

Revelations in Revelation - 15

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Let's go ahead and open our bibles up tonight this evening to Revelation Fourteen, and our journey through this study is coming to a close in respect to the seven-year tribulation. We're about at the end tonight, and we're thanking the Lord because what a precious journey it is, it's been, but most importantly that what we're waiting for, praise the Lord. The bride has been raptured, the other companies of the church, the innumerable multitude, the hundred and forty-four thousand, they've been assembled into heaven. We've seen the false church, that great harlot Babylon, she's been judged and completely destroyed. I'll tell you; a lot has gone on in these seven years. Praise the Lord, perfection can come real quick too, praise His name. And then here we had last week, we had a pause didn't we, and that pause was for the marriage supper of the Lamb, the festivities that the Lord has with the church. How thankful it was to rejoice in what that will be. I believe by the grace of God, we were there for a moment, amen? I believe it.

Now tonight we get to the climax in a sense of this seven-year tribulation, and it's known as the battle of Armageddon. We're going to see that tonight the righteous judge will come forth. We have a lot of judges out there, don't we? I pray we don't have too many in here you know; I'm just teasing. But you're going to judge the world, you know that. Praise God, but lots of wannabe judges, let's put it that way, but the righteous judge is going to thrust in His sickle, and praise the Lord His wife will thrust in her sickle right jointly together with Him. Some beautiful things to study and rejoice in to what awaits us all by the grace of God. Now, let's go ahead and start reading in verse nine of chapter fourteen, and in this section of scripture here, again as we're flashing back and forward all through these seven years in this fourteenth chapter, and verse nine we're right there at the moment of, and through in a sense the battle of Armageddon.

And it says there and the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast, and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God which is poured out without mixture into the cup of indignation, and he shall be tormented with fire, and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. It's always wonderful to see as we've seen, these judgments coming forth. That's why I say praise God for those that by His grace are believing again in that marvelous grace and mercy, and Lord we will rule and reign together with You. And here it all comes forth from these seven angels, it all comes forth praise God from the four living ones; the bride of Christ seen in the seven angels, the bride of Christ seen in the four living ones. We've been through this so many times sweetly over these past weeks as the Lord has revealed to us there is no doubt who these ones are.

Where they're found, the only company found in the temple, the only company that's in perfect harmony with the Lamb of God; the I am that I am in pouring forth all of this judgment. The direction of the head going right through His precious jointly ruling and reigning wife. They're in complete agreement. It's not that she is asking what to do, or how to do, she is commanding praise be to God because it is given to her to do so. Think about what God has called throughout

the word of God these different ones whether it was David to reign. David praise God was given that ability of God. Whether it was Paul called to be an apostle. As he said, I wasn't called of men, I wasn't anointed of men, I was called and anointed of God. God endued me with this, God enabled me with this. God will enable her, and He is enabling her by faith right now to receive it. And as thou hast believed, so it will be done unto you. I believe the word of God tells us that He's the same yesterday, to day, and forever, and I thank the Lord that every bit of inheritance that ever comes through God is by the righteousness of faith. Amen. So, we thank God for that. I thank the Lord there's nothing that I could earn, it's all been given and I just believe.

So, we see that this angel again with a loud voice, and he comes down and says if any man worship the beast and the image, and receive the mark in the forehead or his hand. So, we know at that time where we're at. We're at the time that the antichrist has fully come forth and declared himself God, the false prophet has come forth and said you're going to worship the image, you're going to worship the beast. So, it's all out there, and here it said very clearly if any man, anyone receive this mark or worship him in his hand, this same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture, it is pure wrath, there isn't anything. That's the thing about our Lord, it's pure. It's so pure, it's either going to be pure wrath, or it's pure love. That's it, which will you choose, and see you choose one of two cups here. You choose either this cup of wrath, or you choose the cup of salvation, and I thank God that we have all by the grace of God we have drank from that cup of salvation. And thank the Lord, here we are drinking from that cup, even salvation with eternal glory, and that's what we're after praise His name because that's what He's called us to, and has chosen us for.

And it says and he again of this cup of indignation that is a pure wrath, it says he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of His holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. So now we are speaking of the lake of fire. So, there's a judgment, and they're going to be right there, they're going to suffer this torment. And it says in verse eleven and the smoke of their torment, it doesn't ascend up for just a moment, it doesn't ascend up for like a year, or a long time, it ascends up for ever and ever. You see, when the Lord does something in this respect it's the ruling and reigning, it's not for a long time, a long time, it's forever. And this wrath, and this judgment, and this indignation that is going to poured forth for them, it's going to be forever. And look at this, and they have no rest day nor night who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Amen. Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

And it says and I heard a voice in heaven saying unto me, write blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, so there's going to be ones that die that believe the Lord in that latter half of the tribulation. There'll be ones that'll go through, and as we've studied and we've seen, they'll be in that company that will be resurrected, and they will be the one that will be reigning upon the earth. God, there's no problem for Him to put people exactly where He's going to put them, and remember whosoever believeth in Me shall never die. He just puts them in a place. Huh? And then they die. So, and it says and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them. Alright?

Now, and I looked and behold, a white cloud, and upon the cloud *One* sat like unto the Son of man; well praise be to God, we got Jesus right here, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. So now it's time to reap. And another angel, oh my. So, see isn't this so beautiful here how we have such harmony again with Jesus, and the bride. And another angel came out of the temple crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud, thrust in thy sickle and reap. Now remember how we rejoiced, and we gave glory to God, how out of that temple always comes judgment. In that temple we only find Jesus Christ and the bride. In that temple you only find the four living ones, you only find the seven angels; that wonderful, wonderful company, and it is one company of the ruling and reigning bride that is ruling and reigning jointly together with Jesus. And notice here, isn't this interesting, she's saying this to Him? Joe, does Christette ever encourage you? Oh yeah. I know she does, she loves you, she stirs you, and she encourages you in your life in things of that nature. How would it not be with Christ and His wife? And I thank the Lord, brothers and sisters this is what we've grown up for. This is why we put away the childish things. This is why we've only taken grace.

See, it's grace that makes this reality, doesn't it? There's nothing else that could make this reality but grace. Grace because it's God's grace, and it's all grace. There's nothing hard for God to have me to rule and to reign jointly together with Him; same for you. Amen, and that's why our confidence is only in grace. Anything outside of grace it's way too much; it's a fantasy, but grace is no fantasy. Grace is the reality, grace praise God is all the power, the might, the backing of heaven, it's everything of the Godhead. And I thank the Lord brothers and sisters, we haven't been given a little grace, or part grace, or a lot of grace, we have all grace. All grace has been given, and the reason for all grace is it takes all grace; all grace to have this place with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Isn't that glorious? All grace, every single bit of it.

It's grace, I thank the Lord. As He said, I'll have mercy upon whom I'll have mercy. Well, thank the Lord, grace has caused me to understand what mercy is. It's the exact extreme opposite of what I deserve from God; FROM GOD! So, God's exact extreme opposite is way beyond anything man can think of is the exact extreme opposite. But there's somehow that the Lord has given us this precious Holy Ghost, and it tells me here again by grace, by grace I can believe this. It says, even though it hasn't entered into the hearts and the minds, and the thoughts, and anything that we could ever imagine of men, the things that God has prepared for them that love Him. It didn't stop there, it says yet, yea the deep things of God by His Spirit. He's made known that to us. He's made know that to us. Now we could sit here, and we could say now wait a second, God made known to us yea, the deep things. The deep things? I mean, how much does God know? He knows everything - Everything! I know so little of everything it's not even funny, and you're right there too. That's the truth, but yet God has told us yet we know yea, the deep things of God. What is the depth of God? It's grace. Amen it is, we know the grace of God.

You know the grace of God, thank Him for the grace of God. You know every bit of the work in your life is by the grace of God. Why do we want to struggle then one iota and not believe somehow, someway it's not grace? Isn't all the word that's brought to us by the grace of God? Isn't it all empowered by faith by the grace of God? Praise the Lord. PRAISE THE LORD, and I've just been rejoicing too, without my shoes; my shoe, I would never see the grace of God. I couldn't ever see the grace of God in its fulness in your shoes. Not in David's shoes, not in Joseph's shoes, not in all these different ones. I just thank the Lord so much, yeah.

I was just speaking to old precious Tim Lee; he's a sweet brother; sweet brother, I believe he'll win Christ yet. I really do., absolutely. He's just about discarded and refused enough; I'm getting there too, and it's okay, I know Who's work it is. You do too, don't you Jenny. Amen. I told him, I said you know brother a lot of times we look at lives like Joseph, and I said man, that guy just never seems to make a bad decision on that. He's always amazing, admirable, and God chose that man to reign. But then man, there's guys like Peter, He didn't ever think he could ever make the right decision, but God chose him in his place to reign. Or ones that say, the Apostle Paul, he failed when he was a sinner. Okay, how about David, huh? That reigning ain't coming through anybody's line, but that boy. That's it, God help us brothers and sisters to really get there. Thank You Jesus. I think about how many years I heard Brother Hill speak of this over, and over, and over. I can say thank You Jesus, I'm finally getting it. Keep coming.

So now, we got this wonderful communion of the bride and the groom. Verse fifteen, she said now crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud. Isn't that beautiful? Thrust in thy sickle and reap, for the time has come for Thee to reap. Now listen to this for the harvest of the earth is ripe. So, it speaks of the earth as being something being readied, and you'd think it's like oh it's a field, and it's a good thing; it is a good thing. This rath of God, and this judgment is a beautiful thing. It's a glorious thing, because it's the beginning of jointly ruling and reigning with His wife thing. This is the first thing they're going to do after they have all of their wonderful festivities, this is what they go out and do. This is glory, this is why we come here to hear all of this is to participate in this part. The righteous judge is going to be magnified and glorified in His judgment.

So, it goes on to say, and He that set on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped. But wait a second, and another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven? He also having a sharp sickle. Isn't that beautiful, she's not just watching Him doing it; they're doing it together. They're pouring forth and reaping, and doing all these things together. And then it says, and another angel came out from the altar which had power over fire, and cried with a loud voice to him that had the sharp sickle saying thrust in the sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe. Now not only do we have, this is something that's delicious, and something that is going to be enjoyed praise the Lord, by God. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth. Now notice that, the vine of the earth. Not He that is divine, and we are the branches. The vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse's bridle, by the space of a thousand *and* six hundred furlongs. Death is going to be abundant; judgment has come.

Now, let's go on over to Revelation Nineteen. Continue reading of this same event with some more glory that the Lord reveals to us in it, and oh what glory this is. Reading nineteen, let's read from verse eleven; that'll be just fine. It says and I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. So here we have our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ again leading the charge, the Head of the body, and thank the Lord here we go faithful and true is bringing judgment. I pray that we believe that for our lives right now, He's faithful and true. He'll bring forth the things that need to come. He goes before us in battle the word of God says; let us be at peace and be still. It says His eyes *were* as a flame of fire. It's amazing what the dove's eyes can become. Amen,

judgment has come, and on His head *were* many crowns. Isn't that beautiful, and He's the ruler of everything; everything. There isn't anything that He does not reign over. And it says and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. Now when He's coming to earth at this time and He's making and taking out judgement on these men; mankind at this time. Let me tell you something, they're so lost, they're so godless they have no idea. None, zero. They know nothing, but here is Who we know He is.

In verse thirteen, and it says and he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; always going to be by the blood of the Lamb, and his name is called The Word of God. Oh my, that vesture is redemption, and let me tell you something, that redemption is coming and what redemption it's going to be. And it says and the armies *which were* in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. Now I thank the Lord that in the Song of Solomon it speaks of her as two armies; you know that, beautiful thing. And we just read earlier about the marriage of the Lamb in verse seven and eight. It said that the wife that had made herself ready, she was arrayed in fine linen, clean and white. Now this fine linen always speaks of the queen's clothes. The white that we have over in verse eight again is that lampros white that we rejoiced in for years thank God in this place. You understand the difference? The lampros white is only worn by Jesus Christ and His bride. That's it. The other white that we'll see, whether it's the twenty-four elders, or whether it's the innumerable multitude; even the hundred and forty-four thousand, that white is a leukos white. It's not to the glory of the lampros white. As we read about the church as well anyways, we saw that there was that glory of the sun. Amen? That glory of the sun, that light within; see, that's the bride, she has that, she's lit up with Him where it says but yet, there's the glory of the moon. And we saw that moon is that innumerable multitude. They have a light, it's a beautiful thing, but it's a reflected light, it's not to the glory of the sun; it just isn't.

And so, we see this even playing out here a little bit. I understand this can be a couple different ways to be interpreted, and I'll just share both of them with you, and I think there's encouragement in both. When we see the armies, you know God has gathered up the church. It's a wonderful thing, the church will be again with Him, there'll be encouragement, there'll be now ruling and reigning is exclusively for the wife. Alright? I'm just going to tell you that. I know others will say that you know, there's the others join in, Maybe, they're in a sense watching, doing different things; I really don't know, but I know who's in these armies; I'm going to tell you that right now, and it is kind of interesting when it talks about two armies, you have the four living ones, and you have the seven angels, and yet it's one company; it's the wife. Just something to think about.

So, in that you see, but when it says the fine linen immediately, we go to the queen's cloths, but yet it says but upon white horses clothed in white linen white linen white and clean. So now we're back to a leukos white, not a lampros white in this case. So, you'd say wait a second, she had these garments and this regard here, and now we're here, now wait, are there two? No. The only time, and this is kind of interesting and I'll throw this out there. The only time it speaks of the Lord, Jesus Christ, and Him. It never speaks of the leukos, the lesser white is the Great White Throne of Judgment, and that's in Rev 20:11. So if you think that the white throne is not a lampros white, it's a leukos white. It speaks of judgment. This is what we have right here, we have judgment. Alright? So, in that regard I can also see this as well too, that because the wife with

Him is bringing forth judgment, this is the wife that's chosen for this time. It follows it perfectly. I'm not trying to get too deep in the weeds and things, but I just thought it was just such a precious thing to see, and to thank the Lord for. But no matter what, the Lord is taking me on to heaven with Him.

I thank God for the message, and what we believe in the word of God and what He tells us, is that we'll be in that company that will be ruling and reigning with Him. And oh, what a glory it'll be. It'll be such a glory. I think about the things right now, Lord, I'd really love You to put that down. I'd love you to stop that right now, this is so ungodly, this is blasphemy. These things that are just infecting the world right now, and infecting our children right now. It's not just crazy and insane, it's downright evil. IT'S EVIL! But yet God said the evil of man would wax worse and worse, and they would delight in the evil. They would call bad good; they would call good unacceptable, all these different things. They tried to change the truth into a lie, but they can't. This is it, and we're going to be with Him. If you don't think that there's going to be glory; oh, thank You Jesus. Even so Lord, come, and this is part of that call as well too in my heart I have to tell you, because it magnifies Him. It's not just because it makes me mad in my opinion. No, the blasphemy is growing, and it will be a joy unspeakable to see my precious Saviour on that horse with us putting all this down. Thank You Lord.

Now, so how glorious this is. Now, it says here that the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon a white horse clothed in fine linen white and clean, and out of His mouth a sharp sword. And see, it's always the word of God, and with it He should smite the nations, and He shall rule them with a rod of iron and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and the wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And now praise God He is known as the King because He has His queen. Thank the Lord. See, right now we know Him as Saviour, we know Him praise God as Bridegroom. But when He has her, by the grace of God when He has us, yes, He will be known as King. This is when, now, praise the Lord.

Turn on over to Joel Three. We're going to wrap this up. Praise God, I want you to think about this Joel written about nine hundred years before John writes Revelation. I should say the Holy Ghost wrote both of them. Amen? But let's see again what the Spirit was writing even back then in Joel Chapter Three. It says here beginning in verse one, for behold in those days, and in that time when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem. This is all about the restoration of Israel. We understand that this wonderful apocalypse is the unveiling of the wife, we understand through all of these things what will happen at the very end; Israel, the unfaithful wife will be brought back to God the Father as His faithful wife. And we're approaching that time right now. So, Joel in this prophetic wonderful chapter is speaking of this time, and specifically of this time of the battle of Armageddon.

He says here I will also gather all nations; all nations and bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat. Now there is no such thing, physically a place called the valley of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat means God will judge. God is going to bring all the armies of the world to a place, and He's going to judge them. And that cup of wrath, that indignation is going to be poured fully upon them, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted My land. And they have cast lots for my people.

Think of how the Lord is speaking of Israel here. He loved them so, and they had turned from Him so they're like today, they want nothing to do with Him. But this is the faithfulness of God; He is faithful and true. And they have cast lots for my people, they have given a boy for an harlot, sold a girl for wine, that they might drink. It's what they're doing to the kids right now. Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head; Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things: The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border. Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head.

And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans. That's to the drunkards, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken *it*. Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles. Here's the Lord telling them, prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up, beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong. The Lord wants all of them; He's going to gather every single one of them there. He wants them to have everything and more of anything they would ever imagine they could use against God. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great.

See how God is building this up? See the harvest that the Lord. I'm telling you that this all part of the plan of God. This evil is growing, it's a harvest that's going to be reaped, and God always makes it full, and it's going to be full of judgment, for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion; we know Who that is, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Now I want you to think about that when he says the multitude, the multitudes in the valley of decision. The word of God tells us there's going to be two hundred million, an army that will be assembled in that place. It was interesting, I was able to share with a brother, and even give him the article because it's interesting what comes out because man is evil, and then what they try to bury is the Lord says, by the way that magnifies Me as well too if you could still find it. China so many years back, about ten or fifteen years ago they bragged about. Now again I'm not talking about their army which is two or three million, but they claimed to have a readied man army, a ready man army of their couple billion people almost, or whatever it is. That if they had to, they could call up two hundred million people, and that's not even including all the other ready man armies, or whatever that we want to say from any of the other nations that want to join in.

So, once again the word of God is so true, and these things that we see that the Lord is laying us for us to say honeys, be awake, be alive, be looking for Me. These things that were

written so long ago were beyond mind; a two hundred-million-man army; what is that? But we know what it is. The weapons, the world rocking to and fro like a drunk man, we know what that is. We see these things. God has graced us to live in this time. We're not cursed, this is a grace. It's a difficult time brothers and sisters, oh yes, it is, but the greatest story is about ready to come forth. God's always done it that way, He's shown us over and over, so let's not fuss.

Murmuring gets you with bones waxing in the desert, you know that. So, it goes on to say here in seventeen, so shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain, then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall be no strangers pass through her any more. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim. Egypt shall be a desolation, Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. But Judah shall dwell forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion. AMEN.

Now, that is so glorious brothers and sisters, we see how God has fully, fully shown us this. As we close up this section of Armageddon, now we go back to the Song of Solomon. And now, if you'd like to go ahead and put the pomegranate up there for me if you have it, that would be great-perfect. We're going to get there in just a minute. That looks good, doesn't it? I like those. Now, the Song of Solomon I want you to turn over to; we'll start with chapter six, verse thirteen. And in this thirteenth verse of the Song of Solomon the bride has just been taken. The daughters of Jerusalem are very sad; they're alarmed because they asking her to come back, and they're saying return, return O Shulamite that we may look upon thee. Isn't that something, praise the Lord? What will ye see in the Shulamite? And there it is; as it were the company of two armies. Alright?

So, let's think about our precious study in our Revelation that the Lord has placed in our hearts. The brides taken; we know then that the tribulation then comes forth. Right? But we also know that in those first three and a half years, yeah, there were things that were going on down on the earth, and judgment and things of that nature, but those first three and a half years were really focused on something very beautiful; the union of the bride and the groom. We saw that at the very beginning that silence in heaven for a half hour. They were joined again, He'd come for His wife, He's prepared the place, it's ready now for her. I believe it's about ready now for her now, isn't it? And praise the Lord, it's going to be consummated in such a precious way. Just the two of them, that smoke was so thick in the holy of holies, that even the priest had to get out of there, and all that remained was the glory of God, and the cherubim. It's all over here. So, there she is enjoying Him, and He's sure enjoying her, and we're going to read about it here in just a second, because this first part of this section we're going to read is the enjoyment of the union after she's raptured. Then we saw that before even this last battle of Armageddon would go forth, we still had to have the festivities of the marriage supper of the Lamb.

We've had to have the best wine first. Precious happenings here with Armageddon, and isn't it interesting if you really think about this, isn't it interesting in all of the writing, and all the things about Armageddon, and people you know again, oh it's Armageddon, Armageddon; that's

what you hear in the world all the time, and making movies on it and all that. There's really not a whole lot of scripture devoted to it is there except it's going to happen. It says it's going to be a beautiful time of judgment, but it's just like that Isaac and Rebecca thing. And Rebecca was told about that wonderful husband that wanted to marry her. Everything in that chapter was about the courtship about how beautiful all the things about marriage. And then just a little tiny, one half of one verse about a journey. Amen. So, here she is, she's been raptured, O Shulamite return, so she's gone.

Now, we're in chapter seven. Here is the groom talking about his wife that's in his arms now. How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs *are* like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman. The navel *is like* a round goblet, *which* wanteth not liquor: thy belly *is like* an heap of wheat set about with lilies. Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes *that are* twins. Thy neck is as a tower of ivory; thine eyes *like* the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bathrabbim: thy nose *is* as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus. Thine head upon thee *is* like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king *is* held in the galleries. How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights! This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters *of grapes*. Oh my. I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples, and the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth *down* sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak. I *am* my beloved's, and his desire *is* toward me. I'm glad we know and say that now, but oh what it will be to say that to Him face to face.

And here now she responds in such a beautiful way. Come my beloved let us go forth into the field. Now that field is we read in Mat 13:38; that is the world. She is telling Him to arise, let's go down to the field of the world. Remember the vine of the earth that was cast in for the judgment? Let us lodge in the villages. Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, *whether* the tender grape appear. Now we already read about them grapes, didn't we, and it was full, wasn't it? Full grapes for the wine press, for the wrath of God will be poured forth. But now listen to this though, there's something else there. So, let's see the grapes appear, but then it goes on to say that the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves. Speaking of right there at that place, and specifically of the pomegranates that bud forth. The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates *are* the manner of pleasant *fruits*, new and old, *which* I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

Now, brothers and sisters we're going to talk about this; pomegranates that bud. At the time of the end of this seven-year tribulation Israel is now ready; Israel's ready. They've come to know their Saviour; their inheritance is before them as the Father's wife. They're going to be restored, and they're going to rule over the earth, and that is going to be made plain. Amen. Now the pomegranate that we see here which is so precious in scripture, and it appears many times in scripture. The first time God instructs, and we'll get to that slide in just a minute, but stay right here for this one. The very first time, and we'll see this in a moment is He talks about pomegranates, on the very bottom of the skirt of the high priest. The very first time you'll hear about pomegranates. He says you put them; make little teeny pomegranates and we're going to put them at the skirt, the bottom. Notice this, the bottom of the skirt of the high priest. Alright,

you'll find that in Exodus 28:33-35 for those that like to look that up later. As you go through the word of God, the pomegranate is always equated with fruitfulness, blessing, and reigning. Alright? The very next time you get to the pomegranate was when the twelve spies, remember when they went over into Canaan? And they were checking it out, and remember this, they sent those twelve spies into Canaan very shortly after they'd come out of Egypt. It wasn't toward the end of the forty years; it was right there at the beginning. God showed them right at the beginning that promise, that Canaan, you can go in right now. You don't have to wait around, get in there. So, this was at the beginning of that journey, and God again knew exactly what was going to go down, so they sent the twelve spies in there. And if you recall, those twelve spies, they saw grapes that were so huge, and they brought them back. They had to take one cluster of grapes on a big old pole, and two guys had to carry it out. Now think of that. Amen

Talk about figs, some other stuff, and specifically pomegranates as well too. You'll find that in Numbers Chapter Thirteen. These things showed the promise of God, and they did. But yet, even though those things were brought out, the people saw that all of those, we know what happened, the people murmured. And they murmured, and they still complained to God, and they said God, because of those giants that are in the land. Those weren't just enemies in the land, these were the Amorites; they were giants. So, when God's going to give you a promise, He's going to put in there, obstacles to the eye that make it look like there is no way I can win God's best. You see that every single time you look in the mirror; that's your greatest giant. This is my greatest giant, it is. Thank You Jesus, because without it I couldn't, and I wouldn't win. Amen.

But they came in there, those two, Joshua and Caleb said we're able to take it now, let's go in there. Look at this place, it's incredible. A land flowing with milk and honey, but yet the others are so convinced they even said to God later on, You brought us out here to Egypt word for word, and to an evil place. It's no place for grain, or figs, or vines, or pomegranates. There is no water to drink. Think of that. They said that to God after God showed them what was in that land from the very beginning, but yet years later, and even then too, they murmured. But years later they were blaming God and said You brought us to a place that had none of it. Isn't that interesting how God's precious people, you can show them the truth, you can give them the truth; it's all right there, and they'll still reject it. Don't let that be us.

God has shown us ruling and reigning, He's shown us the midst of the throne, He's shown us all these things; don't reject it. Don't say oh well, You brought me out here, and all this. No, He didn't do that, it's there. There's always going to be the beautiful challenge to it, there's got to be adversity for that glory. You thank the Lord for this, I know you do, and I thank God with you. But these things, that's what they did, but God reiterates the promise in Deut 8:8. He goes on and He lists the seven, the perfection of that promised to them. Seven edibles of blessing that He put in that land for their full enjoyment, and one of them happened to be the pomegranates. The pomegranate, as it goes on and talks about it's a blessing, it's a prosperity, it's the fertility, it's the fruitfulness, and the lack of it is a choice of unbelief.

So, as we look at this pomegranate right here, I want you to know this pomegranate, it represents Israel; it really does. If you looked, have you ever seen a pomegranate? The skin on that thing, where I really got to see them a lot is Lynn and Polly, their mama has a pomegranate tree right out there, and it makes nice pomegranates. I've eaten them things, and all of that. But they're just a big old ball, and they're red as red can be, but they're all kind of leathery looking and lumpy, and all these different kinds of funny looking things, and you know just like Israel. Battered on the outside, but inside there's a blessing that needs to be uncovered, and that's the truth. You'll notice here too that even though it's kind of battered and all of that, it's got a crown. Isn't that amazing? So here you've got this pomegranate, and you've got a crown; oh yeah. And it's beautiful because that pomegranate you know you have to get in there, you've got to pull it kind of apart, and it has basically the little seeds in there. And it was funny because it really is, it's like a hidden jewel in there.

The Jews would say that the pomegranate did represent Israel, and the reason it did if you ever open them up, you know I don't know how many there are in there, but it looks like there's hundreds of those little ones. There's six hundred and thirteen ordinances in the law; six hundred and thirteen. I'm not going to tell you that there's exactly six hundred and thirteen seeds in that pomegranate, but the Jews; many of them, they believe that that pomegranate represented all of those ordinances. But the beautiful thing about the pomegranate, if you take those seeds and you crush them, it's a red that is as brilliant as anything. It'll stain everything, and isn't that exactly what the blood of the Lamb praise God did to all the law? Bring me the Lamb. I just think it's so gorgeously beautiful.

Now it's only going to get even sweeter here brothers and sisters. If you think about this again, the age of the law was given to Israel through Moses. So, they even recognize as a people even today they'll say that the pomegranate, the seeds within represent the law. So, once again it represented Israel. Go ahead and put up the high priest. Now we've been talking about tonight how the end of this is all about the restoration of Israel. All the nations of the world have come down to destroy them. Alright? And God, obviously He's called all of them in just like we read in Joel. You know what, go ahead and bring them all. Even you that don't think you're fighters; you're fighters. Come on, get in here because I'm going to judge you all. Every bit's there, okay? So, here we have the high priest. Alright? The high priest back in that time represented Jesus Christ that He would go in there, the great high priest. Alright? Now I want us to think about this, as the high priest, or our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ clothed with all the family of God; not just the church, but the whole family of God. Alright?

So, first of all with the high priest top down, the first part was the crown. So, the crowning of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ thanks be to God is the bride. Be thankful, praise the Lord for that. That's His crown, that's His glory is her. Then, so we have that bride, then you have basically the wardrobe, or the garments of the high priest. Alright? The priestly tribe, whatever you would like to call that, the Levites and all. In that we see that we have this glory, or this type of the Old Testament which would be the full overcomers in the Old Testament. So, we have this wonderful encouragement that we have the full overcomers of the Old Testament. God has again given that separation. Remember the twenty-four elders that we have round about the throne;

that twenty-four-places. The priestly number, the twelve twenty-four goes back and forth, so we have that as well. Then we have the white linen coat which is underneath. That white linen is the largest garment of all if you look at that. It's underneath, and it's hidden, it's covered, but it's still the largest and it's that white linen. So, there in type in a way you have the innumerable multitude all right there.

Now you got the breast plate of the twelve tribes. Well, there we saw that a hundred and forty-four thousand; twelve thousand out of every tribe for the hundred and forty-four thousand. So, we have all of those companies if you will. You have the full overcomers of the Old Testament, and you have the bride, you have the innumerable multitude, you have the hundred and forty-four thousand, and then finally at the very, very, very bottom we have the pomegranate; you have the pomegranate. What did that wife say there again in the Song of Solomon? What did she say there in verse twelve? And let us get up early to see if the vine flourishes, the tender grapes appear, and the pomegranates bud forth. Israel will be budding forth. They will be all ready, and so here you have at the very bottom there's the restoration of Israel. And I thank the Lord from the top to the bottom within everything that we have here. You have every type and shadow, everything of the family of God. And I just rejoiced and I said Lord, thank You Jesus, and again those little teeny pomegranates, and they do have a crown. Yes, they do, and here is the beauty of it that it says about Israel, and nobody said it better than Isaiah through the Holy Ghost. And in Isaiah 51:11, let's end with this verse, and what a rejoicing it is, and this is speaking of the time of the restoration of Israel. It says in the eleventh verse of the fifty-first chapter, therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion, and everlasting joy shall be upon their head. That translates everlasting joy shall be their crown. They shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Praise the Lord, and I thank God with you how just another little line upon line, and all the things praise God we continue to study and see that the Lord again just gives us just a little more rejoicing all the time. Let's stand and be dismissed.

