone astray following the way of Balaam, who loved the wages of unrighteousness but was rebuked for his iniquity; the dumb ass speaking with man’s voice forbade the madness of the prophet.” (2 Peter 2:14-16).

The hidden manna is a symbol of the word or bread of life that is hid from the nations in this age. But the over-comers during this time looking out into the next seal age, will have access to the word that has been hid from the nations in this fourth seal age. The Bible will be released to the people, as we will see later on in the study.

The new name written in a white stone is also a symbol. If you recall under the old covenant the commandments were written on tables of stone; but under the new covenant it is written on the tables of our hearts. Christ is the white stone. He is the chief corner stone. Paul the apostle said that He was the spiritual rock, (1 Corinthians 10:4). Every one that has received this white stone knows it. It salvation from sin. Salvation is preached out to the nations in the seal to come. Our next phase of this study will be the bringing up of the first part of the twentieth chapter of the Revelation that deals with the one thousand years of the fourth seal age, and will be explained in the following chapter.

CHAPTER FIVE

THE ONE THOUSAND YEARS (Revelation 20:1-6)

A.D. 530 to A.D. 1530

Revelation 20:1-6:

1. And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
2. And he laid hold on the dragon that old serpent, WHICH IS THE DEVIL, AND SATAN, and bound him a thousand years,
3. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
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.
5. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.
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.

The twentieth chapter of the Revelation extends through from the advent of Christ to the world, to His second coming. The binding and the loosing of the dragon cover A period of just one thousand years, extending in time from A.D. 530 to A.D. 1530, or during the fourth seal age.

Many interpretations are being placed on this chapter of the Revelation. Of all the many passages of scripture in the Bible that have been misapplied, this is one. The enemy of souls is surely using many erroneous interpretations of these Scriptures to deceive and sidetrack the nations from seeing the real truth, relative to the signs of the times, the nearness of the end of time, and the destruction of the wicked and the final judgment.

We hope to be able in this chapter, by the proper use of the scripture and reasoning, to bring to the understanding of honest people the truth of the symbols of the first six verses of this chapter, and the rest of the chapter will be explained later in connection with time for its fulfillment.

Many commentators are placing the entire chapter in the evening of the gospel day, when Christ will come back and set up a literal kingdom here in the earth and reign for this one thousand years, others are making it a long period of time with no certainty when it will begin or end. In this there is an uncertain sound. And who can prepare for battle under such an application? There are so many false interpretations that it certainly has developed into a babel of spiritual confusion, even to the extent that many are now believing that no one will ever be able to understand this mysterious book of symbols. But in the first verse of the first chapter of the Revelation, John makes it clear that is “the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave un him, to show unto his servants.” And in the sounding the seventh trumpet, the apostle John records that “THE MYSTERY OF

GOD WILL BE FINISHED” or will come to light, regardless of infidels, unbelievers or critics. God’s word is true and faithful and His scriptures harmonize.

In Revelation 2:10, referring to the letter to the Smyrna church, they were told that they were going to have tribulations for ten days. This is referring or pointing out to fourth seal age, or this one thousand years. This “TEN DAYS” is surely placed here in the Smyrna letter for a time symbol, as they faced this one thousand year period of time, known in history and the Bible as the dark age of the rule of Papal Rome. Using one day for one hundred years as we will use other time symbols later, this one thousand years or time will coincide with church history. We have already given history for the starting point of this one thousand years, but history alone is not sufficient to convince the critic, so we will also bring Biblical proof.

To be able to read symbols, it is necessary to understand the nature of the symbols. They are always drawn from objects chosen, other than the objects to be symbolized. Then, when John said, one thousand years, he meant just one thousand years. WE COULD NOT USE YEARS TO SYMBOLIZE YEARS. Any time symbol, less than a year can be used as a symbol, but when years are mentioned, it means that many actual years and no more. This logic and reasoning will harmonize with history and with other scriptures of the Revelation, and even Old Testament prophecy. But if we attempt to stretch this one thousand years out into time, as a symbol meaning a long, long period of ages, it will not, and cannot harmonize with other scriptures. This we shall see in this chapter.

The angel John saw come down from heaven with a key and a great chain is the first symbol to consider in this chapter. The angel herein mentioned is a symbol of Christ coming into the world. In Jude 9, Michael is called an Archangel, and Michael is Christ, as we have already stated. Christ gave us His word, which is the key to heaven, or hell. It is also a chain of gospel truth and will bind people when they reject it. To reject and fail to walk in light one goes into darkness spiritually. The word has a binding power. Whatever God has said in His word will stand. He is faithful that promised. His words cannot lie. And when people fail to obey His word they are bound. Christ gave Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and gave him power to bind or release here in the world. (See Matthew 16:19). When people rejected the gospel that was preached by Peter, they were bound; if they accepted the gospel, they were released from the bondage of sin. Jesus said, “Whom the son maketh free is free indeed.”

In Revelation 1:18, “I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”

When the nations turned from Christ during the 260 years of the apostasy to the worship of the dragon power; through Papalism, the Lord set the fourth seal age of one thousand years on the dragon that he would deceive the nations “NO MORE” until the thousand years be finished (Revelation 20:3). The twentieth chapter of Revelation begins with the coming of Christ to the world and reaches up through time to where the nations generally rejected Christ and the word, and were suffered by Christ to emerge into darkness with no righteous nations in earth. REMEMBER, THAT THE REVELATION IS DEALING WITH THE NATIONS AND THE CHURCH IN A UNIVERSAL SENSE. At this time we have no righteous nations in the earth. The devil has succeeded in deceiving the whole nations generally and this accomplishment occurred during the 260 year period of the apostasy.

And now for the one thousand years he will not be able to deceive ANY MORE NATIONS, or even deceive the nations ANY MORE. Notice the wording, "NO MORE." This does not say, nor does it mean that the nations were not deceived already, for they were; but they would be deceived NO MORE, OR IN NO OTHER WAY UNTIL THE END OF THE ONE THOUSAND YEARS. Then we will have nations rise up and take their stand against the popery rule and for the cause of Christ and the truth. Germany and England were the nations who protested against the false deception of the popish degradation. But more about this later.

The bottomless pit is to be considered in a spiritual way, even the binding is spiritual and in fact the entire scripture is referring to spiritual conditions and not to a literal reference. You would not, and could not bind the spirit forces of evil, namely the devil, as some suppose, with a literal chain and key.

When Christ came to the world, the worship of the Roman government was paganistic, which was idolatry and image worship, prompted by the dragon, which is the Devil and Satan, (Revelation 20:2). IN THIS SCRIPTURE WE SEE RIGHT IN THE BEGINNING OF THE REVELATION WHEN CHRIST CAME TO THE WORD, HE CALLS THE DRAGON DEVIL AND SATAN. In Revelation 12:9, John spoke of the dragon as being called the Devil and Satan and surely he was. Christ recognized this in the beginning. (Revelation 20:2). So we will not try to change his name and call him Paganism.

We understand paganism means heathenism or idolatry, but at the bottom of all this deception we find the devil and Satan. To change the name of the Devil to Paganism or heathen worship would only be doing away with the devil as a spirit. Webster calls him an evil spirit. We have mentioned that Christ works through human instrumentality. The same is true with the devil. If we say that paganism was bound and then later it was to be released, we certainly would get into a mix-up, for pagan or image worship was handed up into Papalism, from paganism, then later on out into Protestantism. Papalism is image worship and the Protestants made an image to Papalism. So paganism has not been bound. It was the devil who was bound, that he might deceive the nations NO MORE, OR IN NO OTHER WAY UNTIL THE ONE THOUSAND YEARS WERE EXPIRED.

Since the bottomless pit is spiritual, let us consider what it is; not a literal dungeon without a bottom, but this has reference to the lowest possible depths of heathenism with no foundation of truth, and this will be proved in connection with this type of worship in another chapter.

Next we notice that John saw thrones and they sat upon them. Some try to use this as the time when Christ will come back to earth and be the head of a literal kingdom and will appoint kings and priests under Him, and reign here in this world for this one thousand year period. But we read in Revelation 5:10 that "he hast made us kings and priests and we shall reign on the earth." Notice John said "hast," or already has made them kings and priests. The phrase in the scripture "they sat upon them" would mean that the saved at that time in this world were reigning through Christ over sin, flesh and the world, with complete victory in their souls over all the powers of the enemy. Paul said that "they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:17). Just as a king has power to reign, we too have power, given us by Christ, to reign victorious over sin in this life. The reign extended up through the ages from the days of Christ until the nations went into darkness. Then there

were no righteous nations in the earth AND NEXT JOHN SAW THE NATIONS OF SOULS THAT HAD BEEN SLAIN, or martyred by the hands of paganism, from the days of Christ up to the beginning of the one thousand years, AND THEY REIGNED WITH CHRIST IN THE PARADISE OF GOD. They had had part in the first resurrection; that is, they had been resurrected from the dead state of sin and were the ones that John had reference to in Revelation 20:6. After being martyred and leaving this world they would reign with Christ in the paradise above and John said he saw their souls in that state above. (See Revelation 20:4). He saw them first reigning over sin in this life, then, after they had passed over He saw their souls reigning with Christ.

In the letter to the Ephesus church of the 270 year conflict of the morning, the overcomers were promised that they should have the right to the tree of life in the midst of the paradise of God. These were in the number that reigned with Christ. At this time of 1000 years there were no righteous nations in the earth.

The “rest of the dead” who lived not again until the thousand years were finished is also spiritual (Chapter 20:5.) The first resurrection is spiritual. The rest of the dead in trespasses and sin, as nations, lived not again until the end of the thousand years; then we will have two nations raised up for Christ and the truth, namely Germany and England. People who have part in the first resurrection are made holy. A literal resurrection would not make people holy. A number of scriptures teach a spiritual resurrection. Ephesians 2:1. “And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins.” Again Paul mentions in Colossians 2:13. “And you being dead in the uncircumcision of your flesh hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses.”

In John 5:26, we have Christ’s words, “Verily, verily I say unto you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live.” These scriptures refer to a spiritual resurrection, from death in sin, to life in Christ.

Then in John 5:28-29, Christ speaks of a final literal resurrection. He said for them not to marvel at what He had to say as in verse 25, because He said, “the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.” Here all are coming forth out of the graves in the same hour, both the good and the evil. All the millennialists teach two resurrections, one of the righteous at the beginning of the one thousand years and one of the wicked at the end. For instance, let us suppose this is the case. All the righteous are to come forth first, if they would, they would put on immortality when they are resurrected and the righteous living also will be changed and put on immortality, then all are caught up together and raptured away. Then the wicked are destroyed from the earth, and Christ comes back to earth to reign with the righteous a thousand years. Now we understand after the resurrection there is neither marrying or giving in marriage, and by this we understand that there would be no more people born into the world. Then at the end of the one thousand years comes the resurrection of the wicked, and they are resurrected a spiritual body or put on immortality. Now where are the nations that will number as the sands of the seas that the devil is to deceive at the end of the thousand years when he is released for a little season? All have put on immortality. This little season will be explained later on in the study.

The literal resurrection is at the last day. And there can be no time after the last day. In John 6:39, 40, 44 and 54, we have four different statements made by Christ that

the righteous will be raised up at the last day. We are living in time, and time ends in eternity. Time will not be known in eternity. It is generally believed by millennialists that Christ will rapture the righteous away during some secret time that will be unknown to the wicked. But Paul tells us in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10, that when Christ returns He is coming in flaming fire to take vengeance on the wicked, “who will be punished with everlasting destruction, WHEN HE COMES TO BE GLORIFIED IN HIS SAINTS.” Then again, in 1 Thessalonians 4, Paul tells the Thessalonian church that when Christ comes He is coming WITH THE VOICE OF AN ARCHANGEL AND THE TRUMPET OF GOD and the dead in the graves, who are saved will come forth first before the righteous living are caught up and then we will be caught up together with Him and ever be with the Lord. There is nothing said here about the wicked. He is only consoling and comforting the minds of the church in this passage. Christ has gone to prepare a place for His people and He promised that He would come again and where He is there we shall be also. (John 14). Reading in the first of Acts we find where He ascended, and we know He will come back for the righteous some day as He promised. But when He comes He is coming with the voice of an Archangel and the trumpet of God. John said “EVERY EYE WOULD SEE HIM, AND EVEN THOSE THAT PIERCED HIM.” (Revelation 1:7). All are to come out of the graves at the same hour, both the just and the unjust, according to John 5:28-29.

There are some prophecies relative to Christ’s first coming to the world, that are often used to endeavor to prove and establish the idea concerning a literal kingdom here in the earth. One is in Isaiah 65:21, “And they shall build houses and inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.” And in verse 25, “The wolf and the lamb shall feed together and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock.” The planting of the vineyard and eating the fruit, and the building of houses refer to things spiritual and not literal. We find in Isaiah 5:7, what the vineyard is, He says, “The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.” In other words it is the Church of God. Christ said, “In my Father’s house are many mansions.” The house of God is the Church of God, (1 Timothy 3:15). Christ also said, “I am the vine.” The planting of the vineyard is in the Lord spiritually and the building of houses is building in the Lord.

The beasts being tamed, refers to nothing else but the beastly nature destroyed out of the hearts of the people through the blood of Christ. Isaiah, speaking of the coming of the gospel day said that “no lion, or ravenous bear would go upon the highway of holiness.” This lion-like nature is destroyed when Christ comes into the heart. There is nothing whatever said in the twentieth chapter of the Revelation relative to Christ’s kingdom. It is not mentioned in this passage.

We have prophecy relative to the kingdom in 2 Samuel 7:8. “Now, therefore, so shalt thou say unto my servant, David, Thus saith the Lord of host, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel.” In verse 12, we read, “And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.” And in verse 13, “He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.” Then in Daniel 2:44, we read that it was to be in the days of the four kingdoms that God of heaven would set up His kingdom that would stand or last forever. And it was in the time of the Roman Empire, or the fourth kingdom that John the Baptist came preaching the kingdom of heaven was at hand. He was

followed by Christ, preaching the same doctrine, which is a fulfillment of Isaiah 9:6-7, when Christ was born and would reign on the throne of David as king. David, under the law reigning on the throne literally was typical of Christ reigning in the hearts of His people spiritually, and the building of His spiritual house or His church as was prophesied in 2 Samuel 7:12-13.

In Luke 17:20-21, the writer said, "When he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation (or that which is to be seen outwardly) neither shall they say lo here, or lo there; for behold the kingdom is within you," (the Greek translation says "among you") meaning that the kingdom was not in the earth literally. In Romans 14:17 we find what the kingdom of God is. "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

John, in Revelation 1:9, said, "I am your brother and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom, and patience of Jesus Christ." Then Paul said writing to the Colossian church, (Colossians 1:13) "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son." The word "hath" is past tense. He had already been placed in the kingdom in his day. In Matthew 16:28, Christ said, "Verily, I say unto you, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, until they see the Son of man come in his kingdom." Mark tells us about the same thing (Mark 9:1) "And he said, unto them, Verily I say unto you, that there be some that stand here, which shall not taste of death till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power." This was referring to the Day of Pentecost when Christ would come in power, as He promised when He went away; then He would send the Holy Ghost.

Christ said in John 18:36, "If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, but now is my kingdom not from hence." In Luke 3:14, when the soldiers inquired of John what was required of them, they were told to do violence to no man. Salvation from sin will put an end to wars and fighting.

A fulfillment of prophecy in Micah 4, that in this gospel day or in the last days, it would be so, and the last days according to Hebrews 1, are the days from the time of Christ coming to earth to the end of the world, spoken of in Old Testament prophecy as the last days. The prophet said that "swords would be made into plow shares, and spears into pruning hooks." This is true with righteous nations and Revelation 21:21, speaks of the Heavenly Jerusalem, that the nations of the saved would walk in the city. Salvation of Jesus Christ in the hearts of people causes fighting to cease.

In 1 Corinthians 15:20-25 we have Paul's writing regarding the time when Christ comes back to this world, that He is coming not to set up a literal kingdom but He said He would deliver it up, even unto the Father. This scripture alone should be sufficient to prove there will be no literal kingdom here in the earth. And to teach a future literal kingdom is an Antichrist spirit, and those under the influence of such a spirit and teaching, when light is given them can no longer be saved, if they reject the truth. It is possible that one can be saved and believe this until light is brought to them, then when understanding comes, they are required to walk in the light of truth in order to retain their experience with God.

The Jews rejected Christ because He did not set up a literal kingdom in the earth. If Christ would have come into the world as king literally speaking, every Jew would have accepted Him. The Jews were God's Israel. Now in the gospel dispensation, it is

those who are born again from above, that constitute spiritual Israel. This deception is being taught the world over, that Christ is coming back to set up His literal kingdom in Jerusalem and the devil will be bound, while Christ is to reign here a thousand years. This is a deception, an erroneous doctrine. History is repeating itself. In the end many, spiritually speaking, will be left out or lose out, just as the Jews were. There is no time future for a literal reign and literal kingdom by Christ, and there is no place for it, since the earth will be burned up and the things therein.

In the latter part of the third verse of the twentieth chapter of the Revelation, the little season referred to there, which comes at the end of the one thousand year period, or in A.D. 1530, will be explained in the following chapter.

CHAPTER SIX

THE FIFTH SEAL AND THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION ***(Revelation 6:9-11)***

A.D. 1530 to A.D. 1880—350 Years.

Before attempting to give scriptural proof for this age it is necessary to quote from history, in connection with historical facts, regarding the fall of Papal Rome, politically, and the rise of Protestantism.

We have a number of church histories that substantiate the fact that A.D. 1530 marks the rise of Protestantism, among them is Fisher's Church History, Wickersham, Myer's and DeAubigne's History. However this great reform began to work in the hearts of hungry souls over one hundred years before this date.

John Wycliff, over one hundred years before the reformation, was born in Richmond, Yorkshire, A.D. 1324. He studied at Oxford; but of his early university career nothing is known. However, he was a professor of Divinity at Oxford. He was of a Christian band of people known in history as the Waldenses, being called by this name, because of one Peter Waldo, (A.D. 1160), who was a defender of the truth. He and others of the faith neither employed, nor designed to introduce new doctrine, nor proposed new articles of faith, but rather endeavored to hold to the apostolic standards of faith.

The history of this Christian Band of worshippers from the days of Claudius to Peter Waldo is veiled in much obscurity. Peter Waldo was a man very zealous for the cause of Christ. Through his labors at this time the church reached the height to the extent that they received the name, or were called, Waldenses, by those who opposed them. Their faith and belief in Christ were in harmony according to history as the people that constituted the church, also in keeping with the letter to the Smyrna church, or the third seal and the Pergamos church, the fourth seal, or the Dark Age. They were the faithful people living to all the light they possessed and teaching the standard of truth as they understood it; yet they were in error in some measure because of the apostasy. They considered every Christian in a certain measure, qualified to instruct and to exhort people how to meet the requirements of God's Word to obtain salvation. They affirmed that the papacy had degenerated under Constantine the Great, the first supposed Christian Emperor of the Roman Empire, from its purity and was not the true Church of God.

John Wycliff translated the entire Bible into the English language, and by the wide circulation, especially of the New Testament, the Word of God was spread open to many people and a permanent foundation was laid then and there, for the future destruction of the Romish idolatry.

From England the writings of Wycliff were carried by an officer of Oxford into Bohemia, where they were read by John Huss, rector of the University of Prague. These writings opened the mind of Huss who with great boldness and decision of character, began vehemently to declare against the vices and errors of the monks and the clergy and was successful in bringing Bohemia some Biblical truth; especially the University to the adoption of the sentiments of Wycliff, causing the controversy between the Archbishop of Prague and Huss.

However, Huss continued to preach from the pulpit and by means of his pen, even at the peril of his life. Huss was ordered to appear before the pope at Rome. He declined to do so and was excommunicated from the church of Rome. Huss in the Bohemian language signifies “goose.” He began to declare the gospel truth. The wicked made preparation for the “goose”, to check his work, to stop what they called deceptive doctrine.

But the “goose” which is no more than a domestic bird, a peaceful creature and whose flight carries it but a short way into the air, has nevertheless broken through their meshes. Other birds whose flight will bear them boldly towards the heaven will break through them with much more force. Instead of a silly goose, the truth will hereafter send forth eagles and falcons with piercing results.

Huss was finally burned at the stake as the result of his loyalty to the truth and while they were burning him, he told them “they could roast a goose, but in one hundred years, God would raise a swan they could neither roast nor boil.” At this the bones of Wycliff were dug up and burned also. Just one hundred years from the burning of John Huss his prophecy came true. In A.D. 1507, one Martin Luther was ordained priest in Rome. Two years later he began to lecture from the Holy Scriptures. The monks in Rome became uneasy about the truth that Luther was setting forth from the Word insomuch that they advised that he refrain from lecturing from the Word. But Luther refused to give heed to the pope.

Luther evidently possessed a deep sense of piety for the truth. As he was ascending those twenty-eight steps of the Scala Scanta, or the sacred stairway, said to have been brought to Rome from Pilate’s judgment hall, the Holy Spirit brought to Luther’s memory the Scripture, “The just shall live by faith” Hebrews 10:38. God had spoken and Luther heard. A great reformation was about to be born. From this very time, Luther began to preach justification by faith through repentance according to Biblical truth.

After Martin Luther’s time, there followed many Reformers until Germany and England stood out wholly Protestant, denying the popery powers of Romanism, which was a state-ruled religion.

In the year A.D. 1530, Charles V assembled the famous Diet of Augsburg, which was opened in the month of June. At this diet, or dignitary delegation, the Empire determined if possible to bring all subjects in dispute between the papacy and Protestantism to a final conclusion. In view of such a determination, Luther drew up a summary of the Protestant doctrines to be presented to the diet. This was reverently considered and published by the Scholarly Melancton, and is known to the present day historians as the Confession of Augsburg, dating the closing of the Dark night of Papacy and the beginning of the cloudy day of sect making.

In connection with the above historical facts may we notice the Biblical truths as we have the opening of the fifth seal.

THE FIFTH SEAL (Revelation 6:9-11)

9. And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held;

10. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?
11. And white robes were given to every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

In the opening of the fifth seal following the one thousand years of spiritual darkness, John saw the souls of those who suffered martyrdom during the conflict of the early church who were opposed by the dragon powers, from A.D. 33 to A.D. 530. According to history there were around fifty-five million. These souls were under the altar, or under the care of Christ. They had served out their time here in this world, spent on the altar of consecration and sacrifice and they were now under the care of Christ and at rest. These were the souls that John saw mentioned in Revelation 20:4, reigning with Christ.

Now the fourth seal of the one thousand years that was placed on the dragon has come to an end. These souls cry out to know how long time will be yet until their blood will be avenged on them that dwell on the earth. These souls were somewhere other than on the earth. They were in the paradise of God. They were told to rest yet for a little season, (paradise means rest), “until their fellow-servants, and also their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

In this scripture we have a “little season” mentioned, during which time those souls under the altar were to rest or wait for the vengeance of God, which was to be rendered against their Papal persecutors in the sixth and seventh seal ages. This started in 1880 A.D. with the opening of the sixth seal. At this time God began to avenge their blood on them that dwell on the earth by pouring out his judgments on the Papal beast powers.

More souls were to be martyred during this little season of time. And during this period there were persecutions between the Protestants and the Catholics. Quoting from World Encyclopedia page 7178, of the persecution of the 16th century, under Count J. T. Tilly, (1559-1632) a German general who in the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) held command of the forces of the Catholic League of Romanism. The cruelties committed by the Catholic troops in Saxony under Tilly are enumerated as follows:

“The unfortunate victims were half strangled, and then brought to life again several times; sharp wheels were rolled over their fingers and toes; their arms were crushed with tongs; they were compelled to swallow disgusting things, which often choked them; cords were tied so tight around their heads that blood ran from their eyes, ears, nose, and mouth; burning matches were tied to their fingers, toes, ears, arms and legs, and even to their tongues; powder was crowded in their mouths and fired, blasting their heads into small pieces; small bags of powder were tied to all parts of the body and kindled, causing the victims to be blown up.”

“Ropes were drawn through the fleshly parts of the body, and pulled back and forth. Incisions were made in the flesh with awls and knives; wires were drawn through the nose, ears, lips, etc. The Protestants were hung by their legs with their head over a fire, so that they would be smoked and dried; they were hung by one arm until it was pulled entirely out of joint; they were hung up by hooks fastened in their ribs. The Catholic soldiers compelled the Protestants to drink until they burst; they threw many

into hot ovens; they hung them up by ropes and tied weights to their feet; they hung, strangled, and roasted them, and ravished their women.”

“They laid them on rocks, cut open their stomachs, broke their legs to pieces, ripped off their flesh, tore them asunder by means of wild horses, they drowned, strangled, crucified, and poisoned them, and walled them in. They cut off their tongues, noses, and ears, sawed off their legs, chopped them to pieces; and pulled them by their heels through the streets.”

Following Luther, thousands were saved according to history and truth was being uncovered in spite of persecution, which had been concealed beneath the rubbish of Papalism during the centuries of the past. And in a period of time we have Germany and England standing out for the truth and denying Papal Rome as the true religion of the Bible.

The dragon being released where he was bound for one thousand years, to deceive the nations NO MORE UNTIL THAT THOUSAND YEARS WAS FULFILLED OR FINISHED, now sends up another deception in the form of a two horned beast, as recorded in Revelation 13:11-18.

11. And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.
12. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
13. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,
14. And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth, by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.
15. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.
16. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
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.
18. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is a number of a man; and his number is six hundred three score and six.

The object and purpose of this beast coming up from the earth, prompted by the evil forces, would symbolize the beastly nature inherited through the fall of Adam, which is characterized by the desire to rule and have the preeminence. This beast went about to divide and split the Christians, directed by the former dragon powers. A house divided against itself cannot stand, and the devil understood this, and it was his purpose to promote such a condition at this time.

This beast had two horns like a lamb. In the first chapter of this book we placed one each of the seven horns on the lamb of chapter 5, in each one of the seven ages of the gospel dispensation, and they symbolize the power of salvation in each age according to Luke 1:69. We have two candlesticks, or church ages in the fifth seal dating from A.D. 1530 to A.D. 1880. One seal and two trumpets for this period of time, which is 350 years.

Back under the papal age we had two seals and one trumpet. This beast, having two horns like a lamb, is in opposition to two horns on the Lamb, for these two ages now under consideration. The only part of this beast that might resemble a lamb of God, as we had in chapter 5, is the two horns. But it spake as a dragon, and is deceiving. The rise of this beast is without question a symbol of the rise of Protestantism. Christ said, deceivers would come and deceive the very elect if possible, and he is coming up now with the resemblance of a lamb in power. Horns in the gospel dispensation symbolize spiritual power. This two horned beast exerciseth all power of the first beast before him, (the papal beast) and causes the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed. He also caused fire to come from Heaven and deceive the people by the means of the miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast. THESE MIRACLES AND FIRE WILL BE EXPLAINED LATER IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER SCRIPTURES AND THEIR APPLICATION TO THIS MODERN DAY of false fire deception.

Just as papal Rome was an outstanding false ruling religion in the earth, this two horn beast is to develop and mature the same in exercising all the power of the first beast. He causes the people of God that are saved to make an image to the papal beast. This two horn beast came up from the earth. The papal beast came from the sea. Since water is a symbol of people the papal beast originated through man. It was earthly. This two horn beast had its origin out of the earthly institutions of Catholicism. It, too, is earthly born. But the church that Jesus built is born from above. She is Divine, What a contrast!

He caused the people to make an image to the papal beast. The Protestants splitting up into factions and organizing themselves into divisions were making an image to the papal beast. The dragon had power to give life to the image of the beast that he should both speak and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. According to Myer's General History, page 527. "In the sixteenth century, a refusal to conform to the established worship was regarded by all, Protestants as well as by Catholics, as a species of treason against society, and was dealt with accordingly. Thus, we find Calvin at Geneva, consenting to the burning of Servants, A.D. 1553, because he published views that the Calvinists thought heretical; and in England, we see Anglican Protestants waging the most cruel, bitter and persisting persecution, not only against the Catholics but also against all that refuse to conform to their established church."

From these facts it is true the Protestants at least in part went about to kill those who refuse to come under their creeds of worship. Although it may be part of the killing referred to, it is yet future. Since this is yet future it cannot now be determined.

This beast "causing all both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their forehead" has reference to spiritual conditions in the Protestant churches. In verse 18, the mark is the number of a man, and his number is 666. Now if we can locate the man it will not be hard to find the mark. In the writings of Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians relative to the second coming of Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4) he tells them to "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, showing himself that he is God."

When Amos (Amos 8:9, 11) prophesied that the sun would go down at noon and the earth be darkened he certainly was speaking of the dark night of the rule of papal Rome, when popery would be exalted up in the earth taking the place of Christ to forgive sin and reign supreme, as the visible head of the church.

Since the pope is the head of the Roman Catholic Church under the papacy rule, we have the similar condition existing in the Protestant age, at which time a man is the head of every Protestant organization or movement. When the Protestants began to split up into factions and organized themselves into separate divisions, they were prompted to do so by the power and spirit of the two horn beast, causing them to make an image to the papal beast. The mark is a number to distinguish their difference. Each one has its certain doctrinal teachings and name. When one wishes to identify himself with either he must agree to conform to their rules of faith, either by knowledge of their teachings in the head, making the mark in the forehead, or if he does not know the rule of faith, and is one of the smaller ones, or children, he can join just the same by the right hand of fellowship in promising THE MAN, THE DOOR IN WHICH HE IS GOING IN THROUGH, to support and maintain their rule of faith.

Some are brought up in the Protestant creeds and in their certain teachings they know the doctrine of their teachings from childhood. In a similar way the Catholics have I done the same. They say give them a child until it is seven years old and it will always be a Catholic. So it is with many Protestants, since the doctrine of their faith is rooted and grounded in them from childhood. They have the mark in their head, while others join, void of knowing their teachings, but are taught that they need a church home, and by the right hand of fellowship in joining, they are marked in the hand. Even the Christians take the mark along with the unsaved.

This number 666 has particular reference to the two horned Protestant beast, being the number of a man would mean a great number of man made sects and creeds. So far as man-made organizations are concerned one is no better than the other, for there is no salvation in any of them. Joining or conforming to man made churches or creeds cannot bring salvation to a lost soul.

For a period of 350 years the Lord as much as possible saved people to the light that they then possessed, and the divisions among the people were not imputed to them as sin. Sin is only imputed when there is a knowledge of it.

The buying and selling is also spiritual. Each denominational movement requires ministers who wish to work under their jurisdiction to take their certain doctrinal teachings, and in order to do this THEY MUST TAKE AN EDUCATIONAL COURSE IN THEIR CERTAIN SEMINARY. They buy this, for it cost them to obtain it, and then they sell. Many go in the ministry from a business standpoint for a livelihood. They do not have the weight of souls upon them. They buy and sell for gain. But they must have their number. They cannot buy from a seminary of one movement and sell it to the people of another movement. This does not mean that all ministers of the denominations in the Protestant age were out for financial gain. There were some who felt the responsibility of souls and since it was required of them to take this theology course in training they did so and would preach and work for the salvation of souls regardless of price, but many have been buying and selling AND EVEN MORE SO IN THIS MODERN PRESENT AGE, AND IT IS NOT ALL IN PROTESTANTISM.

Those free, referred to by John, taking the mark were the Christians, but they do not have the spirit of the beast. This will be proved further on. The bond, are the sinners who joined the church unsaved. All that joined takes the mark. This beast caused all to take the mark. Further along in the time there will be a people who have gotten the victory over the mark, the number and name.

Next we will study the two witnesses and the part they play at this time.

THE TWO WITNESSES KILLED (Revelation 11:7-10)

A.D. 1530 to A.D. 1880—350 Years

Revelation 11:7-10:

7. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

In the foregoing scriptures after these two witnesses had prophesied for the period of 1260 years, already explained in chapter four of this book, through the age of Papalism, at this time the beast that ascended up from the bottomless pit makes war on them and kills them. This beast referred to here is the two horn beast we have now under consideration. He comes from the bottomless pit. The dragon was cast down into the bottomless pit for a period of one thousand years and he was BOUND TO DECEIVE THE NATIONS NO MORE, OR IN NO OTHER WAY UNTIL THE THOUSAND YEARS WERE FINISHED. Now he is released and sends up this two horned beast. (Remember the bottomless pit signifies no foundation of truth). The bottomless pit, which is the lowest depths of heathenism was pagan worship in opposition to the morning church, in Spirit and is handed up into Papalism and later out into Protestantism. The two-horned beast came up from the bottomless pit or lowest depths of heathenism.

During the one thousand years he was not deceiving the nations in a general sense but was working with the heathens and promoting deceptions such as Mohammedanism, and other heathen worship. But now (1530) he was released because of the rise of Christian nations, and in opposition to the truth that they held, makes war on the two witnesses, which is the Word and the Spirit, and kills their influences for governing the church Divine, with Christ as the head, and blinding the eyes to the truth, the Word and the Spirit no longer have the preeminence in governing the people of God. For a period of 350 years there were no local congregations of the real church divine in the earth with Christ as the head. Man was the head instead, and there could be no congregations of the divine church, Biblically with the two witnesses killed. They could not have the preeminence and where they do not rule you have no divinely organized church as local congregations from a Biblical standpoint. The real Christians of this age were in the

kingdom phase or the universal phase of the church but disassembled and were scattered by the two horn beast. This will be better explained later.

The two witnesses lay in the street of the great city, spiritually called Sodom and Egypt—Sodom, a symbol of wickedness, and Egypt, a symbol of bondage. The same is true with the Christians of the Protestant churches at this time yoked up with wickedness and in bondage. He also referred to “where our Lord was crucified.” Many today are crucifying the Lord afresh and putting Him to an open shame in the denominational churches by the life they are living. Then the Word and Spirit were dead as far as governing the people of God as a church divine, Christ crucified. To kill the word is to kill Christ.

The three days and a half would symbolize 350 years, using one day for one hundred years as in the one thousand years, when a ten day symbol was used to refer to the one thousand years and it proved true according to prophecy and history.

The two witnesses—the Word and Spirit—were not allowed to be put in graves, or covered up as in the days of Papalism, but were open in the hands of the people.

The sending of gifts from one to another would mean that during this 350 years the ministry received their credentials and places to work as gifts from men, but the divine plan of God in gifts is from above. Paul said he was “not of man and neither sent by man” (Galatians 1:1).

THE THIRD TRUMPET (Revelation 8:10-11)

A.D. 1530 to A.D. 1730—200 Years

Revelation 8:10-11:

10. And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

11. And the name of the star is called, Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

During the preaching of the gospel by the ministry of this trumpet age, for 200 years, John saw a great star fall from heaven, burning as a lamp, and it fell upon a third part of the rivers, and fountains of waters. In the first chapter of this book we proved by Revelation 1:20 that stars were a symbol of ministers. In chapter one, we mentioned the seven stars seen in the hand of Christ as the symbol of the ministry of each one of the seven ages of the dispensation. Now in this age, a great star falling would symbolize the falling of a great ministry. This ministry is the Protestant ministry and the rivers and fountains of water is a symbol of the people of Protestantism. Water is a symbol of people (Revelation 17:15).

Rivers rise from an earthly source, the same is true with Protestantism. It originated from the earthly institutions of Catholicism. The name of the star being Wormwood, is also mentioned by the prophet Amos. In his writings, chapter 5:6-8, he says, “Seek the Lord and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel.

7. Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth.
8. Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; the Lord is his name.”

Amos is prophesying here of the characteristics of the Protestant ministry. When Luther came forth preaching the “Just shall live by faith” this was truth, but as time went on, this ministry began to leave off righteousness, and organize sects and creeds.

This prophet is picturing the dark night of Judaism and the bringing in of the seven ages of the gospel dispensation, and turning the shadow of death into mourning. Then making the gospel day dark with night and calling for the waters of the sea, which is Papalism, water is people, and poured out the fountains of waters on the earth a symbol of Protestantism and their earthly creeds.

Because of the leaving off of righteousness the Protestant ministry became wormwood, weak, diluted, without strength, and John saw it falling and burning as a lamp, light, though dimly which was justification, did not go out, though the truth fell from the heavenly and formed one-third part of the rivers and fountains of water. This is when the people of Protestantism began to take people into their own human, man-made churches by their own methods and creeds instead of meeting the requirements of the Bible. This is what John saw take place during this 200 years of time when the doctrine of justification was being preached under the sounding of the third trumpet. This 200 years only includes just one age of the making of sects. There are two parts, ages, yet future leading up to the harvesting of the earth.

THE FOURTH CANDLESTICK AGE (Revelation 2:18-29)

A.D. 1530 to A.D. 1730

Revelation 2:18-29:

18. And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira, write: These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;
19. I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.
20. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
21. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.
22. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.
23. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto everyone of you according to your works.
24. But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak: I will put upon you none other burden.
25. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.
26. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:
27. And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my father.

28. And I will give him the morning star.
29. He that hath an ear, Let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches.

In this church age they were commended for their works, charity, service, faith and then he mentioned works the second time. Works must accompany all these things, but it is possible that too much works will crowd out the leadership of the Holy Spirit and this is what took place in this Thyatira church period. They seemed to have more works, or human machinery than divine inspiration.

At the beginning of this church age, the work of God under the preaching of the reformers moved steadily for several years without division, but they soon began to let man rule prevail, causing division, and thus crowding out the divine.

Then we have that woman, Jezebel, who is teaching and seducing the people of God to commit spiritual fornication. Back under the old covenant Jezebel was the wife of the wicked king, Ahab. She opposed the prophets of God and had them put to death.

This woman that John saw is a symbol of the false churches of the earth in opposition to the true Bride of Christ. If a woman is a symbol of the true church, the impure woman is certainly a symbol of the false church. We have already stated that the true Christians of the Protestants do not possess the dragon spirit. It is the unsaved that this Jezebel symbolizes in spirit. In the same manner as Ahab's wife, Jezebel had God's prophets put to death physically, this spiritual Jezebel at this time is killing the prophets of God spiritually by causing the people to commit fornication by taking other names and eating things sacrificed unto idols and by transgressing against God's word. The space that God gave her to repent in was the time from Luther's message on justification until they began to organize into sects, which was a period of twenty-one years according to history. And she repented not.

The casting of her into a bed and those who committed adultery with her are those who were affiliated with this Jezebel spirit, and who disregarded the truth. And according to David, mentioned in Psalms 139:8, the bed is hell. The killing of her children with death will be explained in the next church age.

In verses 24 to 27 is a promise to the people of Protestantism that were saved at this time. Those who have not known the depths of Satan, and do not have the Jezebel spirit of fornication, were told to hold fast that which they already have, which was salvation. This they could do by walking in the light.

The ruling with the rod of iron will be explained later.

In the last two verses of this church letter the over-comers in the fifth seal age or Protestantism were promised the morning star. Christ is the bright and morning star and will be the head of the church, following the Protestant age.

THE FOURTH TRUMPET (Revelation 8:12.13)

A.D. 1730 to A.D. 1880—150 Years

Revelation 8:12-13:

12. And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

13. And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

Following the age of justification preached by Luther and other reformers for 200 years, we have the next and fifth church age at which time the Wesley's, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, brought more light, namely the doctrine of sanctification beginning in 1730, and extending over until 1880, a period of one hundred and fifty years.

The third part of the sun, moon and stars being darkened would symbolize the uncovered truth is to be revealed in the next church age. The sun, moon, and stars symbolize the same truth as mentioned in the first and second chapter of this book.

In the Luther age one third was brought to light, in justification, and in the Wesleyan age, two thirds brought to light, justification and sanctification and leaving one third still darkened for light had not yet come in the fullness revealing a divine church.

The three woes mentioned in verse 13, will be explained in the chapters to follow.

The time that is covered by the sounding of the third and fourth trumpet is referred to in prophecy by Zechariah 14:6-7. "It shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark. But it shall be one day, which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night; but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light."

This is a direct prophecy of the Protestant age after coming out from the dark night of the one thousand years of Catholicism, leading up to the evening light. If it required 530 years in the morning of the gospel day for truth to go into total darkness we could not expect this same truth to come out in much less time in the evening. The evening light is yet to shine and will be brought later.

THE FIFTH CANDLESTICK (Revelation 3:1-6)

A.D. 1730 to A.D. 1880—150 Years

Revelation 3:1-6:

1. And unto the angel of the church in Sardis, write: These things saith he that hath the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.
2. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.
3. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.
4. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis, which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.
5. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.
6. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

At this time of the bringing in of more light which was sanctification, many refused to walk in this light, and generally speaking the church was seen as dead during

this time or nearing the end of this age. Remember the Revelation is dealing with the church and nations in a general or universal sense.

First the Sardis people were told that they had a name to live but they were spiritually dead because they refused to accept the truth as now required, and they were told to strengthen those who were ready to die, and in verse 4 he mentions that there were a few names that had not defiled themselves with the failure of walking in this light. These were the ones who had accepted the experience of sanctification, as a second definite work of grace. Those who had the name to live, and dead were those who were walking behind light and refused to accept this doctrine, which is a direct fulfillment of the prophecy of the Thyatira church when he said, "I will kill her children with death."

Christ said, "Walk while ye have the light lest ye go into darkness, and how great is that darkness." No one can walk behind light and retain his experience of salvation according to truth. They had received the knowledge of truth (see verse 3) but failed to obey.

The overcomers of this age are promised to be clothed in white raiment, which is sanctification, and their names would not be blotted out of the book of life. If they fail to move up to the requirements of this candlestick age their names would be blotted out of the Book of Life.

CHAPTER SEVEN

THE FIFTH TRUMPET (Revelation 9:1-12)

A.D. 1642 to A.D. 1792

Revelation 9:1-12:

1. And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.
2. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.
3. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth; and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
4. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.
5. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.
6. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.
7. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.
8. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.
9. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
10. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.
11. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.
- 12 One woe is past; and, behold, there cometh two woes more hereafter.

In this ninth chapter all heathen worship is brought up for judgment through the fifth and sixth trumpets. At the bottom of the illustration in the fore part of the book, you will notice a river. Water symbolizes people. On this river is found the fifth and sixth trumpet angel. The river is Euphrates, and is a symbol of all heathen worship. The Revelation brings all nations to judgment in the end, and it symbolizes the conflict between the true and the false. And on the line of this river we drop back and bring up all heathen religions for judgment. The sounding of the fifth and sixth trumpet is where John saw special efforts made to carry the gospel to heathen nations. First, John was given a vision to the end of the fifth seal. After passing through the dark ages of Papalism for one thousand years and bringing in of the Protestant age and establishing the truth of salvation from sin, and the raising up of godly ministers, then John saw the effort and the missionary spirit of these ministers as they endeavored to take this gospel to heathenism in various lands.

In the beginning of the conflict of the Revelation, John saw out through the future a great red dragon (Revelation 12) with seven heads and ten horns. The heads as

mentioned and explained (Revelation 17:9) are symbols of the seven mountains on which the harlot woman is sitting through the gospel dispensation, and more fully explained later. Now if the heads are spiritual, the horns must be spiritual. And if the horns on the Lamb, as in chapter 5, are spiritual and symbolize the power of Christ in salvation during the gospel dispensation, then, it is reasonable to consider that the ten horns on the dragon would symbolize all heathen worship of the earth from the beginning. It would be reasonable to place the ten horns in this way and by so doing it harmonizes with the seven horns on the Lamb as the spirit of God in power in all the earth. (See Revelation 5:6). Ten covers all numeral figures, or in other words figures numbering up to ten includes all numerals. By this we see all heathen worship included. Horns symbolize spiritual power in the gospel dispensation. Without question the dragon is underlying power and source of all false worship; his power, is symbolized in his horns in opposition to the true power of the horns of the Lamb. When he gave his power to the papal beast of chapter 13, it was invested in the ten horns, and this papal beast power will eventually lead nations into heathen darkness, through the influence and deception of the Protestant beast (Revelation 13:11-18) and the 17th chapter beast, better explained later.

The crowns were on the heads of the dragon in chapter 12, a symbol of the victory that this false deception has in deceiving nations through the seven ages of the gospel dispensation. When the dragon gave his power to the papal beast, the crowns were transferred to the horns of the beast, a symbol of the power that this beast possessed to lead nations into false Christianity. At the end when the seventeenth chapter beast develops in the earth, he is void of crowns of his heads or horns. This symbolizes losing his power and eventually goes into perdition at the return of Christ.

Referring to Revelation 9:1, relative to the fallen star from heaven that John saw, it is used here in symbol in the same manner as other star symbols and would symbolize a fallen ministry. About A.D. 606 to 612 as the Christians and Jews were being driven from Palestine to Arabia through the persecuting powers of Rome, it was through them that Mohammed of Arabia had learned of Christ. History states that Mohammed was very much religiously inclined. When he went into a cave to be alone to pray, it was in this cave that he said that an angel appeared to him, and made known to him a revelation, that he, (Mohammed) should make known to the people. The sum of the new faith was that there was only one God and that Mohammed was the prophet. Mohammed accepted this and failed to hear the instructions as given by Apostle Paul in Galatians 1:8. "But though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Zeal without a knowledge of God's word may be an open door for deception. From this time Mohammed began to substitute error and his own opinion in order to bring Judaism and Christianity together in agreement. This effort resulted widely in favor of Mohammed, and caused an open rupture between the three religions. (Ridpath's History of the World, Vol. 4, page 457)

Mohammed was the fallen star referred to by John, and the key given him was the Word of God, (Revelation 1:18); in the same manner as Christ gave Peter the keys or the Word. (Matthew 16:1). When he rejected and turned from truth, this opened an avenue of deception to him and he fell to the lowest depths of heathenistic error. The bottomless pit being open and the smoke from the pit darkening the sun and the air, is a symbol of the heathen's prayers made to their idols. Smoke is a symbol of prayers going up (See Revelation 8:4); the sun, a symbol of the gospel, and the air, a symbol of the Holy Spirit

darkened by the errors of heathenism. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came as a rushing mighty wind.

Locust coming out of the smoke are a symbol of torment as the result of deception in worship of this heathenistic doctrine. Error and deception bring torment, and are as the deadly poison of scorpions, spiritually. They were not killed physically but were tormented spiritually. Not hurting the grass or trees would symbolize that in this deception it was among those who knew not God through Christ. Trees and grass as we had in the sounding of the first trumpet symbolize righteous people in the trees, and the Romans that knew of God as grass. Those who were being tormented knew not God through Christ.

Seeking death and death fleeing from them would symbolize that Mohammed worship does not bring soul rest. They through this form of worship are desiring to die to sin and be made alive to God through Christ, but their heathen worship does not kill to sin since they deny Christ. Death flees from them.

The description of the locusts like unto horses is a symbol of warfare as previously explained, would symbolize a great army of heathen worshippers that have originated through this deception. Crowns like gold indicate victory symbolically. Deception has spread like wildfire. The face of man would symbolize that his deception was earthly or that it originated through man. The hair like that of woman would symbolize their resistance of the deception lacking and was weakening since the woman is the weaker vessel. Teeth like a lion indicate a devouring, stubborn, nature of this deception. Their breastplate being of iron, would symbolize in spirit, just as iron was used for breastplates, the followers of this deception rooted and grounded in their teachings were hard to convince otherwise. The sound of the wings as many horses going to battle, indicates the swiftness of the destruction to those falling into the damnable clutches of this deception and millions have gone the terrible route of this heathen worship. The stings in their tails would symbolize the fatal deception to those who were left behind under the influence of the Mohammedan faith. The tail is the hindermost part of the beast.

The torment that lasted for five months is another time symbol. In the month symbols in chapter 4, of this book we used months, one day for a year, and in this scripture we use the five months, one day for a year, and in this scripture we use the five months or the 150 days for 150 years.

There were three woes recorded in the sounding of the fourth trumpet that was to follow the fifth, sixth and seventh trumpets. This fifth trumpet angel sounds from A.D. 1642 to A.D. 1792, just 150 years using one day for a year in time symbols. Which brings this woe to an end as in Revelation 9:12, "One woe is past; and behold, there come two woes more hereafter." This woe is the millions that rejected the gospel when it was offered them beginning with A.D. 1642. Rejecting the Gospel brings spiritual torment to the soul.

John saw the rise of Mohammedanism where it originated, A.D. 606, then he saw the first effort made to bring the true gospel to them through the sounding of the fifth trumpet. The gospel rejected brings torment to those rejecting for 150 years.

Quoting from Latourette's History of Christian Mission, page 110: "In 1637-1648 three Franciscans and five Dominicans, religious leaders entered into the Asiatic countries and the Fukien territory and found it necessary to hide in the mountains and

most of them were arrested for preaching the gospel of Christianity in this heathen land, including Mohammedanism. Capillas, touring the villages of the territory and delivering the gospel, was arrested and executed January 15, 1648.” This is the first effort according to history where the gospel was brought to the heathen nations in the Protestant age. In Luther’s day, Erasmus made an effort to take the gospel into Turkey, but was hindered. Papalism also made efforts but because there was no salvation in their doctrine any more than heathenism or pagan worship it was to no avail.

In chapter 9:11, where they had kings over them, named Abaddon and Apollyon is rendered destroyers, or destructions and symbolizes the devil and Satan, through which all false religions have originated. When the dragon was cast down to the bottomless pit for the one thousand years he was manufacturing heathenistic deceptions to deceive to the end. The bottomless pit is the lowest depth of heathenism with no foundation of Bible truth.

THE SIXTH TRUMPET (Revelation 9:13-21)

A.D. 1792 to A.D. 1930—138 Years

Revelation 9:13-21:

13. And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God.
14. Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.
15. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.
16. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.
17. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.
18. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.
19. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.
20. And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk;
21. Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

The voice from the four horns of the golden altar before the throne would symbolize an effort to reach all nations with the gospel through the sounding of the sixth and seventh trumpet. The four horns of the altar will be explained in connection with the sealing of the nations in the next chapter and the four corners of the earth.

At this time according to George P. Fisher’s Church History, page 586, we have the effort made. “October 2 1792, the Baptist society was founded, with Carey as one of its first missionaries. Carey sailed for India, and there with the help of other members of the same society, founded the mission of Serampore.

“The letters which Carey sent to his friends in England aroused the interest of the benevolent men, both clergy and laity, not only among the dissenters, but also in the established Church of England. Out of this feeling sprang the London Missionary Society, which was to be a union of independence, Presbyterians, Methodists, and Episcopalians, whose ‘only strife’ it was said, shall be, not to promote an interest of a special section, since Christ was not divided, but with united earnestness to make known afar the glory of his person, the perfection, of his works, the wonders of his grace, and the overflowing blessings of his redemption. The directors of the society interested as Carey, chose the South Sea Islands as the field of its first operations.”

There were many other efforts put forth along this line as recorded in the above history and others, where the gospel went to the heathen lands, in fulfillment of the ministry sounding this sixth trumpet.

The loosing of the four angels bound as recorded in verse 14, will be better understood and explained in connection with the sealing of the nations in the sixth seal age, together with the four horns of the golden altar and four corners of the earth.

The river Euphrates, literally speaking, flowed through the old literal city Babylon, which is typical of spiritual Babylon and this river symbolizes all the peoples of heathen worship, since water is a symbol of people (Revelation 17:15). It reaches up into Protestantism.

Today in our time there are numerous deceptive, erroneous spirits of heathenism flowing through spiritual Babylon and will develop into a final overthrow in the same manner according to history, as the armies went through the channel of the Euphrates river and overthrew the city of Babylon, literally speaking.

The sixth trumpet begins to sound with the date of above quoted history, A.D. 1792, and extends up to the bringing in of the third woe trumpet, or the seventh trumpet. The time symbols recorded in the sixth trumpet are an hour, a day, a month, and a year. We have an hour symbol still future to explain covering a seven year period. And the day symbol already used as one hundred years, and the month symbols we used one day for a year, and this would total 30 years, a year would stand for one year, years not being drawn as symbols, and in this we have a total of 138 years according to time symbol interpretations.

The seventh trumpet will take its place for sounding in A.D. 1930 and will be explained in its proper time. Subtracting 138 years from 1930 would take us back to 1792, at which time the gospel effort in general began to be carried to heathen nations according to history and the Revelation. The woe of this trumpet ends after the earthquake of the sixth seal, (Revelation 11:13) where the two witnesses were resurrected, or stood up. The sixth seal is opened in full in 1930. Then this woe ends, as in Revelation 11:14, “The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.” Then following as mentioned in the next verse (15) the seventh trumpet begins to sound. In the proper time and place in this study we will prove by the Revelation, and by other scriptures, when the seventh trumpet begins to sound and it will harmonize with the interpretations already given in this chapter. This will be found in the ninth chapter of this book.

The loosing of the four angels that was bound in the Euphrates River during the time of the sounding of the sixth trumpet will be fulfilled in the sixth seal, referred to in the following chapter. The gospel begins to be carried to the heathen under the fifth seal,

and the four angels are loosed in the' following sixth seal they are not loosed in the fifth seal age. The sixth trumpet extends through the sixth seal age to the bringing in of the seventh seal, and sounding of the seventh trumpet beginning with A.D. 1930.

CHAPTER EIGHT

THE SIXTH SEAL (Revelation 6:12-17)

A.D. 1880 to A.D. 1930—50 Years

Revelation 6:12-17:

12. And I beheld, when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood:
13. And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.
14. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
15. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;
16. And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:
17. For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

In the opening of this sixth seal we have the bringing in of the second earthquake of the Revelation. In chapter 8 with the sounding of the first trumpet in the morning church age we had the first earthquake recorded. We referred to the scripture in Acts 4, when the church was gathered together in one place and was praying. The place was shaken where they were and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. **IT WAS AN OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND A GREAT RELIGIOUS AWAKENING**, with the falling down of the Roman Empire following.

In the earthquake at this time we have another religious awakening. This same earthquake is recorded as follows:

THE RESURRECTION OF THE TWO WITNESSES

Revelation 11:11-13:

11. And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.
12. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.
13. And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrightened, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

As previously explained, the two witnesses are the Word and the Spirit and they did not have the preeminence to govern God's people as the church divine with Christ as the head during the 350 years of Protestantism. During that time the people of God were governed by man rule and creeds of human origin, but now in the opening of the sixth seal the Word and Spirit is being recognized by holy men of God. As a result of this, the

two witnesses were resurrected to take their place in the heavenly to govern and rule the people of God.

In 1880, or the time of the opening of the sixth seal, D. S. Warner and other reformers began to see the evil of division and the falsity of man rule, and began to preach against this degradation and this gave the Word and Spirit opportunity to have preeminence over the earthly religious movements and they were exalted up to fill their intended place in the church.

The very thing that characterized the sixth seal age and the church divine at this time was the true people of God who severed themselves from the divisions of sectism and took their stand for the one and only divine church and unity of all Christians, the same as taught by the early followers of Christ and the morning church. During the 350 years of Protestantism under the jurisdiction of the two horned beast, man rule, and sect making, while the two witnesses were dead, we did not have a single local congregation representing the divine Church of God, with Christ as the head.

As a result of the resurrection of the Word and the Spirit, holy men of God began to see and understand that the “true tabernacle, was pitched by the Lord and not man.” Hebrews 8:2. They began to realize and see that Christ is the builder of the church as in Matthew 16:18, and that He is also the Rock, as Paul mentioned in 1 Corinthians 10:4, and that the Rock was laid in Zion, (Isaiah 28:16), and Zion is the church. (Hebrews 12:22-23). These holy men of God also began to see that Christians were brothers and sisters in God’s family (Ephesians 3:15), and they were no more foreigners or strangers (Ephesians 2:19), but they should be builded and fitly framed together (Ephesians 2:21), for the habitation of God, (Ephesians 2:22), and that division was wrong and that God was not the author of confusion as was the case through the 350 years of Protestantism.

In former days under the law, God dwelt in houses made with hands, but in this gospel dispensation He dwells in the hearts of His people, which compose the house of God, in a spiritual sense, and this house when complete is builded together, tempered together and knit together in love.

Paul said that this house was “the church of the living God” (1 Timothy 3:15). We also have this statement in Hebrews 3:6, “that Christ is the son over his own house, whose house are we.” Paul tells the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 3:9, that “Ye are God’s building.” The Lord sets the members in this church. (1 Corinthians 12:18, also in Acts 2:47). Christ said, “I am the door” (John 10:9).

The Biblical name of the church is found in Acts 20:28. “Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the CHURCH OF GOD which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

Paul addressed the church at Corinth as the “Church of God”, (1 Corinthians 1:1-2). He mentioned in Ephesians 3:14-15, that the whole family in heaven and earth is named after God. Jesus prayed, as recorded by John 17:11, that “the father keep them in his own name.” The name “Church of God” is recorded in the writings of the New Testament twelve times. One time in the New Testament the church is mentioned as the “churches of Christ” in the plural. The church as a whole came through Christ, but it is God’s church and the Biblical name “Church of God” is the name given for God’s people as a church in the gospel dispensation.

All of these truths began to be preached by D. S. Warner and other reformers in 1880 at the opening of this sixth seal age, causing a great religious awakening among the honest people who heard and obeyed it.

In the foregoing scripture Chapter 6:12-16, the sun and moon were darkened. As previously explained, the sun is a symbol of the new covenant, the moon a symbol of the old, and the stars the ministers, and being darkened would symbolize the going into spiritual darkness by failing to accept the light. This is more fully explained later on.

The stars that fell to the earth as untimely figs is a symbol of the Protestant ministers who had not yet received the truth in its fullness and were not fully developed in all the light. They fell when they rejected light of this evening time. This includes the ministry of the Church of God in the sixth seal age, rejecting seventh seal light.

We have in the 14th verse where “the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together.” The heavens departing would symbolize the people of God moving out from division into unity. They compose the heavenly here in the earth. The prophet Isaiah in 34:4 refers to this time, “All the hosts of heaven shall be dissolved (melted together) and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll; and all their hosts shall fall down as a falling fig from the fig tree.” The prophet agrees with John and verifies his statement when he said that the people of God would be dissolved and rolled together as a scroll, and then he goes on and quotes John in regard to the falling of the untimely figs.

Also in verse 14, John said that the “mountains and islands were moved out of their places.” Mountains are termed churches in the Revelation. When the sixth seal truth was preached regarding the unity of God’s people and church divine, the Protestants bitterly opposed it, but as time went on, they eventually began to teach the very same doctrine which they at first opposed, BUT FEW PRACTICED IT. By this they moved out of their places. When the truth is preached relative to holiness, divine healing, etc., failure to practice it brings a reproach on the cause of Christ.

Hiding in the dens and mountains and rocks referred to in verse 15 of this seal age, is a symbol of the people of God being concealed in the mountains, creeds and doctrines of the earthly. This is also referred to in Jeremiah 16:16, “Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after them I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.” This is not referring to literal cavemen, but is referring to those who are hid in spiritual dens and rocks of sectism. Jesus says to Simon and Andrew “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men” (Mark 1:17).

In the 17th and last verse of this seal age, the great day of wrath referred to is a symbol of the one hundred years of preliminary judgment, dating from A.D. 1880 to A.D. 1980, which extends out into the future. We are using this day symbol of time in the same manner as we used the ten day symbol for the one thousand years and the three days and a half symbol for the three hundred and fifty years, and they proved true according to both scripture and history.

In 1 Corinthians 6:2, Paul said, “know ye not that the saints shall judge the world.” Christ said in John 12:48, “He that rejected me and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”

In the one hundred years we have the fulfillment of the sixth and seventh seal, the sixth covering the first fifty years and the seventh the latter fifty years. In this one hundred years, the saints will judge the world in righteousness.

When people violate the laws of the land they are brought before a lower court for a preliminary hearing. If the lower courts free them the higher courts have no power over them. The same is true with this preliminary judgment of one hundred years.

Noah warned the people of the coming flood, but they rejected his truth and judgment and paid the consequences. The ministry today and the people of God are warning and preaching the truth, and if people hear and obey they will be saved. If not, they will be lost. The prophet Isaiah said, "Judgment will lay to the line" (Isaiah 28:17).

THE WAR IN HEAVEN (Revelation 12:7-17)

A.D. 270 to A.D. 1880—1610 Years

Revelation 12:7-17:

7. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8. And prevailed not; neither was there place found any more in heaven.

9. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, Called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were east out with him.

10. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

13. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

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 his mouth.

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.

A number of commentators on the Revelation teach the theory that the devil was at one time an angel in heaven above, and because he caused much untold trouble among other angels and subjects there, that he was finally cast out into the earth, and his angels that were on his side in heaven were cast out with him, because of the war that went on in heaven. They also teach that his name is Lucifer. They base their theory and belief on the Revelation, the twelfth chapter, and also the fourteenth chapter of Isaiah, and other

Scriptures interpreting scriptures out of reason and misapplying them in an attempt to establish their doctrine.

At this point in this study, it is well for us to use some common reasoning and consider the subject we are now discussing. The Bible is a reasonable book, the Revelation is also a reasonable portion—of the inspired Word, and its very purpose is to reveal to the church the truth as God would have us know.

The war in heaven, as recorded in the twelfth chapter of the Revelation, could not be considered with such a viewpoint as some teach and suppose. It cannot harmonize with such erroneous doctrine. Since the book of the Revelation is to be understood symbolically it has a scriptural interpretation that is spiritual and not literal.

The scripture in Isaiah 14:12-16, is referred to by those who believe that the devil was cast out of heaven because of a war there one time. Notice the reading:

12. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground which didst weaken the nations!
13. For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
14. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.
15. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.
16. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms?

This scripture is used by many who attempt to prove their argument that the devil was at one time an angel in heaven and was thrown out because of his disobedience there. The scriptures teach only righteous people go to heaven, and when once they go they shall remain there, with no possibility of an abode elsewhere. Then the scriptures also teach us that there is no sin, nor evil in heaven. The very fact, as some believe, that the devil caused trouble and was excommunicated from heaven because of disobedience, or sin, is a false conception of the true Biblical teachings of God's word.

Those who believe such doctrine fail to understand that in Isaiah 14:16, (quoted above) that the prophet is speaking of "a man", (See verse 16). Referring to the fourth verse of this same chapter of Isaiah and reading several verses there we note more about this man. "That thou shalt take up this proverb AGAINST THE KING OF BABYLON, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden cry ceased.

5. The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.
6. He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted and none hindereth.
7. The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet; they break forth into singing.

Then continuing to read as we referred to in Isaiah 14:12, we find that this man referred to by Isaiah is none other than the king of Babylon, or Nebuchadnezzar, (See verse 4).

In a number of Bible commentaries and histories we have this definition given for Lucifer. "In this passage (Isaiah 14:12), Lucifer is used as a symbolical representation of the king of Babylon in his splendor and in his fall."

In Daniel 4:28-33, we have the Biblical account of Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king, losing his kingship, driven out and made to eat grass as the ox of the

field for seven years. His hair grew out on him as eagle feathers and his nails as bird claws. He certainly was a type of the devil and Satan. Nebuchadnezzar lost his kingdom and fell according to history. His kingdom was a literal kingdom and at one time prosperous and mighty. The wicked city of Babylon, located on the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, where the Israel of God were held captive for 70 years, was the capital of this kingdom, and this Babylon is typical of spiritual Babylon, or confusion of this age, during which time spiritual Israel has been in bondage for the past 350 years of the Protestant age.

Nebuchadnezzar was king of the old literal Babylon, and he was typical of the devil, who is king and ruler of spiritual Babylon. And in the same manner as Nebuchadnezzar lost his kingship, the devil, king of spiritual Babylon at this time, (A.D. 1880) loses his authority on the nations as a whole, and is cast down from his high exalted place in the heavenly where he has been ruling through the ages of Papalism and Protestantism, claiming to be the true Bible church. The preaching of the Word of God by upright men of God, declaring the unity of God's people and the church divine, beginning with A.D. 1880 causes the enemy to lose his grip in this spiritual warfare, here in the heavenly places of this world and as the result he, with his angels or his agents, is cast out and down from their exalted heavenly positions.

The scripture in Luke, the tenth chapter, where Christ sent the 70 out, and when they returned you recall that they rejoiced because the evil spirits were subject to them and Christ told them not to rejoice for that but rather rejoice because their names were written in heaven. Then Christ said, I saw Satan as lightning fall. He did not mean, that he saw Satan fall from heaven, the abiding place of Christ, but he did see Satan fall, or release his hold, at the disciple's rebuke, just as lightning falls from heaven. At their rebuke, or their teaching he saw the evil spirits fall before them.

The theory that some hold in speaking of the origin of the devil in the beginning, even in creation many say that he was cast out and came to this world at that time. Then, if the above mentioned scripture would have reference to the devil falling from the paradise of God, in Christ's time, and Christ saw him fall at this time, how would you harmonize these two passages? He was here in the world back in the days of creation. The fact is this, the devil never was an angel in heaven, was never in heaven, and he never will be.

In 2 Peter 2:4, the apostle says, "If God spared not the angels that sinned," referring to the ministers. An angel is a message bearer, and the same is true of the ministers. If a minister sins he is cast down.

The Revelation is the spiritual key that helps us to understand the deep mysteries of the gospel and prophecy and it works in harmony and under the direction of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to reveal to God's people the truth concerning the conditions of the past and present and future. The very word "Revelation" means "the act of revealing through divine communication." The carnal, materially minded man does not and cannot understand its meaning. They are spiritually discerned. And it is not to be understood literally. While literal objects are referred to, they have reference to spiritual conditions, and unless those things are considered we shall never understand the intended meaning of the last book of the Bible.

We have another scripture in Jude, verse 6, relative to the angels, same as in 2 Peter 2:4, who sinned against God, and is also referring to ministers. God has no more

mercy or leniency with his ministers than He does with His lay members. There is only one standard of gospel living and all must meet that standard or perish. Sin separates from God. Sin has never entered heaven and it never will.

The devil was here in the world when God created man, and has been here in spirit since. If it were possible for him to enter heaven once, it could be possible again, and in that case it would be utterly useless to make an effort to-reach heaven. Jesus referring to the rich man and Lazarus said there was a “great gulf fixed; so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from hence” (Luke 16:26). In other words when once in heaven or hell, always, for there is no way of escape.

The twelfth chapter of Revelation gives us a record concerning the woman, which is a symbol of the true church, as already mentioned, as she faces the conflict with the dragon powers from the morning church age through to the evening of time. **THE FIRST 5 VERSES OF THIS CHAPTER GIVES US A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ENTIRE CHAPTER, NAMELY THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE DRAGON POWERS.** John saw the woman, or the church in verses one and two and gives an explanation of the morning church for a period of 270 years symbolized in the woman. After giving us the brief summary of the woman or church then he saw another wonder in heaven. In verses 3 and 4 looking through the eyes of prophecy John saw in the future, a great red dragon, exalted up in the heavenly place here in the earth, ready to devour, spiritually speaking, the very offspring of the woman, or the converts of the church. John saw the dragon as he extends out in time, even to the very age we live in now, as he continued to destroy and devour. This is also symbolized by the tail of the dragon, that extends out to the evening time when he would get the third part of the stars (Revelation 12:4).

John then takes up the woman again in verse 5, when she through the labors of Christ in his people or disciples in the morning age to bring forth, thus gaining much ground and headway under the leadership of the Holy Spirit for 270 years. Then this time she fled into the wilderness and it is here that the war in heaven begins with verses 6 and 7.

In the 270 years of the morning church period the dragon denied Christ and was not exalted up in the heavenly place during that time. By failing in overthrowing Christianity under the paganistic powers through martyrdom of the saints in that age, as previously explained, he now changes and acknowledges Christ and exalts himself up as the true church under the false form of papal Rome, that succeeded Pagan Rome.

One fact to keep in mind in studying this portion of the Revelation is this. **THIS WAR IN HEAVEN BEGINS AFTER THE WOMAN, OR THE CHURCH, FLED INTO THE WILDERNESS.** (See verses 6 and 7). This war extends up until A.D. 1880, beginning at the rise of the papacy for 1260 years and extending through the Protestant age. Protestantism made an image to Papalism. In the fall of Babylon (1880) the dragon was cast down as recorded in verse 10. Then at this time John heard the saints of God, here in the heavenly places in this world rejoicing, because at this time the strength and power of the kingdom of God was restored to the saints, as the result of the Biblical preaching of the truth, the unity of God’s people, the church divine, and other Bible truths that had previously been ignored. The truth caused him to be cast down, in that he had no more preeminence as he had during Papalism and Protestantism. Obedience to the truth

causes the devil to loose his hold on souls, the same is true with nations as it is with individuals. The Revelation is still dealing with the conditions in a general sense as nations and not with individuals.

In Daniel 7, the little horn on the fourth beast of Daniel's vision which we have already mentioned was typical of Papal Rome, and it is said that he "made war with the saints" UNTIL the Ancient of days came and judgment was given to the saints, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom (See Daniel 7:21-22).

Light and truth came to the saints in time according to prophecy in A.D. 1880 through D. S. Warner and others caused the dragon to be cast down, and knowing that his time is short he brings about destruction and deception in every way possible. We will study more about this particular thought later on.

The dragon through various methods begins to persecute the woman at this time, of which John drops back and brings up from the place he left her at the end of the one thousand two hundred and three score days. We already explained this scripture as a time symbol covering the papal age and the apostasy of 1260 years, at which time the woman was fed during that period of time. Now John takes up the woman again in verse 14 where he left her at A.D. 1530 and at this time she is given two wings of a great eagle and she flies into the wilderness of Protestantism where she is nourished for a time, times and a half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Religious freedom came with the rise of Protestantism, at which time the church is freed from the face of the serpent, where she had been during papal bondage. In the Protestant age the people or God constituted His church, even though they were disassembled and scattered in a babel of confusion. It could not be a divinely organized church, still it was recognized as truth over the papacy and was an effort toward the bringing in of the complete truth and light as we have it today. During this time the Lord had a church. This could be said it was the kingdom phase of the church but local congregations of a separate people were not evident as yet. They were in the universal or kingdom phase of the church.

The woman, which is still used as the symbol of the church, that fled into the wilderness had a place prepared of God, where she was fed or nourished. Webster says that to nourish means to support, maintain or to promote growth and development. The church was cared for through this period by means that God provided that in the fullness of time she might take her proper place here in the world. This we shall see later on in the explanation.

In showing the various stages of development and growth Jesus mentions "First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." (Mark 4:28). In the 200 years of the Luther age, or the justification period we have the blade of truth beginning to come forth, then during the 150 years of the Wesleyan age of sanctification, truth develops more as into the ear, and after that we have the Warner age, when a people is brought out, justified, sanctified and who stand out distinctly from the confusion of spiritual Babylon, in the light of unity and a church divine, and in so doing we have the full corn of Biblical truth developed into maturity.

The two wings of an eagle which were given to the woman would symbolize the liberty the church had in a universal sense during the two ages of Protestantism. The church and state were separate during this time, while in the Papal age they were under one regulation, generally the papacy and Roman government.

The time symbol of a time, times and a half of a time symbolizes the same period of time that the two witnesses were dead, in the Protestant age, and the Protestant age covers a period of 350 years. Time is used as one day, times as two days, and a half of time as a half a day, which totals three days and a half, or 350 years as previously explained. Daniel confirms this statement in his writings, Daniel 7:21-25, relative to the little horn who made war with the saints UNTIL, a time, times and half time. Notice he said “UNTIL” not during this time, but up to this time, which was A.D. 1530. Then we have the time symbol of three days and a half, or 350 years of Protestantism, also referred to by Daniel and John as time, times and half of time. This brings us up to the preliminary judgment period referred to in Daniel 7:26, “But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion to consume and destroy it to the end.” This also harmonizes with John relative to the day symbol in Revelation 6:17, for the 100 years, or the day of preliminary judgment when the saints shall judge the world in righteousness (See 1 Corinthians 6:2).

As the woman passes up through the Protestant age the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood to carry her away (verse 15). Remember water symbolizes people (Revelation 17:15). The serpent, or the devil is the seat of Papalism. And the water that the serpent cast out of his mouth is a symbol of the people from Papalism coming over into the age of Protestantism at this time bringing their creeds of papacy with them in agreement with the teachings of Protestantism, thus making an image to the papal beast. Many of the creeds of Protestantism had their origin fundamentally back in Papalism.

Verse. 16, It is said that the earth helped the woman. The earthly Protestant movements turned the Bible loose and brought religious freedom, from the papal age. The earthly institutions of Protestantism opened up their doors and accepted the adherents from the papacy, thus swallowing up the water (people) the dragon cast out of his mouth.

And the dragon was wroth or angry with the church, he went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Christ. This is when he was cast down, as in verse 13, when he persecuted the woman. Keep in mind that he was cast down in A.D. 1880, as the result of the sixth seal light and truth of unity and the church divine being preached.

In connection with the above scriptures concerning the casting down of the dragon powers we have the fall of spiritual Babylon.

THE FALL OF SPIRITUAL BABYLON (Revelation 18:1.8)

A.D. 1880 to A.D. 1930—50 Years

Revelation. 18:1-8:

1. After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.
2. And he cried mightily with a strong voice saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.
3. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.
4. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.
6. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double.
7. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.
8. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine, and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

In this scripture we have the great city, spiritual Babylon, to consider.

In the first verse John makes mention "AFTER THESE THINGS," referring to a time after the happenings of the 17th chapter, and in this 17th chapter the Revelator saw the woman on the scarlet colored beast and her name was "MYSTERY BABYLON, THE GREAT, the mother of harlots, and abominations of the earth." These two chapters take their place for fulfillment in time at A.D. 1880, together with chapter 14, 15 and 16. And each chapter extends through until the end of time. Notice the placement on the chart illustration of these chapters. When John understood the light of the 17th chapter, concerning the woman and scarlet colored beast, he then saw and understood the happenings recorded in chapter 18, relative to the fall of spiritual Babylon. He also saw the earth illuminating with the glory of God, and he heard the angel's message relative to Babylon, the great is fallen, is fallen. This is just the thing that happened in the days of A.D. 1880 when D. S. Warner, and other reformers of the evening light, came preaching against the babel of confusion and division and instead declared the glorious truth on the unity of all Christians and the one church divine, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. When honest souls heard this Biblical message of truth and right, they severed their connections with man made rule and division in answer to the cry "Come out of her, my people" as in verse 4, coming to the truth of the Church of God, as first taught in the morning church age. This brought the fall of spiritual Babylon. This proves that God has people down there and he is still calling them out. But at the time of Warner's message in the sixth seal, only one tenth part of the city fell, at the time of the standing up of the two witnesses (Revelation 11:13) bringing in the earthquake of the sixth seal.

This spiritual Babylon is to have two cups, (see verse 6) "Reward her even as she hath reward you . . . in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double." These two cups can be better explained later in this study.

Here this woman, a false impure woman, and a symbol of the false churches of man, sits as a queen, claiming to be the bride of Christ, and declares she would not see the loss of children, or be left a widow. Isaiah the prophet has a direct answer to this statement (Isaiah 47:7-10) "And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart; neither didst remember the latter end of it."

8. Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:
9. But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in ONE DAY the loss of children, and widowhood; they shall come upon thee in their perfection, for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

10. For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: Thou hast said, none seest me, Thy wisdom and thy knowledge it hath preverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else besides me.

The prophet in the above scripture certainly explains what the Apostle John saw in the vision of the Revelation at this point, and he said it would come to pass “IN A MOMENT” “IN ONE DAY.” A sure prophecy of the hour symbol to follow the day symbol of one hundred years of preliminary judgment. This day symbol is recorded in Rev. 18:8, now under consideration in this study. “Therefore shall her plagues come in ONE DAY.” In this one day, or one hundred years, that we have symbolized here the seven vials of the seven last plagues, which are the judgments of the Holy Spirit, are to be poured out against the false. Spiritual death, and mourning, and spiritual famine will come upon spiritual Babylon, rendered out against her through the fire of the Holy Spirit in the preaching of the glorious truth.

Paul, in writing to the Corinthian church in the third chapter, instructed them to take heed how they build, for the “DAY” shall declare it, as it would be revealed by fire and the fire would try every man’s work. Paul was surely speaking in prophetic and scriptural terms with reference to this day of preliminary judgment, when the saints shall judge in righteousness.

The vials are recorded in Revelation 16. However, before we take up the vials we first note the first four verses of chapter 15. (Notice also on the chart illustration in front of the book where these chapters are placed in the dividing of the Revelation. They are placed in the sixth and seventh seal periods). The first four verses of chapter 15 are fulfilled under the sixth seal age and the rest of the chapter is fulfilled under the seventh. The sixth seal covers the first 50 years of the one hundred years of the preliminary judgment and the seventh seal the latter 50 years.

We quote now from the 15th chapter in connection with the sea of glass.

THE SEA OF GLASS (Revelation 15:1-4)

A.D. 1880 to A.D. 1930—50 Years

Revelation 15:1-4:

1. And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.
2. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.
3. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty: just and true are thy ways, thou king of saints.
4. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

This chapter is a brief summary explaining the preparation for the pouring out of the vials in this one hundred years of judgment. John first saw a company on the sea of glass. They were people who had gotten the victory over the mark of the beast under the sixth seal and they were singing the song of Moses. If you recall when Israel was

delivered from Egyptian bondage by the miracle of the Red Sea experience, by the hand of their leader Moses, they sang a song of deliverance, rejoicing in their freedom from slavery and bondage. And now in the Revelation John mentions, spiritual Israel, standing on the sea of glass, a symbol of the pure upright people of God taking their wholehearted stand on God's eternal word, free from the bondage of spiritual Babylonian captivity, and free from the man-made straps of human bands of sectism, for the righteous judgments of God are made manifest.

After John saw in the vision up and including this point, which included the saints under the sixth seal, he also saw in this vision over into the seventh seal age. Notice how the fifth verse opens up the conditions of the seventh seal. (Revelation 15:5). "And after that I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was open." By this we learn that John saw happenings extending over into the seventh seal age, and that will be brought clearer later when we reach that point in this study.

At this time we place the three first vials under the sixth seal age.

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD VIALS (Revelation 16:1-7)

A.D. 1880 to A.D. 1930—50 Years

Revelation 16:1-7:

1. And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.
2. And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.
3. And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.
4. And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.
5. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.
6. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.
7. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

The vials are symbols of the wrath of God poured out upon the false through the judgment of the Word and Spirit during the hundred years of preliminary judgment from 1880 to 1980. In Revelation 11:6, John makes this clear, "These (Word and Spirit) have power to shut heaven that it rain not in the days of their prophecy; and have power over water to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with plagues as often as they will."

The two witnesses, the Word and Spirit, prophesied through the dark night of Papal Rome and it rained not. In other words, there was no water of life poured out upon the earthly during the reign of their prophecy. There was no true gospel allowed at that time, in public. Catholicism prevailed instead and the truth cast down.

The two witnesses also had power to turn water to blood. Water being a symbol of people and when the people rejected the truth they became guilty of their own blood. And smiting the earth with plagues is the judgment rendered out against the earthly religious

institutions, by ministers of the gospel who preach the truth in this day of preliminary judgment period. These are ministers who are standing on the sea of glass, the word of God. They have been delivered from the bondage of sectism, confusion and division and now they rejoice in the glorious freedom of God's eternal truth.

The first poured out his vial upon the earth, which means this. The truth went against everything religiously that originated here in the earth through men, including the papacy that held the doctrine of human infallibility, and Protestantism which was a babel of confusion and division, and also all lodges and orders that are supposedly based on Biblical standards. This vial of God's wrath strikes hard at all as a whole, and as the result a grievous sore falls on those who have the mark of the beast, or the spirit of the beast. When Bible truth, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, is rendered out against the human creeds of those who have the spirit of the beast, they get sore spiritually at the people of God.

The second vial is poured out on the sea and it became as the blood of a dead man. Already in this study we have the sea used as a symbol of Papalism. This vial of God's judgment came directly against the people that constitutes the Catholic Church, and by their rejecting light and truth they become guilty of their own blood, and the second death is against them. The second death is being separated for all eternity from God. Death means a separation.

The third poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of water and they became blood. The rivers and fountains of water symbolize the movements of Protestantism, and when they, too, reject the Bible truth, when the judgment is poured out upon them, they become blood, or they are guilty of their own blood and also the blood of Christ. These have shed the blood of saints and prophets, spiritually, deceiving.

These three above mentioned vials are renewed in the fifth vial and carried on out through to the end of the seventh seal explained later.

After pouring out of the three first vials giving Babylon her first cup, we then have the mentioning in chapter seven and fourteen the record of the sealing of the nations of the true people of God.

THE SEALING OF THE 144,000 (Revelation 7:1-8; Revelation 14:1.5)

A.D. 270 to A.D. 1930—1660 Years

Revelation 7:1-8:

1. And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four comers of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.
2. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the Living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
3. Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.
4. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.
5. Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

6. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.
7. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.
8. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

Revelation 14:1-5:

1. And I looked, and, lo a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.
2. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:
3. And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.
4. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.
5. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Referring to the seventh chapter, John used the phrase “AND AFTER THESE THINGS.” This time he is meaning after the six seals mentioned in the preceding sixth chapter, was fulfilled, then he saw four angels stand on the four corners of the earth and they were holding the four winds of the earth. Then he saw the sealing of the people of God, the 144,000 from the twelve tribes of the children of Israel, in the sixth seal, which were typical of the gathering and sealing of spiritual Israel through the teachings of the twelve apostles and others.

Then in chapter fourteen, (verse 1) we have the same number seen by John, the 144,000. They are standing on Mt. Zion, with Christ, the Lamb of God.

In verse 2, John said he heard from heaven a voice of thunder, which is a symbol of conditions and happenings of the past.

At this time we go back to the four corners of the earth, which are the four ages of man rule, two in the Papal age and two in the Protestant age, bring a people out of this confusion and seal them with a knowledge of Mount Sion in the sixth seal age. God had a people in these four ages, saved to what light they had, but they did not see the Mount Sion Church. Now in this sixth seal age God is bringing a people out from the results of the past four ages, or four corners of the earthly man rule, and sealing with a knowledge of a divinely organized church.

Mount Sion is a name used to signify God's people or church measured up to the Bible standard. The church of the morning age was called Mount Sion. We have already made mention of the sounding of the second trumpet from 270 to 530 A.D. At which time John saw as it were a mountain burning with fire tumble into the sea. This is where the true Mount Sion church was swallowed up by Catholicism. In the darkness of Papal night Sion was lost sight of. God had a people but they did not see the Bible church. This is where the church fled into the wilderness and her identity was lost by the people, through the dark and cloudy day of confusion.

In the first verse of chapter seven John uses the phrase, “AND AFTER THESE THINGS.” He surely has referred to the opening of the sixth seal, an account of which is given in the last part of the sixth chapter of Revelation. Now read once more the opening of the sixth seal, Revelation 6:12-17, and you will see a dark picture of people refusing light and going into darkness; stars or ministers falling and trying to hide themselves in the hills of Babylon. Now after John had seen this picture, he drops back and takes up the results of the four corners of the earth, brings it down the sixth seal, and shows the results of those who accepted the light.

144,000 is a symbol of a great number who accepted Mount Zion message of truth in the sixth seal age. We notice they were with the Lamb on Mount Zion. Zion represents God’s mountain of truth on which His true church is built. This is in harmony with Isaiah 2:2, “And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; (of Babylon) and all nations shall flow into it.”

In Revelation 7:2, the angel from the East has reference to ministry of the sixth seal age who brought the message truth. East signifies the source from whence light comes.

The four angels holding the four winds symbolize ministers of these four ages. We placed a star in each of the ages, and the star is a symbol of the minister in each or angel, which is a message bearer. In the four ages judgment is not rendered out because light had not been made manifest at that time.

The wind is a symbol of the Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came as a rushing mighty wind. These angels were allowed to hold back the judgments of the spirit, during these four ages, or they were not allowed to pour out of the judgments until we reach the one hundred years of preliminary judgment when people are then brought to the knowledge of the truth and made to see Mount Zion here on the earth as the true Bible church. During the dark and cloudy day, which are spoken of as the “four corners of the earth,” God had many people who were saved, but for the lack of knowledge of the word of God they were led into beast worship and received the mark of the beast. But when that angel from the east (Sixth seal ministry) brought the message, “Babylon is fallen,” and “Come out of her my people,” and sealed His people with a knowledge of the Mount Zion Church and the Unity of a God’s people, John was then made to see a symbolical number on Mount Zion who were not defiled with women (manmade churches) and no guile was found in their mouth, meaning sin or deception. These are they which follow the lamb whithersoever he goeth. No wonder it is said THEY ARE WITHOUT FAULT BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD. They sang as it were a new song. The reason it is said no one could learn that song but the 144,000 is plain, they refused the truth that made up the words and melody

In James 5:7, “Be patient therefore brethren unto the coming of the Lord, Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.” The “early rain” is the morning church age when the waters of salvation and truth were offered freely to the people. And the “latter rain” is the evening church period when the light and truth is available again as it was in the morning time.

There are a number of prophecies relative to the four corners of the earth. We have a prophecy by Ezekiel along this line, found in Ezekiel 7:1-7.

1. Moreover the word of the Lord, came unto me, saying,
2. Also, thou Son of man, thus saith the Lord God, unto the land of Israel; an end the end is come upon the four corners of the land.
3. Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations,
4. And mine eyes shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: But I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee, and ye shall know that I am the Lord.
5. Thus saith the Lord God; An evil, and only evil, behold, is come.
6. An end is come, the end is come; it watcheth for thee; behold it is come.
7. The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land; the time is come, the DAY of trouble is near, AND NOT THE SOUNDING AGAIN OF THE MOUNTAINS.”

Verse 19. “They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the DAY of the wrath of the Lord; they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels; because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity.”

These prophecies are so plain they need no explanations. Judgments are to be rendered out against error that originated in the past four corners of the earth at this time, according to their great abomination, truth is now delivered to them, and honest Israel has been widely scattered in a babel of confusion during these four periods of the dispensation of the cloudy and dark day. That is the two ages of Papalism and the two ages of Protestantism. (See the chart illustration in fore part of the book.) They are being gathered.

In verse 7 of Ezekiel seventh chapter the prophet speaks of this DAY OF PRELIMINARY JUDGMENT AS A DAY OF TROUBLE, and not the sounding again of the mountains, referring to the four mountains or ages of the earthly. In this age, the sixth seal period, we have the sounding of Mount Zion instead of the false mountains of the earthly. That is the preaching of the truth of unity and the church divine, as was delivered in the morning time. Notice Ezekiel said in verse 7, “The morning is come.”

In verse 19 of the same chapter by Ezekiel the gold and silver referred to is typical of the Word and Spirit that were ignored and cast aside during the four ages of the earthly. There were some truths to be certain that were preached, but the gold most vital, and the most essential truths of the Bible were withheld from the people. Unity, and the genuine love of God for His word and His people, a sacrificial willingness directed by the influence of the Holy Spirit, will cause honest souls to cling together in Christian unity and the one faith, that will produce and constitute the Biblical Church of God, free from deception and division and from the creeds of men and man rule. This is the teaching of the sixth seal ministry and the gold being withheld is typical of these truths being concealed from the people.

In chapter seven with the sounding of the sixth trumpet (Revelation 9:14) there were four angels that were to be loosed that were bound in the great river Euphrates. The voice from the four horns of the golden altar from before the throne were to loose them, as recorded in the 13th verse. In Revelation 5, the Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes which are seven spirits of God sent into all the earth, are placed one horn each in seven

ages of the gospel day, a symbol of the power of salvation through Christ for each one of the seven ages, according to Luke 1:69.

In the foregoing explanation relative to the four ages, or relative to the four corners of the earth, and the four angels holding the four winds of the earth, it is considered reasonable to understand that they were the angels that were bound. The ministry in these four ages was surely under the influence of the dragon powers and it originated from the lowest depths of heathenism, or from the waters of the river Euphrates. (Water is people).

Four of the horns of the Lamb for these four ages, would harmonize with the four horns of the golden altar before the throne, for the same four-age period of time. The Lamb with the seven horns and eyes, a symbol of Christ is before the throne.

It was during the time of the last period of the four ages under the fifth seal that the voice or the ministry began to carry the gospel to heathenism.

In the sixth seal the ministry preaching the gospel as in the morning church age and light being rejected resulted in spiritual death. In Revelation 12:4, the tail of the dragon drew a third part of the stars, or ministers, and in Revelation 9:15, the releasing of the four angels that were bound resulted in the slaying of one third part of men. This is spiritual death, brought about by rejected light and truth.

In verse 16 of the same chapter the number of the army of horsemen on the side of the dragon was two hundred thousand thousand, a symbol of all heathenistic powers, together with the all false religions in spiritual warfare. Horses are used as symbols of warfare.

Breastplates of fire and jacinth and brimstone symbolize their spiritual armour. Fire, for false fire, smoke, as prayers, (Revelation 8:4) and brimstone from the bottomless pit where all false religions originate.

As the result of rejecting light and truth we have the modern fire brand movements which have developed, and through their false teachings, since their power was in their mouth (see verse 19); they are possessed with a power to deceive and entice the very elect if possible. This originated by rejecting light and resulted in the slaying of the third part spiritually with the saved falling into the deception. Their tails like serpents symbolize the Satanic power to destroy or hurt as in verse 19.

This sixth trumpet is sounding and extends up in time through the sixth seal age, that we are now explaining.

In verse 20, and 21, we have the rest that were left in spiritual Babylon that were not killed by the wild fire deception, and they repented not of their idol worship and because of their unwillingness to accept truth were also slain spiritually. The loosing of the four angels is fulfilled in the 100 years of the saints judging the world.

THE SIXTH CANDLESTICK (Revelation 3:7.13)

A.D. 1880 to A.D. 1930—50 Years

Revelation 3:7-13:

7. And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

8. I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

9. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but to lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

10. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

13. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

In this letter to the Philadelphia church, we first have the mentioning of Christ who is the one that openeth and no man shutteth and no man openeth. He has the key to the door, which is salvation in direct obedience to the word. He has set before the church an open door, and no man can close that door. This is the teaching of the church of God of the evening time, beginning with D. S. Warner in the year of A.D. 1880.

This church is commended for having a little strength and for keeping His word, and for not denying His name; or for retaining the same name as in the morning of time, and the name of the church WAS THE CHURCH OF GOD. Scriptures have been noted on this phase already, which agree with the letter to this church age.

Then he said he would make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews (or Christians) and are not, but instead they were found liars, and to come and worship before the feet of those walking in the light. People among us who refuse to walk in the light of duty, certainly lie when they claim to be Christians and followers of Christ, for there is no salvation behind light. Christ said, "Walk while you have the light, lest ye go into darkness." Then He said, "My sheep hear my voice and they follow me." It is the characteristic of God's people to walk gladly in the light of truth and duty with faith and eagerness to please God and to live humbly, and sacrificially at the feet of their brothers and the feet of their Master, whom they love with their whole heart, soul, mind and strength. Christian people are teachable, easily entreated and are willing to obey the gospel.

In this scripture the Lord has also promised to keep His true people from the hour of temptation which is to come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth. This hour referred to here is another time symbol we have in the Revelation. It follows closely after this one hundred years of preliminary judgment we have mentioned and has reference to the time leading into the camp of the saints, when God's people gather together for the coming of their Christ. This letter points out through the seventh seal period to this hour symbol. The people of God will be coming into the knowledge of the truth of the camp of the saints from this age until the final accomplishment is concluded. Advance light and clearer understanding on what we now have will be evident as time moves on. Those who are out definitely clear for and with this truth can see by faith to the end of the seventh seal age and into the camp. Although it is not now possible for us

to be there in time, however we can be there in understanding, as the result of the teaching of God's spirit and His Word.

In the eleventh verse he said, "Behold, I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast and let no man take thy crown." If this letter had been intended only for the Philadelphia church located in Asia, he would not have said, "I come quickly" since that has been almost 1900 years ago. Isaiah speaking of this time in prophecy said (Isaiah 65:20) "There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that has not filled his days; for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed." You and I find ourselves living in this one hundred years of time, already referred to as the preliminary judgment time, when the truth and righteousness is judging the people. Old men, who are standing for this truth today can see by faith to the end of the 100 years, and into the camp of the saints. If they die before the end of this one hundred years of judgment, by faith they have lived out the time, and a child, or one who is young in faith and experience of this truth, should they die, they are in the camp of the saints by faith the same as the older person. But the sinner, seeing the light of gospel truth, and who rejects that light will be accursed at the end of the one hundred year period, for the door of mercy will then be closed to all at that time. Even now it is being closed to many, who have rejected willfully the precious truth of God's Bible. We bring more about this later on in the book.

In verse 12 he said that "him that overcometh," referring to those who were victorious in the sixth seal, is promised to be made a pillar in the temple of God, which is the church. And he will go no more out. When we come to the knowledge of the truth, as we understand it in this study, and as it is brought down from the end of this Philadelphia church age on out to the end of time, will put us into the camp of the saints on the sea of glass (Revelation 15:2-4). Read this scripture from your Bible and you will see judgments are made manifest. The sea of glass is the New Testament gospel in connection with the prophecy of the old covenant now brought in the fullness in the sounding of the seventh trumpet and opening of the seventh seal.

This gathering into the camp, or bringing the elect saints into the knowledge of the truth in the fullness is a fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah 11:11, when the Lord is setting his hand the second time to bring out a remnant from all the mass of confusion for the return of Christ.

The Lord set his hand in the sixth seal to bring out his people from Protestantism, by Brother D. S. Warner. This second gathering is in the seventh seal, and the day mentioned by Isaiah is referring to the day of preliminary judgment of 100 years under the sixth and seventh seal.

Brother Warner was saved in February 1865 A.D. and for the space of two years he refused to join any Protestant church though they did prevail on him to unite with them, he refused contending that the church was divinely governed and not a joinable institution.

After two years standing out clear of all he finally decided to unite with the Winebrennerian "Church of God." They did not receive joiners, and the name "Church of God" was his belief for the "New Testament Church."

After uniting with them he made many efforts to lead them into more light over their teachings all to no avail.

After working with them for 13 years he decided to start a press to print *The Gospel Trumpet*. He accepted an offer made by G. Haines, editor of a small holiness paper printed in Indianapolis, Indiana, called *The Pilgrim*. They consolidated the two papers and worked together to get *The Gospel Trumpet* out.

This work continued for only a short time when Haines pulled off from Warner and the work of the *Trumpet*, and started another holiness paper in opposition to Brother Warner. This was a hard blow against the work, but Brother Warner continued to stand for truth over the divisions of the sect holiness movements and was much in need of some one to assist him in the editorial work.

At this time J. C. Fisher came to his rescue and assisted him as editor, and the Lord blessed their labors with signs and wonders, in healing the sick, blind eyes opened, devils cast out, as in the days of Christ and early church. Truth spread in general, and the Lord blessed their labors.

Next J. C. Fisher turned from truth, left his wife, and eloped with a grass widow, crippling the work in general. Signs and wonders in healing ceased in their Camp Meetings and services and the Lord showed them that Fisher must be renounced publicly and when this was done, then the Lord began to work with them with signs following again.

Following this Brother Warner's wife turned against him, wrote an article and had it published in a sect holiness paper, renouncing the work of Brother Warner, branding them a bunch of "Come Outers." She then left him and obtained a divorce through false accusations against him, and she finally married another man. Then in one year from that time she passed away. This was another hard trial for Brother Warner, but he would not give up but went on in the work with signs, and wonders following, until the Lord said it was enough and took him to Himself to rest from his labors. He passed from this world in A.D. 1895 at the age of 53 years.

The editorial work was then taken over by Brother E. E. Byrum and signs continued to follow in his work as editor.

The true standards of the Bible church were preached and practiced through the entire sixth seal age, but near the end thereof many begin to drift from the true standards of divine truth and once more bring in Babylonian practices, out of which they had previously come.

In the last part of the sixth seal there became a schism among the true people of God over the dress question. This did much damage to honest saints on both sides of the question. God never intended that his people standardize customs. The only standard the Bible gives is modest apparel. This means that which is becoming. Customs may have something to do with our sense of modesty; but modesty will never standardize customs. One man said that a saint should dress so as to NOT attract attention to themselves. A saint should want to look like all other respectable people. We should not let our outward adorning be that of putting ON or putting OFF, but to prove we are saints let it be the hidden man of the heart. Anything put on or pulled off because of pride would be SIN, because the trouble is in the heart.

In 1 Corinthians chapter 11 Paul discusses pro and con the head coverings of that day. After telling of advantages and disadvantages he sums it all up by saying, in verse 16, "But if any man seem to be contentious, WE HAVE NO SUCH CUSTOM,

NEITHER THE CHURCHES OF GOD.” This principle not only applies to the head covering, but to all other customs, so long as the custom does not break a moral principle.

Through the subject of standardizing the dress question the enemy of souls pushed this to the breaking of fellowship among God’s people. Some on both sides went wrong— one side swung to compromise and the other to fanaticism. Why do either one?—stay in the middle of the road—the BIBLE is the middle.

At this time the larger group held the standard, that each saint should decide trivial questions of customs for themselves. They were blessed with signs following as long as they stayed with the word of God. They continued to print *The Gospel Trumpet* paper, and became known as The Gospel Trumpet Church of God. In the last part of the sixth seal they started a seminary, then changed it into a College. Like ancient Israel they wanted to be like other people. In so doing they became modern, lukewarmness took hold, its leaders became spewed out of the mouth of God. They slipped from Holy Spirit government. Boards and committees succeeded in the place of the divine. The signs that once followed them that believed ceased. Many lost their crowns and ceased to be overcomers in the sixth seal or Philadelphia church age.

Many saints and preachers began to build around this group, known as the Gospel Trumpet Church of God. It was soon accepted that what they did not endorse was branded as error. Many good saints and preachers would weep and lament, but seemed nothing they did, stopped the modernistic trend.

Groups have come out of the other group until there are many taking the name Church of God with some handle on the name for distinction. We list some of these as follows:

- The Seventh day Church of God.
- The Pentecost Church of God.
- The Assembly Church of God.
- The Church of God in Christ.
- The Freewill Church of God.
- The Apostolic Church of God.

Beside these there are at least a half a dozen of different groups that have come out of the Gospel Trumpet Church of God, and are building around some headquarters, group of leaders or some printed periodical. Some of these Come Outers were disgruntled and because they could not be the BIG BOY where they were they have tried to start something of their own to be the head of. This is wrong. Anything they can arrange and become the head of is no better than the thing they came out of. They may take the name, Church of God, but they are of the same spirit as the thing they came out of. They have left their name for a curse. Isaiah 65:15, “For ye shall leave your name for a **curse** unto my chosen: for the Lord God shall slay thee and call his servants by another name.”

The church of the morning time was known by the name Church of God. Twelve places in the New Testament it has this name. And Jesus prayed, “Father, keep through thine own name those thou hast given me.” I see no scripture for changing this name.

Many have taken the name Church of God and have their property deeded that way, and many have been known to lose their property because of the lack or something to identify the proper ownership. I see no injustice done to the name, Church of God, to add any phrase to it that will help identify its proper and legal owner. For legal identification we have chosen the name, New Testament, Church of God. The time may

come when so many have added this phrase that it will fail to serve the legal purpose. I see no way for perfectly safeguarding perishable property. Our temporal possessions will vanish with time.

Since there is no name that God's people can be called by that cannot be used by false professors, and even hypocrites, and so many have left the name Church of God for a curse, God has planned to write upon His people in the Spirit, His new name according to Revelation 3:12, "Him that overcometh (in the sixth seal) will I make a pillar in the temple (church) of my God, (in the seventh seal age) and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and I will write upon him my new name." This writing of the new name, or name anew, is in the Spirit. Many have unjustly taken the name Church of God in the letter, but no man or group of men can steal this name written in the Spirit and power of our God. Those that come out of Babylon, both old and new, accept the truth of God's word that condemn it, are in a position for God to fill them with His power and victory written in the Spirit. The name Church of God is the right name, but God is no longer using it as the exclusive means of identification. God's means of identification in this last age is the writing of this seventh seal message of truth by the Spirit of God in the lives of those who accept it. This people are living out in their lives, the message they are "Harping with their harps," in such an exclusive way that nothing but God and His true church can be seen in them.

Through the Philadelphia church age the true ministers of God preached a divine church, with Jesus as the only head and owner, and that He governed His church through the operation of the Holy Spirit. There was a clear message that all manmade churches, creeds, traditions and doctrines of men were in the Revelation branded Babylon, and that according to Revelation 18:4 God said, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen. . . . and come out of her my people." This message was preached so positive and clear that we are told in Revelation 11:13, at this time the two witnesses stood up, and one tenth of the city (Babylon) fell.

Nearing the end of the Philadelphia church age, and with the beginning of the Laodicean church (date 1930 A.D.) the people who had so faithfully contended for the faith of the gospel slipped from its practices of a theocracy to a democracy. Its general assemblies and meeting places became its headquarters. Men began to take the place of the Holy Spirit, pointing out who was to preach and the subject they were to preach on. Rules and By-Laws were adopted to govern this democratic body or assembly. Boards and committees were provided for detailed procedure. No one is given a part who is not in sympathy with such a movement. The ministers, who stood for the practices set forth by Warner and others, were left out of their program and branded old-fashioned and division makers.

This group no longer preached against Babylon, as Warner and others did. The reason is they have become a part of Babylon themselves. "The dog has (once more) returned to his vomit, and the sow that was washed to the wallowing in the mire" "For if I build again the things which I destroyed I make myself a transgressor." Galatians 2:18. With such a group, I am sure, God could no longer say, "I find no fault in them."

With this apostasy striking such a blow to the true church it becomes necessary for God to do as he has said in Isaiah 11:11. "And it shall come to pass in that day (One hundred year day of preliminary judgment from 1880 to 1980) that the Lord shall set his

hand AGAIN THE SECOND TIME to recover the remnant of his people.” Not many came out of this sixth seal age with victory over such an apostasy, but God has made a promise to them that overcome such conditions. Revelation 3:12 gives the promise: “Him that overcometh (in the sixth seal) will I make a pillar in the temple (Church) of my God, (in the seventh seal) and he shall go no more out.” (seems to mean no more apostasy). These are the only people that God will be able to write his new name on, as we have previously given.

CHAPTER NINE

THE ANGEL OF REVELATION TENTH CHAPTER

A.D. 1930 to A.D. 1980—50 Years

Revelation 10:1-11:

1. And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:
2. And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,
3. And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices,
4. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.
5. And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,
6. And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and he things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:
7. **BUT IN THE DAYS OF THE VOICE OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL, WHEN HE SHALL BEGIN TO SOUND, THE MYSTERY OF GOD SHOULD BE FINISHED, AS HE HATH DECLARED TO HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS.**
8. And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.
9. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said, unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.
10. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.
11. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

From this chapter on until the end of the study we will be considering the prophecy and scriptures relative to their application in this present time in which we live, and also in the future until the end of the world.

In the Gospel of the Apostle John (John 16:13) we read, “Howbeit, when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: **AND HE WILL SHEW YOU THINGS TO COME.**” The same spirit that inspired the writing of the Gospels and the Revelation, together with prophecy, can and will reveal the true meaning of the scriptures to honest people who are humble and open for light and truth. The spirit has no privilege to lead us, or teach us, unless we first are willing. Even preconceived ideas and personal opinions or human traditions to which people cling, have hindered the Spirit in His work to direct souls into the light and truth.

In referring to the angel of chapter ten, John said he saw, **ANOTHER MIGHTY ANGEL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN CLOTHED WITH A CLOUD.** Notice the wording, “**ANOTHER MIGHTY ANGEL**” (verse 1). Before we can get the proper

meaning of this, it is necessary to locate the angels previous to this one. There are others who came before this one. In chapters 8 and 9, we have the record of six trumpet angels, as already explained. And now in the tenth chapter, we have the seventh trumpet angel. And John gives us a summary of the purpose and work of this angel and what is to happen at his sounding and coming. He is clothed with a cloud, or a great cloud of witnesses is manifested at this time as the result of the sounding of this trumpet angel bringing additional light and understanding in this evening time. He had a rainbow upon his head, as already mentioned a symbol of the old and new covenant or the Word of God. This trumpet angel has the knowledge of the truth since the rainbow is upon his head, his face shining as the gospel of Christ, symbolized by the sun; and his feet as pillars of fire. Where this seventh trumpet Gospel goes it carries the message of the burning effects of the Holy Spirit in sounding out the judgment of truth against every detestable evil. The little book in this angel's hand that was open is a symbol of the truth open to the people and the judgment brought to the end. Truth is being given now in such an extent that people of God might see and know what it means, leading up to the final judgment and the return of Christ. The day and hour will not be known when He shall return. However, we are told by Paul (1 Thessalonians 5:4) that the people of God would not be in darkness, that the day would overtake us as a thief. By the teachings of the Scriptures and the Spirit, we are aware of the fact that Christ is coming and we are ready to meet Him, and are not in darkness concerning His coming.

The angel setting one foot on the land and the other on the sea is also a symbol. He has no reference to literal things here, as some suppose that an angel from the throne of God will come to this earth and stand on the water and land and shout the end of time has come. The Revelation teaches us that water is a symbol of people and the earth in many quotations symbolizes earthly creeds of men. When the two-horned beast came up from the earth, it originated out of the earthly institution of Papalism. And this angel with one foot on land and the other on the sea would symbolize the people and their earthly creeds. Christ is to reign until all enemies are under His feet and during this latter age or the seventh trumpet age, when truth is brought to light, all enemies as a whole relative to nations and creeds of men and doctrines of the pagan powers, will be subdued and Christ have the victory.

It is said that when this angel cried aloud, seven thunders uttered their voices. If you recall when Christ was praying or talking to the Father recorded in John 12:27-29, and the voice from heaven spake to Christ, the people that stood near by said that it thundered. As previously explained, thunder is a symbol of happenings of the past, or the echo and report of what has already happened in reality. When the seven thunders uttered their voices John got an understanding of the things of the entire gospel dispensation from heaven and was about to write them out in full. This understanding was from heaven and John was told not to write what he understood, but he was to seal it up. If he would have written it, as he understood through the voices of the seven thunders, of the seven ages, then the Revelation would not have been a sealed book. Remember the book was written in A.D. 96, and John, through the Spirit of the Lord, saw up through time until the end. But it was not for the church in the morning to understand the details and ages of the Revelation until the evening time, and in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel the mystery is revealed. (Revelation 10:7).

Now at this time when we have reached the seventh trumpet age and the seventh seal period of the dispensation, and the last age, truth and light is now being revealed to the church, or the people of God in a spiritual manner. Light on every age is now opening up clearly, even from the Biblical experiences of the Church from Christ's time through the conflict with Paganism and Papalism, followed by Protestantism, and the bringing in of the evening light of the church divine and the coming of Christ, it is much clearer now than in former days.

Much of the past relative to the spiritual truths of the Revelation has been sealed from us until we came into the last seal. But praise God, the book is opening up now to us in a wonderful way, and the spiritual truths given to us at this time will cast no reflection on the truth that we already know, but the error and false ideas that we might have had during the past, even some of our interpretations, will be canceled out, by spirit-led saints of God who are honest, as the result of this advanced light and understanding that is coming forth in this age. When additional light shines on the roadway, as children of God, we are to walk in that light. If we do not, we go into spiritual darkness and eventually into bondage.

This tenth chapter angel lifted his hand and swore that time be no longer, than the age of this trumpet angel, in other words this is the last age, and no other time given, and then he makes the statement, "IN THE DAYS OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL WHEN HE SHALL BEGIN TO SOUND THE MYSTERY OF GOD SHOULD BE FINISHED." He said that it had already been declared by his servants, the prophets. We find the prophecy in Isaiah 27:12-13. "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that the Great Trumpet shall /be blown, and they shall come which are already to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem."

Water a symbol of people, is referred to here; the river on the chart, which is the people of God, extends in the heavenly portion of the illustration starting with A.D. 1880 and extends on into the Word of God, or Camp of the saints. This is the true people of God. But through the sounding of the seventh trumpet the Lord is gathering His people together and all shall worship the Lord together in unity of the truth in the spiritual Jerusalem which is the Church of the Living God. (Hebrews 12:22-23).

Notice back in Revelation 10:7, the angel said, "In the DAYS of the sounding of the seventh angel." NOT THE DAY, BUT DAYS, plural and not singular. A little reasoning here applied in a proper manner will help to understand this verse. Some say this has reference to the end of time and when Christ returns and all things brought to an end. But when Christ comes back to judge the world and to receive His own, with the voice of an archangel and trumpet of God, it will not take days to do this, as some suppose, but Paul said, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump." (1 Corinthians 15:52).

He is to make a short work on the earth. Romans 9:28, "For he will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because a short work will the Lord make on the earth." Time is to be shortened as we will see further along in the study.

John was told to take the little book and eat it up. And that he did. Eating the book is in reality a symbol of digesting or obeying the truth that the little book taught. When

this truth is carried out in obedience according to the commands of the Revelation, it brings sweetness to the soul, but bitterness in persecution and opposition.

John was to continue to prophesy before many people, and according to history he was rescued from the Isle of Patmos and lived a number of years and preached to many people. He was the only one of the twelve apostles that died a natural death. All the others were martyred by the pagan powers. Even now where the Revelation is preached in its fullness, in one sense it is the result of John's preaching and prophecy.

THE MYSTERY IS TO BE REVEALED DURING THE TIME WHEN THE SEVENTH TRUMPET BEGINS TO SOUND. NOW WHAT TIME WAS THIS, AND WHEN DID IT TAKE PLACE?

We have three earthquakes mentioned in the Revelation. One in the first trumpet age of the morning church during the 270 years of its existence. Then, the second in the opening of the sixth seal (Revelation 6:12-17) (also in Revelation 11:13). When the two witnesses stood up the same earthquake is referred to again in the opening of the sixth seal, which is the bringing in of the church divine and the word and spirit restored to their proper places as leader and divine governor of the church. These two scriptures refer to the same earthquake.

Then in the 19th verse of chapter 11, there is another earthquake mentioned; one in the 13th verse of chapter 11, and one in the 19th verse of same chapter. Then the seventh trumpet sounding is recorded in verse 15, or between these two earthquakes. The earthquake of the 19th verse is also recorded in chapter 16:18. And in this connection we will give the scripture concerning this seventh trumpet, which any spiritual minded person is able to see that the same applies to the present age in which we are living.

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET (Revelation 11:15-19)

A.D. 1930 to A.D. 1980—50 Years

Revelation 11:15-19:

15. And the seventh angel sounded: and there were great voices in heaven saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

16. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God.

17. Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18. AND THE NATIONS WERE ANGRY, AND THY WRATH IS COME, AND THE TIME OF THE DEAD, THAT THEY SHOULD BE JUDGED, AND THAT THOU SHOULDEST GIVE REWARD UNTO THY SERVANTS THE PROPHETS, AND TO THE SAINTS, AND THEM THAT FEAR THY NAME, SMALL AND GREAT; AND SHOULDEST DESTROY THEM WHICH DESTROY THE EARTH.

19. And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

The great voices in heaven referred to in verse 15, symbolizes the rejoicing of the people of God in the heavenly places here in this world, who have reached the knowledge of the seventh seal light and truth. **THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD WILL ALL**

FALL AT THE END OF THIS SEVENTH SEAL PERIOD AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE POWER OF CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM which will exist throughout the ages of eternity. The seventh trumpet sounds through unto the end or almost the end of time.

In verses 16 and 17, thanks and appreciation were extended to the Lord by His people, for His victorious reign and supremacy throughout the entire gospel dispensation. At this time in verse 18 the nations are angry, made so because the devil knows his time is short. The entire world seems to be angry and nations are arising against each other in a second world war, and we see the scripture being fulfilled. The nations are also mad in a religious sense. Nations are filled with false religions of beast worship, under the spirit of the “false prophet”; the sounding of the seventh trumpet exposes these deceptions. The nations of false worshippers are “mad” because of the light of truth that exposes them.

The spiritual dead are being judged by the saints, in the evening of this preliminary judgment period and the reward is being delivered to them through this judgment according to their works. In Revelation 18:6, we have the command, “Reward her, (Spiritual Babylon) as she hath rewarded you, and in the cup she hath filled fill to her double.” In this seventh trumpet and seventh seal age she gets her second cup, which is the judgments of truth poured out against false deception and confused conditions, even though many profess to be Christian. It is one thing to claim to be a Christian and quite another thing actually to be one in life and practice as well as doctrine and precept.

THE SEVENTH SEAL (Revelation 8:1)

A.D. 1930 to A.D. 1980—50 Years

1. And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

The silence in heaven can be better understood at the end of this seal age, and will be explained at that time. The purpose of using this passage of scripture here is to make emphasis and show how the seal is placed in time and when it comes to light. This seal is the first verse of the eighth chapter (quoted above). Then following this we have the bringing in of six trumpets recorded in the 8th chapter and also chapter 9. This seal is placed first, just before the trumpets, for this purpose: TO TEACH US THAT WE MUST COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH OF THE SEVENTH SEAL AGE BEFORE WE ARE CAPABLE OF KNOWING THE SCRIPTURAL TRUTH OF THESE TRUMPETS AND THEIR PROPER PROPHETIC MEANING SPIRITUALLY. It is not until the seventh trumpet begins to sound, (which is at this time) and the opening of the seventh seal that we are able to understand and see the real truths and the purpose of the trumpets spiritually. This is the reason that the seventh seal is placed before the trumpets. In the sixth seal age the trumpets have been explained more political than spiritual. Now we see them spiritual.

Referring back to Revelation 11:19, the earthquake of this seventh seal is recorded also in Revelation 16:18 in the pouring out of the seventh vial. Speaking of this earthquake the writer made mention that there had never been one like it since man had been on the earth, “so mighty an earthquake and so great.” In the first earthquake of the morning church period there was a great religious awakening and a falling down of the

Roman government. In the sixth seal earthquake there was another religious awakening at which time one tenth part of the spiritual city Babylon crumpled down under the forces of gospel truth, (see chapter 11:13). And now at this time in the seventh seal, the greater earthquake takes place and the other nine-tenths of spiritual Babylon falls and goes down to rise no more at all.

Then at this time, as referred to in verse 19, the temple of God is open in heaven. The temple is God's church. In other words the truth concerning the church divine is opening up to His people and a better understanding along this line is evident, even more than we had during the sixth seal age.

The heavenly happenings that John mentions as lightnings, thunder, which are symbols of the judgments of the Holy Spirit fire and the reports of past conditions, during this earthquake is the characteristics of the greatness of this shaking up time in a spiritual sense. It is said that in this earthquake, there was a great hail, a symbol of gospel truth from heaven which will be more fully explained later on. (Revelation 16:18).

THE TEMPLE OF HEAVEN OPEN (Revelation 15:5-8)

A.D. 1930 to A.D. 1980—50 Years

Revelation 15:5-8:

5. AND AFTER THAT I LOOKED, AND, BEHOLD, THE TEMPLE OF THE TABERNACLE OF THE TESTIMONY IN HEAVEN WAS OPENED:
6. And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.
7. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials, full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever,
8. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

In the last verse of chapter 11 John saw the temple in heaven opened in this earthquake, and this scripture is now bringing the same things to light. The vials are now coming to light and understanding in their true meaning. Under the sixth seal, they were generally understood and explained by the ministry of the evening church as political upheavals, and were supposed partly fulfilled back in the Protestant age. In Revelation 11:6 the two witnesses, the Word and the Spirit, had power to smite the earth with plagues as often as they will. The vials are the plagues, or the judgments of the Holy Spirit rendered out against the false during this one hundred years of preliminary judgment.

The three first vials were poured out in the sixth seal and ended with A.D. 1930. You will notice on the chart in the one hundred years of the sixth and seventh seal age, a drop down in the mountain. This brings the sixth seal earthquake to an end, before the seventh begins. One must cease before the other begins.

As mentioned before, spiritual Babylon is to get two cups. During the sixth seal age and the pouring out of the three first vials, she received one cup and now in the seventh seal she gets the second cup through the renewing of the judgments of the three first vials, together with the other four vials, in the sounding of the seventh trumpet (Revelation 11:15). It is between the two earthquakes of chapter 11 the 7th trumpet

sounds. The sounding of the seventh trumpet also brings in the third woe, see Revelation 11:14, beginning with A.D. 1930.

In Revelation 15:8, as quoted above, the temple is filled with smoke; this is also recorded in chapter 11:19. The temple is a symbol of the church and the smoke is a symbol of the prayers of God's people. (Revelation 8:4). In this testing age, the saints of God are surely praying. No one is to enter into the understanding of these truths until the vials are fulfilled. They are now being fulfilled, judgments going forth and truth and understanding being given to those who are humble, and open for light and willing to walk in it.

The mystery of the Revelation is being cleared through the sounding of the seventh trumpet angel and those walking in the light will be made to see the church separate from division over the teachings of the sixth seal. And we praise God for this glorious truth of the Bible. When we once get the true and real understanding of the Revelation with gospel and prophecy, there are not enough devils in hell or on earth to turn us from the wonderful truth that is brought forth through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

Our teachings under the sixth seal age were that all the saved people in the world, including those who were in denominational churches, were members of the one Biblical organized Church of God. We also taught that the two witnesses, the Word and the Spirit, were dead for 350 years, and we still teach they were dead. When we were asked how they were dead, we explained that they did not have the preeminence to govern the people of God in the Protestant age and instead Christians were governed by the creeds and doctrines of men ignoring the word and the spirit as the divine governor, this is true. Then we went about to teach that the church was divinely governed and all that were saved in Protestantism constituted the one divinely organized church. If all the saved people in the Protestant sects of Babylon are already in the divinely organized Church of God, then WHY do we have those scriptures in Revelation 18:1-4, "Babylon is fallen," and "Come out of her my people"? If they were already in the divinely organized Church of God there would be no moving necessary, and there would have been no NEW LIGHT to offer in the sixth seal age. The fact that God's people had left the divinely organized body, the true Church, and was scattered in Babylonian confusion, made it necessary for God to send the sixth seal message of UNITY and a DIVINE CHURCH. The ministry of the sixth seal age saw the Divinely Organized Church of God, came out of Babylon, but did not know how to make the above mentioned points clear. In the light and understanding of an open temple, in the seventh seal, we see clearly that saints without light down in Babylon are not a part of the "Saints in light" in the ONE ORGANIZED BODY OF THE TRUE CHURCH. Literal Israel was a type of Spiritual Israel, the Church, but then they were down in Babylon, they were not in Zion in Jerusalem. In like manner, the Church could not be in Spiritual Babylon and in Spiritual Sion in Jerusalem at the same time.

In previous chapters of this book we have proved that the church is divinely organized and divinely governed, with Jesus Christ only as its head and founder. Speaking of the morning church, the Apostle Paul writing to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:27) "Now are ye the body of Christ and members in particular." Paul said "Now," or at that time (A.D. 68) and they were, for they were not divided, for they were together. In verse 28, of the same chapter, "And God hath set some in the church, first

apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.” The church has divine governments, and is a divinely organized body of people, each member staying in their place working under the leadership and direction of the head, which is Christ, upon whose shoulders rests the entire responsibility of governing. Isaiah 9:6, “The government shall be upon his shoulder.” There is no room, or place for man rule.

When we see the one divine church we will see the saints of God, a group of consecrated saved people, free from sin and division, who stand out separate for the truth, and who are compacted together, knitted together in love, tempered together by the spirit, and not divided, but are in a unit with Christ as the divine head, all on one common level, with no church bosses, no big “I’s” or little “you’s” but who are workers together with God under the leadership of Christ for the purpose of preaching the glorious gospel to the world.

In this age of religious confusion and deception there is much being said on the subject of the Kingdom and the Church. Some looking for the kingdom to come in the future, some teaching the Church and kingdom are the same here in this world, with others teaching that one is first born into the kingdom, then sanctified into the Church, and there are so many ways being handed out, and all say this is the way, and there are many scriptures used in all statements, yet all certainly can not be right.

In this book, we are going to study some points of Bible truth in connection with this subject, that we trust will be the means of bringing into a more correct, and better understanding of the Kingdom and Church.

There is a difference in the meaning of the words Kingdom and Church, however the word Kingdom in the New Testament is sometimes used to mean and include the people of the kingdom. Romans 14:17, “The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.” Webster says, the word Church means an assembly or congregation of Christian people. We could rightfully say, the Church is an assembly or congregation of people of the Kingdom, or in whom dwells the kingdom. It seems clear that the new birth puts people into the kingdom. In Colossians 1:13 the new birth is called a “translation.” “And hath translated us into the KINGDOM of His dear Son.” Before the day of Pentecost there were a great number of people who were born again and in the Kingdom. According to Webster they would be called an ASSEMBLY, CHURCH or CONGREGATION. I notice especially in the book of Revelation whenever a group of Christians are referred to it calls them a Church, The Church at Sardis had a name that they lived but were dead, yet they were called the Church. The Christians in the Pergamos church age ate things sacrificed to idols and must have had little knowledge of the true Bible standard of living, yet they were called the Church. It is plain to see the general use of the word Church is applied to a congregation or an assembly of saved people.

This being true there was a Church, an assembly or congregation, before Pentecost, but it was not ORGANIZED by the Holy Spirit. The Church was not ORGANIZED while Jesus was on earth, but after He went away He sent the Holy Spirit, the ORGANIZER of His Church. When Jesus said “I will build my church,” Matthew 16:18, He meant I will set it in proper working order by the Holy Spirit.

After Pentecost it is said that “The Lord added to the Church, daily such as were being saved.” Acts. 2:47. After Pentecost there was only one Church, just one group of

Christian people. When people got saved they became one of this group or Church. It was the Lord that saved people, so it was the Lord that did the adding. Jesus certainly did the adding to the group (Church) before Pentecost, but it is not spoken of in such words.

On the day of Pentecost the 120 were sanctified, then there were 3,000 unsanctified souls added to the number or Church. A few days later, according to Acts 4:4, there were about 5,000 more added to them. A few days later Peter and John were let go and came to their own company, "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST." Acts 4:31.

When Jesus said "I will build my Church," He meant I will ORGANIZE it. This was done through the power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Now the question comes, Where were the disciples before Pentecost? They were in the Church UNORGANIZED. They were in Christ, His approval was upon them, they had been born again and placed inside the walls of salvation, but had not been placed in a DIVINELY ORGANIZED assembly or Church. It was on the day of Pentecost that a special fitting and SETTING of each individual member took place. It was here each one was empowered to work according to the gift of the spirit. Each one was made to realize and to know his own place. In this organization God sets the members in the body, the Church as it pleases Him. Christ is the head of His body, the Church, when it is organized. Paul says, "We are many members, yet one body," and each member should look to Christ the head for divine direction in all things. There will never be friction or division among a people who are led ONLY BY THE DIVINE SPIRIT OF GOD. On the day of Pentecost the people were "Fitly framed together," by the divine operation of the wisdom of God, compacted together by His power, "tempered together" by His Spirit and "Knit together" in His love, and given gifts according to his will.

After Pentecost there was an enlightened, established, empowered Church to which God could add the newborn babes. God set them in the body, the Church, as it pleased Him, giving them the gifts He wanted them to have. This certainly is what He meant by setting them in the body as it pleased Him. The setting does not all take place at the time of the new birth. If we grow in grace and knowledge, walk in the light God will SET us in greater places of usefulness. In fact the SETTING will continue as long as we grow and walk in the light. Some would have us believe the SETTING all takes place at the time of the new birth.

As long as the Church preached the full gospel and was guided by the Holy Spirit they had DIVINE ORGANIZATION, but when they lost the governing power of the WORD AND SPIRIT they became dissembled or unorganized and immediately began to follow doctrines and traditions of men bringing in schisms and divisions called Babylon, which means confusion. People who are saved that live down in Babylon are not in the DIVINELY ORGANIZED CHURCH. The Church or assembly they are in is dissembled. They are the members of Christ joined to a harlot. Read 1 Corinthians 6:15-17.

There are people in sect Babylon, and some going by the name of Church of God, who do not see the DIVINELY ORGANIZED CHURCH OF GOD WITH CHRIST AS THE HEAD. How can people be in and function in something they know nothing about? The Holy Spirit cannot work UNITY among people who practice division. This is the reason God is calling His people out of all sect groups, that they may preach and practice UNITY according to Gospel, Prophecy and Revelation.

God's plan is, UNITY OF THE SPIRIT AND FAITH. His purpose is, THAT IN ALL THINGS HE MIGHT HAVE THE PRE-EMINENCE, AND THAT HE GET ALL THE GLORY. This cannot be done, unless a full GOSPEL is preached and practiced, that will save, sanctify and UNIFY a people through the power of the blood of Christ, the HEAD OF THE CHURCH, freeing them from all man rule through deception of sect movements made and governed by man. It is impossible to have a DIVINELY ORGANIZED CHURCH with any kind of man rule; they do not go together.

The government of the Church of God is a THEOCRACY and not a democracy. In a democracy the majority rules. God's people are usually in the minority, but through FAITH shall have the VICTORY. There are people, calling themselves Church of God, who claim to believe in a THEOCRACY and at the same time practice a DEMOCRACY. They surely are of that group who say and do not.

The Bible does not prescribe certain ways or methods of doing things whereby we may carry on our worship and service for God, but He has left it for us to SEEK, ASK, AND KNOCK until His will is made known. The same Spirit that makes His will known can be sought for WISDOM'S WAY to perform the task. Only the HUMBLE, CONSECRATED saints of God find this road of travel. A THEOCRACY IS SAFE AND SOUND and ALWAYS WORKS. We may fail IT, but IT never fails us. God never gets His program crossed up. He never appoints more than one to the same task, unless more than one is needed. If He says GO, and our FAITH takes in that promise, "And lo, I am with you," WE SHALL NEVER FAIL.

Our teachings back in D. S. Warner's days dating from A.D. 1880 bringing in the light of the sixth seal of the Revelation was that the two witnesses as recorded in Revelation 11, (Which are the Word and the Spirit) were dead through the Protestant age of 350 years. He taught that they were dead to the extent, that they did not have the pre-eminence to govern the saved people of the Protestant movements for they were governed instead by man-rule, boards and creeds of their particular churches. This was true and is true today. Then we were also taught at that time that all saved people in the Protestant churches were in "ONE ORGANIZED AND DIVINELY GOVERNED CHURCH OF GOD." This was error, and is still error. With the Word and Spirit (the two witnesses) dead for 350 years from A.D. 1530 to A.D. 1880, how could there be a divinely governed people as local congregations in the earth? There was not a local congregation of the one divine Church through the 350 years of the Protestant churches for they were governed by the creeds and doctrines of men, and Christ could not be the Head, for there was a man at the head of all, including the Catholic Church, with the pope as its head. The people saved then were in the Church "UNORGANIZED", but not in the Church "ORGANIZED", for the time had not come for the assembling together of the people scattered in spiritual Babylon.

All this was foreshadowed back before Christ in the destruction of Solomon's temple and Israel, the Jews, being carried away into literal Babylon in captivity. Solomon's temple was a type of the morning Church. It was a place where the Lord met with His people in worship. God dwelt in temples made with hands then. Now He dwells in His people, the Church, a spiritual house. So Solomon's temple, being torn down and Israel the Jews carried away into Babylon, is a type of spiritual Israel losing sight of the one divine Church, and scattered in a babel of confusion here in the earth. The rebuilding

of the temple was typical of the bringing out in the evening of time from spiritual Babylon a people to constitute the Church separate from Babylon again in the earth.

The material for Solomon's temple was gotten out according to the pattern as given to David, by the Lord. All material was then brought together, then the house was built. So likewise Christ first brought out a people in preparation to the knowledge of salvation from sin, this people knew nothing about the Church ORGANIZED, but were material to be used in the Church when the proper time came. At the proper time He brought that material together and organized them for service, but not while He was here in the earth. This was accomplished from Pentecost up; each member was given his proper place to work together in the body, the church "ORGANIZED." Before Pentecost they were material for the Church ORGANIZED just as the material for building Solomon's temple was not the building before it was builded together, but was the building after framed together, then it could be called a building or house, but not before.

From Pentecost, those saved could be added to the Church for now there was an "ORGANIZED" body to be fitted into, but before Pentecost they were void of the infilling of the Holy Ghost, and were told by Christ that they should wait for the promise before going on in the work they had been doing while Christ was with them.

The worship of the temple and offering on the brazen altar in the courts without, surely was typical of justification, after which the priests entered the Holy place for the second offering on the golden altar. Through Christ, in justification we are made kings and priests and this places us in holy relationship with Him ready for the infilling of the Holy Ghost. One must live just as free from sin in justification as when sanctified. There is a need of being filled with the Holy Ghost which is obtained after entering the Holy place, as foreshadowed in temple worship. Through justification, we then come into holy relationship with Christ and are then ready to receive the sanctifying grace of God in the heart, just as the priest in temple worship, after the first offering in the courts, was then ready for the next offering on the golden altar in the holy place.

It is true the Jews themselves were not allowed to enter the Holy place, "BUT ONLY THE PRIESTS." Now through justification we enter the Holy place, for "WE ARE KINGS AND PRIESTS WHEN JUSTIFIED," see Revelation 1:5-6 and Revelation 5:10. We enter the holy place in justification, and must live just as free from sin in that state as when sanctified.

The Bible and history make it clear that Solomon's temple was torn down and Israel, the Jews, were carried down into that wicked city, literal Babylon and retained in captivity for seventy years. This was typical of the Divinely organized Church up to the sounding of the second Trumpet, during which time the Mount Zion or Organized Church was swallowed up by Catholicism. There is no Mount Zion Church, as nations spoken of, in Revelation or prophecy, during the "dark and cloudy day." Catholicism deceived the people and Protestantism done a complete job of DISSEMBLING and scattering them in a babel of confusion during the 350 years of Protestant sect and creed making. After 1880 A.D. God began to bring out a people ORGANIZED by the WORD AND SPIRIT, as typified by the return of Israel from Babylonian captivity and the rebuilding of the Temple.

Surely the saved people in the Protestant Churches as divided did not and do not make up the Church "ORGANIZED," for the two witnesses (the Word and Spirit) were dead to the extent they did not govern the people of God as the one divine Church, and

Christ could not be the Head of the Church with the Word and Spirit dead to that extent, and people governed with their Church creeds. They were inside the walls of salvation, but knew nothing of the one Divine Church organized. They were material for the Church organized just as the people saved before Pentecost, and at the proper time according to Revelation, the Lord began to bring them out and assemble them into one body according to prophecy. In Ezekiel 11:17, "I will gather you from the people and assemble you." To assemble means to put together. To disassemble a car would ruin the car for service, and to ever use the car in service it would have to be assembled. It is so with the Church. To assemble, means to organize, getting each part in its proper place to work with other parts.

There can be no "DIVINELY ORGANIZED" local congregation of the one Divine Church in the earth, with the people of God divided in a babel of confusion and ruled by various creeds of men. This is so when the supposed Church of God movements bring under and control through boards and bind through by-laws as is now fast developing. If God was dissatisfied with His people being in sect Babylon, and is calling them out of division, is He not also dissatisfied with the Church of God being split up into factions at this time, with many falling in with the Federation of Churches, and these factions fighting against each other? Babylon is Babylon and division is what makes Babylon regardless of what they may claim to be. God is still calling His people out of Babylon and this means the new Babylon as well as old Babylon. I can count at least six divisions now calling themselves Church of God, and was once together, but now divided, and each one, say they are the Church. So there is nothing to do other than keep open for a better understanding of truth and walk in light.

Those saved in Babylon were born "IN" Babylon NOT BORN "INTO" BABYLON, Psalms 87:4. "I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon, TO THEM THAT KNOW ME behold, Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; THIS MAN WAS BORN THERE." All nationalities were born in old Babylon, even those that knew the Lord (The Jews). So it is in Spiritual Babylon the Christians that know the Lord were spiritually born in her, they were saved down in Babylon, not born INTO but in, and lived and worked there because they knew not the one divine Church and could not be a subject of something they knew nothing about. Then in Psalms 87:5, "And of Zion it shall be said this and that man was born in her." (Not born into but in). One can be born in Zion the Church if he knows what Zion is, or he can be born in Babylon. Rahab was a harlot, so are the Protestant Churches the harlot daughters of Catholicism, and people saved in them are in Babylon, born there. This 87th Psalm makes it clear that people can be saved or born in Babylon, and also in Zion if they know what Zion is. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 6:15-16, those that were of the harlot body were of that "ONE" body, they could not be of that body and the real body of Christ the organized Church and fill their place in both, for Paul said they were of the one body they were joined to, (The Harlot body).

"MANY MISUNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURE AS RECORDED IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12:13," where Paul spoke of being baptized into one body, and think this means every one saved was baptized at that very time into the one body. With a close study of this scripture one can see Paul was speaking of those at that time that had been saved and knew what the Church was, and had already taken their place to work in the one body. Notice the wording "AND HAVE BEEN" meaning they had already been

made to see and fill their place in the Church. Then in verse 27, He said, “Now are ye the body of Christ and members in particular.” Paul was not speaking of the age we are now living in, He was speaking of the Church then at that time. For they knew nothing other than the one divine Church, thus they could take their place when saved to work in the church “ORGANIZED.” But in this age we are now living in, it is altogether different. People can be saved in Babylon and know nothing of the one Divine Church ORGANIZED. IT IS BY ONE SPIRIT ALL ARE BROUGHT TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ONE BODY AND GIVEN A PLACE TO WORK, BUT THIS DOES NOT ALWAYS COME ABOUT WHEN ONE IS SAVED RIGHT THEN AND THERE. To be baptized means to be buried, hid away. Does the Spirit hide us away literally speaking? It is by one Spirit people are led into the knowledge of the one body, the Church Organized, and hid away with Christ in God. It does not always take place when one is saved or even sanctified. One can be made to take his place in the organized Church by following the word of God and leadings of that “ONE Spirit” only. People that have the experience of sanctification are not hard to bring to the knowledge of the one Divine Church for they are all on the altar for service. It is through obedience to the Word one receives any gift or help. Christ said “sanctify them through Thy truth, Thy word is truth.” There must be a knowledge of truth brought to our understanding before we can receive the experience of sanctification. Just so in bringing to the knowledge of the one Church. It comes about through the one Divine Spirit, many have not seen the one body of Christ and the Church separate from confusion, because they think all saved are in one Church organized, and numbers are scattered out in Babylon and never have been made to see the Church as the Lord intended it to be assembled into one working unit for the saving of the world.

If we teach that all saved people from the time Christ came to the world have constituted the Church “ORGANIZED” up through the gospel dispensation then we will have to discard what Brother Warner taught that during the Protestant age the two witnesses were dead, also throw away types and shadows of temple worship. We must keep in mind that there were two temples ordered of the Lord back before Christ, and these temples were typical of the Church of the morning and the evening of the gospel dispensation, Solomon’s Temple being destroyed or torn down and then rebuilt after Israel was delivered from Babylon was a type of the bringing back to light the one Divine Church in the evening of the Gospel dispensation. Then Herod after the Temple was rebuilt following the deliverance of Israel from Babylon decided he would rebuild the temple again. This was not ordered of the Lord, so history tells us he took the temple down in parts, rebuilding to suit himself, adding to and taking from to please the people. This is certainly a type of just what is being done by the factions now calling themselves the Church of God. Truths are being discarded and needed light rejected and much worldliness creeping in just as Herod paid the revenue on heathen games to please his subjects, so is there being brought in, trying to mix in with sacred services such as play houses, youth camps, ball games, swimming pools and this is to gain favor with the world and pull the crowds rather than holding the standard up to the Word and getting people saved, there is a lowering of the standard. Genuine spirituality and holiness are being substituted with formality to gain favor with the people and pull the crowds. Many Bible truths are being discarded including light on prophecy, and the spiritual books and tracts that one time flooded the country are now almost a thing of the past. Now it is fellowship

any one that professes to be of the Church and place teachers to the front dressed in garbs of worldliness and that do not even see or know what the real Church separate from Babylon is. They do not see the Church clear, and when a message is brought crying out against Babylon they get much worked up and take sides with Babylon claiming all saved in her is in the Church “ORGANIZED” rather than stand out separate as the Word demands.

Surely the time is now here when there must be a moving out into the camp of the saints in light and understanding separate from this new Babylon that has developed in the late years. We read in Zechariah 13:7-9 and other scriptures of a cutting off and gathering out. In Isaiah 11:11, the prophet speaks of the setting of the hand of the Lord the second time to gather THE REMNANT OF HIS PEOPLE. This second gathering surely is in the seventh seal of the evening of the gospel dispensation when the saints are judging the world. 1 Corinthians 6:2.

In Revelation 6:17 and 18:8, we have a day mentioned. This day is to be used as a time symbol, just as the three days and a half of Revelation 11 was used back under the sixth seal to symbolize the 350 years of the Protestant age dating from A.D. 1530 to A.D. 1880 by Warner and others of the sixth seal teachers. There is a preliminary judgment now going on when the saints are judging the world by the Word being preached in the fullness. Just as Noah warned the nations for around 100 years before the flood, so are the nations being judged by the Word preached in its fullness before the final end and second coming of our Lord. The Lord set His hand under the sixth seal, the first fifty years of this 100 years, to bring out a people free from division. Now he is setting his hand the second time in this 100 years under the seventh seal to bring the elect saints on out in understanding into the camp as the few righteous went into the ark before the flood. The door of mercy will be closed at the end of the 100 years, and then will be the final judgment in the hour symbol, as recorded in Revelation 18:17, and Revelation 14:7. Read this; it is the hour of His judgment. In this hour we know not just the day Christ will come to judge and give each one his reward. This hour covers a short period of time just previous to the return of Christ and the final end, and is after the saints have judged the world in a preliminary judgment (notice the wording “HATH” past tense Revelation 18:20), and nations have had an opportunity to know truth in the fullness.

The gathering under the sixth seal brought out a people in unity from division to the one Divine Church. Now they have divided in factions into a new Babylon and the Lord is now gathering from the many divisions, including what was once the Church of God, into the camp for His return.

Some ministers at the front of the divisions, once the Church of God, oppose the need of more light, or a better understanding of truth, and refuse further light now needed. They oppose further light on the prophecies, and by rejecting truth they are unable to bring their followers into truths needed and are running in circles going away from truth rather than to accept it. We are commanded to walk while we have light or darkness will come upon us. Christ tells us in Mark 4:24, “UNTO YOU THAT HEAR SHALL MORE BE GIVEN.” We do not have to be left in darkness, for walking in light will bring more light even to the end.

We are now in the harvesting of the earth with two parts cut off as recorded in Zechariah 13:7-9. Read this prophecy The gathering out of the Kingdom, Matthew 13:41, those refusing light, and sinning the sin of omission by failing to walk in light is one part

to be cut off, and the spewing out of his Church as Revelation 3:16, those refusing to accept more light are the other part cut off, "The sinners in Zion" as recorded in Isaiah 33:14, is referring to those in the church sinning the sin of omission, sitting down on light, some not even sanctified. So there is a gathering out of the Kingdom and spewing out of the Church making preparation for the return of Christ in this age of deception and lukewarmness. But the Church in light is moving on out into the camp in understanding. The camp is when truth is understood and obeyed reaching to the end and final return of Christ.

The need of today is to understand prophecy under the old dispensation with Gospel, and the Revelation. The seventh seal and trumpet light was not given us to be pushed in the background. If those that acknowledged it as truth when it began to come to light in 1930 had not turned back, when they saw some former teachers under the sixth seal were not going to take it as a whole, and had cried the message out from the house top as Christ said in Matthew 10:27, surely it would have caused a great awakening and the Church that was gathered out under the sixth seal would in general have been saved. But sad is the condition as now, with the once Church of God that use to be together, now split and divided into factions unwilling in general to take the seventh seal and trumpet truths that bring to the end and final coming of Christ.

In these divisions there are a few honest souls that are open for truth, and as time goes on they will be brought to the knowledge of the truth needed to be able to stand the judgment shocks of eternity, and will be the Church Christ will come for.

We need to take the Word of God as our guide and allow the Holy Spirit to bring to our understanding light to direct us. If all will do this then all will see eye to eye, as Isaiah 52:8 and there will be no division between the real people of God. In this seventh seal age is when this scripture will be fulfilled. "WITH SOME UNDER THE SIXTH SEAL ZION WAS NOT BROUGHT CLEAR FROM DIVISION." Some preached that all saved were in the Church "ORGANIZED" and surely the Church of the morning of the gospel dispensation was not scattered and divided, but all were together. When Isaiah spoke of bringing again Zion in 52:8, "He said his watchman would see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring AGAIN Zion." If Zion has existed as an "ORGANIZED" church up through the gospel day, as is now being taught, then why this scripture that Zion would be brought "AGAIN?" Then in Isaiah 35:10, "The ransom of the Lord shall return and come to Zion." If they are all in Zion when saved, then why this scripture? Surely they will return from Babylon and come to Zion, for they are not a part of the Church "ORGANIZED." Then again Isaiah 51:11, "Therefore the REDEEMED of the Lord shall return and come with singing to Zion." These scriptures are too simple and plain for a rational minded man to try to refute. Zion when she stands out "AS THE MORNING CHURCH DID," will be free from division to the extent the people of God will not be divided. All that see Zion will see eye to eye.

One may say, yes, but the candlestick symbolizes the Church, and we have a candlestick for all seven of the ages of the Gospel dispensation therefore there was a Church existed in each age. Yes, the Church has existed in each age, but not "ORGANIZED" together as the morning Church, the real Zion.

The Lord worked as much as possible with people in each age, but in the two ages of Protestantism there was no ORGANIZED CHURCH THAT CHRIST COULD BE THE HEAD OF. The Church was unassembled and the Word and Spirit could only

convict people of sin and do a work in saving but not as Divine governing. So there was not any local congregation Christ could be the head of, for the Word and Spirit was dead to that extent.

To those not familiar with the Seventh Trumpet Message bringing the Revelation in the fullness I wish to say the entire book in general is to be used as symbols, while under the sixth seal only a part was used as symbols.

Paul used the members of the natural or physical body to describe the organizing the Church and setting the members in the divinely organized Spiritual body, showing they were not all set in to fill the same place. When the Lord sets a member in the church he knows his talents and qualifications and places him as it pleases himself. 1 Corinthians 12:18 “But now hath God set members every one of them in the body, (The Church) as it hath pleased him.” Saved people are set in the body the church, not born into it. They are born into the kingdom, then given their place to work in the Church.

Back under the sixth seal and even now there are so much being taught that every one saved is then in the church organized. People have been traditionized under this until it is hard for them to see anything else. They have accepted it as truth, just like all protestants under the fifth seal closed up against any further light when not according to their traditions, and die spiritually. It has been generally taught by “The Church of God” that the kingdom and church are the same and there is as much difference when rightly understood as there is in day and night.

The church organized is separate from all division, it was in the early church of the apostles and is made up with people knowing what the church is. How could one be a subject of something he knew nothing about, and fill his place in a local congregation of “The Church of God” Divinely ORGANIZED and a sect congregation at the same time?

We read in Colossians 3:3. “For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God.” When Paul said it was by one spirit we are all baptized into one body, he simply meant the Holy Spirit did ALL in convicting people of sin, bringing to Christ through justification, sanctifying wholly, giving gifts, setting in the body through Christ, in fact all is brought about through the one Divine Holy Spirit, and when one is dead to sin and the world, then his life is hid with Christ in God, just as being buried in water. But it does not all take place just at the time one is saved. There must be a death before a burial, this is accomplished in being filled with the power of the Holy Ghost. There are just about as few according to people in the world now that are dead and their life hid with Christ in God, as there were that crossed over Jordan into the Canaan land of Israel, that left Egypt. They all died in the wilderness with the exception of Caleb and Joshua. Many are falling in the wilderness by failing to walk in light.

Christ preached the kingdom while here on earth. Many were “translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear son.” At the time of His crucifixion there were many who had left all and were following the lowly lamb of God. If no more than the 120 at Pentecost, it could be said they were His assembly, congregation or church, but not organized. Jesus said, “I will build (organize) my church (congregation)” Matthew 16:18. What has just been said about ORGANIZING is just what Jesus meant He was going to do. This is just what happened on the Day of Pentecost, to the 120. Immediately following, there were 3,000 saved and added to them, the church. And as soon as they had understanding, consecration and faith, God set them

in, or builded them in, the DIVINELY ORGANIZED BODY THE CHURCH that Pentecost had produced.

Now they were ready to “Go preach the Gospel,” ORGANIZED THROUGH THE SPIRIT, each one with his gift filling his place in the divine plan of saving, doctrinizing and unifying a lost world.

Now we will look at the 24th chapter of Matthew in the light of an open temple. In the beginning of this chapter of this book we quoted Revelation 15:5-8. Verse five tells us of the Temple being open; this just means that light that had not been revealed up to this time was now being revealed to the Church. In verse eight says the Temple was filled with smoke, meaning prayers of the saints. Those that are not living in a true humble spirit of prayer, with a concern for knowledge of light and understanding, will never see the glorious light of an open temple. If you have seen and accepted this message on the Revelation up to this time, you will rejoice in the 24th chapter of Matthew in the light of an OPEN TEMPLE.

In the first verse of Matthew 24, Jesus and His disciples were leaving the Temple, “His disciples came unto him for to show him the building of the temple.” “And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” In this verse Jesus has predicted the complete destruction of the temple they had just come out of.

Then his disciples asked him three questions: “Tell us when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” Get your Bible and read with me. In verse 4 and 5 Jesus starts the subject by telling them to watch for deceivers. Note this one thing: those that are deceived are in a poor condition to receive this light of an OPEN TEMPLE revealed to the Church of today. Now read verses 6 to 13, this is easy to be understood. Its fulfillment is plain. Now verse 14 tells us, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” Now he has taken us unto the end giving us literal signs. Now verse 15 drops back and takes up another line of thought and brings us through again to the end of time.

Before we proceed further I want to call attention to God’s method of bringing SPIRITUAL TRUTHS from literal things. The Prophets of old would speak of literal Israel, but immediately we find ourselves carried by the Spirit of God over into the gospel day for its spiritual fulfillment. The Spirit must direct, for this will not work on everything. In this way many truths have been hid until the time came in which God was ready to reveal them. Jesus, in His great wisdom, has used this method of telling spiritual things in the 24th chapter of Matthew. He did not tell His disciples he was using this method, but is now revealing it unto us in the seventh seal, the TIME OF THE OPEN TEMPLE. There was a literal fulfillment, even the men who wrote our Bible commentaries could see it, but they did not see the spiritual fulfillment, for the time was not yet come.

After Jesus had taken us through to the end of time in verse 14, He then drops back and starts through again with verse 15. “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (Whoso readeth let him understand).” One translator has said, when ye see this abomination SET UP IN THE HOLY PLACE. Whatever this abomination was, Jesus

spake of had gotten into the "Holy Place." The following verses tell us what to do when WE SEE the abomination.

The first reference given in my Bible is Daniel 9:27. In order to understand what Daniel is talking about, let us drop back to verse 9:24. We will notice Daniel's visions extended from Daniel's time to the END OF TIME. In Daniel 10:14, "Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people IN THE LATTER DAYS: for yet the vision is for many days." The LATTER DAYS is referring to the gospel dispensation.

Now in Daniel 9:24: "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." This vision takes to the end of time, for in it the most Holy, Jesus Christ, was anointed. He made an end of sins, brought in everlasting righteousness and sealed up the vision and prophecy. This 70 weeks takes us from Daniel's time to the end of time. Verse 25 is going to give us a starting date and point out the exact time to the coming of the Messiah. "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and three score and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." In searching history I find that it was about the date of B.C. 453 that the last commandment was given to rebuild the walls of the city of Jerusalem. This is the time to start the 69 weeks which would take us to the time of the Messiah the Prince. Read Genesis 29:27-28 and you will see that a WEEK is SEVEN YEARS. Jacob served seven years for a wife, then had to take the oldest girl, Leah. Then he was told to serve another week and he could have Rachel. Seven years was called in those days a week.

Now let us multiply a bit; seven times 69 would be 483 years. Now take the time from 453 B.C., the going forth of the commandment to build the walls, add 30 years, Christ's age at the time of entering His ministry and you will have 483 years. This is clear, the 69 weeks brings to the time Christ, the Prince, enters His great work.

Christ is here and another space of time is to be marked off in the next verse. Verse 26 "But after three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." Now we are told that after 62 weeks after Christ entered on His mission He was cut off. This means He was cut off from the people. Now 7 times 62 would be 434 years, plus Christ's age of 30 years the time of entering His ministry, would bring us to 464 years A.D. Now I am told that the people of the prince would destroy the city and the sanctuary. At this time the Catholics claimed to be the people of the Prince, and I find in history dated 465 A.D. in one of their DIETS passed the following resolution: "We used to think Christ's religion was a work of grace in the heart, but now, we have decided that it is an external performance." From this time on the Catholics did not preach salvation in the heart; Christ was certainly cut off from the people. Notice it says, "The people of the Prince (Catholicism) that shall come shall destroy the city (Church) and the sanctuary." God's sanctuary is in the hearts of His people, Christ being cut off from the people certainly would destroy the sanctuary. From this time of 464 A.D. the truth was certainly swept away like a flood. "And unto the end of the war desolations are determined." You will find an account of this same war in

Revelation 12:7-8 “And there was war in heaven: (the church) Michael (Christ) and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.” This certainly has brought us into the time of the dark ages.

Now let us go back and sum up verses 24 and 25. In verse 24 the 70 weeks took us to the end of the world and sealed up the vision, and in verse 25 the 69 weeks brought us to the time of Christ. Now subtract the 69 weeks, the time to Christ, from the 70 weeks, the time to the end, and you have one week left to cover the gospel day. This seven day week covers the seven candlestick ages in the gospel day.

Verse 27 “And He (Christ) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week (Dark ages) He shall cause the sacrifice and oblation (True worship of saints) to cease, and for the overspreading of ABOMINATIONS (referred to from Matthew 24:15) he shall make it (the Church) desolate, until the consummation (The consuming of Catholicism) and that determined (Judgments of God) shall be poured upon the desolate.” (Catholicism)

These scriptures certainly are plain and need little comment. Christ certainly confirmed his covenant with all who would trust him, through the one week covering the entire Gospel day. And in the midst of the week Christ was cut off from the people, by the so-called people of the Prince. This is just what the Catholics did during the dark night of Papal reign.

Now this will forever settle the question of what the ABOMINATION is that Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24:15. It positively cannot mean the destruction of the literal Temple in Jerusalem as we have been taught. I am not finding fault with our past teachers, for I once taught this myself, and was honest in my thinking. I know these descriptions and happenings fit the literal Temple in Jerusalem. That has always been the case, Solomon’s Temple, and Temple worship has always had a spiritual significance carried over to the Church and its worship. Tradition is hard to break and it will be hard for some to accept this application. I am convinced it is true and am willing to accept it.

Now if this ABOMINATION has a spiritual application to the Church, the scriptures that follow will have to be applied the same way. Jesus certainly knew the ABOMINATION of the apostasy was coming, and now He is telling what to do when we see it. The truth that brought spiritual vision and caused God’s people to SEE this ABOMINATION was preached in the sixth seal, by D. S. Warner and others. We did not SEE the ABOMINATIONS of spiritual Babylon until the opening of the sixth seal. At that time people were made to SEE through the preaching of the word this ABOMINATION.

Matthew 24:16 and following verses tell us what to do when we SEE this ABOMINATION. “Then (when you SEE) let them which be in Judea flee (out of Babylon) into the mountains” (of Israel). Literally, people that were in Judea were not in Zion, for it was in Jerusalem, and Judea was the surrounding country. In like manner people may be near the Divinely organized, Heavenly Jerusalem and not be in it. So Jesus tells us what to do when we SEE this Babylonian ABOMINATION; flee to the mountains, which means mountains of Israel or Mount Sion.

Verse 17 “Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house.” Matthew 10:27 “What I tell you in darkness, that preach ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetop.” At the opening of the sixth seal there were men on the housetop preaching all the light they had. Then when light

came, and they were made to SEE the ABOMINATION, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, they were not to come down and take things out of their old Babylonian house. Jesus told us these things “in darkness,” but now we can “preach them in light.”

Verse 18 “Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.” Jesus tells us in Matthew 13:38 “The field is the world.” He said go into all the world and preach the gospel. Now “When ye SEE the light,” do not turn back to take his Babylonian clothes. Some people want to bring their old Babylonian practices out into the Church of God. We are commanded to just leave it all behind and WALK IN THE LIGHT.

Verse 19, “And woe (sorrow, grief, misery) unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!” When people SEE this ABOMINATION and the glorious Church of God, and are spiritually nourishing children in Babylon, it is WOE, meaning misery, suffering and pain, because it is hard to lead them out. Many have seen the glorious Church of God, and wept, because they could not get their children out.

Verse 20 “But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day.” In the cold frozen days of spiritual “winter” is a bad time to get out of Babylon. The chill, frost and freeze has struck many who claim to be Church of God. To preach “Babylon is fallen,” and “Come out of her my people,” is like pouring ice water on a frozen man. Then he said to pray that your flight be not on the Sabbath day. Now go back with me again to Daniel 9:24-26. You remember we took the 69 weeks, the time to Christ, from the 70 weeks, the time to the end, and we had one week left to cover the gospel day. The Sabbath, or seventh day of this week, would be the lukewarm Laodicean church age in which we live. Lukewarmness has added many difficulties to the problem of getting newborn babes out of Babylon. This makes it plain why Jesus said, “Pray that your flight be not on the Sabbath.” He wanted to make it clear that this would be a difficult time to get folk out of Babylon; this we have found to be true.

Verse 21 “For THEN (in this Sabbath and winter) shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” 22 “And except those days be shortened there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”

We are now entering into the great spiritual tribulation or battle of Armageddon and it’s going to get worse. The Gog and Magog forces are surrounding the camp of the saints opposing TRUTH with all ancient and MODERN deceptions. This leads into the “hour” symbol at the end of the seventh seal, which is a time of the greatest persecution the saints have ever received, “Such a time never has been, no, nor ever shall be.” This is the “WINTER TIME” and except those days be shortened there would no flesh be saved—no saints left or living in the flesh when Jesus comes after His bride. We are told for the “ELECT’S SAKE” those days shall be shortened. The ELECT are those who by their own choice have decided to be true at any cost.

Verse 23 “Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here (in this doctrine) is Christ, or there; (in that movement) believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before. 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; (dried up deceptions) go not forth: behold he is in the secret chamber; (lodges or secret orders) believe it not. 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the East and shineth even unto the west; so also shall the coming of the

Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcass (dead religion) is, there will the eagles (vultures) be gathered together.”

Now let us go back and sum up this chapter; there are two ABOMINATIONS and two TRIBULATIONS spoken of by Daniel and referred to by Jesus. The one we have mentioned, the ABOMINATION and TRIBULATION of the “Dark and cloudy day” from 270 to 1880 A.D.

In verse 29 of Matthew Jesus said, “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun (of righteousness) be darkened, and the moon (gospel reflected in the law) shall not give her light, and the stars (ministers) shall fall from heaven, (heavenly places) and the powers of heaven shall be shaken” (sixth seal earthquake). Now read Revelation 6:12-13. “And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sack cloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth.” Now it is easy to see that what Jesus said about the stars, moon and sun has reference to the sixth seal age. Jesus said it was immediately after the TRIBULATION or ABOMINATION of those days that this would happen.

Now Jesus has brought us into the sixth seal age, which ends 1930 A.D. Now let us read Matthew 24:30, “And then (following the sixth seal which would be the seventh seal) shall appear the sign (signs of the times) of the Son of man in heaven: (heavenly places, the Church) and then (following the seventh seal, in the hour symbol) shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

In the seventh seal age, which began 1930 A.D. we, are living in the age of an “Open temple.” Read Revelation 11:19 and 15:5. This is the age in which the “SIGN” of His coming is given as never before. When the “seven thunders uttered their voices” in the beginning of this last candlestick age, we were made to understand and to see things out to the end of time. We not only see literal fulfillments of wars, pestilence and famines, but we see spiritual wars, famines, pestilence, shakings and earthquakes in the Church, and the things that cause them. The FULLNESS OF AN OPEN TEMPLE in knowledge, show the SIGNS OF HIS COMING.

In this seventh seal the SIGNS OF HIS COMING are made clear, then following will be the mourning of all nations, the “HOUR OF TEMPTATION” as mentioned in Revelation 3:10 and 18:10. This is the TRIBULATIONS Jesus mentioned in verse 21. (Read it once more)

In the light to an open temple, in which we now live, Matthew 24:31 is being fulfilled. “And He (Jesus) shall send his angels (ministers) with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together (Isaiah 11:11) this elect (those that follow the Lamb) from the four winds, (every part of the earth) from one end of heaven to the other” (all must hear it).

The next verses are too plain to need much comment. Let us read verse 32, “Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: 33. So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it (the END) is near, even at the door.” Verse 34 “Verily I say unto you, This generation (that see these signs) shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.” According to these scriptures there are some living, and seeing these things, who will be living at the return of Christ. Some may say this is all fantastic. If this is not what it means I am open for TRUTH. This certainly harmonizes with the light of an “OPEN

TEMPLE.” Verse 35 declares, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

Verse 36 “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” The DAY AND HOUR is not made known to man, but the signs, that make clear that it is EVEN AT THE DOOR, are given.

In verses 37-39 Jesus tells us conditions of the end. “But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the Ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; SO SHALL ALSO THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE.” People before the flood did not believe Noe’s message, neither do they believe this message today. They KNEW NOT because THEY BELIEVED NOT.

In Genesis chapter 7 we are told of Noe, his family and all living things entering the ark. Verses 4 and 10 make it clear that there were SEVEN DAYS after they entered the ark before the flood came. When God closed the door of the ark after Noe, mercy’s door was closed for them without. “Yet they did not know until the flood came and swept them away.” These seven days Noe was in the ark awaiting the flood is a symbol or type of the ONE HOUR symbol of seven years, mentioned in Revelation 3:10, and the TRIBULATION Jesus mentioned in Matthew 24:21. As God closed the door of mercy to those antediluvians seven days before their final destruction, “So also shall the coming of the Son of man be,” in like manner shall mercy’s door be closed to the nations just before Jesus comes. The nations will close the door of mercy themselves. At this time the atheistic forces of the dragon powers will endeavor to crush all religions and will stop the preaching of the gospel to the world as unto nations.

The Seventh seal age brings to the end of the 100 year day of preliminary judgment, of the pouring out of the seven last vials, or plagues. Now let us read Revelation 8:1. “And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven (the Church, no trumpet sounding, no gospel preached as nations) about the space of half an hour.” After the seventh seal was opened and the seventh trumpet has sounded, this hour symbol of TRIBULATION is now shortened to about “half an hour.” This is in harmony with what Jesus said in Matthew 24:21-22: “Except those days be shortened there should no flesh be saved.” John says “ABOUT” half an hour. So we have no way of knowing the “DAY OR THE HOUR.”

Some may say this looks like defeat for God and his people and victory for the devil and his forces. O! no, “THEN shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” This indeed is the “HOUR OF TEMPTATION,” and all who have not consecrated to the DEATH will yield. But those who have chosen to be the “ELECT” will shine while others fall. Even the flood was VICTORY for God, also the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah. The judgments at the end of the world, and even the preliminary judgments, are to His glory. In the days of Noe there were not many righteous. At the second coming of the Lord the righteous will be few in comparison. On one occasion Jesus ask His disciples this question: “When the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?” He said for the elect’s sake he would shorten the TRIBULATION. This suggests that he will find faith on the earth in His saints.

In Matthew 24:15 Jesus mentions “THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,” spoken of by Daniel the prophet, and the first reference given in the reference of my

Bible is Daniel 9:27; this we have fully explained. Now there are two more references given; one is Daniel 11:31 and the other is Daniel 12:11. We are now living in the LIGHT OF AN OPEN TEMPLE—THE SEVENTH SEAL. We are made to see things happening now and will continue on to the end of time. The KING OF THE SOUTH and the KING OF THE NORTH are rivals one against the other. They are striving for supremacy of power. The king of the South is the king of Babylon; the spirit of all false religions. The King of the North is the spirit of ATHEISM that would crush ALL religions, even the TRUE RELIGION. The world today is divided into two forces—one for religion and the other against it. In this 11th chapter the king of the North was final victor. This is where Babylon the Great goes down to RISE NO MORE, as recorded in Revelation chapter 18. According to Revelation 18:9-19 Babylon goes down, before the return of Christ, in the HOUR symbol. “And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning. Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great City Babylon, that mighty city! for in ONE HOUR is thy judgments come.” This is the time of that great TRIBULATION spoken of by Jesus in Matthew 24:31, and was shortened to about half an hour according to Revelation 8:1. This is also mentioned in Daniel 11:31 as the ABOMINATION. “And arms (power) shall stand on his part, (king of the north) and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, (by silencing its preaching) and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the ABOMINATION that maketh desolate.”

In silencing the preaching of the Gospel they stop public worship; in this, it is said, they “take away the daily sacrifice and bring in the ABOMINATION that maketh desolate. Since the 11th chapter of Daniel is dealing with some things yet future I will not at this time enter into the details.

In Daniel 12:1 we are told of the same tribulation Jesus mentioned in Matthew 24:21. During this tribulation Jesus shortens the time and DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE. “And at that time shall Michael (Jesus) stand up, the great prince which shall stand for thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as there never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” In the light of the preceding scriptures and explanations this scripture seems to need no further comment.

Now Daniel 12:11 is the last reference from Matthew 24:15, which refers us to the ABOMINATION. This is the last abomination and is pointing us to the end of time. Verse 11 “And from the time the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the ABOMINATION that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days, 12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.”

This is a time of slaughter, both spiritually and literally, for people of all religions, including the true people of God, and we are made to hear God saying it is enough, as in the days of Noe, and closing out with final and eternal victory for His elect saints. We are not told what shall be at the end of the thousand two hundred and ninety days. But there is a blessing awaiting those who endure to the end of the thousand three hundred five and thirty days. What would be a greater blessing than to be delivered from THIS THE GREATEST TRIBULATION that ever has been. This last period of time is about three years and eight months, which would correspond to about half an hour of time shortened.

If you do not like this explanation you are at liberty to search for yourself. If this is not what it means I am still open for truth. AMEN.

THE SEVENTH CANDLESTICK (Revelation 3:14-22)

A.D. 1930 to A.D. 1980—50 Years

Revelation 3:14-22:

14. And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;
15. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot.
16. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
17. Because thou sayest I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:
18. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.
19. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent.
20. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
21. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.
22. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

This letter of the Laodicean church corresponds with the prophecies relative to the rebuilding of the temple, and any spiritual minded saint of God can certainly see that we today are now in a lukewarm age spiritually both universally and locally. There is no use to try to excuse ourselves. We as a church have run into the rut of lukewarmness, and we are receiving the chastisement as in verse 19. We must back up where we have left off generally speaking and accept all the light, truth and power that God has offered us and get on fire for His great cause in this world. **THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE** through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the service of God.

Back in the time of the Lutheran and Wesleyan Reformations they had no hope only to depend upon the Lord. They had no church buildings, and by taking their stand for truth over Catholicism and by trusting and depending wholly upon God and His Spirit, even without the conveniences of modern buildings, and equipments, seminaries, and such like, they triumph for God and right, and as time moved on they prospered and God blessed their efforts. However, later on, as they moved on they began to organize themselves into sects, with man as head, and truth ignored, until in time according to prophecy God brought about another great awakening. And at this time holy men of God, D. S. Warner and others, only a few in number compared with professed Christianity, began to thunder forth the judgments of truth against the forms of worship of that day, preaching against sect making and false deception. They also preached as directed of the Lord without the means of modern equipments, or well-equipped meetinghouses, but their dependence was in the Lord and His spirit to qualify and supply the need. Because of their boldness, truth began to spread and people came to the truth because of the great

light. They were opposed by religious movements of their day, and were considered as a group of come-outers, fanatics, and old fogies, but in spite of this, honest souls came to the truth.

Now in this time the church has reached the same place as denominationalism did, and this is mentioned in this Laodicean letter. We make our boasts that we now have one among the largest printing establishments in the United States. And a million dollar revolving church extension fund, and fine church buildings throughout the country, and church schools, and colleges, with numbers of college degree ministers.

In the eyes of the world they see little difference, if any, in the church of God than other movements, and in some places the standard among us has been lowered from where it was preached in the sixth seal age until it causes no friction. The judgments against us as John refers to in this Laodicean letter are just as true as the Bible is true. Time has come for an awakening. God loves His people, and always rebukes and reproves or warns, before cutting off. He tells us frankly in verse 19, "TO BE ZEALOUS THERE FORE AND REPENT." There is a victorious way out of this lukewarm age and this is the way out.

In former days the ministry were all equal, the educated and the uneducated, in fact most of them were called into the work who knew little from a college standpoint, and that is still true today with those who are humble and consecrated for His truth and the cause of God. A LITTLE CHILD CAN LEAD THEM. THEY ARE TEACHABLE, and not high-minded. Salvation rules their hearts through the spirit regardless of head learning and material knowledge.

It is generally believed now that in order to be successful in God's work the minister must have a college degree. In the past and even in the present we have ministers who have made and are making a success without such preparation. The Holy Spirit and His word will direct and through prayer and consecration, God's purpose and work can be accomplished.

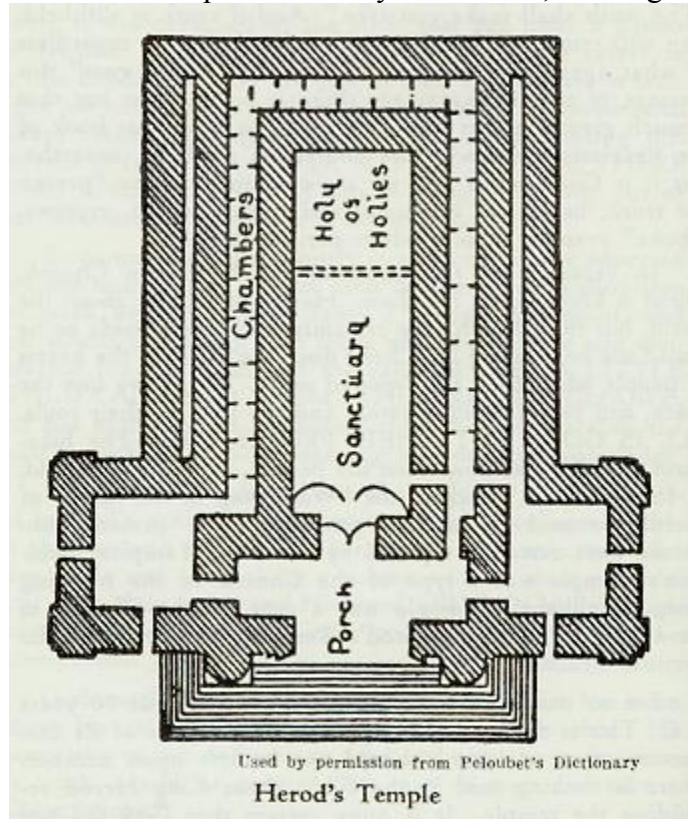
God surely knows what qualifications a man has even before He calls or sends him into his field of labor. He knows who to call and who to send and after he is sent into the work, would he require that man to stop and take a college course.

We have already studied in this book relative to the teachings of Revelation and prophecy as the judgments of truth that went out against the false deception of the Papacy, and then later on against the human element and creed making of Protestantism, and now in this evening church age of this Laodicean period, we have the truth sounding against the evils of lukewarmness and modernism, and if we fail to take our stand for this truth of the Word of God, we will bring, condemnation upon ourselves and the work of God, will suffer and souls will be lost. Jesus said "The truth shall make you free." And if truth is withheld, men will remain in bondage with false deception regardless of what age is referred to. If we would "sugar coat" this message of the lukewarm age there is no question but that a much greater effort would be made to carry this book of the Revelation truths to the church as a whole; nevertheless it is God's word and we are commissioned to "preach the truth, be instant in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke" even in these modern perilous times.

In verse 20 of this letter to the Laodicean Church, Christ is knocking at the door. He is not talking about the world, but the Church. He certainly is on the outside or he would not be wanting in. Christ does not dwell in the hearts of people when they are

“spewed out.” They have lost the peace, and joy of their salvation and the pilot of their souls. ALL IS GONE BUT THEIR PROFESSION. The lukewarm apostasy has now taken the people, in whom God said, “I find no fault,” back to the “Wallowing in the mire,” of worldliness and Babylonian practices. The present conditions were certainly typified by the three Temples; Solomon’s Temple was a type of the Church of the morning time, Zerubbabel’s Temple was a type of the Church in the evening time, and Herod’s Temple was a type of the spiritual structure of a lukewarm, spewed people.

Let us notice Herod’s temple, builded about 20 years B.C. This is the one standing when Jesus spoke of its destruction, that one stone should not be left upon another. There is nothing said in the Bible about King Herod rebuilding the temple. It is quite certain that God did not order it done or place His approval on such changes. You will find a complete summary of the facts, herein given, in Peloubet’s Bible Dictionary.



Let us notice some of the characteristics of King Herod himself. He was not a Jew, but married into the Jewish family. He was a worldly man, a supporter of the Olympics in his day. He tried to do things to satisfy and please the Jewish people. At first he was a ruler over small provinces, but finally was appointed governor of Judea. In a few years, by the help of the Romans, he captured Jerusalem and soon established his authority throughout his dominion. At first he had some fine traits, but soon he was changed and became very cruel, murdering some of his own family as well as others. Just before his death he ordered the execution of his nobles, the ones he had called to himself last. He also ordered the slaying of the

infants in the days of the Christ child. This was the nature of this man and we will notice the antitype fulfillment later.

He wanted to do something great to please the Jews. So about 20 years B.C. he wanted to tear the temple down and build a greater one; to this the Jews would not consent. He suggested that he would take down the temple a little at a time and enlarge it. This he did. It is said that he adorned Jerusalem with many monuments of his taste and magnificence, but the temple that he built with scrupulous care was the greatest. It is said that he built the temple in eighteen months with many other changes added for many years. He made it about three times as large as the previous one, with rooms and additions that the former did not have. He widened the front of the building and gave it a BIG SHOWY FRONT. The original temple only had one entrance by the altar and laver,

which is a type of Christ and the washing of regeneration. The MOST HOLY PLACE had no furniture in it at all. It was an empty room. On the sides of the big entrance to the temple were magnificent cloisters, decorated and ornamented. In the sides of these cloisters were carvings of teachers sitting in front of their classes teaching them. There were nine additional doors through which it was convenient to pass from the classes into the interior of the temple. At convenient places around the temple there were erected money booths for the collecting of the tithes and offerings for temple use.

The original temple had no other building inside the fence or enclosure, but inside the front gate or entrance, Herod built a large women's department. One could go around, but the nearest way to the temple was through it. From the top of a balcony in this building, the women could watch the men officiate in the temple. Men were not allowed in this upper department. In it were thirteen TRUMPET-SHAPED MONEY BOXES. It is further stated that records of much of the money for the temple were kept in this department. Also, there were doorways leading to money vaults below.

Between the women's department and the temple was a men's department, in which no women were allowed. It was much smaller than the building for the women. The altar was built with some conveniences for the priests that the original did not have. It is said that the priests did not use all the sacrifices and offerings as God had ordered, but used part of them making feasts for their friends. The above facts are taken from Peloubet's Bible Dictionary.

Now let us notice these facts in type and shadows. Herod had his day and made these changes in the last part of the days of literal Israel, the Church. Now, looking for the antitype fulfillment of today, let us face facts honestly and fairly. We regret that many things are taking place in the Church today, but to deny facts is folly. The truth is what we need and it will remain the truth whether we accept or reject it. The same spirit that prompted Herod can be seen in the leaders of the Church today, who are trying to enlarge it with their modernistic methods. Like Herod, they are trying to put a BIG FRONT on the Church of God, ease up on its strong points for the purpose of expansion and personal gain. By many it is made a church among churches, no longer, a separate, distinct group of "Called out ones." Herod was a worldly man, supporting the Olympics. In like manner, many church leaders are very worldly, attending the movies and wasting much time that they should spend on their knees. Many churches and gatherings have been turned into play houses and places of entertainment. Many things are being practiced and tolerated that forty years ago would not have been allowed. As a SLOGAN, "Holiness unto the Lord," is getting dim. A headquarters, of ministerial power and man authority, with all its state and district tributaries, has, once more, killed the "Two witnesses," the Word and the Spirit, and has destroyed Holy Ghost government and divine rule in the Church.

Herod had some fine traits, but soon became cruel, murdering some of his nobles and even some of his own family, who opposed him. In like manner, many are disfellowshipped, set aside and killed spiritually, who oppose this great organization calling itself Church of God.

The people would not consent for Herod to tear the temple down and build a larger and more convenient one, but consented to changing a little at a time until the temple was completely made over. Neither would the saints of God consent for the leaders to make the Church of God anew, but little by little it has been made entirely a

different spiritual structure from what it was even forty or fifty years ago. Like Herod, they will tell you a grand improvement has been made. But what does God think?

The carvings of teachers and classes, in the walls of the cloisters around the temple, reflect the fulfillment in our age today. The church is STREAMLINING education. It is at the top of the list of requirements. It is placing a premium on DEGREES that God never intended. A Bible school is all right, if it is the right kind. To arrange classes and teach is Biblical, if the right thing is taught. Why place a premium on the study of FAITH KILLING SUBJECTS? Under the existing conditions of today, one must be a graduate of some accredited school to be eligible for an office or an appointment to some place in the great man-made system and practice in the so-called Church of God. Recently I noticed in print that a certain young man and wife had graduated from a certain school and had received an APPOINTMENT as missionaries to a certain country. Nothing at all was said of his call from God. These side doors, in Herod's temple, near the carved teachers and classes, are a symbol of the present day in which graduates can pass into the enlarged temple work made by man. Many denominations will not ordain a man who has not reached a certain rating in his education. Many of them require a four-year course. We are fast coming to that place in this expanded, modernized, enlarged, re-arranged, so-called Church of God. We have preached for years that we do not believe in organizing a church, but we have organized everything in the Church. We do not have any more Bible for some things that we are doing, calling it Church of God, than the denominations have for some things that they are doing.

These side doors show us the possibility of graduates from these classes entering into the temple without passing by way of the altar and laver, which is a type of an experience of salvation. We know they do not enter into the real temple, the Bible Church. Herod's temple is a type of man's work and not God's. Streamlining education is detracting from the way of the cross. In this enlarged system of man government, in the church today, there are places or offices of honor and salary, as well as pastorates, to which many pass from the classroom.

God's plan is so much different. One must pass through the door by the altar and laver, which means salvation. God calls both educated and uneducated. In the Bible there were more just common folks called to the ministry than there were educated. Since men are taking over, they are doing differently.

God said to go into all the world, and preach and teach the gospel. There would be nothing against arranging classes or a school, if it taught the gospel of the kingdom, placing emphasis where it belongs. The Church today is making the art of teaching, degrees, and a show of human wisdom the first qualification. Many are striving for their degrees, feeling that they cannot succeed in the ministry without them. The morning Church went everywhere preaching the gospel of the kingdom. A full heart is more important than a full head. Both may work together if we do not get top heavy and come with enticing words of men's wisdom.

The morning Church did not take time to get a display of men's wisdom placed upon it. Whom God called He qualified and sent testifying and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, anointed by the Holy Ghost and power, with signs following. Paul's instruction to Timothy was: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the WORD OF TRUTH." (2 Timothy 2:15).

Paul did not mean for him to major in all the FAITH KILLING theories of his day. Many of the subjects taught in our colleges wrest the scriptures, misapply them, and destroy simple faith in the Word of God. No wonder signs are ceasing to follow.

Herod's temple had nine side doors. Solomon's and Zerubbabel's temples each had one door of entrance. The priest that offered the sacrifice and sprinkled the blood was required to wash in the laver before entering the temple. John, in Revelation 1:5-6, makes it clear that we must enter by way of "Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." This easy, yet deceptive way of entering from the classroom through the side door, directed by the hand of men, in deceiving many who are affiliated with modern systems of church work today, some whose hearts are empty, lukewarm, and spewed out. In reality, such a people do not represent the New Testament CHURCH OF GOD. Any teaching or practice that lets men in through a side door, placing them into church work, is deceptive. Jesus says, "I am the door." (John 10:9). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." (John 10:1)

Herod made changes also in the brazen altar for the convenience of the administering priests, so as to make it easier for them. Some today are trying to make an easier way to enter the kingdom.

Herod erected money booths around the temple for the convenience of the people in bringing in their tithes and offerings. This seemed to have been going in full sweep when Jesus drove the moneychangers out saying, "Ye have made my house a den of thieves." The Church today has erected many money booths and places of convenience for collecting the tithes and offerings, with much stress placed upon its importance. "Money, money, reach the budget," is the great cry. Like the Jews, some are forgetting the weightier matters. What they bid you, do and observe, but do not after their ways. (Matthew 23:3).

Another alarming thing is, Herod's temple had nothing in the Most Holy Place. It was empty. In Hebrews 9:8, Paul says that "Most Holy Place" signifies the Holy Ghost for us. This would mean the masses today are empty and void of a sanctified experience. To get this experience one must first pass by the altar and laver of regeneration. Too many are entering through side doors without the experience of salvation. Like Herod, the ministry of today is responsible for these conditions in the church. We are in the "lukewarm" age, and many are spewed out of the mouth of God. How could they have anything but an empty room in their hearts and troubles in the Church? There are side doors for many to enter that never saw a college. It is so easy to profess in many congregations.

In many places carnality can be seen in the ministry and laity alike. Such ranting and jangling as can be found in some churches would certainly mean an empty room. There are still a few that are saved and sanctified, walking in all the light they have, but they are quite in the minority.

It is said that the priests, in Herod's day, would use some of the money collected to make feasts for their friends. Is it possible today, that after the great, "Money, money," cry, that some of it would be used for entertaining?

Just inside of the front gate of the outside enclosure of Herod's temple, he erected a large Women's Department. One could go around, but the nearest and most convenient

way to the temple was through it. This could mean nothing more or less than the great Women's Missionary Society. Now do not misunderstand me; missions are all right if they are carried on right. The gospel of missions is in the commission of "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." God never told the good sisters to organize such a great human organization with a dominating headquarters. We can praise God for the missionary spirit of the women, but, like Herod, God never ordered such a structure. I hear some one say, "They have done a lot of good." The sectarian world does some good, but I hear God condemning their great organizations as beasts and harlots.

In this women's department was kept THIRTEEN TRUMPET-SHAPED MONEY BOXES. It is interesting to note the many ways the missionary ladies have been sounding these trumpets for money, some of which are not legitimate. Each state or district is given credit and a record is made and put on exhibition in the parade, so that the right hand can always know what the left one is doing.

God said, "Give" and "Go preach," but He did not order such an organization as a part of the church.

It is further said that in this women's department records were kept of much of the money used in the temple worship. Also, a subway led to the other vaults of the temple.

There was a balcony to this department, where the women could watch the priests administer in front of the temple. No men were allowed. This is clear. Women are the only ones to hold these high offices in the society. No men are allowed in the balcony of the office department.

This great organization in the church has been brought about by some good saved saints of God, having more zeal than real knowledge of the Word of God. Many, that really love God and lost souls, have been led little by little into this great organization which is unscriptural. This is exactly what the denominational world has done, but God condemns it and says: "Come out of her my people." I hear some say that the Missionary Society has done so much good. Yes, this we admit, and we admit that denominations have done much good through their organizations, but this does not prove that it is right to organize a church or any part of the Church. If Jesus organized or builded the Church, why do we have to work it over and re-organize any part of it? When we organize any part the Church, we again kill the two witnesses—Word and Spirit.

In the sixth seal age (1880-1930) the Church of God preached against organization of a church or any part of the Church. This kind of preaching gathered a great number out on Mount Sion, "harping with their harps" the message of unity and a divine church; and God said, "I find no fault in them." (Revelation 14). What Biblical grounds do we have or going back into the thing we came out of? Let us notice in full what God said about the people of the sixth seal age: "There are they which were not defiled with women; (Man's organizations—churches) for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault before God." (Revelation 14:4-5). "This is the way, walk ye in it." (Isaiah 30:21). Why change it?

Between the women's department and the temple, Herod built a MEN'S department. Why do we have to have a Brotherhood to make men feel their responsibility, get them together, and get them to work for God? The same reasons were given for joining the creeds of Babylon when I was down there yoked up with their

organizations. When we take up Babylonian practices, we become a part of it, and we cease to be the real Mount Sion, New Testament Church of God, though we may still carry the name.

On the back side of the temple Herod made two gates and two bridges leading by a near way to the business part of the city. This has its fulfillment today in the enlargement of the Church, in its centralized business headquarters entering the commercial world for the sake of money; thus, a near and convenient way has been made to the business center of the city.

On the outside and near the fence, at the back side of the temple, there was a place for the Sanhedrin to meet and discuss some special things concerning the affairs of the temple. This was the highest court. It is said to have originated after the return of the Jewish captivity—one man said about 107 years B.C.

We must look for its spiritual fulfillment in the last of the gospel day, after we returned from spiritual Babylon. It is the result of man rule in the Church and centralization of power, erecting boards, setting up councils and high offices. Naturally, there would be the arranging and meeting of the high officials to discuss and to pass final decisions, just like the Sanhedrin.

On the back side and near the gates leading to the business center of the city, was another building erected by King Herod, not ordered of the Lord. It was a large building to house the guards that guarded the temple. Such a thing was not known in connection with either of the previous temples. As long as the people stayed with God, He took care of His own house. This is true of the Church. Some, who are not so zealous about the standards of the Church being up to the Bible standards, are guarding with scrupulous care this man-made headquarters of authority with highly honored and well-paid offices carried on in the name of the Church of God.

Herod's remodeling and changing certainly changed the Jewish worship. It took on a worldly nature, with unauthorized additions and formality that killed the real spirit of worship. Those that Jesus drove out of the temple were carrying on as usual. At this time there were few Israelites indeed.

Let us, today, honestly look for the fulfillment of the antitype in the Church. We must first get our eyes open to the present conditions before we can see these things. Many people in the Church of God, and others professing to be, are in a critical condition. Some of the most spiritual know something is wrong, but do not know just what it is. Others, like the Herodian Jews, are well satisfied. God is not pleased with what is going on.

In comparison, many are far from the standard of faith and practice of the morning Church. What a change has come about in the past twenty years. O! may God open our eyes and touch our hearts, as He did Lydia's of old, that we may see and return to the Bible standards of God's truth. He will do just that, if we will have the willingness to acknowledge the evil and return to the true standards of God's truth.

These conditions bring us into the greatest conflict the Church has ever faced—Battle of Armageddon. A battle of right against wrong, truth against error, and it is fought in the "Mountain of the Lord's house."

Herod was a proud, covetous, boastful, heady, and high-minded man. This spirit can be seen in the leaders of those enlarging and adding to God's Church today.

Paul says in writing to Timothy: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affections, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." (2 Timothy 5:1-5).

We believe, beyond a doubt, that we are living in the last days of which Paul spoke. The very spirit that Herod had is described in Paul's admonition to Timothy. It is not hard to look around and see people as described in the above quotation working in the enlarged condition of the Church today. We could wish these things were not so, but it is too bad that we must acknowledge facts with sad and aching hearts. The above mentioned things have sapped the spiritual power of the Church, bringing in a form of worship without power. God is not pleased with such carrying-on in the name of the Church and says, "From such turn away." We just have one choice in order to please God and that is to come out of such things and with the spirit of Christ and a love for God and his truth, denounce them.

The devil would tell us that we do not have to quit such groups and practices, but be very tolerant for the sake of unity and harmony and that we should tolerate the BAD for the sake of the GOOD. It is clear: "From such turn away." "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (Revelation 2:7).

Now let us notice further some types and antitypes that surely will help us today to see some things which are not pleasing to God.

One Cyrus (the Mede) being king of Media and Persia, when they conquered Babylon, granted the return of 42,300 Jews, under the leadership of Zerubbabel, to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem.

First, they erected an altar unto the Lord, then proceeded to lay the foundation of the temple. When the foundation was laid, without any justifiable reason, they halted the work and went to building costly homes for themselves. This had its antitype, spiritual fulfillment in the rebuilding of the Church of God in the sixth seal, 1880-1930.

In the year of 1880 A.D., D. S. Warner and others saw the Bible Church, and also saw the saints of God scattered in spiritual Babylon. They decided to return to the standards of the New Testament Church. The first thing they did was to erect an altar unto God. They started with the most sincere worship and devotions, putting their trust in God only. They preached the full gospel, as did the morning Church, making plain its foundations of the apostles and prophets, and setting forth its Bible practices of truth. In type and shadow the foundation of the Church was laid in the sixth seal and is being finished in the seventh seal. The Jews were carried into Babylon and the temple torn down, so in like manner the Church was carried into spiritual Babylon and torn down or disorganized, and it lost its Biblical standards of faith and patience.

Near the closing of the sixth seal age, which ended 1930, the foundation having been well laid, through the preaching of the Word, the Church began to let down. It turned to homes and self interests. The Jews had no reason for stopping the work, neither did the Church. In order to build the Church of God, we must preach and practice all the Bible. To fail to preach and live is to fail to build.

Like Herod, many ministers today are trying to please the people by making things easy and letting in the world or entertainment. With many there is a lightness in

preaching, the ordinances are left out or made optional, there is no cleansing in sanctification, and divine healing is omitted. A pull is made to make a centralized headquarters as a clearing house for the Church, pulling everything to it through boards, committees and assemblies. This once more is killing the two witnesses, Word and Spirit. These are not CHURCH OF GOD DOCTRINES. They are not Biblical. The Church even taught against such in the sixth seal age.

The carvings in the walls of the cloisters around Herod's temple of teachers and classes would just mean we have streamlined education today. We have made it the cap-sheaf of all qualifications. It has become some people's God. Some think more of the art of teaching and degrees than they do the things taught. It is all right to arrange classes if we teach truth and place the emphasis on truth instead of degrees. In this great enlarged Herodian church of today, places are made for the man with a handle on his name in order to get the chance to teach others. Such people are given preference. The true Bible Church has no such system delegated to man. The government is still upon "His shoulders" and all we have to do is to look to the Bible pattern to know if we are IT or something else.

These conditions had their beginning in the last part of the sixth seal age and began to take on power and authority at the beginning of the seventh seal age, 1930. In 522 B.C. Artaxerxes was made king of Medo-Persia. He is said to be Smerdis the Magian Imposter, the pretended brother of Cambyses. He did not legally have a right to the throne. He served only 8 months.

In the fourth chapter of Ezra we are told that the enemies of Benjamin and Judah wanted to help build or finish the temple, but were told they had no part or lot in it. In verses four and five we are told that the enemies, when denied, hired counselors against the Jews and weakened their hands. There are compromisers today who are enemies to the real truth, who want to be tolerated and taken into the number, but will not stand for the straight Word of God. They have slipped from the old paths and will not have new light. They are enemies of the truth, and have no part in it.

Some of these governors of minor provinces wrote Artaxerxes, the king, a letter to get him to stop the work of building. Ezra 4:11-16 gives the reading of the letter. They told the king that the Jews were building this rebellious city: "Be it known unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls set up again, then will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, so thou shalt endamage the revenue of the kings." (Ezra 4:13). Verse 14 gives plainly the reason they opposed the work: "Now because we have maintenance from the king's palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonor. . . ."

The Church returned from spiritual Babylon and laid the foundation of the temple, the Church, in the sixth seal age, now we are finishing the temple, the Church, in the seventh seal age. There are those among us today calling the City of Jerusalem, the Church, a seditious or troublous city, division makers, etc.

Now in Ezra 4:17-24, we find an account of the imposing king's answer to the letter and false accusation which was made against the builders of the temple. In verse 19 the king says: "I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein." Then he gave commandment to cease God's work of building the temple.

It is plain and easy to understand that they were wrong in their interpretations of what had gone on in Jerusalem. It had rebelled against all that were out of harmony and against God, stood for truth and for this was called trouble and division makers.

Now let us look for the fulfillment in the antitype of today. We are finishing the temple on the foundation Warner and others laid in the sixth seal, and are opposed, called a seditious City (Church), trouble and division makers. These people were commanded of God to finish this temple; so are we, today, commanded to finish the temple, the Church, by preaching the old-fashioned truth. Those that would use anything else in the building are rejected, and told that they have no part or lot in it. Then like Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, many are rejecting the truth that it takes to build or finish the Church and are calling those that are building according to God's plan trouble and division makers. They are reporting to the kingly authority, typified by Artaxerxes the Magian imposter, and he is finding it so. . . . Their toll, tribute and custom is threatened, as they receive maintenance from the same. Verse 22 says: "Why should damage grow to the hurt of the Kings."

In verses 23 and 24 of this fourth chapter of Ezra, we see that the work was hindered and even stopped for a while. In like manner the seventh seal message of rebuilding and finishing the temple (Church) was hindered by the imposition of the Magian kingly spirit, dominating the freedom and liberty of those that would walk in the light.

Despite all this opposition, God has prophets today, like Haggai and Zechariah (Chapter 5:1-2), who dare, in the name of the God of Israel, to preach God's message and finish His work in the seventh seal age. Others have a mind to work and God's prophets are working with them.

Now get your Bible and read the entire fifth chapter of Ezra. Artaxerxes, the Magian imposter, only lasted eight months and was slain. Then Darius came to the throne. He, like Cyrus, did not oppose God's work of rebuilding the temple, but granted liberty and freedom to those God was leading, granting financial support.

We read in verses 7-10 that they wrote a letter to Darius, giving names of the leaders of the work on the temple. Leaders are picked out today, names mentioned, and we are asked who gave us the authority to preach this seventh seal message of truth. Verse 11 gives the answer to such questions, "We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house (Church) that was builded these many years ago, which a great king (Christ) of Israel builded and set up."

The remainder of this chapter gives the history of the destruction and carrying away of the vessels of the temple to Babylon. Under Cyrus they were returned and the foundations were laid. In chapter six we find search was made and the records of Cyrus showed the authority of the Jews to finish this temple. Then Darius gave orders, verse 7: "Let the work of this house alone; let the governors of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place." Darius was different from the Magian imposter that preceded him. He was a man that feared and listened to God. He found the records of authority and ordered it done.

So in antitype fulfillment of today, the kingly authority in the Church, if it will listen to and fear God, will find plenty of records, blueprints, patterns, and authority to substantiate the finishing of the temple, the Church, the foundation of which was laid under Warner and others in the sixth seal age. In Ezra 6:11 and 12, we notice that Darius

made a decree against all that would interfere with the work of the temple, stating that their house should be torn down and they should be hanged. “And the God that hath caused His name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem.” This seventh seal message is finishing the Church as started and founded in the sixth seal. It reaffirms all its foundations of truth given in the past and is finishing God’s temple, the Church, according to the light of this seventh seal age. The Church will be finished at the end of time.

God’s judgments are pronounced upon all that will interfere with His work. Like some of old, many spiritual Jews today cannot see that they are against God’s work of building and finishing His temple, His Church, His dwelling place.

It was Medo-Persia that conquered Babylon. Cyrus and Darius were its true kings. They granted and supported the return and the building of the temple. Those today who have victory over and have conquered Babylon, remembering its bondage, will see plenty in the records of the Word of God, and will support God’s message that finishes the building. As the Magian imposter, some do not know the victories over conquered Babylon, have become a part of it themselves, and will not grant the finishing of God’s work today. God’s temple, the Church, is finished by preaching all of God’s message of truth. The temple was finished under great difficulties and opposition, but when the prophets began to preach, the people were moved and the work went on. So it is today; God has prophets that will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God. There is much opposition today but God’s work of building will go on. Men and devils may hinder and oppose, but they can’t stop it. The God of all power and authority is behind His people that stand for the truth and walk in the light of this seventh seal age. Yes, His temple, His Church WILL BE FINISHED. It is said, at the end: “The marriage of the lamb is come, and the bride hath made herself ready.” (Revelation 20). She is then ready for the return of Christ. AMEN.

THE FOUR LAST VIALS (Revelation 16:8-18)

A.D. 1930 to A.D. 1980—50 Years

Revelation 16:8-18:

8. And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

10. And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11. And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

12. And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

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.

14. For they are the spirits of devils working miracles, going 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.

15. Behold I come as a thief, Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.
16. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, Armageddon.
17. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air, and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.
18. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake and so great.

The fourth vial poured out on the sun would symbolize the Holy Spirit poured out on the Gospel of Christ or His word in power. We used the sun here, symbolically, as in all other sun symbols. Through the pouring out of this vial, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, more light and truth is opening up to our understanding with the evening light shining brighter and brighter in the light of an open temple. And men blaspheme God and His name by rejecting His Word and Spirit and they were burned or scorched with great spiritual heat by the power of the Holy Ghost. Light and understanding has come to us through the inspiration of His word by the spirit in understanding truth over what we have had.

The fifth vial is the renewing of the judgments of the Holy Spirit as was rendered out in the sixth seal through the three first vials. After the letting down as we have just explained and the church gets a chastisement, judgments are renewed through those who are willing to take their stand for truth and in so doing they give Babylon her second cup. In the first five verses of chapter 14, there were sealed out a company of 144,000. This was the church under the sixth seal. Then, following the sixth verse, same chapter, John saw another angel going forth with the everlasting gospel to preach to every nation, tongue and people. The gospel preached under the sixth seal did not reach every nation tongue and people. This angel is without question the seventh trumpet angel, since this gospel is going to all nations, and it went out following the sealing of the 144,000 that composed the church under the sixth seal. Then in Revelation 14:7, “saying with a loud voice fear God and give glory to him, FOR THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT IS COME.” This seventh trumpet angel sounds right out into the hour symbol, when Christ will return and judge the world. The hour symbol is at the end of the 100 years of preliminary judgment.

In verse 8, there followed another angel “saying Babylon is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of her wine of her fornication.” This is the second cry that Babylon is fallen, and where she gets her second cup through the sounding of the seventh trumpet AND THE RENEWING OF THE JUDGMENTS OF THE THREE FIRST VIALS IN THE FIFTH.

Then in verse 9, “the third angel followed them with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast (Papalism) and the image (Protestantism) and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, (verse 10) the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation, and shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. (Verse 11) And the smoke of their torment ascended up forever and ever.”

This is the last call to come out of Babylon and the second cry that Babylon is fallen. If people will not give heed to this call and take their stand for truth, they will be tormented and cast into outer darkness. Smoke is a symbol of prayers, and their smoke of

torment will ascend up forever and ever. And they will see the holy angels and God, and the redeemed of earth in heaven. See chapter 14:10, but because of the great gulf fixed and the unanswered prayers in hell, they will not be heard and be tormented throughout eternity. In the same manner as the rich man Jesus spoke of in Luke the 16th chapter, who was in torment he could see Lazarus in the paradise of God. But the righteous will not see the wicked lost in torment. See 2 Thessalonians 1:9.

The fifth vial was poured out on the seat of the beast and they gnaw their tongues for pain because of their sores and they repented not to give him glory. The seat of the beast is the dragon powers in Papalism and Protestantism. Because the dragon gave the Papal beast his seat and the Protestant beast exercise his authority.

When the first vial was poured out under the sixth seal and followed by the second and third there was a grievous sore fell upon them, and now under the seventh seal and the renewing of the judgments in the fifth vial they gnaw their tongues for pain because of their sores, and blaspheme God, because the truth has cut them off.

The sixth vial is poured out on the great river Euphrates. In the sealing of the nations we bring all heathen nations up for judgment on the line of this river. And through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as the Gospel is carried to all heathen nations, thus drying up this river. (Water is people.) Because all, including heathens have had an opportunity to respond to the truth and the gospel. Following this sixth vial we had three unclean spirits like frogs which will be explained in the eleventh chapter of this book.

The seventh vial is poured out IN THE AIR, MEANING IN POWER. The Holy Ghost came as a rushing mighty wind on the Day of Pentecost, as a power in the world. This would include all the advantages of this modern age that is at our disposal, such as the radio, fast mails, airplanes and even television. These advantages could be greatly used to the glory of God to carry his truth through the power of the Holy Spirit, but in many instances the devil has captured them and God's people are not able to use them. However, in this vial the power of the gospel through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the sounding of the seventh trumpet ministry brings the last and great earthquake such as has not been since man has been on the earth. The three first vials are renewed in judgment together with the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, and all are poured out, beginning with A.D. 1930 and extending through to the end of the 7th seal.

CHAPTER TEN

THE HARVESTING OF THE EARTH (Revelation 14:14-20)

A. D. 1930 to A. D. 1980—50 Years

Revelation 14:14-20:

14. And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.
15. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.
16. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.
17. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.
18. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.
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.

First we will give a summary of chapter 14 concerning the sealing of the 144,000, as mentioned in the first five verses of the chapter. This was fulfilled in the sixth seal age, then follows the seventh trumpet angel in the sixth verse and the seventh verse leads out into the hour symbol. Verse 8 brings in the second cry of the fall of Babylon and final judgment under the seventh seal when Babylon is to get her second cup. Then verse 9 to 13 is recording judgments to follow with the bringing in of the harvest of the earth, beginning in A.D. 1930, with other prophecies in connection, gathering the people of God into the camp.

The one like unto the son of man upon the cloud with a sharp sickle would symbolize Christ in this cloudy, confused age gathering his people together, as a harvester with the sickle which is the Word of God. (See Hebrews 4:12). The writer of the Hebrews (Hebrews 12:1) speaks of a “cloud of witnesses” which would include many scriptures in connection with the harvesting of the earth by the sickle which is God’s word. In verse 16, John said that the earth was reaped. Then followed another angel who had power over fire, recorded in verse 18. This fire will be better explained in the eleventh chapter.

Also in this verse he was to gather the clusters of the vine of the earth. In Deuteronomy 32:32, we have the “vine of Sodom” mentioned, and in John 15, Jesus says, “I am the true vine.” Where there is a genuine, there is always a false. If Christ is the true vine, the devil and Satan is the false and the clusters is a symbol of the Babylon groups of the different sects and creeds of men, (see Matthew 13:30). In harvesting the tares, they are bound together and fully ripe and now ready for judgment. The winepress is a symbol of the Word of God, or His judgments through His word rendered out against the false.

The word is to be trodden with out the city, real truth will not be heard there. The false woman is the city (Revelation 17:18). And blood referred to here is a symbol of those who were left behind because they rejected truth, guilty of their own blood and the blood of Christ. And to the horses bridles would symbolize to the governing powers of the red, black and pale horses and their offspring; horses are governed by the bridles. The measurement of one thousand and six hundred furlongs is a symbol of a great number cut off. John spoke in chapter 21 of the measurement of the city or church, which is the measurement of a man, verse 17. This city is made up of people, and so is the city of Babylon.

In the parable of Christ in Mark 4:26-29, “And he said, so is the kingdom of God, as if a man cast seed into the ground.

27. And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, for the harvest is come.

This parable extends through the entire gospel dispensation. The gospel was preached, or planted back in the morning church age just as the seed is cast into the earth. It was covered up through the dark night of Catholicism. But in the Martin Luther age, in 1530, the truth began to spring up as the blade, justification; and in the Wesleyan age of 150 years the truth is developed into the ear by the doctrine of sanctification; and in the Warner age in the sixth seal comes the full corn in the ear, a bringing out of the people of God free from Babylon and division which constitute the true church, as in the morning age. Then under the seventh seal comes the harvesting of the earth, the cutting off and the gathering in. In Mark 4:20, Jesus said, “Such as hear the word and receive it and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

In the age of justification they could bring some fruit, and more fruit could be obtained in the sanctification age, but in the evening light age, with the one church divine and unity, they could bring forth fruit one hundred fold.

Then again in Mark 4:24, and he said unto them, “Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you, AND UNTO YOU THAT HEAR SHALL MORE BE GIVEN.” When people accept justification and walk in the light, it brings more light, sanctification, and when we walk in that light, we are eligible for more light, of the church divine and unity of the people of God. To those who hear and obey is promised more truth. In other words it is walking in the light of responsibility and word of God. Notice that more is offered only to those who hear and obey. There is no salvation or no genuine experience behind light. Jesus said, “Walk while ye have the light, lest ye go into darkness.” Hebrews 6:1, says, “Let us go on to perfection.” There is no place to stop in this great work. “He that endureth unto the end shall be saved.” By refusing light and truth we bring condemnation and will eventually go into darkness. As an individual or as a church, we must be open for additional light and understanding, and if such a condition exists we have been promised by the Lord that more shall be given us. But it is conditional, if we take heed to what we hear. Good, obedient hearers are as essential as good preaching.

In Joel's prophecy of the second chapter we have his words concerning Christ's first coming and in the third chapter he prophesied of the harvesting of the earth and Christ's second coming. Joel 3:13-17,

13. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe; come, get ye down; for the press is full, the fat overflows; for their wickedness is great.
14. Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision, for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.
15. The sun and the moon shall be darkened and the stars shall withdraw their shining.
16. The Lord shall also roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.
17. So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God, dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain; then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no stranger pass through her any more.

This prophecy of the harvesting of the earth is in agreement with the truth of the Revelation. The prophet says that the press is full and the fat overflows. In Ezekiel 34:16, as previously mentioned, God said he would destroy the fat and the strong and feed them with judgment. In the letter to the Laodicean church, he said they were claiming to be rich, but they were actually told that their real condition was naked, blind and poor. This prophecy is referring to the harvesting of the earth in this age, and Joel said that it would shake all nations. It is a great awakening, spiritually.

Multitudes are going to make a decision. And they have two choices: either going to accept light and move up in the truth or reject it and be cut off.

The sun, moon and stars that failed to shine are typical of the final opening of the sixth seal when the sun would be darkened. The prophet said the Lord shall roar out of Zion and the heavens and the earth shall shake, which is a prophecy of the earthquakes in the sixth and seventh seal and the harvesting time. And he said ye shall know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, (not down in Babylon).

In Haggai's prophecy (2:3) we referred to where he came up from Babylon and the work on the temple had stopped and he urged the people to finish the work of rebuilding the temple and after it was finished, he gives this prophecy (Haggai 2:6-9).

6. For thus saith the Lord of host: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land.
7. And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.
8. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.
9. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former, saith the Lord of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.

This prophecy is without a doubt for this very age in which we are now living, when the shaking of all nations come, not only the earthly but also the heavenly or the church. And this comes after the temple was finished, which is after the seventh seal is brought to light and the seventh trumpet begins to sound. Then the prophet makes the statement that this house will be filled with glory. We are now leading up to the time when we prove that when Christ comes back He is coming after a sanctified church. **WHEN THE CHURCH IS SANCTIFIED IT WILL BE FILLED WITH THE GLORY**

OF GOD. The desire of the true people of all nations is coming and they will find rest by walking in the light, but the fat and strong will receive judgments. The glory of this latter house being greater than the former as typified by Solomon's Temple and Zerubbabel's is greater to the extent that the evening church and the message of God is going to the entire world, while the morning church and the message did not reach the whole world.

Next we quote from Hebrews 12:25-27.

25. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escape not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.

26. Whose VOICE THEN SHOOK THE EARTH, but now he hath promised, saying, yet once more I shake not .the earth only, but also the heaven.

27. And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Again the shaken time is referred to here by the Hebrew writer, and not only the earthly but also the heavenly. Christ is now speaking from heaven, to His church through the word and the spirit. Things that are made by man, material rule, or creeds, are to be shaken down. He wants spiritual service.

In this harvesting age judgments are going forth and Isaiah also says, (Isaiah 13:13) "I will shake the heavens and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of host AND IN THE DAY OF HIS FIERCE ANGER." The shaking time is taking place during the one hundred years of preliminary judgment, made mention here by THE DAY PROPHECY, the same as in Revelation.

Isaiah in referring to the seventh seal age and when light is coming in the fullness says (Isaiah 30:26) "Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be seven fold, as the light of seven days, in the day when the Lord bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound." At this time the old covenant symbolized by the moon is being understood, prophecies being placed in their proper relationship with gospel and the Revelation, and are understood, as the true gospel of the Holy Spirit dispensation is understood. And the sun shining seven-fold is the light and understanding of the seven ages of the gospel dispensation coming to our knowledge and understanding in the evening time, and the gathering together of God's people in the harvesting of the earth age. When the seventh trumpet angel sounded in the Revelation, we have the seven thunders uttering their voices, or the happenings of the entire seven ages of the dispensation now being brought to light and understanding in connection with prophecy and the gospels.

We have the prophecy in Zechariah 13:8-9 concerning this time.

8. It shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

9. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and I will refine them as silver is refined, and I will try them, as gold is tried: They shall call on my name and I will hear them; I will say it is my people, and they shall say, the Lord is my God.

When the prophet said in all the land he meant universal, or in all the world. When he said two parts, he did not mean two thirds, but two parts and those two parts are going to be cut off and die spiritually. Daniel speaks of those that shall be purified, made

white and tried, but the wicked shall do wickedly and none of the wicked shall understand but the WISE SHALL UNDERSTAND.” (Daniel 12:10)

In this age that we now live in, we are now in the battle of Armageddon and we have a type of this battle in Judges, the sixth and seventh chapters, when Gideon and the Israelites that numbered 300 went forth to battle against the Midianites that numbered 135,000. Gideon had 32,000 at first and God had told him that he had too many. Gideon told the fearful ones or those who were afraid to stand aside or return to their homes, and 22,000 stepped aside, and still the Lord told Gideon that he had too many. He was told to take the group to the waters edge and try them there, or test them. Those who lapped water like a dog, he could use and in this testing time, there were 9,700 who were unqualified to fill the requirements that God had made, leaving the small number of 300 to go against the 135,000 enemies. In this we understand that God wants quality, instead of quantity. God wants a people in this age, though in the minority, to stand against this materialistic modern age of compromise and declare His truth.

By close study we can see that chapter 13 of Zechariah has reference to the gospel day. The first verse says, “In that day,” meaning the gospel day. The two parts cut off are in the seventh seal age or harvesting of the earth. The two parts cut off are two groups of people, of the church, who fail to walk in the light of the seventh seal message. The “Heavens,” the church, are being shaken by light and truth and two parts are failing to accept it.

The first part cut off would be the compromise element of the church. Many are rejecting the truth that would restore the sixth seal standards of holiness and a divinely organized church. Kings and captains in the great man-made organizations, called the church of God, are fearful of losing in their merchandising of the gospel. Others do not want to lose their place with such a group and in such a group. They rather go along as to face the opposition they will have to face by taking their stand for the truth that condemns such things. It also furnishes an easier way to live—not much required. Pay your dues is the principle thing. We notice in Gideon’s army the “Fearful” were the largest group. They were the 22,000 of Gideon’s army that chose to turn back. God gives people that same choice today; if you do not want to face the battle you have the privilege of giving up and quit professing or hunting an easier way. The larger number today are refusing and turning down light and being spewed out of the mouth of God. A spewed out group has nothing left; not sanctified because they are not even saved. The fact that Jesus is knocking from the OUT SIDE is a sign He is NOT ON THE INSIDE. God’s terms of “Being zealous and repent,” being rejected, He can do nothing else but cut them off.

We notice the second group cut off would be typified by the 9,700 of Gideon’s army, who were put to a test and failed. There are many today who are contending for the standards of the sixth seal age of truth—do not fellowship the compromise group, who will not have more light and truth on the Revelation message. God does not condemn them for standing for the truth they have, but for refusing more truth. Like the second group of Gideon’s army they are tested with more light and truth; then to refuse means to be cut off. There are groups today, calling themselves Church of God, earnestly contending for the sixth seal standard of truth, as revealed unto Warner and others, who refuse to accept the Revelation message as revealed in the seventh seal age. This is the second group that will be cut off, for when Jesus moves out they are no better off than the compromise group. He will move out with the rejection of new light.

Two groups having rejected light and been cut off, God has a remnant typified by the 300 left of Gideon's army. These were those who lapped water like a dog in the test God prescribed. God wants a people "Purified and made white," Daniel 12:10. God will always administer the water of life to the hungry willing soul, though they may be treated by others as a dog. To stand the test in this great battle of Armageddon, one must not only be saved but must be sanctified and furnished with the power of the Holy Spirit. God took 300 and defeated the 135,000 Midianites; in like manner God can today take a small remnant, who will stand for this seventh seal message of Revealed TRUTH, and defeat all the Babylonian forces combined.

In Matthew 13:37-43, we have a parable that has its fulfillment in this very age in which we are now living.

37. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed, is the son of man.

38. The field is the world, the good seed is the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one.

39. The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of the world.

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;

42. And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43. THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER.

In the parable, Jesus is referring to those who offend that He was to gather out, the people who have not yet up to this time been made to see the local phase of the church with Christ as the head; He is gathering out all things that offend, and those who do iniquity, or those who reject light when offered them. Those who are justified and refuse to walk in the light of sanctification are gathered out. Also those who are sanctified who fail to accept light and fill their place in the one body or one church ORGANIZED are gathered out. In other words, they are guilty of the sin of omission. "Knowing to do good, or to walk in the light, and doing it not" therefore are guilty of sin, and by so doing He gathers them out, and casts them into the furnace of fire, or the judgment fire of the Holy Spirit is against them.

This same subject and teaching is referred to by Jesus in the parable of the net found in the writings of Matthew 13:47-50.

THE SEALING INTO THE CAMP OF THE SAINTS (Revelation 7:9-17)

A.D. 1930 to A.D. 1980—50 Years

Revelation 7:9-17:

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;

10. And cried with a loud voice, saying. Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God.
12. Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen
13. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?
14. And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.
16. They shall hunger no more; neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
17. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

In the first verse of the above scripture John makes the statement “AFTER THIS,” meaning after the 144,000 were sealed out on Mount Zion in the sixth seal as recorded in the first of this chapter. Then after this he looked out into camp and beheld a great multitude, of all nations, kindred, tongues and people who stood before the throne clothed in white robes and with palms in their hands. This was the group John saw, that are gathered together into the camp of the saints, at the end of the gospel day, and they were robed in white and had palms in their hands, symbolizing their purity and victory. This includes the number here in the earth that are being sealed into the camp in knowledge and understanding through the seventh seal age.

The question was asked by one of the elders before the throne. “What are these which are arrayed in white robes and whence came they?” Then John was told that these are they which come out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

When the fifth seal was opened John saw the souls of them which were beheaded for the Word of God and their testimony. In the sixth seal he saw an innumerable host symbolized by the 144,000 on Mount Zion; now in the closing days of the seventh seal age he sees an innumerable host standing before the throne and before the Lamb, with white robes and palms of victory. This is a remnant compared to the great number who refuse light and are cut off from the power house of victory. John saw them in the camp of the saints, which is walking in the light of the seventh seal message. John saw them coming out of the greatest tribulation of all ages, of which Jesus said, there never had been such a time before. This is the battle of Armageddon and will last until Jesus comes again. Then when He comes to make an end of time and timely things, the redeemed of all ages will be gathered, and will mount up to meet Him in the air, and forever be with the Lord.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

THE GATHERING OF GOG AND MAGOG (Revelation 20:7-9)

A.D. 1530 to A.D. 1980—450 Years

Revelation 20:7-9:

7. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
8. And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.
9. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

At the end of the one thousand years of the 20th chapter, the dragon was released from where he was bound to deceive the nations no more, other than they were already deceived. After his release, he then sends up another beast to deceive the nations in the form of the two horn beast, that existed in the Protestant age. He exercised all the power and influence of these two beastly powers, Papalism and Protestantism, which constitute Gog and Magog, and are gathering together against the camp of the saints. This gathering is the uniting of these religious powers, making up the 17th chapter beast that we are now dealing with.

The fire which came down to devour them, mentioned in verse 9, will be explained in the chapter dealing with the destruction at the return of Christ.

THE GREAT CITY DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS (Revelation 16:19-21)

A.D. 1930 to A.D. 1980—50 Years

Revelation. 16:19-21:

19. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: AND GREAT BABYLON came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.
20. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.
21. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

This scripture is certainly being fulfilled at this time. In the last verse of the seventeenth chapter, the woman John saw sitting on the scarlet colored beast is the great city, and her name IS MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT.

The three divisions of the city that were mentioned will be explained in connection with the three unclean spirits, further on in this chapter.

In the 20th verse we have the symbol of the uniting of Gog and Magog in this age. Remember water symbolizes people, and the mountains symbolize churches, as we have already explained and the earth that which is earthly. When the two horn beast came up, he came up from the earth, out of the earthly institution of Papalism came Protestantism, and Papalism came up from the sea, water, or people. Now that the islands, or the earthly creeds and doctrines are being removed from among the waters thus turning the waters or people together, a symbol of the uniting through the three unclean spirits of all false religions. This will do away with the many so-called churches termed mountains. This develops the making up of the eighth beast council of churches to be explained in this chapter and recorded in Revelation 17.

The hail that fell with the weight of a talent and men blasphemed God because of the plagues of the hail is referred to in Exodus 25:39, typical of this condition. Back under the old covenant when God gave Moses the pattern of the tabernacle to be pitched in the wilderness, he told him to make seven candlesticks and place them in the tabernacle. It required one talent of gold to make them. Pure gold is typical of the unadulterated Word of God, and the seven candlesticks John tells us (Revelation 1:20) are the seven churches. God had it in mind when He told Moses to make the candlesticks that He would bring to light at this time their meaning spiritually. The cost was \$27,375 worth of gold to make them, or the weight of a talent.

Now hail falling to the weight of a talent is a symbol of truth coming to light to the extent of all seven ages, or in this seventh age the truth of all the seven candlesticks is now being understood. In Isaiah 28:17, "Judgment will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place." The prophet is speaking in line with the Revelation, and is referring to the time when light would be given to the true people of God, and judgments renewed against the false deceptions through the sounding of the seventh trumpet, sweeping away the refuge of lies and their hiding places.

THREE UNCLEAN SPIRITS (Revelation 16:13-16)

A.D. 1930 to A.D. 1980—50 Years

Revelation 16:13-16:

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.

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 the great day of God Almighty.

15. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, Armageddon.

Frogs are found in water, and germinate in unclean water, but not from the water but rather from the seed planted in the water. Water is a symbol of people. These frogs symbolize the unclean, devilish spirits working in the hearts of the people, prompted and promoted by the dragon powers.

The first unclean spirit came out of the mouth of the dragon. The dragon, that instigated the pagan powers denied Christ and instead promoted atheism, which is the lowest depths of heathenism.

When Christ came to the world, the devil in spirit was the seat of all heathen worship as we have explained. Since he is a spirit, he works through human agency. Before the fall of man, he spoke through the serpent, and since that time, he uses human beings; that is those who will listen to his deceptive methods. In the time of Christ, he worked through the people of the Roman government to overthrow Christianity, by the atheistic spirit. This same spirit is working today and is developing in the nations, against Christianity.

The next unclean spirit is out of the mouth of the beast, a symbol of the beastly nature in man and is the eighth beast of the Revelation mentioned in the seventeenth chapter.

Out of the mouth of the false prophets, are the horns in the seventeenth chapter beast. The eighth beast of the Revelation will be explained in bringing the entire seventeenth chapter of the Revelation.

The great city divided into three parts referred to is spiritual Babylon.

THE EIGHTH BEAST (Revelation 17:1-18)

B. C. 753 to A. D. 1980—2733 Years

Revelation 17:1-18:

1. And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:
2. With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.
3. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
4. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication.
5. And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
6. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.
7. And the angel said unto me, wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carried her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.
8. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.
9. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.
10. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.
12. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but have received power as kings one hour with the beast.
13. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.
14. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.
15. And he saith unto me. The waters which thou sawest where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.
16. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.
17. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.
18. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

It was one of the angels of the seven vials that made this chapter known to John in understanding. This brings this chapter to its complete fulfillment in the sixth and seventh seal ages A.D. 1880 to 1980. At this time the seven vials come in for fulfillment and are poured out in the one hundred years of preliminary judgment. It was one of these vial angels that made the truth known to John, and the mystery of this seventeenth chapter. It was at this time that D. S. Warner and others were brought to the knowledge and understanding of this chapter in part, and now in this age, additional light and understanding is coming, through the sounding of the seventh trumpet and the seventh seal.

John was carried down in the wilderness of fallen Babylon and was shown this eighth beast. And when he saw the woman and the beast as she was arrayed in king's raiment, purple and scarlet, and decked with pearls and precious stones, HE WONDERED WITH GREAT ADMIRATION. He did not understand this; however, there was something about this woman that John admired. He knew that the gold, pearls, and precious stones were symbols of scripture. Then the angel told him the mystery of it. The harlot woman, or spiritual Babylon is at this time, misusing the scripture, deceiving many by false interpretations, misapplying the Word in every imaginable way. It was in Papal age the ruling religion of the earth with the church and state combined. But at the time that John saw it, when the sixth seal was opened, it was not then a ruling religion of the earth, but it will develop again in a beastly ruling power even with the church and state combined, sponsored by the deceptive spirit of the dragonistic powers. It will continue to develop as time goes on, and before the return of Christ it will have come to completeness, and in this beast will include all false religions, every form of deception that is not Biblical, then it will go into perdition at the coming of Christ.

The spirit of this beast is handed up from back before Christ. John said that the seven heads of this beast are seven mountains on which the woman sits. There are seven heads and we have seven ages in the gospel dispensation, one for each of the seven periods of time in the gospel dispensation. Notice on the chart in the front of the book the woman is sitting in each one of the seven ages. Isaiah 4:1, says, "that in that day seven women shall take hold of one man saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach." This is the false

harlot woman in opposition to the true woman. This false woman is seen in each of the seven ages and then on the eighth beast in the last age.

In the seventh chapter of Daniel there were seven heads and ten horns. We have four beasts in Daniel's vision, chapter 7, the dragon of the Revelation, the Papal beast and the Protestant beast making a total of seven beasts, then follows the seventeenth chapter beast, the eighth beast.

The beasts of Daniel the 7th chapter were political kingdoms and when they were carried over into the gospel day they had a spiritual fulfillment. Ancient Israel was a type of spiritual Israel, the church, in the gospel day, likewise these political kingdoms, which opposed Israel in Daniel's time, had their antitype fulfillment in the gospel day in beast religion. We move from the political, before Christ, to the spiritual after Christ. As these horns, representing these former kingdoms, were plucked up and brought over into the gospel day, it just means the spirit of paganism is carried over in opposition to Christ.

In Revelation 13, the papal beast came up spotted like a leopard, like the third beast of Daniel 7 with four heads, leaving the head of Pagan Rome in the church age of the morning in opposition to truth for 270 years. Then comes the third beast of Daniel 7, with four heads, one head each is placed in the two ages of Papalism and the two ages of Protestantism.

We have a head in each of the four ages. The beast was deceptive or spotted; Protestantism made an image to Papalism, all of the same spirit, just as the four heads are of the one beast. Then the second beast of Daniel 7, which was the bear with three ribs in his mouth placed in opposition to the church in the sixth seal age, when light was given on the divine church and unity of God's people. The Papal beast had feet like a bear and is handed up through the Protestant age in Spirit and in opposition to the truth of the sixth seal. Truth was trampled down as in the feet of a bear. The three ribs in the mouth of the bear is typical of the woman, or that great city that was divided into three parts. The rib was used to make a woman in the beginning and also is used as a type of the gathering in the seventh seal age through the three unclean spirits, which make up the 17th chapter beast and false bride of Christ.

The head of the lion beast for the Babylonian kingdom fits the seventh seal age when spiritual Babylon finally falls. This was typified in the fall of old literal Babylon. The heads of Daniel's vision fills their place in this way and harmonize with other parts of the Revelation during the gospel dispensation.

In the 10th verse of the 17th chapter of Revelation, there are seven kings, five are fallen and one is, and the other is not yet come, and when he cometh he must continue a short space. Now in Daniel 7, there are also ten horns. Daniel said they were ten kings as we explained in the foreword of this book. In the ten horns of Daniel 7, is where all commentators have been confused and mislead from seeing the spiritual truth of Revelation. It is in the horns of Daniel 7, where the change is made from political to spiritual. Back before Christ horns were typical of political power. The devil knew this and knowing that chapters 2 and 7 of Daniel were in line with Revelation and extended to the second coming of Christ, he went about to split the Roman government up into ten minor kingdoms. Then because Daniel said the ten horns were ten kings he knew if he caused the horns to be placed as minor kings this would draw from the spiritual meaning of the Biblical truth of the Revelation.

Daniel said he beheld three of the horns plucked up by the roots. Now since Pagan Rome dates back to 753 B.C. (Myer's Ancient History, Page 223), this was behind or before the Babylonian kingdom at the time of the vision of this prophecy. As the Roman kingdom passed up through the ages of the other three kingdoms which were the Babylonian, the Medo-Persian and the Grecian, were subdued into the Roman kingdom to the extent that it was the outstanding ruling kingdom of the then known world. Three of these horns of Daniel 7 stood for the three kingdoms that were subdued and they were plucked up by the roots. Now the little horn came up before the fourth horn was finally rooted up. The fourth horn stood for the Pagan Roman king as it diminished and the fourth horn passed out the little horn which is typical of Papalism then developed, in this little horn the change is made from political to spiritual powers.

There are seven horns on the Lamb of Revelation 5. And John tells us they are seven spirits of God sent into all the earth. We place one each of the seven horns on the Lamb in each one of the seven church ages of the gospel dispensation. In Luke 1:69, Christ has raised up unto us an horn of salvation. Christ is King of the seven ages in which the horn stands for the power of salvation in each of the seven church ages. Now since Christ is King of the heavenly, the devil is king of the earthly in each one of the seven ages.

We had seven horns of Daniel 7, left over to consider. Now John said they were seven kings, five are fallen, counting from the morning church age for 270 years, up to the opening of the sixth seal, where one of the vial angels made this known to John. There are five ages, the Pagan age, the two Papal ages, and the two Protestant ages. At this time when John saw this, these five were fallen. The one at that time was the sixth seal age and then the seventh seal age was the one yet to come and is in this age we are now living.

In the same way that Nebuchadnezzar was King of literal Babylon and lost his kingship and fell, so the devil is king of spiritual Babylon, and is in opposition to Christ and the truth of the seven ages of the Heavenly and loses his kingship and falls A.D. 1880. In chapter 12 of the Revelation it is said that the dragon had seven crowns on his head, which is a symbol of his reigning supreme in the seven ages of the earthly. Then when he gave his seat and authority to the Papal beast the crowns were then on the ten horns of the Papal beast. As previously mentioned horns are a symbol of power. In verse 8 of Chapter 13, it is said that all that are upon the earth shall worship the beast, whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life. Ten covers all numeral figures and all are to worship him, and this will be better understood later when we bring the horns of the 17th chapter.

In the horns on the 13th chapter beast are invested the power of the horns of the dragon. In Revelation 13:2, the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. The dragon as we have already explained was the seat of all heathen worship in the earth when Christ came to the world. The dragon gave his power to the Papal beast.

Then in chapter 17, we read of the woman seated on the beast. This woman, John says, IS MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT. This beast is a symbol of the spirit of Papalism handed on out through the false religion of the land that professed to be followers of Christ and are all under the power of the horns. Ten covering all numeral figures would include all beast worshippers.

Now the 17th chapter beast comes to light, at A.D. 1880, the same beast as John saw in the power of Papalism in chapter 13, but now he has changed his color from the spotted effect (deceptive) to red, which is the same color as the dragon and the red horse power, which indicates death spiritually. In the sixth seal which was A.D. 1880 to A.D. 1930, John saw the sun darkened and the moon became as blood and the stars of Heaven fell. The sun is a symbol of the gospel of Christ, the moon, the old covenant and the stars are a symbol of the ministers. John saw spiritual darkness coming upon the nation through the forces of the dragon powers. Most any spiritually minded person is able to see this working from many angles today. The Protestant churches of our land are being filled with disbelief in God and the Bible. To prove this we wish to quote the following paragraphs taken from a book written by Dr. George Hubert Betts, professor of Religious Education at Northwestern University, a Methodist school, of Evanston, Illinois. The book is entitled "The Belief of Seven Hundred Ministers" and is published by the Abingdon Press of the M. S. Church. This is a cross-section belief of seven hundred ministers of 20 leading denominations of our country and their beliefs on principal Biblical doctrines. A few of the high points in this book are as follows:

All the ministers agreed only on one question and that one does God exist. They all believe there is a God.

80% believed in the Trinity, God, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

87% believed God was all powerful.

60% believed in a devil.

55% believed in an inspired Bible.

71% had accepted the new birth regeneration.

70% accepted Christ's atonement.

57% believed Heaven is a prepared place.

72% believed in man's resurrection.

66% believed that Christ will judge all.

33% denied that Christ ever performed a miracle.

18% of the younger ministers believed Adam fell.

Now only 18% of those 700 ministers believed the Bible concerning the fall of Adam. If this 18% believed accordingly on other lines, the situation is ridiculous. The scripture says that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. If one does not believe it all, he is as guilty as if he didn't believe any of it.

60% of the older ministers believed there is a devil and 9% of the younger ministers believed there is a devil.

55 % of the older ministers believed the Bible inspired and only 8% of the younger ministers believed it is inspired.

84% of the older ministers believed in Christ's resurrection and only 42% of the student ministry believed in this doctrine.

This book states only 25% of the student ministry believed that Christ was born of a virgin and conceived of the Holy Ghost.

This gives us a little insight into just how nations religiously are disbelieving the Bible. This is proof that the devil gave his power to Papalism and through this agency exalted himself up through the years to deceive the very elect, if possible. These deceptions in the earth have a tendency to lead people away from God through unbelief.

There is a spirit of evolution sweeping the world in these modern times. The younger generation is being taught in many colleges disbelief in the creation and in God and in His inspired word. The sun is surely darkening in the minds of the nations today and in the minds of the younger generation. It can be truly said that these are perilous days.

At the same time, there is also another false deception running freely through the minds of the professed world. This is an atheistic spirit and is found in the schools, in the homes, in our nation and even in our churches. They deny the Word of God and the power of the miraculous Christ and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. These false deceptive spirits will eventually be the ruling power in the earth in a universal sense. This 17th chapter beast, John said, came up from the bottomless pit and would go into perdition or ruin.

Since unity is being preached in the gathering of the people of God by a few sincere Holy Ghost men, the devil is now working or unionizing as a substitute for unity. There is a vast difference between union and unity. For a number of years the Federation of Churches has been developing along the line of drawing into one federation the religion of the nations into a form of union. We also have another movement that is quite prominent known as The Three Faith Commission, which is a combined effort to gather together the Protestants, the Catholics, and the Jews. In the last ten years this has spread throughout the entire 48 states. In February 1940 they participated in a national demonstration in more than 1,000 towns and cities. In New Jersey the enterprise has been organized into counties, financed by the state under the direction of The Three Faith Commission. The National Conference of Christians and Jews, the most important single organization in the field, has set up its machinery in 310 cities. It reaches over 1,000 college campuses and 200 daily newspapers subscribe to its feature service. Its radio recordings appear regularly on 65 American stations. Under its influence Protestant, Catholic and Jewish speakers appeared in the year previous at 10,000 meetings in 2,000 communities of all the 48 states. The entire movement in the past 10 years has been the subject of an estimated 25,000 inter-faith conferences. Since that time, this same effort continues to make progress, because of our personal observation. When the Protestants unite with Papalism and the Jews, they are going into darkness. In the light of the truth as we know it today there is no salvation in the teaching of Papalism, neither in the teaching of the Jews. It is an evident fact that the beast of chapter 17 is, and will develop through the three unclean spirits, which is a symbol of the uniting of all false religions. Then through the atheistic or communistic powers that are sweeping the world and even our own nations, all the religions of the earth will diminish into or be absorbed into the atheistic powers just previous to the coming of Christ. This is the same spirit that was ruling the nations when Christ first came to the world and will be the ruling power when He comes again, and all false religions acknowledging the word of God will be swallowed up into infidelity. The sun darkened and moon failed to give her light and many stars fallen spiritually is a symbol of this condition.

The communistic organization, according to modern facts well known by all, is working in 650 units here in the United States to put over their propaganda. In colleges, churches and schools and in every imaginable way, they teach disbelief in God and the Bible. We do not need to make a definite record here since the many findings of their work in our own nation are well known and many spiritually minded persons who have

any degree of spiritual discernment can understand. We can know that the spirit of infidelity and atheism is coming in as fast as time goes by. In these modern days even professed Christians and people as nations are forgetting God.

Now we come to the horns of the 17th chapter beast. The Revelator said they were ten kings that had received no kingdom as yet, but power as kings, one hour with the beast. These ten horns are going to make war on the Lamb. They are living agents here in the earth in opposition to the real Biblical truth of Jesus Christ, but the Lamb will overcome them for they that are with Him are called chosen and faithful. The horns on the beast of chapter 13, or the Papal beast assumed the powers of the horns of the dragons, insomuch that all upon the earth would worship the beast (the ten in number covers all figures). Now since horns symbolize power there is an outstanding power in the horns of the 17th chapter beast and it is surely a deception and they carry with them fire. **THEY HATE THE WHORE**, the woman which John tells us is **MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT**, and shall make her desolate and naked. They eat her flesh but they **BURN HER WITH FIRE**. Now in the coming up of the two horn beast of the latter part of chapter 13, the Protestant beast caused fire to fall on the earth in the sight of men and deceived the people by the means of the miracle he had power to do in the sight of the beast. This fire John saw through the beast is the same fire mentioned here in Revelation 17:16. Many false holiness movements are now in the earth and some claiming even to be The Church of God. But they are possessed in a general sense with the power of a foreign spirit to the Holy Spirit power. They preach against Babylon and confusion. They hate her, but yet they are of her spirit. **THEY EAT HER FLESH SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING, YET THEY BURN HER WITH FIRE**. When the dragon powers were cast down from the heavenly place here in the earth where they were exalted up as the true church from A.D. 270 to A.D. 1880. In the fall of Babylon the dragon brought down a false fire in opposition to the true Holy Spirit fire and has succeeded in scattering it among the false holiness movements and all are more or less contaminated, with it. These ten kings as John calls them, are exalted up and they claim to know more Bible and have more power and because of this they are hard to convince of their wrongs and God has put in their hearts just what Paul tells us about in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-7 speaking of Papalism and the falling away in the time of her rule. Then following Papalism, he said “Then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusions, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness” verses 8 to 12. Paul is here speaking of these very people we are now considering in this study . They perform miracles. These false holiness movements, Christ said, would come and deceive the elect if possible. **THEY ARE ALL LOOKING FOR CHRIST TO COME BACK TO THE WORLD AND SET UP HIS KINGDOM AND REIGN HERE IN THE EARTH FOR 1,000 YEARS. THEY DON’T HAVE ANY KINGDOM AS YET, BUT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR IT TO COME**. John said in verse 12, **THEY HAVE NO KINGDOM AS YET**. They will continue on until the hour symbol, which is to be explained after the hundred year symbol expires. It is during the hour symbol time that they will

give their power and strength to the beast. When it comes to a final show down and the testing time arrives, they will support and give power and their strength to the beast. By this time they will have developed and drifted into disbelief of the Bible along the same course with the beast. There are some few Christians who are sincere among them, but the form as a whole is ruled by a foreign spirit contrary to the spirit of God. This spirit of strong delusion is given to them from the hand of God. It might be called a foreign spirit since it is foreign to truth and when truth is presented to them they resent it and turn against the true people of God. The true saints of God should be warned against false holiness movement. When once going into compromise with them, falling under the influence of that power which they possess, it is hard for them to be delivered. It will take the power of laying on of hands by the true saints of God and the Holy Spirit to rebuke this false deception in order to free them from it. Still they have power to work miracles in healing. If the devil has power to afflict, he also has power to lift the hand of affliction through dishonest people in order to deceive them for he is aware of those he can deceive. It is his purpose to deceive, destroy and condemn. They are possessed with the false fire spirit which is in opposition to the genuine Holy Spirit fire.

There were ten crowns on the horns of the Papal beast, chapter 13, which is a symbol of victory in power received through the horns of the dragon which we have already explained and were symbols of the powers of darkness in all heathen worship of the earth. It is through this ten horn beast of Papalism that all the earth is to be made to worship the dragon, whose names are not in the Lamb's book of life. This was symbolized in the crowns on the horns of the beast, chapter 13. Now in this 17th chapter beast, all are brought down to the lowest depths of heathenism or infidelity. It is brought about through evolution or the beastly power of this 17th chapter. And also the atheistic or the communistic power which is out of the mouth of the dragon or the lowest levels of heathenism; and the false prophets or the sect holiness of the Protestants. The horns of the beast are last to be subdued in power into the atheistic spirit. This will bring the world back under the dragon power as it was when Christ came. The crowns on this beast, heads and horns are void for he goes into ruin at the end when Christ returns.

In the foreword of this book we mentioned that Daniel 2 and 7 reached through to the end. We have explained the 7th but have not referred to the 2nd.

In the great image of the second chapter of Daniel is also mentioned the four kingdoms as in the 7th chapter. The head of the image is the Babylonian kingdom, the breast and arms is the Medo-Persian kingdom, the belly and thigh the Grecian kingdom and the legs, the Roman kingdom which extended up into Papal Rome though the power of the little horn mentioned in chapter 7. Keep in mind there is no more salvation in Papal Rome teaching than there was in Pagan Rome. The feet of the image was partly iron and partly clay. This is where the clay and iron tried to be mixed in Protestantism, but Daniel said it would not mix.

The toes of this image as seen by Daniel are typical of the horns of the 17th chapter beast. They were ten in number, the same as the horns.

The stone that smote the image on the feet was the Bible truth restored to the saints in A.D. 1880. Truth was poured out against Protestantism the feet, then the spirit of all the other four kingdoms that were handed up as we have explained into Papalism through the little horn of Daniel 7, then out into Protestantism, and it is all consumed by truth in judgment restored to the saints in power. It was given to the saints to the extent

they did not have in the morning church. And the power of the little horn, which was Papalism handed out in Protestantism, is consumed in the end. And in the evening of time is where the stone smote the image and became a great mountain and reaches to the whole world. It did not reach the whole world in the morning time for the dragon powers covered up truth following the morning church age. Daniel the 7th chapter and also the 2nd run parallel through to the end of the gospel dispensation and to the return of Christ.

When one is made to see Daniel and Revelation in connection relative to the light of truth, it forever settles them in Biblical facts of genuine truth. Because of the errors and misunderstanding of many former explanations of the prophecies as a general acceptance of them as truth, it has been misleading even to honest Christians in all ages. It is rather difficult to get the church today to see and realize the need of a deeper searching for future Biblical light.

A few points mentioned here will help those interested to see some of the errors of our views of the past sixth seal age. The 17th chapter beast, John says, is the 8th beast. If we place the 17th chapter beast back in the Papal age as we have had it under the sixth seal, it would not or could not be the 8th beast. Instead the two horn beast of chapter 13 would be the 8th beast. We found four beasts in the vision of Daniel. Then the dragon, and then the Papal beast, which totals six and then the 17th beast would be the 7th; and the Protestant beast would make the 8th, but this would not harmonize with John as the 8th beast. Then to try to bring the horns of the 8th beast as kings in the Roman Empire would not harmonize. The woman on this 8th beast would not be the mother of harlots to place her before the Protestant beast, neither would her cup be full during this time. This is one point out of harmony and many more could be cited. As we mentioned in the beginning, unless the whole harmonizes and all are explained together, we cannot hope to receive the genuine truth.

The trumpets and vials are spiritual as previously ex-harmonize with the seals and the candlesticks and even the letters to the churches when all are explained in the light of the scriptures. All will need to be explained in their proper relationship with each other and when correctly understood, will bring to light the Biblical truth to honest people as God intended.

The trumpets and vials are spiritual as previously explained. Under the sixth seal, we have had them more political than spiritual. We are not judging those among us who have erred in an endeavor to bring truth to the church as to their spiritual standing before God, but we are pointing out a few facts here to help create an interest in the true church and see these as vital truths for the people of God today. The Lord knows every thought and intention of every heart and will bring all to judgment. We should be willing to consider each other and we are perfectly willing to consider with our brethren that would wish to enter into the study with us along these vital Biblical truths and have contended for this. We are not open for controversy merely for argument's sake. We are concerned however, in the true knowledge of God's word and we put it into practice in our own lives and are endeavoring to get the truth to others. We feel that this is the need of these trying times.

The world for democracy is a political cry of the day and we surely desire to see democracy stand and eventually it may win out among the nations politically, or we hope so, but at the same time the dragon powers through the three unclean spirits will work other than from a political standpoint, for it is now already working in heathenizing the

nations by causing the people to disbelieve the Bible. The Herodian spirit is developing in the earth today and it comes about in such a deceptive, slimy way that it is actually found right among those claiming to be the true church of the Bible, "THE TRUE CHURCH OF GOD."

Let us notice once more the beasts of Daniel 7th chapter. The first one mentioned is like a lion. This we are told was the Babylonian kingdom, which became a world power about 753 B.C. The second was like a bear with three ribs in its mouth. The third was like a leopard and had four heads. The fourth beast had ten horns. These four powers were the enemies of God's people Israel before Christ. Now this same spirit of paganism was carried over into the gospel day and had its antitype fulfillment in opposition against God's spiritual Israel. Let us place these beasts once more to get them fixed on our minds. The fourth beast (pagan Rome) had ten horns, which cover the time from ancient Babylon to the end of time. The fourth horn represented paganism at the time of Christ, or the first candlestick age. The little horn (Papalism) sprang out of the fourth horn and becomes the beast of Revelation 13 with seven heads and ten horns. The dragon delegates him his seat and power for the rest of the gospel day. Now the little horn, Papalism, reaches back and plucks up the spirit of paganism in the three horns before it and sets them over in the gospel day. The first was the horn that represented Grecia, the beast with four heads. These heads were given their place in the four ages of beast worship, two in the reign of Papalism and two in the reign of Protestantism.

The second horn plucked up represented Medo-Persia, represented by the beast with feet like a bear. This is the same old pagan spirit carried out through Protestantism into the sixth seal. This bear had one head and we set it in the sixth seal in opposition to the sixth seal light; this he trampled down as with the feet of a bear. The three ribs in his mouth point us to his work carried over into the seventh seal, through the 3 unclean spirits.

The third horn that was plucked up was that of a lion that stood for ancient Babylon; it had one head and we place it in the seventh seal age in opposition to Christ the head of the church. In this present age this lion like spirit is devouring through Babylon the Great and destroying the souls of men; then at the end or in the hour symbol will bring its complete destruction. This takes us through time to the second coming of Christ.

Now the 8th chapter of Daniel drops back and takes up Medo-Persia as a ram with two horns and Grecia as a he goat with one horn between his eyes. The one horn being broken and in its place coming up four other horns fits in the same period of time as the beast with four heads in Daniel 7th chapter, which is the two ages of Papalism and two ages of Protestantism, ending 1880.

Now the ram with two horns fits the sixth and seventh seal ages, a horn for each age. It was Medo-Persia that conquered ancient Babylon, and sent 42,300 Jews back to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. Cyrus the Mede granted this request, and the foundation of the temple was laid under the reign of Cyrus. Then the people without any justifiable reason began to halt the work on the temple and build for themselves costly dwellings. Cyrus granted this return of the Jews in 536 B.C. By 522 B.C. the work on the Temple had practically ceased, and at this time Artaxerxes came to the throne. He was not a Jew, but is said to be the Smerdis the Magian imposter. He only reigned 8 months and was assassinated. It is said he ordered the work stopped on the Temple.

In the year 520 B.C., Darius the Persian came to the throne and ordered the Temple finished. We have the temple work started by Cyrus, the Mede, hindered for a short time by Smerdis, the imposter, and then finished under Darius, the Persian. This is the type, and we have the antitype fulfillment in the return of God's people from spiritual Babylon, in the sixth seal, hindered for a short time by the Smerdis spirit, in the beginning of the seventh seal, and now the temple, the church, is being finished in the seventh seal. It will be finished at the end of time.

The two horned ram represents the people in the sixth seal that conquered Babylon. They builded on the original foundation of the apostles and prophets. In Daniel the 8th chapter it is said the last horn of the ram was higher than the first one; this represents the greater light given in the seventh seal. Daniel 8:4, "And I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beast might stand before him, neither was any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great." This is a symbol of the church in the sixth seal, coming from the EAST, the source of LIGHT, pushing every direction preaching the true church and Babylon is fallen. The Papal and Protestant beast could not stand before him. It says he did according to His will, meaning the will of God.

Now the beast like a bear being in this same age represents the people of Babylon who would not rebuild the temple, but instead, trampled truth under their feet. The people of spiritual Babylon, of the dark and cloudy day of Papal and Protestant confusion, were brought through time, out into the sixth and seventh seal ages, represented by the beasts of Medo-Persia. Those that conquered spiritual Babylon were symbolized by the two horned ram. The rest of the people, refusing truth, became the subjects of the bear, trampling truth under their feet and material for the 8th beast in the seventh seal.

Now let us notice we have placed the pagan spirit of Grecia in the two ages of Papal and Protestant reign of beasts religion, which deceived the whole world at this time.

Daniel 8:5-7, "And as I was considering behold an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes: And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran into him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler (cholera) against him, and smote the ram and break his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand."

Now we notice in verse 5, while Daniel was considering the two horned ram, there came an he goat from the west. This just means no spiritual light comes from the west. This beast came from the place of darkness or the setting sun. This spirit came out of Papal and Protestant Babylon, which covered the face of the whole earth. This pagan spirit of Grecia came out of spiritual Babylon, and ran into the ram, which represents the church of God in the sixth and seventh seal, in the fury of his might. He came close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler, meaning bile, disease, cholers. He first smote with lukewarmness, then through the three unclean spirits, in the seventh seal, he filled the church full of biliousness of bile that killed spiritually like cholers. The two horned ram represented the people who had conquered Babylon, but now they are so poisoned by this Babylonian spirit of Grecia that none can deliver them out of his hands. Those that

had at one time been strong and none could stand before them, are now spiritually sick, weak and powerless they cannot resist the would be king, the Magian imposter. People are so full of spiritual bile they cannot digest a message of “BABYLON IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN, AND COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE.” Many of God’s people are sick and dying and so full of deceptions and delusions they are believing a lie and being damned. My God help people to see the truth. I do not say this critically, but with a grieved and broken heart.

CHAPTER TWELVE

THE CAMP OF THE SAINTS

In this chapter, following the harvest of the earth and the hundred years of preliminary judgment, we have an hour symbol to consider. This hour symbol covers a period of time just previous to the return of Christ in which time will be shortened according to Matthew 24:22; speaking of the abomination as recorded in Matthew 24:15-20. Then in verse 21 he said there would be “great tribulation.” This covers time up through time to the gathering into the unity of God’s people as was preached in 1880, when the people of God began to come out of tribulations and confusion. They are still coming out and will continue until the end of the seventh seal, the time now under consideration in this study. Then Christ said in Matthew 24:22 except those days be shortened there would be no flesh saved or there would be no saved people here in the flesh when he comes, but for the elect’s sake he said time would be shortened.

In Revelation 8:1, “And when he had opened the seventh seal there was silence in heaven for about the space of a half hour.” Notice this does not say for an exact half hour, but about. In this hour symbol according to this, time will be shortened about half. The door of mercy will be closed at the end of the seventh seal and the 100 years of preliminary judgment. After this time there will be no rejoicing in Heaven for **NONE ARE BEING SAVED**. There is more rejoicing in Heaven over one sinner that repents than ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance. All have been gathered together into the camp with the false against them. The 8th beast powers and the forces that compose this power have had an opportunity to accept or reject mercy.

In Matthew 24:37, “But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.” In Genesis 7:16 “And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh as God has commanded him **AND THE LORD SHUT HIM IN.**” Then we find in Genesis 7:10, “And it came to pass after seven days the waters were upon the earth.” Seven days were fulfilled after the door was closed before the waters were upon the earth. Here we have time typical of the hour symbol. In Exodus 7:25, after the waters were turned to blood in Egypt, then seven days were fulfilled and is typical of this hour symbol.

In the 100 years the seven vials were poured out and the waters or unsaved of the nations are turned to blood. Water is a symbol of people and at this time all are guilty of their own blood and the blood of Christ. The first time symbol of Revelation we use one day for one year, then we had three time symbols for three ages one day for 100 years. Now we used this last time symbol as we did the first, one day for one year.

Then we hear Christ saying that time is to be shortened, Matthew 24:22, and in this hour symbol, according to the Revelation, time will be cut about half for we have the hour symbol recorded which begins with the end of the 100 years, when the door of mercy closes. The silence for about half an hour would shorten this hour to about half. We are giving you these time symbols and their place in fulfillment and you can consider it for a personal study. No man knows the day or hour of His coming, but we can know about when to look for Him for we have His signs given US as we have already

explained in previous chapters of this book. Paul said, “But, ye brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief.” A thief comes unexpectedly.

Luke 13:25, “When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence you are.” This does not refer to a time after Christ comes back but it has reference to the door of mercy being closed after the seventh seal has ended. The door of mercy is now closing on those who reject truth when it is offered them through the preaching of the gospel. We are in the harvest time and the gathering time, and there is a cutting off of the false and when all that will accept Christ, have been gathered together, then the door of God’s mercy is finally closed as in Noah’s days. The nations are closing the door by rejecting truth. This hour symbol we are explaining here covers seven years of time, according to the prophecy. Genesis 7:10, Exodus 7:25, and Ezekiel 4:6.

THE HOUR SYMBOL (Revelation 18:17-24)

Revelation 18:17-24:

17. For in one hour so great riches is come to naught. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

18. And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

19. And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

20. Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God ‘HATH’ avenged you on her.

21. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down; and shall be found no more at all.

22. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee.

23. And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee; for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

24. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

In the 18th chapter judgments are against great Babylon and the call is sounded “come out of her my people.” At this time in this hour symbol the ministers that have been making merchandise of the word, drawing large salaries, compromising the truth, cease their misleadings because nations have gone into darkness. The prayers of the people of God have been answered (smoke is a symbol of prayer, Revelation 8:4) when judgments have been rendered out against the false. God “HATH” avenged his people on her. She “HATH” been judged in the hundred years of preliminary judgment; “HATH” is past tense.

Her sudden destruction is now at hand, just as casting a great millstone into the sea and the sudden sinking of it. And the voice of the preaching of the gospel will be heard no more in her. Jesus said, "I have piped and ye would not dance" or "I have preached and you would not hear me." And there were no craftsmen to be found then. A craftsman is a skilled workman. There is no one left that can portray the plan of salvation. And there is no light of the candle the church there. No voice of the bride or the bridegroom (Christ) or His people. It is now total darkness as far as spiritual truths are concerned.

The merchants or the ministers were esteemed as great men of the earth, and it was through them as sorcerers that all nations were deceived. The spiritual blood of prophets and righteous nations upon them was prophesied in Jeremiah 25:10. "Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, and the sound of millstone; and the light of a candle."

We also have the prophecy in Isaiah 13:19-22 concerning Babylon: "And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation; neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant places; and her time is near to come and her days shall not be prolonged."

Literal Babylon was a type of spiritual Babylon, which fell as already recorded in this study. Many other prophecies point to the fall of Babylon. In the book of Jeremiah there are many prophecies against Babylon. (Read Jeremiah 5:1). That old city fell and it never rose again. So the final fall of spiritual Babylon will come just as we have it foretold in the Revelation and in prophecy.

THE RETURN OF CHRIST (Revelation 19)

1. And AFTER THESE THINGS I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:
2. For true and righteous are his judgments: for he HATH judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and HATH avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.
3. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.
4. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.
5. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.
6. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying Alleluia; for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

7. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb IS come, and his wife HATH made herself ready.

8. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9. And he saith unto me. Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings, of God.

10. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

11. And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God.

14. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

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 of 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.

19. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21. AND THE REMNANT WERE SLAIN WITH THE SWORD OF HIM THAT SAT UPON THE HORSE, WHICH SWORD PROCEEDED OUT OF HIS MOUTH: AND ALL THE FOWLS WERE FILLED WITH THEIR FLESH.

In the first verse of this chapter, “AFTER THESE THINGS”, John is referring to after the fall of Babylon in chapter 18. The righteous have been gathered out during the 100 years of judgment.

The voice of much people in heaven is referring to the many gathered to the heavenly. Many are gone on over, but a few are left in the earth. Still all are of the one family of God. Those gone before and the saved here in the world make up the family.

In verse 2, speaking of the whore, she “HATH” been judged and the judging took place in the sixth and seventh seal ages of the 100 years that we have just covered. “HATH” is past tense.

Verse 3, we have the symbol of prayer in the smoke that rose up forever and ever. The wicked will cry out to God forever just as the rich man in Hell lifted up his eyes and called for Lazarus, but they will not be delivered. There are some who question the word of God on everlasting punishment, but when a man chooses to serve the devil, he does it at his own risk and choice. We read in John 8:44, “Ye are of your father the devil, and the

lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it.” When one chooses to serve the devil, he does so through the power of his own personal choice and in so doing he turns away from God, and rejects His mercy through truth. Then he is of his father the devil and Hell was made for the devil and his angels and so when man turns away from God, he is due to go to the place prepared for the wicked people. And God sends no one to Hell, but the sinner chooses to go there himself in preference to Heaven.

In verse 4 and 5 we have the 20 and 4 elders mentioned and the four beasts are referred to here. They are also referred to in chapter 4 of the Revelation. In this chapter John was caught up before the throne of God. Notice on the chart the 4th chapter is at the end of the first series of the Revelation out in the camp of the saints, or before the throne of God in the end. John saw things up before the throne in this chapter in the same way as he saw things in the earth. He saw a rainbow (the covenant of God) and he saw 20 and 4 seats and 20 and 4 elders; the twelve apostles chosen and the church which was built upon the foundation of the law age (the apostles and the prophets), the twelve sons of Jacob. Lightning and thunder is still a symbol of the power of the Holy Spirit fire and thunder reports of the past. John saw seven spirits of God and seven lamps of fire for the seven ages of the gospel day. He also saw a sea of glass, a symbol of the pure Word of God. And he saw four beasts full of eyes before and behind and eyes within; each had six wings a total of 24. This all symbolizes the church here in the earth.

Referring to the four beasts which John saw, the first beast was like a lion. The church of the morning for 270 years entered into the spiritual conflict bold as a lion. The second beast had the face of a calf, truth sacrificed in the Papal age. The calf is a symbol of sacrifice. The third beast the face of a man, the church under man rule in the Protestant age. Then the wings of a flying eagle were seen symbolizing the gospel liberty to the world in the evening church age the fourth beast. The 20 and 4 wings will carry the church heavenward at the end. Eyes within and without refer to spiritual and physical understanding.

This word we have translated “beast” is in Ezekiel 1:5 translated “Living creatures.” I have in my possession other translations which translate this “Living creatures” instead of beasts, Dark’s Commentary says that living creature would be the best rendering or translation. We have already stated that these “Four living creatures” represent the saved people, with the LIFE of Christ, in the four ages of the gospel day. He also saw them filling their place in the gospel day, he then, also saw them gathered out before the throne after the return of Christ.

When some of the seals were opened we hear certain of the “living ones” saying “Come and See.” In Revelation 6:1, when the first seal was opened “One of the living ones said come and see.” He does not tell which one spoke these words. At this time John saw a white horse and rider, which represents the Church in the morning time. The saints in light, of the sixth and seventh seal, surely is the one who said “Come and see.” They have called attention to the morning church, as the true standard of faith and practice for all ages. The slogan of both the sixth and seventh seal has been “Back to the blessed old Bible of the morning age.” Surely this is the “Living one” that said “Come and see.”

“And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast, (Living one) say, Come and see,” Revelation 6:3. We notice this was after the second seal was opened,

that the second living one said, "Come and see." The second living one were the saved people of the dark age, from 270 to 1530 A.D. The second seal referred to the red horse, the dragon powers of paganism, that opposed the church in the morning age, up to 270 A.D. This people certainly were in a position to know what paganism had done and was still doing in their time. Diocletian, a pagan ruler, waged the most relentless slaughter against the church, from 295 to 305 A.D., that history records. Paganism yielded its seat and power to Papalism and continued the slaughter. It was said to the Smyrna church, "I know your tribulation." Surely the second living one, who fought the power of the red horse and his rider from beginning to the end of their age, could say, and with knowledge and authority, "Come and see."

"And when he had opened the third seal I heard the third living one say, "Come and see." The third seal was opened in the age of the apostasy, from 270 to 530 A.D., which represents the deceptions of Papalism imposed on the people. It was the third living one, with face as a man, in the Protestant age, who cried aloud against Catholicism, saying, "Come and see."

"And when he had opened the fourth seal I heard the voice of the fourth beast (living one) say. Come and see." The fourth seal was the age of 1,000 years from 530 to 1530 A.D. Once more it was the people of evening light, or living one with the light of the two wings of the sixth and seventh seal, who could call attention to the depth of deception in the fourth seal, by saying, "Come and see."

In Revelation 15:7 we have the fourth living one in action. "And one of the four living ones gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God." This certainly is the fourth living one, because none of the others had the knowledge of God's word so as to be able to impart His vials of judgment. Gold is a symbol of the WORD OF TRUTH. This fourth living one was able to give golden vials of the wrath of God.

At the conclusion or end of the gospel day John saw the redeemed host divided into four groups, called "Living ones" because they had life through Christ. The four groups were divided according to the light and understanding they had of the word of God, and the age in which they lived. They were responsible and must live according to the amount of light they had. To fail was to fall under condemnation and lose their souls. There are many today who want to live in the light of the past. Many act like there is no more light to come; I have it all. Others are like the Jews, when it comes they do not like it, refuse, and are still looking. For such ones delusions are in store.

In chapter 19:6 we have the voice of many waters symbolizing many people (water is people) or a great multitude. Thunderings or reports of the past; Babylon HAS BEEN JUDGED and the truth of the Revelation is being brought to light.

In verse 7 and 8, at the return of Christ, the marriage of the Lamb as final takes place. His wife hath made herself ready. From the morning of the gospel dispensation to Christ's return when souls are saved they are the bride of Christ in spirit. When a man and woman are engaged or espoused it is through love and affection for each other if the engagement is real. They are then joined together through love for each other. This is true with the bride of Christ; God is love. What God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

In this marriage we promise that, forsaking all others, we will cleave unto Him as long as we live. This means we will love Him more than anything else. We forsake the world and place our affections on Christ our spiritual companion. We must forsake all

sin, then consecrate to love and obey Him. "If we love him we will keep His commandments." In the fifth chapter of Ephesians Paul said for the wife to obey her husband in all things. This principle is certainly true with us as the Bride the Lamb's wife. "And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul, the last Adam a quickening spirit," 1 Corinthians 15:45. Each Adam has a wife. The first Adam and wife were to people the world with literal subjects; the last Adam and His Bride the Church, is to people the world with spiritual subjects. The marriage ceremony will last through the gospel day, or as long as people are getting saved and pledging their allegiance to Him that loved them. Some have placed their affections on the harlot daughters of Babylon and married them, and are committing spiritual fornication. The wedding garments are the white robes and righteousness of the saints. At the return of Christ the marriage will be over and the bride will have made herself ready.

In the 9th verse it is supper time. This is in the evening when the final takes place. A wedding supper is always instituted after the marriage occurs. At this time Christ will take His bride to himself to be with Him throughout all eternity. The supper will be enjoyed by His bride after He has taken her to the place He has prepared.

In the 10th verse John was about to worship the angel who made these things known to Him. But the angel said he was a servant to John and also of his brethren and commanded John to worship God instead. Angels are servants. "The angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear God," Psalm 34:7.

In verses 11 to 13, John saw Heaven open and the white horse, the rider which had many crowns. We saw this horse in the first seal age and now it comes to view again. Then the rider had one crown, now there are many crowns upon his head. This is a symbol of Christ, and His army spiritually, who has won many victories during the gospel dispensation. He passed up through the valley of the shadow of death, the dark night of Papalism, then through the cloudy day of Protestantism, and through the 100 years of the judgment period. And in verse 14, many followed Him.

Back in the beginning of the conflict during the morning church period there was just one little army of the church people, but now there are many armies that have followed Him and many have already passed over into the camp of the saved on the other side.

In verse 15 is the ruling with the rod of iron. The sword, which is the Word, rules and it was through the people of God or the man-child of the morning church that Christ was to rule with the rod of iron. As the saints of the morning church were martyred, they were accompanied by Christ and caught up into the Paradise of God, Christ in them. Now Christ in His people is judging the world in righteousness. Christ works through instrumentality of His people and when the gospel is preached then in the final end Christ will rule. His word the rod of iron, rules and judges. At the time of the end, all will be forced to listen to what God's word teaches in regard to the final judgment.

After it has been preached and people warned then when Christ comes, He will say to the righteous, "Come, ye blessed," and to the wicked, "Depart, ye cursed." At the end when Christ comes is when the final ruling takes place and every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that the Bible is true. People do not have to obey now, but there will be a time when all will be forced to obey. When Christ tells the wicked to depart into everlasting punishment, they will have to go.

In verses 17 and 18, the angel that stood in the sun and called to the fowls to come to the supper of the great God, symbolizes the spiritual vultures that feast on the souls of men. In the 18th chapter, Babylon had become a cage of unclean and hateful birds or spiritual vultures. Now at this time nations have rejected truth and the messengers stand in the power of the word. The angel standing in the sun must surely refer to the same angel that cast fire into the earth at the sounding of the first trumpet which we explained as Michael, the archangel. He now turns the nations over to the spiritual vultures in the evening or at supper time as John mentions, to be tormented throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Horses as mentioned symbolize warfare as we explained. On the dragon side of the conflict, the red, black and pale horses all of which are impure, symbolize the false forces of this warfare and on the other side the white horse symbolizes purity. The spiritual vultures feast on the impure.

In verse 19, John saw the 17th chapter beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered against the camp of the saints as has already been explained; Gog and Magog, which is Papalism and Protestantism uniting against the saints.

In verse 20 they are all taken when Christ comes and cast into their final doom. They have drifted into darkness and at this time the whole earth is under the atheistic spirit and now they are cast alive into the lake of fire at the return of Christ. These beastly powers have wrought miracles and have done many wonders in the sight of men, but now they are doomed to damnation.

Verse 21, refers to the remnant, which was explained in chapter 10 of this book, when we were dealing with the harvesting of the earth. The latter part of the 20th chapter gives the final doom of the wicked and the final judgment.

THE FINAL JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS (Revelation 20:9-15)

Revelation 20:9-15:

9. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

11. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

In verse 9, we have the recording of the gathering against the camp of the saints just as we had in the 19th chapter. This gathering extends from the time of the end of the

thousand years at A.D. 1530. As time goes on, and the hundred years of preliminary judgment came during the judging of the world by the saints, the false is exposed through the gospel and through the judgment of the fire of the Holy Spirit, and are consumed spiritually. The beastly religions are exposed and when the age of the hour symbol comes through the judgments of truth and the Holy Spirit, they are cast in the lake and devoured from the earth. This will be more fully explained in the latter part of this chapter.

In the fourth chapter of Malachi we have a prophecy of Christ's first advent to the world. But many use this scripture to try to prove that the wicked will be burned up, but this is a prophecy of the gospel day of grace instead and the burning and purging out of sin through the power of the Holy Spirit fire. The prophet said the day would come that would burn them up meaning the gospel day of grace.

In verse 5, we have a prophecy of John the Baptist coming as a forerunner of Christ in the power and spirit of Elijah. Christ makes this clear in speaking of John in Matthew 11:14; He said, "If ye will receive it, this is Elias that was to come." Then in Luke 1, the same is said of John's coming in the spirit and power of Elias. Malachi was speaking of the ushering in of the gospel day.

In Matthew 3:12, Christ speaks of the wheat and chaff and the burning up of the chaff. The chaff is a part of the wheat. The tares are the wicked. The chaff is the sinful nature of man to be purged out through the fire of the Holy Spirit. There are no scriptures where the wicked will be burned up or annihilated. We will find their doom according to the scriptures.

Verses 10 and 15 bring in the final judgment. The end is come. The devil is given his place where the beast and false prophets are. The judgment throne is set and the earth and Heaven pass away, then the dead, small and great, stand before God. And the books are opened, the old and the new covenant. All that lived under the old covenant will be judged according to its teaching and those living in the day of grace will be judged according to the teachings of the New Testament. The sea or a great mass of wicked people here in the earth (water is people) will be brought up and judged according to their deeds. Death and Hell, delivers up the dead which were in them. Death, the grave, holds the body and Hell or Hades holds the soul, they will be reunited and judged and all cast into the lake of fire and brimstone.

Only those that have their names recorded in the book of life which are the righteous will go away with Christ to be forever with the Lord and the wicked will be turned into Hell and all nations that have forgotten God. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. There is a Heaven to gain in this Christian race, and there is a Hell to shun. The crown is at the end of the way. He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.

THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH

Chapters 21 to 22 of the Revelation are dealing with things spiritual and are fulfilled after this earth is passed away. John said in Chapter 21, verse 1, that he saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away. He goes on to explain the things he saw. We are referring to these two chapters only briefly, but you can

read them in your Bible. They are dealing with things as to passing from this world into the new.

There are a few thoughts, however, we wish to emphasize. Some of the things in these chapters we see only dimly and if we should not be able to understand them entirely now, we will perhaps before the end and when time is fulfilled they will be made clear.

After this earth and heaven passes away as John saw in his vision in chapter 21:1, he saw a new heaven and a new earth and he said he saw no more sea, no people in the new realms. (Water is people). In other words, he saw no people there at that time. In the beyond we will not be known as humans, but the redeemed of Christ.

The new heaven and the new earth, according to this, was void of habitation when he saw it. Then next he saw the city four square as recorded, coming down from God out of Heaven. This is certainly a symbol of the Heavenly Jerusalem that is to be caught up from this earth and now coming down on that new earth for this one had passed away, verse 1. Then God dwells right with them. There will be no sorrows and no heartaches, for God is to wipe away all tears and there will be no more death, spiritual or physical, or no more sorrows or cryings for all the former things are passed away. The joys of eternity at that time are starting with the people of God; while the wicked are entering into damnation of the lake of fire and brimstone, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. One of the angels with the seven vials carried John away into a high mountain and showed him the city and its measurements and foundation. It is a beautiful and outstanding picture of the one divine church. The 12 gates go back to the law age with the 12 sons of Jacob typical of the 12 apostles and through their teachings brings into the city. Its streets of gold symbolize the purity of the walks of eternity and the foundation stones were the apostles and prophets. The four square would symbolize that all are equal that inhabit it. The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb is the temple of it and this city had no need of the sun or the moon. The sun and the moon here symbolize the old and the new covenant. At that time we will not need the Word as we have it today for we will be with Christ and God through eternity. The angel that showed this to John was one of the vial angels of the 100 years where judgments are going forth in the harvesting and the last call. He said, "he that is unjust let him be unjust still and he that is righteous let him be righteous still." Behold I come quickly. Time is here in the harvesting age that the people are sealing their destiny and the door of mercy closing on individuals, one by one as they hear the gospel and reject it. The blessed compose the city John saw and John saw it over there coming down on the new earth. In this earth is the place to get ready or the dressing room for the world to come. The church is made up here as we accept Christ and obey His word and will be carried over there to a prepared place and only those who have their names written in the Lamb's Book of life will enter into the new Heaven and Earth and be in that city.

Since the book of Revelation is written in symbolic language, it sounds reasonable to believe that the "New heaven and new earth" would mean the place Jesus has gone **to** prepare for those that love Him. The church abideth here in heavenly places on the earth, but then, it will abide forever in the place Jesus has gone to prepare; in symbolic language John called it a "New heaven and a new earth."

The question arises which place are you going to spend eternity? In the new heaven and earth, or in the lake of fire with the damned and demons of hell? You yourself can decide this matter.

May the Lord add his blessings and His spirit upon the study and reading of this book that honest souls will be led into the light of the true Church of God and enjoy the riches of Heaven throughout all eternity. Amen.

THE CHURCH AS A LIGHT

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The first candlestick was lighted and brightly did shine
Through the apostles, prophets and saints divine;
Clothed with humility, righteousness and truth
With strength and power and vigor of youth.

A few centuries past and it scattered and grew
As long as the preachers to the message stayed true;
The church was holy, consecrated and free—
To the powers of Rome they bowed not a knee.

The second candlestick was lighted, but not so bright,
For the ministry had led it away from the light;
Mount Zion disappeared in the Catholic sea—
With the doctrines of men, salvation did flee.

The third candlestick shined dimly in the ages dark,
With scarcely enough Gospel to light even a spark;
The Christians to the persecutors would not yield,
And so with the martyrs their blood was sealed.

The fourth candlestick started with just a few sages
With courage to denounce the deception of the ages;
They heralded a message by faith to live—
An experience in the heart the priests could not give.

The fifth candlestick shined with freedom from sin,
Sanctified by the Spirit, who dwelleth within;
With many, this experience is void, it is said—
Had a name they liveth, but in reality were dead.

The sixth candlestick was lighted with power sublime—
Unity unfolded and a church divine;
True saints that shined like a furnace of gold
Went together in oneness like the rolling of the scroll.

True ministers laid aside man rule and creed—
To God they trusted, the Spirit to lead;
God chose the message and speaker of the hour
To preach love and judgment with victory and power.

The seventh candlestick with prophecy is leavened—
Its light was increased to the brightness of seven;
Just a few accepted the prophetic scene,
But the harvesting of the earth a few will glean.

Many of this age are rich, lukewarm and free
Dead, lifeless and formal, but having their degrees;
With this they are satisfied and willing to depend
On boards, field managers and headquarters of men.

But the church moves on, with a standard lifted high,
While many draw back with a blinded eye;
The church moves on with the Seventh Seal light
With glory, power and victory, for there is no night.

In the camp of the saints it shines each day
While the hand of persecution the scepter doth sway;
Standing erect with armour and sword,
Awaiting the return of Jesus our Lord.