

The Flow of Prophecy in the Bible VI Jacob's Trouble and the Final Week

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath services! Hope everything is going well with you wherever you are!

Let's think about Israel, Ephraim and Manasseh.

Jeremiah 30:7: "Alas! For that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it; **it is even the time of Jacob's trouble**; but he shall be saved out of it.

Are we entering the time of Jacob's trouble? Let's analyze this a little differently. Gen. 48 is going to tell us something as to why America and Britain have been ruling the world for the last 500 years. That's an important factor. Think about what history could have possibly been like if America and Britain were not ruling the world.

- What would it have been like if Hitler ruled the world?
- What is it going to be like when China thinks it's ruling the world?
- How do they treat people?

Here is the blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh:

Genesis 48:11: "And Israel said to Joseph, 'I had not thought I would see your face, and, lo, God showed me also your offspring.' And Joseph brought them out from between his *father's* knees, and he bowed his face to the earth. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left, and Manasseh in his left toward Israel's right hand. And he brought *them* near to him. 14: **And Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it upon Ephraim's head**, for Manasseh *was* the firstborn" (vs 11-14).

The top blessing is to go to the firstborn, and ***Manasseh was the firstborn!*** Many times you see that because God also can change that, ***that He does change it!***

"...who *was* the younger, and his left upon Manasseh's head, **crossing his hands**..." (v 14).

Even to this day, the Brits say that's why you have the Union Jack of the Commonwealth, or Britain, because of the crossing of the hands. When you go to Britain and the Cathedral there, and to the king's house there, it's all about Israel! When the king or queen of Great Britain are coronated, they sit in this wooden chair. There has been an argument between Scotland and England over who owns the chair and who owns the stone, and what the stone is. It's called the *Stone of Scone!*

That may be the stone that was called *Jacob's Pillar Stone*, or pillow stone. That was what Jacob laid his head on the night after he struggled with God and God gave him the blessing.

Verse 15: "And **he blessed Joseph**..."

When he blesses Joseph, that's blessing both Ephraim and Manasseh, and Joseph himself. Sometimes in prophecy it's about Joseph. So, when it is, it includes Britain and America today at the end-time. Other times, it doesn't tell us very clearly.

"...and said, 'May God, *before* Whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God Who fed me all my life to this day, the Angel Who has redeemed me from all evil, **bless the lads**.... [he blessed Joseph and the Ephraim and Manasseh] ...And **let my name**... [What was his name? *Jacob!* *God changed it to Israel!*] ...**be perpetuated in them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac**, and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth'" (vs 15-16).

That's quite a blessing! Think about it!

Verse 17: "And Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, and it displeased him. And he held up his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. And Joseph said to his father, 'Not so, my father, for this *is* the firstborn. Put your right hand upon his head' And his father refused..." (vs 17-19). *Though being 147-years-old!*

When Jacob came into Goshen and met Pharaoh, he said, 'my days are long and bitter.' He just started at that time to recover from the terrible thing that the brothers did to Joseph and their father. They didn't like what Joseph said about his dreams, and that they would all bow down and worship him. They faked his death, sold him to a caravan going to Egypt, and he was enslaved.

Then they took a goat and killed it and smeared blood all over Joseph's coat and took it to Jacob and said, Joseph is dead. For 17 years... Can you imagine Jacob thinking about that all that time? Then you can read about all the other strife that they had. That's why he said it was 'long and bitter.'

Verse 19: "And his father refused and said, 'I know *it*, my son, I know *it*. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great, but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.' And he

blessed them that day, saying, 'In you shall Israel bless, saying, "God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.'" And he put Ephraim before Manasseh. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Behold, I die. But God shall be with you, and bring you again into the land of your fathers. And I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow'" (vs 19-22).

Then he called all the sons together, and Gen. 49 gives the blessings to every one of the 12 sons of Jacob, plus Ephraim and Manasseh. Notice what he says of Joseph:

Genesis 49: "Joseph *is* a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well, whose branches run over the wall. The archers have fiercely attacked him and have shot *at him*, and hated him" (vs 22-23)

Have we always had war? *Think about that!* I can't remember a time when we didn't have war. I can look back and see the history of WWI; I was eight-years-old when WWII was declared on America. After that we had the:

- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- 9/11
- two Iraq Wars
- 20-year Afghanistan War

We have never had a time when we didn't have war!

Whenever we've had war, what kind of war has it been? *A war of liberation!* Far different! Think about what it would be like if and when the Chinese come to America? *It's going to be a real enslavement!*

The reason I'm doing this is so that when we talk about *Jacob's trouble* in the end-time, what two nations right now are suffering the most from the highpoint of their existence? *Ephraim and Manasseh—Britain and America!* With Ephraim it's also Canada, Australia and New Zealand. That's part of the end-time prophecies that we are looking at.

Does *Jacob's troubles* come as an introduction to all of the events at the end-time? *I don't know!* Could very well be.

- Why are we suffering the things we are now?
- The way that we are now?
- Also internally?
- How many times have we covered this?

Let's see why in the book of Hosea; a book dedicated to the prophecies and punishments of the 12 tribes of Israel, including the Jews and Ephraim and Manasseh and the rest of the other tribes.

Think about this when you listen to the news, and here's the reason why:

Hosea 4:1: "Hear the Word of the LORD, children of Israel... [all 12 tribes] ...for the LORD *has* a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, 'There is no truth...'" *Think about when you watch television:*

- How much truth is really there?
- Is the truth really the truth?

The number one sin of America is abortion! There are a few people trying to stop it. There are several organizations making progress, and hopefully the cases before the Supreme Court will reduce it. But it's taken the death of 63-million innocent unborn for the nation to come to this point. Remember that ***God is not going to forget 'the blood of the innocents'! He never will!***

"...nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land" (v 1).

There's only one commentator—Greg Kelley, NewsMax—who has even mentioned the Bible or God. Nobody else! Just like the presentation *Who Owns the World?* {truthofGod.org} at the end was the solution that all people get together and 'we'll solve the problem.'

Really? ***That's what has caused the problem!*** The truth is, nobody can live their lives without God, whether they know God or not! He's given everything that there is. If you don't believe that statement, see if you can force yourself to survive by causing yourself to quit breathing!

How many seconds will you last? Maybe if you're really, really good and you've got really, really strong lungs, and you've been a pearl-diver in the Indian Ocean, you can go for three minutes. Run a little contest and see who can hold their breath the longest. ***That shows that every human being is dependent upon God! And we live, move and have our being because of God!***

Israel was chosen to represent God to the world! But they failed! The 'Christianity' that we have today—establishment Christianity—is pitiful! *It is pitiful!* They think they have the answers, but they don't even know who they are!

Verse 2: "By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and the committing of adultery they break out; and blood touches blood.... [that's what we have] ...Therefore, shall the land mourn, and everyone who dwells in it shall languish, with the beasts of the field and with the birds of the heavens. **Yes, the fish of the sea shall also be taken away**" (vs 2-3).

There are times when they couldn't explain it! One year they didn't have a salmon run on the west coast. I don't remember what year it was, but think about that. "...**the fish of the sea shall also be taken away**"

Verse 4: "Yet, let no man strive, nor reprove another, for your people *are* as those who strive with the priest. And you shall stumble in the day, and the prophet also shall stumble with you *in the* night, and I will destroy your mother. **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...**" (vs 4-6).

Yet, we have more knowledge, more education than ever before. But is it really true, or are they mostly lies? What is it that goes on in the world? *Mostly lies!* Why?

"...**Because you have rejected knowledge...**" (v 6).

What is the knowledge that they have rejected? *This is ironic!* God has sent His Bible, His Word. You can go on Day Star, TBN, and even the podcasts and so forth. They have the Bible, profess the Bible, say they believe the Bible, *but they don't!*

The Jews—the most pitiful people in the world—don't understand why for centuries they have gone through everything that they have gone through. Does anybody know why? *They themselves brought it upon themselves when they said to Pontius Pilate, 'Whom do you want? Barabbas or the King of the Jews? They said: 'We want Barabbas!' What about this Man? **Let His blood be upon us and upon our children!***

Of course, they had no idea that God would take them up on that! It's a pitiful thing! How bad did it get? *I think one of the worst times in all the history of the Jews is the Holocaust!*

Aren't we glad that there's a *second* resurrection? Look at what we, as a nation, are bringing upon ourselves right here!

"...**I will also reject you** from being as a priest to Me. **Since you have forgotten the Law of your God, I will also forget your children**" (v 6). They're forgotten in how many ways? *Sad thing!*

- we say that we love the children, *but we have more abortions*
- we say that we love the children, *but now they want to 'vax' them and give them all kinds of troubles in their mind, heart and body*

"...**I will also forget your children.**"

Those things come, and that's why we are where we are in the flow of prophecy! All of these prophecies are coming to a head. *All of them will be*

fulfilled, not one word will be forgotten!

Verse 7: "As they were increased, so they sinned against Me. **I will change their glory into shame.**"

Right now, are we not looking at the shame? Look at the pitiful leadership that we have in America:

- abandoned forces in Afghanistan
- can't stand up against anybody in the world
- the floodgates of immigration are wide open to anyone

*All because we as a nation have **forgotten God!***

Jacob's troubles fit in to the end-time prophecies very well, when we understand who they are!

Verse 8: "They eat up the sin of My people, and they set their heart on their iniquity."

Think about that in relationship to all the sins! All the breaking of the Ten Commandments! That's quite a thing when we look at it the way God looks at it. Yet, He offers repentance, forgiveness and help! Likewise, with the Churches of God!

Verse 9: "And it has become, like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them for their doings, for they shall eat and not have enough..." (vs 9-10).

Isn't that interesting? We have *foodless* food! We got lots of food right now, but you can't get nourishment from it.

"...They shall commit whoredom and not increase because they have stopped taking heed to the LORD. Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart" (vs 10-11)—*and add to it **drugs!***

All the drugs, everything! Especially now with fentanyl! Two little grains of fentanyl will kill you! Watch the news and see how much they have captured—no telling how much they missed—there are tons of it!

- Who makes it? *China!*
- Who processes it and brings it here? *Mexico!*

All of these things could be stopped! Not by forcing it to be stopped, *but by people repenting and turning to God!* That would be something!

Wouldn't it be something if there was a mass movement among all the Protestant churches that different pastors, one after the other, would get up in the pulpit and say:

We have been wrong; we have not taught you the truth. We have taught you lies! Sunday is not the Lord's day! Saturday, the Sabbath, is

the Lord's day from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday!

Think about what would happen if something like that occurred! That would turn the whole economy in a completely different way. The whole entertainment industry and athletic industry upside down!

But they have been told over and over again that Sunday is the Lord's day, so that won't happen!

Verse 12: "My people seek advice from their wooden *idols*, and their rod declares to them, for the spirit of whoredoms has caused them to go astray, and they have gone awhoring away from under their God."

That is exactly what has happened here. That's a major part of the events at the end-time.

Now let go to Dan. 9 and pick it up here in summary of what we're going through. Let's see if we can get a clearer picture of what's going on. The time of Jacob's trouble is right now! Remember that it happened before. If people would read the Bible and know who we are, they would see that we're doing the same thing that they did. ***But they don't read the Bible!***

Let's focus in on the last week; Daniel 9:26: "And after sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off but not for Himself..."

Note our book *The Appointed Times of Jesus the Messiah!* We go through in detail how you count this, how you figure that, and we also have another paper by Carl Franklin did some time ago that covers how to understand all of Dan. 10 & 11. one of the things in understanding it is that it doesn't flow in a chronological way in sequence. It flows to a certain king and then there are gaps. Then it goes to another king and then there are gaps.

"...And the people of the prince..." (v 26)—*or the prince of the people!*

Tie in Rev. 13 where John stood on the sand of the sea and saw rising up out of the sea the beast. When it rises up it just doesn't suddenly appear. It raises up and comes up slowly. Then there will come a leader... Remember Rev. 13 covers:

1. *the system, which is called the Beast, and seven heads and ten horns, which are the leaders*
 2. *a great leader will come out of them and he shall be called the Beast*
- How do we know that's true? *Because of the beast, the man of sin the son of perdition, along with the false prophet!*
 - What will happen to them? *They'll be*

thrown into the Lake of Fire!

The whole system isn't thrown in there, but symbolically it is. The man who is the beast, and the false prophet, the man:

"...who shall come shall destroy the city... [he doesn't do it right away] ...and the sanctuary. But his end *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm a covenant with many **for one week**..."(vs 26-27)—*seven years!*

What will that covenant be like? (speculation):

- Remember what Pres. Donald Trump was working on before he lost the election?
- What was the major thing he was focusing on? *The Abraham Accord!*
- What was he doing? *Bringing peace between the Jews and the Muslims!*
- Could it be that this is one of the reason that Trump lost? *Because it wasn't time for this peace accord to be enacted!*

Now it's stopped dead in the water!

But the beast will make an accord; v 27: "And he shall confirm a covenant with many **for one week**..."

(break@33:25)

That's the start of the last seven years!

"...And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease..." (v 27).

This is why we know that they have to build another temple. ***The Jews have said***—and I watched this on the temple website: **templeinstitute.org**—that the Jews will not build a temple until Messiah comes. But here's the hitch: ***Messiah is a man, human!*** (according to the Jews)

This Beast Power, when he comes on the scene and makes the covenant with the Jews, they will say that this is the Messiah, and 'we will build the temple.'

It looks very convincing after watching the program from the Temple Institute, that it will be where the temple ought to be, right over the Spring of Gihon. What could be another sign for them to build the temple? *Originally there was so much water that at least twice a day it would gush clear up 400 feet to the temple area!* They would need all of that water to wash away the blood, keep things clean, and the washings for the priests and Levites.

So, I suspect that when the Spring of Gihon starts flowing again with lots of fresh water. Right

now it's bitter! So, if it starts flowing with fresh water, that will be a sign to the Jews. What do the Jews always want? *A sign!* They will build the temple! And they will build it at the City of David, because that's where it should be.

"...**And in the midst of the week...**" (v 27)—*3-1/2 years*; then he's going to break that covenant. We will see how that is done!

"...week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and upon the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate even until the consummation. And the fully determined end, which is decreed, shall be poured out upon the desolator." (v 27).

That final decree is that the beast and the false prophet are thrown into the Lake of Fire.

Now let's look at the King of the North and the King of the South. Let's see some of the practical things that it says that are going to take place. Let us understand that it just doesn't happen in a flash! We know that the covenant is going to be broken in the middle of the week.

Daniel 11:40: "And at the time of the end, the King of the South shall push at **him**...."—*the King of the North!*

- What does it mean to "...**push at him**..."? *Remember that it starts out with a peace agreement. This is close to the middle of the week when the covenant is broken!*
- What will that peace agreement include? *Protection for Israel to build the temple, and to have animal sacrifices!*

You can't stop something that doesn't exist! They admit at the Temple Institute that they have:

- all the plans for the temple
- all the uniforms for the high priest and Levites
- the Urim and Thummim
- the two lots that the high priest is supposed to handle every day of Atonement
- the plans for the altar
- the plans for everything

So, for those to come along and say that there won't be a temple, **they're completely wrong!**

We don't know what it means to "...**push at him**..."! Will it be a terrorist attack somewhere in Europe?

"...And the King of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships..." (v 40).

Think about how long it takes to get ships

from various parts of Europe coming around Northern France, Western France, Portugal, Spain and into the Straits of Gibraltar to come into the Mediterranean Sea and come all the way down to Egypt.

This event happens *before* the middle of the week, and is a response to help fulfill that covenant. So, where does he come?

"...and he shall enter into the countries..." (v 40)—*which shall probably be Egypt!* When you get to Egypt you're pretty close to the Holy Land.

"...and shall overflow and sweep through" (v 40).

That means he will come in with plenty of troops, tanks, planes, ships and everything to control it. Here this is in Egypt.

Verse 41: "He shall also enter into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown...."

How far away is Jerusalem? *With modern equipment, probably it could be accomplished in little more than a day!*

"...But these shall escape out of his hand: Edom and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon" (v 41).

- Why is that?
- Where are they located? *East of what is called Israel, by the Jews!*

So, you have the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan and it goes on up to the head of the river toward Jericho. Jordan and Ammon, which is the capital of Jordan today.

If there is a place of safety in the Middle East, which is likely, and if it is at Petra, which is in Jordan and is likely, that's why he doesn't go in there. Most people don't understand that under the city of Petra is a vast underground amount of water, which could take care of all of those who are taken to a place of safety.

Remember, there will be on 'Sleep-Ezz' bed for anyone; it will be sandstone! You're going to have a hard bed to sleep on, but that's better than being in a concentration camp!

Verse 42: "And he shall stretch out his hand also upon the countries... [What countries are involved in this pact? *All the Arab countries!*] ...And the land of Egypt shall not escape."

All of this is before he comes into Jerusalem to cutoff the sacrifices. Remember that he's protecting the Jews at this point, and they probably look upon him as the Messiah, because they don't

recognize Jesus Christ. They don't think He's going to return. They think He was a complete fraud!

When the two witnesses come on the scene will begin to change things that way.

Verse 43: "But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt. And the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall alarm him..." (vs 43-44).

Let's stop and look at the geographical situation today. Europe is virtually cutoff from America now. They're threatened with Russia, always are. Look at the wars:

- Neapolian War
- WWI
- WWII

All involved the Germans and the Russians! The Europeans always lose in the middle of the winter! The old enemy is raising his head again. Troubles out the North and out of the East. So, Europe needs a leader to come on the scene now! The look at Biden, and 'he ain't the guy'!

What's happening with Russia and China? *That's 'kissing festival' now!* They love each other. What happens when they increase their military power even more? *You need to think way ahead to the final battle!* It's going to involve the greatest number of troops coming from China! That's why it's becoming more and more of a world power right now.

"...Then he will go forth with great fury to destroy and to utterly annihilate many" (v 44).

There's going to be a war between the beast, the Russians and the Chinese! It's going to be quite a devastating war!

Verse 45: "And he shall plant his royal tents between *the* seas in the glorious Holy mountain..."

This is when he comes into Jerusalem and this is when the truce is broken! How will that be broken?

"...Yet, he shall come to his end, and none shall help him" (v 45).

Matt 24 tells us when that covenant truce will be broken! This is when the Great Tribulation begins. You've had the King of the North come down, retaliate against the King of the South. He has armies, planes, tanks and everything there. Then Russia and China are giving him problems, so he launches out of Europe and where he is in Egypt to come against them, and he's doing to make a devastating annihilation!

Then he's going to come into Jerusalem, and this is when things change. Of course, the false prophet is with him. All through this, the false prophet will be with him.

Matthew 24:15: "Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy place...."

That means there must be a temple for there to be a Holy Place. That's what it will be called, and that's what it will be patterned after in the rebuilding of the temple. So, here's this parenthetical statement:

"...(The one who reads, let him understand.)" (v 15).

That was added in there by the Apostle John so that when we come here we know we have to understand. There are other facts that have to brought this to this. So ***when***:

- he stands in the Holy Place
- cuts off all the sacrifices
- is declared by the false prophet to be God in the flesh

That's when the Tribulation begins! It can't begin before then.

Then Christ gives instruction in vs 16-19 for those in the area of what is called Israel today.

Verse 20: "And pray that your flight be not in *the* winter, nor on *the* Sabbath."

You need the In-Depth Study of Daniel/Revelation with CDs, transcripts and charts. This is very detailed for you to understand. The chart lists out everything for the last seven years and all of the events during the last 3-1/2 years.

Here is where the covenant is broken; Verse 21: "For **then**..."

Verse 15: Therefore, **when you see the abomination of desolation**, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy place...."

Verse 21: "**For then** shall there be Great Tribulation... [that's when it starts] ...such as has not been from *the* beginning of *the* world until this time, nor ever shall be *again*."

Let's come back and look again at the two witnesses. The chart is drawn out according to the Calculated Hebrew Calendar. The last year I have as *a last year of a 19-year time-cycle!* You count backward and the year that the agreement is signed is in the 13th year.

Now let's come back to the events going on.

- How do we know when the two witnesses come on the scene?
- What are we told about their ministry?

We saw in part 6 of this series from Zech. 3 & 4 that God is going to select them. God is going to give them great power as pictured by the golden bowl with the oil coming down to both of them, **which are the two anointed that stand before the God of the whole earth!** They're going to come directly from God; He's going to choose them! They will be, as we saw:

1. the high priest of the temple
2. the governor of Judea

Next week we will talk about the third Elijah, because there will be the third Elijah! But here we're focusing on the two witnesses.

- How can we know when they start? *There's no Scriptures that says 'on this day the two witnesses start.'*
- How do we know? *That's why you need the chart!*

You know when they're going to die!

Revelation 11:1: "Then *the angel* gave me a measuring rod like a staff, saying, '**Arise and measure the Temple of God**, and the altar, and those who worship in it. But leave out the court that is within the temple *area*, **and do not measure it because it has been given up to the Gentiles; and they shall trample upon the Holy city for forty-two months**'" (vs 1-2).

That's the length of time of the power of the beast (Rev. 13); *42 months after his deadly wound is healed!* Here is a clue as to when they begin:

Verse 3: "And I will give *power* to My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy **a thousand two hundred and sixty days**, clothed in sackcloth. **These are the two olive trees, and the two lampstands that stand before the God of the earth**" (vs 3-4).

Direct connection with the power of God, and the power of God's Holy Spirit like two men have never had on the whole earth. They will be the two most powerful men in the world, and the enemies won't be able to get them! They will try to kill the two witnesses.

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

Think about this: everybody now has smart phones, cell phones and I believe that God is going to keep all of those satellites there so that everyone will see these things. God is going to give a witness

that is going to be known world-wide!

"...For if anyone attempts to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. These have authority to shut heaven so that no rain may fall in *the* days of their prophecy; and they have authority over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they will" (vs 5-6).

- What plagues do you think that they have control over? *Go back and read about Egypt in the book of Exodus!*
- What were the plagues against the Egyptians? *God always uses them again! Those are God's weapons!*
- When do they start? *They are going to have their witness for 1260 days!*

Their witness will be different than what the Church preaches. We know this from what Paul wrote (Acts 20). The Gospel of the Kingdom of God and the Gospel of Grace comprises the message of the New Testament Church.

But during the days of the two witnesses, the 1260 days, they're not going to be preaching lovey-dovey, huggy-kissy! ***They're going to be preaching that you repent to the God of heaven, because the Kingdom of God is coming to this earth, and God Himself is coming to bring it!*** That's will be their message! So, we have 1260 days!

- What happens after that? *Finally, the beast that comes out of the abyss is allowed to kill them!*
- What happens after that? *Their bodies in the street for 3-1/2 days!*
So, we have 1263-1/2 days!
- What's going to happen after the 3-1/2 days? *They're going to be raised from the dead!*

Now, this gives us a way that we can count. How does we know?

Verse 9: "Then those of the peoples and tribes and languages and nations **shall see their bodies three and a half days**, for they will not allow their bodies to be put into tombs. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them..." (vs 9-10).

Just think about what a victory parade this is going to be! How short-lived it will be!

"..and will make merry, and will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets had tormented those who dwell on the earth" (v 10).

Think about that! That's everybody on earth! So, the prophecies of God here at the end-

time:

- are worldwide
- are of a great magnitude
- are of unheard of power
- are of unheard of display of spiritual power by the two witnesses

What happens after 3-1/2 days?

Verse 11: "Then **after the three and a half days, the spirit of life from God entered into them and they stood on their feet**; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them."

The next verse is the start of the first resurrection, which is on Pentecost! Anybody who thinks it's on Trumpets doesn't understand what they are saying. They don't understand the Scriptures.

The reason that we don't know the day or the hour is because on our calendar—and even on the Sacred Hebrew Calendar—you don't know when the day or the hour is to begin. Why? *Because you don't know when the Passover of that year is going to be!* You have to know when the Passover is going to be for the Wave Sheaf Offering Day; that's the only way you can know how to get to Pentecost.

So, we can understand the Feast day that pictures it, even though we don't know exactly the day that it's going to take place. We will see that this is the beginning of the first resurrection, and the saints do not come back to the earth with Christ until Trumpets. This occurs on Pentecost:

Verse 12: "And they heard a great voice from heaven, say, 'Come up here!' And they ascended into heaven in a cloud; and their enemies saw them *rise*. And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand men were killed in the earthquake. And the rest were filled with fear, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming immediately" (vs 12-14). *As soon as it's over, what happens?*

Verse 15: "Then the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet..."

This is the only place in the whole Bible that we have Trumpets named is in the book of Revelation. We have it said in other places, 'at the last trump.' But what is the last trump?

For all of those you out there who may believe in Trumpets as the day of the resurrection, when does the resurrection trumpet sound when trumpets are blown all day long? If you get to the last trumpet blown on Trumpets, guess what follows right after that? *Sunset!*

So, the last trumpet is the seventh trump of Revelation. Can't be any other trumpet.

Verse 15: "Then the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet, and *there* were great voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign into the ages of eternity.'"

That's when there is the official transfer from Satan the devil as the god of this world, to Jesus Christ, the returning Savior from heaven Who's going to come down into the clouds and there will be this great Sea of Glass. ***All those resurrected in the first resurrection will stand there!*** There's a lot to happen!

- Don't you think that taking over the world is a big task?
- Don't you think that you will want to know what to do?
- Don't you think that God is a God of organization? *He's going to have it all organized!*

Here's what's going to happen with that Sea of Glass; it's going to be gigantic! If you don't think there's a Sea of Glass, go back and read Exo. 24.

Revelation 15:1: "Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and awesome: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is filled up."

The seven last plagues must happen after the seventh trump has blown!

Verse 2: "And I saw a Sea of Glass mingled with fire, **and those who had gotten the victory over the beast**, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, **standing on the Sea of Glass**, having *the* lyres of God."

- Is that clear?
- Is this not the resurrection?
- Where are you going to go on Trumpets, if it's on Trumpets?

When you meet Christ in the air are you going to say:

Are you Christ? Yes, follow Me! What am I going to do? Don't worry about that, you just follow Me!

Do you see how ridiculous that is? *It's going to be planned! We're going to know what to do!* This is going to be awesome when it takes place.

Notice that this is before Rev. 19 after the marriage supper of the lamb. Then we all come back to the earth with Christ.

Verse 3: "And they were singing the song of

Moses... [all the kings, priests and the patriarchs] ...*the* servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, 'Great and awesome *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty; righteous and true *are* Your ways, King of the saints. Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You* only *are* Holy; and all the nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been revealed'" (vs 3-4).

Prophetic declaration that the Millennium is about ready to start. This is something! We also need to understand how these events are going to take place and what is the sequence that they come, ***so that we are not led astray!*** We have a lot of things that we need to watch.

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