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ASSIGNMENT

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TEXTS:

1. *Rainbows from Revelation*, James Combs, (Springfield, MO: Tribune Publishers 1994). (obtain from LBTS)
ISBN: 1-884764-02-9
2. *King James Version Bible*
3. *Halley's Bible Handbook* , (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing, 1961)
ISBN: 0310257204
4. *Unger's Bible Dictionary*, (Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2006)
ISBN: 0802490662

COURSE OBJECTIVE: The purpose this course is an analytical verse-by-verse study of the Book of Revelation in order to ascertain its origin, authorship, date, purpose, teachings and doctrines for the improvement of the student's ability to understand, teach, and preach from Revelation.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

PART I: **BACKGROUND OF THE BOOK** – Research and give specific detailed information on the following questions about the background of this book of the Bible.

- (1) Name the generally accepted author of the book and give biographical details about his ancestry, nationality, family, age at the time he wrote this book, his ministry at the time, etc.
- (2) List the generally accepted date or period in which this book was written and discuss your reasons for accepting this date over other possible choices.
- (3) Explain where this book was written and why it was written at this place (for example, perhaps the author was in exile there or in prison there, etc.)
- (4) List the specific individual, group, or nation that he wrote this book to, and describe in detail your Scriptural or extra-biblical evidence for this answer.
- (5) Describe in detail his purpose or reasons for writing this book (for example, what was the situation, emergency, or misunderstanding that necessitated the writing of this book).
- (6) List the particular doctrines or new concepts which are introduced or discussed in detail in the book (give the Scriptural reference for these).

- (7) State which biblical language (Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, etc.) the original manuscript (autograph) was written in when the Holy Spirit gave this book by inspiration.

PART II **ANALYSIS OF THE BOOK**

- (1) Read what the Bible and the above listed references say about each chapter (do a chapter at a time) marking listings, Scriptures, and information you might want to use for outlining this book of the Bible in detail.
- (2) Prepare a detailed outline of each chapter or shorter contextual passage in such a way that it can be used for teaching or preaching a series of lessons or messages in your church or other group about the doctrines, teachings, and events which are described in the book of Revelation.
- (3) After completing all the above assignments for this course

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Part I The Background of the Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is well documented as being the Revelation of Jesus Christ and not the revelation of John the apostle. Almost as if it would be questioned, the opening sentence affirms that God gave the revelation to Jesus Christ “and He sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.” It is likewise affirmed strongly that this John was the one “who bare record of the word of God; and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.” The time and place of its writing is equally affirmed in the introduction. It was at the close of the Apostles life while he was on the Isle of Patmos. It records “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.” (Rev 1:9) The book is addressed to seven churches. Seven is the number signifying completeness; ergo the book is addressed to all churches. The message of the book is not new, by any means, but it incorporates a wealth of revelation about what has previously been intimated. The book reveals, by command to John, what John saw, things that are, things to come. “Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.” (Rev 1:19)

The Author

The opening affirmation leaves no question about the author; It is the Apostle John. About the same time he wrote in his 1st. Epistle an equally strong affirmation that he was this eyewitness, as he writes it: “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;... That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you.”(1John 1,3) Such a powerful affirmation is intrinsic and integral in the introduction of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. When

Charles Ryrie, Th.D., Ph.D, first asserts that, “Traditionally this John has been identified as John the Apostle,”¹ he is disingenuous to the Holy Scriptures that affirm it so.

Dr. Cohen and Salem Kirban² state that the Apostle wrote it (about 95-96 AD) is firmly substantiated by the testimony of Irenaeus (c, 170 A.D.)”, and that “Irenaeus was the pupil of Polycarp who in turn sat at the feet of John himself, and his words constitute strong evidence. Irenaeus wrote, “ Salem then states that “John also, the Lord's disciple...says in the 'Apocalypse’”³ and then quotes 1:12-16,5:6,19:11-17. These learned defenders of truth step outside Scripture and seek external sources to establish that the Apostle John is indeed the author. This is necessitated because Catholics and their Protestant Children have a long history of denying the authenticity, accuracy and believability of such an amazing Revelation of Jesus Christ. For the born again Bible believer such elaborate confirmation is not necessary. God has clearly 'Revealed' who the Author is and where the Apostle John got his command to write down this Revelation of Jesus Christ.

When the King James Translators titled the book “The Revelation of Saint John the Divine” they were but relaying the information found in the books, affirmation that John was a believer or 'saint'⁴ and that he was the servant and student of God, or Theologian, or in Old English, a

1 Ryrie, Charles Caldwell, *Ryrie Study Bible*, (Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Il., 1978), 1785

2 Kirban, Salem and Cohen, Gary G., *Revelation Visualized*, (Salem Kirban Inc. Hunnington Valley, Penn., 1971), 568

3 Kirben misleads by substituting “Apocalypse” for “Revelation”. In Catholic, Protestant, Reformed and Kirban's explanation “Apocalypse comes from the identical Greek word, apokalipsis, which is 'apo' “from” and “Kaplipsis,” that which is hidden...” The Catholic (universal) use of this word “Apocalypse” relied on keeping the “that which is hidden” still hidden. But the Scripture use of the Greek word is that it is now unhidden, it is manifest, it is laid bare, it is revealed, it is appeared, i.e. Revelation. Ergo it is always better to use the English rendering 'Revelation' than the Catholic, Protestant, Reformed rendering Apocalypse.

4 Bible Saints are never to be confused with Roman Catholic Saints; Bible Saints are born-again ones, Catholic Saints are those perceived by the Roman Catholic Church as ones who generated enough man made righteousness, piety or suffering to get to heaven and likely have enough left over that you could pray to them for some of their leftovers to help your special circumstance. Do not get me started here on such tomfoolery!

'divine'. Note of the author, the Apostle John, that he clearly identifies himself as an Apostle, an authenticated eyewitness of the "Word made flesh." In this Revelation, in his own words, with his own pen, he documents "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ." (Rev. 1:9a) The Apostle John also authored three epistles and "The Gospel According to John." The companioning use of words, thoughts, substance and style provide intrinsic internal evidences of his authorship of these four.

It is insightful to note some background on this author of Scripture. Again, in his own hand, with his own pen, John describes his first encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. In the Gospel According to John, the day after Jesus was "made manifest to Israel" at his baptism, John the Baptist stood with two of his disciples; "And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:36) These two disciples John and Andrew, Simon Peters brother, immediately followed after Jesus and engaged in a unique exchange that John records in John 1. Since this record puts this engagement the day after Christ's baptism, it was before the 40 days and 40 nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness. So the Apostle John was very literally with the Christ from the very beginning, and yes even before adjoining himself to Christ's earthly ministry, John was a disciple of John the Baptist, the fore runner of Christ.

The chronology of Christs early ministry can be challenging to detail, but the apostle John recognized him as Christ from the beginning. The Bible says of Jesus Baptism "Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; and looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God; And the two disciples heard him speak and they followed Jesus." John 1:35-37 John and Andrew were present at Jesus' Baptism, saw the Spirit descend upon him, and the next day left their discipleship position with John the Baptist to become the very

first disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible says that as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee he called to Simon and Andrew his brother... “And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother.” This was when Jesus came to Galilee after his days of temptation. James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, were again eager to leave off fishing, and become, as Jesus said, fishers of men. Peter, James and John quickly become the special three and of those three the apostle John was the beloved disciple. When Jesus waded through the scoffers to raise the ruler's daughter from the dead, he took just Peter, James and John with him. When some were to get a glimpse into God's Kingdom on earth it was the three that were invited up onto that mountain. When Jesus was alone praying, the three were with him; when sitting on the Mount of Olives it was the three who asked about the troublous times to come. When he approached his passion he took the three into the garden to pray. It is like every time Jesus turned around, he first bumped into Peter, James and John and took them with him. James and John, he surnamed Boanerges, the sons of thunder. Although we do not know all he intended in that name, it adds color to our understanding of who this author of Revelation was.

Consider also that this John, who 'was in the isle called Patmos, for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” understood much and believed all there was to believe about “kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ” (Rev.1:9) He had heard Jesus himself give the expository message from David's Psalm. “Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion”. He heard with his own ears the Father's decree given to the Son, and now repeated by the “Son of Man”. “Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.” Martin Luther had to contend with the whole of Roman Catholic Doctrine that absolutely denied the

literal physical reign of the Lord Jesus Christ from the throne of David, but John the Apostle heard Jesus' own words, "when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come," and he answered them and said, "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! Or Lo there! For, behold, the Kingdom of God is within you." John Calvin had to contend with all his (Church Fathers) who vehemently denied a literal fulfillment of Psalm 2 and a restoration of Israel in Jerusalem, but the Apostle John was there to hear Jesus' answer to Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world; If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from hence." (John 18:36) Recall that John had seen Peter put away his bloody sword at Jesus' command. Protestants have to contend with 1000 years of their recorded Church history "wherein a literal ruling of Christ for 1000 years was scoffed at and denied, but John had come to Jesus with his brother James and asked, "Grant unto us that we may sit, one in the right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory." (Mark 10:37) Indeed the mother of these two sons of Zebedee requested the same thing when Jesus came into his kingdom. (Matt. 20:20-28) John commanded to "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things that are, and the things which shall be hereafter;" Know that the Kingdom of God was real and literal and coming to this earth in physical form.

At the last supper this John was the closest to Jesus, even lying his head on his breast and bosom. John was not only a powerful presence in the life and ministry of Christ, he was the most present disciple during his trial and crucifixion, an eyewitness at his resurrection. From the cross he was chosen to guard the Mother of Jesus. In his gospel he recounts the resurrected body of Christ. The Apostle John was a worthy eyewitness and outspoken eyewitness. Consider also

that before John was commanded to take quill and ink, he Preached his eyewitness accounts of Jesus the Christ for sixty years, even to the peril of his own life. One who has been preaching the same message for sixty years does not stammer with the written word. Consequently John's writings, and most certainly the Revelation of Jesus Christ, are the most organized and eloquent communications in the whole Bible.

The Date and Place of the Revelation's Writing

That John was commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ to write to Seven Churches we have from his own pen. That he was writing from the Island of Patmos is likewise recorded in his hand. Patmos is “an island of Southeast Greece in the Dodecanese Islands of the Aegean Sea. “American Heritage Dictionary Patmos” If needed John Fox (1516-1587) in his book, 'Foxes Book of Martyrs’ (Hitaker House Publishing, Springdale, Pa., 1981) pg. 13 adds substantiation to John's pen by writing. “The first persecution ceased under Vespasian who gave some rest to the poor Christians. After whose reign was moved, not long after, the second persecution, by the Emperor Domitian, brother of Titus. He, first beginning mildly and modestly, afterward did so for outrage in pride intolerable, that he commanded himself to be worshipped as god, and that images of gold and silver in his honor should be set up in the capital In this persecution, John the apostle and evangelist, was exiled by the said Domitians into Patmos. After the death of Domitian, he being slain and his acts repealed by the senate, John was released, and came to Ephesus in the year forescore and seventeen, where he continued until the time of Trajan, and there governed the churches in Asia, where also he wrote his Gospel; and so lived till the year after passion of our Lord, three score and eight, which was the year of his age about one hundred.”

In his book John Fox references sources of Poly Carp, (69A.D.-155A.D.), Ireneaus(A.D.) Clement (150-215A.D.), Eusebirs (115- A.D.), and Josephus (Jewish historian) and giving assurance that such a record is not passed down as tradition but passed on herein as history. Fox goes on to present an extended testimony of John written by Clement of Alexandria. When writing about the martyrdom of Philip (pg.9) Fox adds a note, “It should be understood that the accounts of the martyrdoms of apostles are mainly traditional.” (If this footnote is indeed from John Fox, which is in some question) but clearly this testimony of John's confinement and release on Patmos is from written testimony not mere tradition. The seven churches to which John was commanded to write were in Asia Minor.

To Whom Was the Revelation Written?

The Revelation of Jesus Christ has ample introduction to detail the audience of the address. The audience is corporately all of mankind stating “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.” But indeed the target specified in the first three chapters the whole church in the whole church age. This is emphasized via the seven messages to the seven Churches; seven being the number of completeness. It is disappointing that a Revelation of Jesus Christ written to the Churches of Jesus Christ is not even read by the Roman Catholic Church and completely nullified for the Protestant Churches because of their errant practice allegorizing the whole book.

The Purpose and the Doctrines of the Revelation

The purpose of the book is the Revelation of Jesus Christ as he details “The things which thou (John) hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter. John was an eyewitness of the Christ and was charged to tell what he saw. He wrote during the

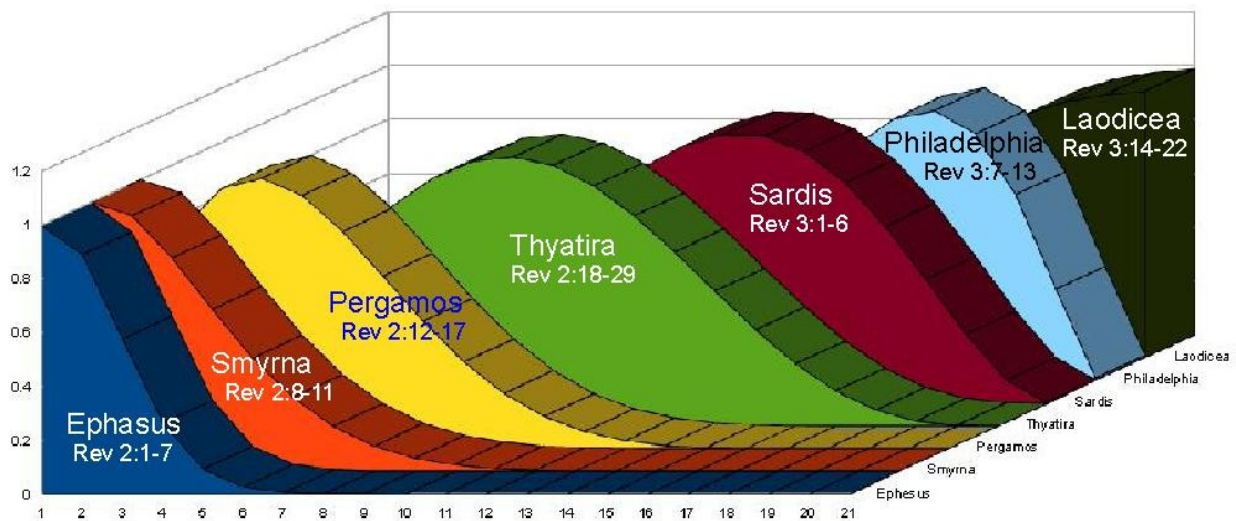
dispensation of grace wherein the Church was to be the primary operation of God, and John was charged to write the things that are. The dispensation of grace would soon end and a tribulation period would transition into the next dispensation, that of the millennial reign of Christ, and John was charged to write the things that shall be hereafter.

The rest of this analysis is made up analysis of the seven messages followed by power point briefing slides made up to teach the Rapture of the Church

Part II Analysis of the Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Seven Messages to the Seven Churches

The seven messages to the seven angels of the seven Churches from he who has the seven spirits of God, puts a particular emphasis on seven, the number of completeness. The emphasis that these messages are complete cannot be overlooked. The concept that they cover the complete period of the Church age is also a predominant theme of these seven messages. The messages are completely applicable to every Church in any period of this age, but they are also individually keenly pertinent to a particular period of this Church age. The graph below shows the statistical distribution of each message for the period of time it seems to be most applicable. (Only an engineer would make such a graph, but it is extremely insightful and helpful)



In the analysis of each message that follows watch the characteristics of the addresser, the noted good works, the rebukes and the promises. Each one is particularly applicable to the circumstances in the ages shown in the above graph.

Message to the Churches #1 To Ephesus

In this first of the seven message to the Churches there are many insights that will be developed further as the revelation in the sequencing of the messages unfolds. It must suffice on this first review to marvel primarily in the vast content of this message. It is repeated here with Comb's OT Allusions interlinear:

- Re 2:1 ¶ Unto the angel of the church of 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;
- Re 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, 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:
- Re 2:3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.
- Re 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.
Jer 2:2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.
- Re 2:5 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.
- Re 2:6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
- Re 2:7 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.
(add) 1John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
- Ge 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- Ge 3:22 ¶ And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
- Ge 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
- Ge 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.
- Pr 11:30 ¶ The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.
- Pr 13:12 ¶ Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.
- Eze 31:8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chesnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

The following essay captures a glimpse into this message to Ephesus:

Msg #1201 Get into a Candlestick
What The Bible Says
Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Unto the angel of the church of 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.” The messages that Jesus Christ gave to seven Churches teach much about Him and about us. The Church at Ephesus was not a Catholic or Universal Church, it was a local Church. Christ established only local autonomous Churches and never established a Catholic one or an invisible one like the Protestant invented after they left their mother Church. Each local Church had an angel in it. Now don't get all charismatic and crazy, this angel was a messenger or preacher and we call him the Pastor. Christ's message was sent to the Pastor / messenger and he delivered it to the local Church. The seven messengers, which are the Pastors, are represented by the stars from the previous chapter and notice that Christ has them in his right hand. Notice also that He is walking in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, which are the seven churches. Jesus, holding the pastor in his hand, is walking in the midst of the local church where two or three are gathered together in his name. That is the definition of the ecclesia and why Jesus clarified with the same words, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” If you have not put your light into a local candlestick you are not being obedient. When one gets saved they become part of the family of God, but you are not part of the church until you unite with

a local body of believers, two or three or more gathered with an angel. Get to Church this year. (An Essay for week #01, Sun, January 1, 2012)

Message to the Churches #2 To Smyrna

In this second message of the 7 we see not only an extremely powerful message revealed, but a chronological progression in the experiences through which the Churches will walk in time. The second message is repeated here with Comb's OT Allusions, supplemented with my own, interlinear:

Re 2:8 ¶ And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

(add) Isa 41:4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

(add) Isa 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

(add) Isa 48:12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

Re 2:9 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.

(add) Isa 25:4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

Re 2:10 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.

Da 11:14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

Re 2:11 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.

(add) 1John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

The following essay captures a glimpse into this message's verse 11 mentioning overcomers:

Msg# 1203 Overcomers
What The Bible Says
Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In the seven messages Christ left for the messengers of the seven local Churches there are seven promises to those who overcometh as follows: “To him that overcometh: (of Ephesus) will I give to eat of the tree of life (2:7), (of Smyrna) shall not be hurt of the second death (2:11), (of Pergamos) will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written (2:17), (and keepeth my works unto the end) (of Thyatira) to him will I give power over the nations (2:26), (of Sardis) the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life (3:5), (of Philadelphia) 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, ... and I will write upon him my new name (3:12), (of Laodicea) 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 (3:21) .” One may ask who are these who overcome? Are they the ones who 'Endure to the end?' who 'Keep the faith?' who 'Don't loose their Salvation?' No, the Apostle John who penned these words of Christ for the overcomers clarifies who they are in 1John 5:4-5 “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?” Overcomers are born-again ones! You born-again? An Essay from week # 3, Sunday, January 15, 2012

Message to the Churches #3 To Pergamos

Re 2:12 ¶ And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;
 Isa 49:2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

Re 2:13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest 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.

Re 2:14 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 stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.
 Nu 25:1 ¶ And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.
 Nu 25:2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.
 Nu 25:3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

Re 2:15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

Re 2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Re 2:17 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.
 (add) 1John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
 Ex 16:33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.
 Ex 16:34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.
 Ps 77:2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.
 Ps 77:3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.
 Ps 77:4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
 Isa 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.
 Isa 65:15 And 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 following essay captures a glimpse into this message to Pergamos:

Msg# 1204 Two Edged Swords
 What The Bible Says
 Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

To the angel, or messenger, to the Church in Pergamos the Lord Jesus Christ addresses himself as “he which hath the sharp sword with two edges.” This is

without doubt a reference to his previous letter to the Hebrews wherein he states “For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thought and intents of the heart.” With the saints at Ephesus He instructs us to put on the whole armour of God “and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” By their own admission Protestants, reformed, evangelicals and modernists have dropped their sword. They mistakenly teach that only the autographs that dripped from the prophets pen is accurate so they serve up a host of Bible Critics who pretend older and better manuscripts from the philosophers of Alexandria Egypt can solve all those Bible defects and tell us what God meant to say in the autographs. Those philosophers do not even know you have a soul and spirit! Their ecumenical Bible societies will never print a sharp sword with two edges. Baptist, who are not reformers or reformed need to keep their hands on their swords in these days. Jesus says to the angel of the Church in Pergamus, that he already has a sword with two edges, don't get yours from some society of Bible critics. When you are dwelling where Satan's seat is, striving to hold fast His name, and not denying His faith, it is most important to have a solid hold on the two edged sword, which is the Word of God.

An Essay from week # 4, Sunday, January 22, 2012

Message to the Churches #4 To Thyatira

Re 2:18 ¶ 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;

Rev 1:14 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.

Re 19:12 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.

Gen 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. 11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: 12 His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

Brass and Furnace Eze 22:20 As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

Da 10:6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

Re 2:19 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.

Re 2:20 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.

1Ki 16:31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

1Ki 16:32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

2Ki 9:7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.

2Ki 9:22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?

Re 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Re 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

Re 2:23 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 every one of you according to your works.

Ps 7:9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

Ps 26:2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

Ps 28:4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

Ps 61:1 ¶ To the chief Musician upon Neginah, A Psalm of David. Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

Ps 61:2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

Ps 61:3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

Jer 11:20 But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

Jer 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Jer 20:12 But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

Re 2:24 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.

Re 2:25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

Re 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

(NT) 1John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Re 2:27 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.

Ps 2:7 ¶ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Ps 2:8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Ps 2:9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Isa 30:14 And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water withal out of the pit.

Jer 19:11 And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury.

Re 2:28 And I will give him the morning star.

Re 2:29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The following two essays capture a glimpse into this message to Thyatira:

Msg# 1205 The Woman Jezebel
What The Bible Says
Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Judge with fire in his eye addresses a message to the Church of Thyatira. These seven messages migrate through seven problems and admonitions in the same manner that the Churches migrate through seven periods of time and history. The Judge shows up in this 4th message to deal with “that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess.” Recall that the coiled serpent, Jezebel, Ahab's vile wife, manipulated the government officials to have Naboth executed so she could take possession of his whole inheritance and give

his vineyard to her husband, that evil toad, King Ahab. By the 4th century A.D. Roman Catholic Church Fathers, Saint Clement and Saint Origen of Alexandria Egypt, and later Saint Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, had decided that the Nation of Israel, who had rejected the Messiah, and the Children of Jacob, who crucified Him, should be robbed of their whole inheritance. Church leaders in Rome decided they would become 'Catholic' and take possession of Israel's whole inheritance. They manipulated Constantine, the Roman emperor, to have the Donatists and all other dissenters executed. They then promised that they, as a Catholic Church, would have the lion lay down with the lamb, have the swords beat into plowshares, and usher in a kingdom of peace on earth. Such promises were made to Israel for a dispensational Kingdom Age not to a Catholic Church with a Replacement Theology! Roman Catholicism is certainly the Jezebel in Revelation 2, and her children are the 200+ Protestant denominations which broke off but still accepted her Replacement Theology. A child of Jezebel, John Calvin, called it Covenant Theology. He claimed his catholic church to be the new elect ones! The message in this Revelation is that God will judge Jezebel and her children who pretend to be Jews and are not.

An Essay from week # 5, Sunday, January 29, 2012

Msg# 1206 A Bema Seat Judgment
What The Bible Says
Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The saints of Thyatira are addressed by Jesus the Righteous Judge with eyes like unto a flame of fire, and feet like fine brass, with this challenge “Unto you I say, ... as many as have not this doctrine (of Jezebel, which calleth herself a

prophets), and which have not known the depths of Satan, ... I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.” A clear judgment is coming for those Jezebels who reject the proper place of Israel as God's Elect, whether done by the Catholic denial of the Millennial Reign of Christ in Jerusalem, or John Calvin's claim that the reformers are the new Elect of God. But Christ is the judge of the quick and the dead, the believer and the unbeliever. He has complete vision: “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...” His seven Spirits are listed in Isaiah 11 establishing that “with righteousness...shall he judge.” Therefore the believer needs to make his prayer “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” (Psalm 139) We need a renewed awareness that “Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.” (1Cor3) There is a 'Bema Seat Judgment' and a tiny Baptist remnant who need to hold fast till Jesus comes.

An Essay from week # 6, Sunday, February 05, 2012

Message to the Churches #5 To Sardis

Re 3:1 ¶ 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.

Isa 4:1 ¶ And 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.

Re 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Re 3:3 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.

Re 3:4 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.

Ec 9:8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.

Re 3:5 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.

(add) 1John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Ex 32:32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

Ex 32:33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

Isa 4:3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

Mal 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

Da 12:1 ¶ And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as 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.

Re 3:6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The following essay captures a glimpse into this message:

Msg# 1208 Sardis' Name is Protestant
 What The Bible Says
 Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Addressed by “He that hath the seven Spirits of God,” the Church of Sardis had a name of life but was in fact dead. Protestant reformers came out of the indulgence selling Roman Catholic Jezebel mentioned previously with the battle cry “Only Faith; Only Grace; Only Scripture;” but they brought most of the rest of Jezebel's doctrines with them! They used Bible criticisms and allegorical

interpretations to frame up their covenant and replacement theology which denies Israel her place and keeps the catholic church intact. Protestant Churches ended up like the Sardis Church, with the name of life, 'i.e. sola fide' but a doctrine of death, 'i.e. replacement theology.' Jesus' command to them “Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, . . . remember how thou hast received and heard (i.e. sola fide, sola gratia, sola scriptura) and hold fast and repent.” Nothing good is said about the Church of Sardis. The post-post-reformation church, called evangelical and neo-evangelical, still cannot understand the independent local church, nor its rapture, nor the 1000 year Millennial reign of Christ. And so the returning King of kings, who will sit on the Throne of David in the Hills of Zion in the City of Jerusalem warns this group; “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.” Reformers have changed their battle cry to “only election, only catholic, only amillennial covenant theology!” It is distressing that GARB and Southern Baptist Churches are readily being swallowed into the Sardis Church, with faulty reformed catholic doctrine. Historically, Baptists have not needed reform nor been reformed. Ever since Christ taught it to them they have held to the three sola's without any Latin or Catholic flavorings.

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Message to the Churches #6 To Philadelphia

Re 3:7 ¶ 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;

Isa 22:22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

Re 3:8 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.

Re 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Isa 43:4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

Isa 45:14 Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God.

Isa 48:4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;

Isa 49:23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

Isa 60:14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Re 3:10 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.

Re 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Re 3:12 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.

(add) 1John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Isa 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

Eze 48:35 It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.

Re 3:13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The following essay captures a glimpse into this message:

Msg# 1210 Rapture from Philadelphia
What The Bible Says
Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The message to the Church of Philadelphia has very special appeal to those who believe in the inerrancy of the Word of God, the pre-millennial, pre-tribulation rapture of the Church and the Millennial reign of Christ on the Throne of David in the City of David. Protestants, reformed and other covenant theologians no so much. It is addressed from “He that is holy, He that is true, and He that hath the Key of David.” There are other keys mentioned in Scripture but the key of David here emphasizes the Throne of David, and City of David cast aside by allegorizing, Bible critic protestants. The Christ will sit on David's throne in the Hills of Zion in Israel's promised land, just as God said. There will be a 7 year time of Jacob's Trouble followed by a dispensation for the 1000 year reign of Christ no matter to John Calvin's Institutes and errant reformed theology. The Church of Philadelphia, representative of those who believe the Bible without allegorical hermeneutics, will be “kept from the hour of temptation” by the pre-tribulation rapture that they preach. It is no coincidence that the Declaration and subsequent Bill of Rights drawn up and signed in Philadelphia opened prison doors and set loose Baptist Preachers imprisoned for Preaching the whosoever will Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. This message to the Church of Philadelphia references that open door for those who keep His Word and it calls the covenant theologian, with his replacement theology, saying he is a Jew when he is not, “the Synagogue of Satan.” That is powerful warning not to tangle in Calvinism or his reformed theology. They will one day “worship before thy feet,” so keep your feet on the pillar and ground of truth.

Message to the Churches #7 To Laodicea

- Re 3:14 ¶ 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;
Ge 49:3 Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:
De 21:17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.
Pr 8:22 ¶ The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.
- Re 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
- Re 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
- Re 3:17 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:
Ho 12:8 And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin.
- Re 3:18 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.
Isa 55:1 ¶ Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- Re 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.
Pr 3:12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
- Re 3:20 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.
So 5:2 ¶ I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.
- Re 3:21 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.
(add) 1John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
- Re 3:22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The following essay captures a glimpse into this message:

Msg# 1211 Laodicean Last of the Last Days
What The Bible Says
Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

For the 20th century preacher of the Gospel the most notable message of the seven recorded in the Revelation of Jesus Christ is the one which depicts the apostate Church as neither cold nor hot and spued out of the mouth of the Lord Jesus Christ. The turn of the century found the Bible revising Protestant Church invaded by liberalism and modernism and belching out cultic leaders like Joseph Smith, Charles Taze Russle, Mary Baker Glocer Eddy, and Ellen White. The message to the Laodicean Church is altogether applicable to this era in the last of the last days. Denominational Churches say, “I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.” The Neo-Evangelical Mega Churches of the 21st century do not know that they are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. Jesus, the addressee of this seventy message is addressing as “The Amen” because He is indeed the final authority, the Verily Verily, and the End; “The faithful and true witness” because unrevised, uninternationalized Scripture is still the inerrant, infallible, verbally inspired Word of God, completely preserved in the English Language in only the King James Bible; and “The beginning of the creation of God” because it was Jesus the Christ who created all things that where created, and they were created by Him in 6 days like he said, else he is a deceiver and fake. The Laodicean Church failed to hold Him as the final Amen, the replaced the True Witness with revised standards, and international versions, and teach their children Darwinian Evolution instead of the Six Day Creation, echoed in a seven day week. America stands ready for judgment because its Churches are primed to be spued out of Christ's mouth. Come out and be ye separate!

An Essay from week # 11, Sunday, March 11, 2012

These Seven Messages are summarized in the table below:

Subject	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodicea
Saith Who? "He that:"	1) holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, 2) who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; (2:1)	These things saith 1) the first and the last, 2) which was dead, and is alive; (2:8)	1) which hath the sharp sword with two edges; (2:12)	1) Son of God, 2) who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; (2:18)	1) hath the seven Spirits of God, and 2) the seven stars; (3:1)	1) that is holy, 2) he that is true, 3) he that hath the key of David, 4) he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; (3:7)	1) the Amen, the faithful and true witness, 2) the beginning of the creation of God; (3:14)
Commen dation	2 I know thy works, and thy labour, 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. ... 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.	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.	13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest 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.	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.	3:1b I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.	3:8 I know thy works:.... for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.	3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
Rebuke	4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.		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 stumblingblock 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 Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.	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.	3:1b that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. ... for I have not found thy works perfect before God.		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:

Subject	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodicea
Encouragement/ Exhortation	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.	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.	16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.	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.	2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: ... 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.	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.	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.
An Earful	7a He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches ;	11a He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches ;	17a He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches ;	29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches ;	6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches ;	13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches ;	22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches ;
He that overcometh will I give	7b ... To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.	11b ... He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.	17b ... 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.	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.	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.	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.	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.

1Jo 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1Jo 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

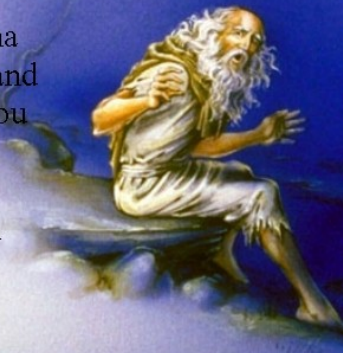
After This, ... Things That Shall Be

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The Rapture of the Church

Rev 1:10 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;



Rev 4:1 ¶ After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

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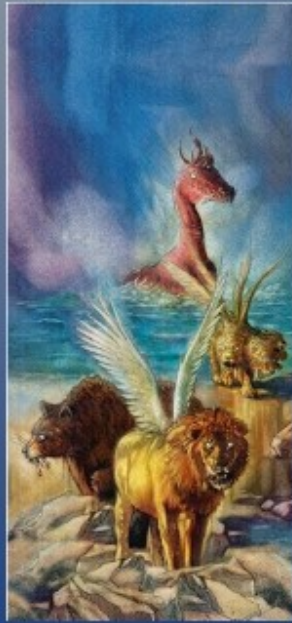
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The Great Tribulation Period

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. Matt 24:21



The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Book of Sevens

The Abomination of Desolation

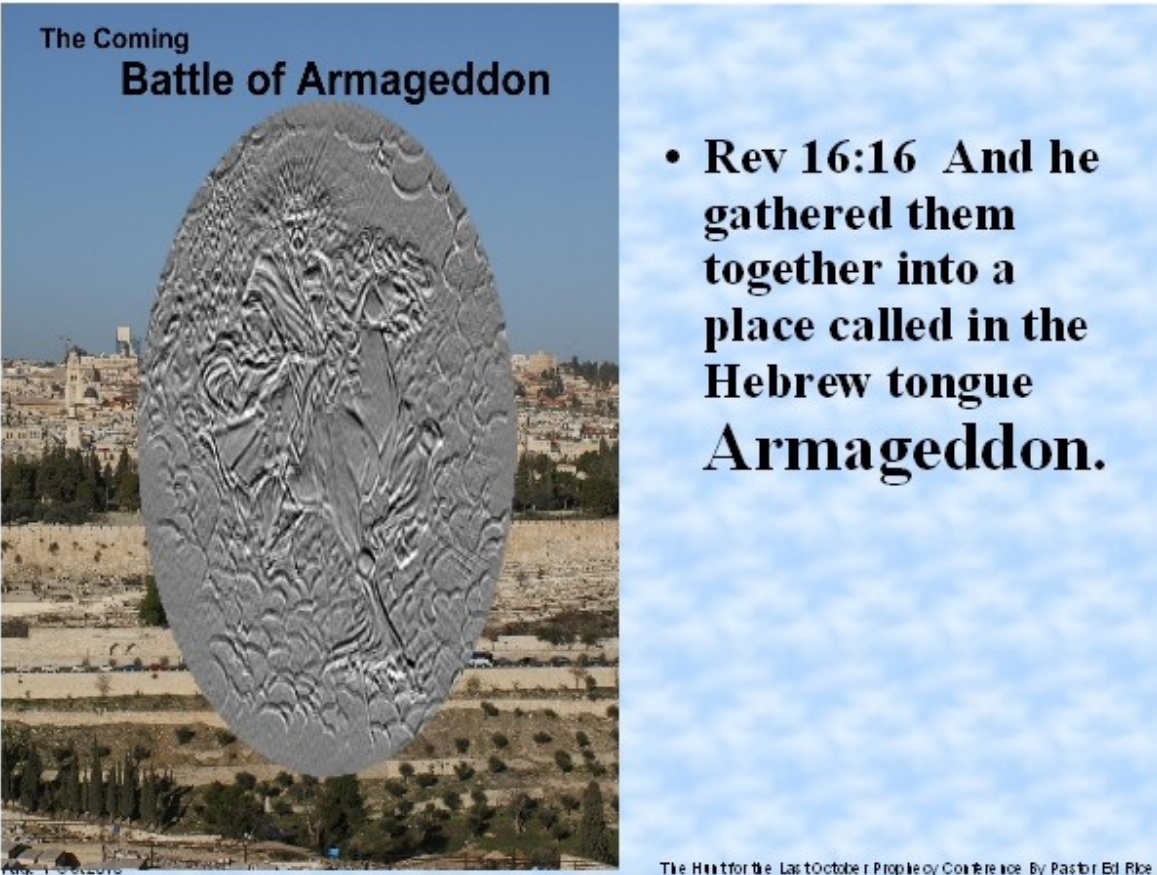
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Halfway Point of Daniel's 70th Week

Time, Times, and half a Time

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**The Coming
Battle of Armageddon**

- **Rev 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.**

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Psalm 2 will be fulfilled
The Promised King on the Promised
Throne in the Promised City
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- The New Jerusalem
- The New Paradise with the 7 No mores
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 - No More Curse (22:3), Night or Sun (vr 5)
- The Rivers of Life
 - The River in Eden
 - The River outside Eden
 - The River of the Promised land
 - The River of Life flowing out of us
 - The River of Healing in the Kingdom
 - The River of Life in the New Earth
- The Alpha and Omega Even so Come.

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