

## Revelations in Revelation - 6

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We'll begin in Revelation Chapter Twelve. So thankful again for this study, and thankful and excited to be in this study at this time. At any time but especially at this time. We're at the coming of the Lord, we know this and we're reading of things that are shortly coming to pass, and we thank the Lord for it with such splendor and joy, our joy is increasing while the fear of the world is increasing. So, I thank God that He's put us in a good place, matter of fact in a big room and if we'll believe the Lord our steps are even enlarged while we're waiting praise His name. So, we left off last week, and we saw that the entire church had been raptured at this time, and basically when the tribulation begins, a clock begins to tick of the seven-year time, and within that first three years in there, probably even shorter than that you're going to have three companies that ascend up into heaven at that time. You're going to have the bride, you're going to have the innumerable multitude, and you're going to have the hundred and forty-four thousand. Alright? And when those three are gathered up the church will be complete. Okay? And we'll have this gathering of that body of the church that the Lord had His wonderful ministers minister to ever since that time of Pentecost. And so, we find ourselves in our study at this point that we're at the threshold now of the middle of the week. They speak of the tribulation as a week within the word of God, and now we're about the middle of the week, or three and a half years into the tribulation. The next three and a half years is referred to and known as the great tribulation. And so, we're sitting right at that cusp, we're right at that threshold of the middle of the week.

Now we started to speak of last week, and actually the week before in chapter twelve we see this woman that appears, this great wonder as it says in verse one. There appeared a great wonder in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars, and she being with child cried travailing in birth and pain to be delivered. So, we've been studying of this woman seen in heaven, so as we see this, we see that this woman is represented, and represents the raptured church at this time because she's seen in heaven. She's seen first there as you will, or I should say not first, but we see that she has this crown of twelve stars upon her head. We studied that out and saw that those twelve stars represent the full overcomers of the Old Testament. That twelve is that wonderful divine government number, the twelve tribes of Israel. We know that those ones of the full overcomers in the Old Testament they arrive in heaven first. They were those graves that were opened in Matthew Twenty-seven when the veil was rent in twain. And we thank God that many of those graves were open. We know that they're also referred to in the word of God as the great cloud of witnesses. Praise God, isn't that a wonderful encouragement to our heart that those full overcomers in the Old Testament; you talk about a witness, they are a great cloud of witnesses. And we see that the word of God goes on to talk about them within the scriptures as even the friends of the bridegroom. And I appreciate how it said that Moses spoke face to face with God

as a friend. And it says in the word of God that His friends wait for the voice of the bridegroom to call away His bride.

So, we see all of these metaphors, all of these encouragements, but we see truth and this is exactly what it is. And so, we're waiting for the cry of the bridegroom just like those full overcomer Old Testament saints are waiting for the cry of the bridegroom's voice; their friend. We're waiting here, they're waiting there for a meeting in the air, and praise the Lord, it's coming. And I was thinking about these twelve stars; the crowning if you will of this wonderful woman in the wilderness, and brothers and sisters, that great cloud of witnesses certainly is our crowning. Think of what we owe to them of the testimony of grace through faith. You think about that. Think about how we've come to know the truth, how we've come to receive the deep things of God, and how we grow in those things. You think about the types and shadows, and all of the different things we've discussed whether it's the bride for Isaac, whether it's in Abraham, whether it's the Gentile brides. All of those things, and on and on. I owe them a debt I never can repay, and yet they would all say the same thing; oh, it was just the grace of God that was with me. And, but how sweet that through that we're encouraged that there were those few that always believed the promises of God; just a handful, it didn't matter whatever everybody else said, it didn't matter that all others fell away they believed, and they received. And those are the forefathers of our faith, and they have shown us that beautiful way of attaining which is by faith. Praise God, that's our crowning, hallelujah, and it is all by faith.

Now, the bride we saw in this precious encouragement of this woman, she's clothed with the sun. Alright? So, there we have that wonderful bridal body, the four living ones. We see that she's covered the very first thing that is seen about this woman, the very largest spectacle of her; she's just shimmering with the glory of the sun. And there's that sun glory, that's that bridal company that descends from heaven having the glory of God. That bridal company that John as he's walking through, and being revealed these things in Revelation, he keeps bowing down and worshipping that one that keeps walking him through, and that one keeps getting him up and says John, stop doing that. I'm redeemed just like you. Is like Him glory really like Him? Amen? And this was John. Of all the disciples that's what's so beautiful about this; the disciple that Jesus loved. That one that in a sense just always had to get so close to Him, and put his head upon His breast, and touch Him, and all of these different things. John knew Him, and John was bowing down to worship that one because you know why? He knew Him, grow up into Him in all things. Mighty, mighty, mighty. So, there is that sun glory.

Now, next we see that under her feet was this moon, and that represents the innumerable multitude. I said that many times last week, but one time I did say it was the hundred and forty-four thousand so I apologize, but sometimes we are human all the time. But it's the innumerable multitude. So, we see that the innumerable has a glory, but it's not the same glory as the sun; it's not. And it's not the first thing that's seen. The very first thing that's seen, that glory that's going to be seen is going to be His bride because that's His glory; that's what He's going to present. Alright? And then we have the glory of the moon, and just as it says in Corinthians there. One star differs from another in glory, and there's a glory of the sun, and there is a glory of the moon,

and you can see that in what God has even shown us. We understand and know now that the sun emits its own light, and that's why she descends from heaven having her light. There's only one light; it's Him, but she's got Him. She has got Him; praise the Lord and they light each other up. Amen.

We talk about, or I should say we hear about a lot of Christians say I just want to be a reflection. Well, that's what most Christians will be, they'll be a reflection of Him not having that glory of Him; the sun glory. So, that reflective glory is the moon; the moon doesn't have its own light. It's beautiful, but it has to have the light upon it to be seen. Alright? So, there you have the innumerable multitude, notice that that's the second company. Right? Then, finally, it says she's with child. Now we went through that last week and we saw how as you go through Revelation and you see who that child, and that birthed one; that's the hundred and forty-four thousand. That's the man child, and praise be to God this child as we'll get to reading here is gathered up into heaven, and it's beautiful because it's a man child, it's a child that has great strength and I'll tell you what, those ones that are those Jews that are going to receive twelve thousand out of every tribe, that are going to receive that glory and receive the infilling of the Holy Ghost right there in those first couple years or so of the tribulation, let me tell you something they're going to be on fire for God. And they're a powerful bunch, and boy are they going to rule, and they're going wonderfully, **but** they're going to rule as a child, not as a fully grown. So, you see how all that difference is there.

Now, notice this as we've studied, the bride again is the sun glory; such a magnificent thing. You see the innumerable multitude as the moon glory, and then we see the hundred and forty-four thousand as this child. Three companies all raptured up at different times; all at different times. We saw the bride there in Revelation Four, we saw the innumerable multitude there in Revelation Seven, and you have to wait all the way to Revelation Twelve right here till you see the hundred and forty-four thousand that are taken up. So, you see three different companies; you see them doing three different things. Yes, and they're there three different times. How could you ever say that God's people are all raptured up at the same time? Well, the only way you could say that is that you don't know the word of God, and you don't want to know the word of God because the word of God wants you to know. So, there it is and there is no excuse because we're without excuse because the word of God tells us we are without excuse. He said, I would that all men be saved and come to what knowledge? The full knowledge of the truth. So, thank the Lord for that grace that has touched us for us to want to know this.

So, in seeing those three companies in light of the seven churches. We've went through six of those churches, and seen them in these companies. Remember how Smyrna and Philadelphia we saw in the first rank. Right? Smyrna and Philadelphia in that first rank; Smyrna saints that has passed away in believing in the bridal message, and then Philadelphia, the ones that lived to the time of that first trumpet rapture. They both, those churches both received God's best, they both are ascending to meet the Lord, and the bridegroom the Lord in the air. That is the first rank. Then we had this church of Ephesus that we saw was really like the crossroads, wasn't it? Because the encouragement was there to Ephesus, there was many things that were

wonderful about the things you are in Christ, and everything in Christ is a wonderful thing. But it was pointed out, I have one thing against you; you left the first love. You divorced it, you walked away from this marvelous truth; you walked away from Paul's gospel is exactly what happened. It wasn't the love of your life, the first love. It was a love; it was just like those daughters of Jerusalem that tried to discourage the Shulamite. They were insulting her because she was too much in love with him. How could you too much in love with Him? You couldn't be, you couldn't be in love enough, and that was her whole life. She realized she was in love, but then it was like I'm so in love get out of my way, I've got to find him, I've got to go to him. That's the passion.

And she, and those daughters of Jerusalem, they were virgins, and all of those different things. There was potential, and they knew that there was a love about him, they knew that the bridegroom was a wonderful guy, and all of that, but there were other loves, but not to her there wasn't, and that's the difference. And that's what the church of Ephesus represents. It's a crossroads, and which way will you go? You'll either go one way, or the other. You'll either find yourself back in Smyrna, or Philadelphia, or you're going to find yourself in the second rank which we've already spoken of; this moon glory rank of Sardis and Pergamos, and there too again you have Sardis and Pergamos which we saw which were saints that had passed away not in first love, and saints that lived all the way to the coming of the Lord, meaning the bridal rapture, and then obviously if they don't believe in the bridal message, and not in that first love, they are going to be left behind; they will be, but they'll be raptured up in that innumerable multitude shortly thereafter, but one thing is said about them, a tear will have to be wiped from their eye. There's a cost, and I surely don't want to arrive in heaven having to wipe a tear from my eye. I just want to arrive in heaven; that's my bridegroom with a big smile on my face, and a big happy hug from my beloved Jesus. Hallelujah. So, we thank God for this, and that's the truth.

Now last week we saw the hundred and forty-four thousand, or that third rank. We saw them in type in the church of Laodicea; alright? So, go back and listen to that if you missed it; it'll be good for you. And so, we have the six churches of the seven that we've talked about. We got one left and that's Thyatira. Thyatira as we'll see tonight is the fourth rank, and this rank is not part of the church. Alright? These are ones that they accept the Lord, they become a Christian after the church is taken. Alright? These are ones that either die, or they live through the great tribulation after the church is raptured, and they will be those that will rule over the nations through the millennium; they'll be those ones that will rule the earth dwellers. So, you can say this, if they're the ones that are going to be ruling through the thousand years on earth; they're going to be the nation, Israel. Yes, they are. So, this is how God will bring this through, this is the fourth rank and this fourth rank is also seen in this woman as we're going to see her now as we read through this, we see her in heaven, and now we're going to see her on earth. Alright?

So, let's go ahead and read chapter twelve from verse five; okay. And it says this woman, she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, *and* to his throne. So that hundred and forty-four thousand is raptured, but here the woman is still with us now fled into the wilderness. Now she's on the earth, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and*

threescore days. So, she's going to be there another three and a half years. So, we're right at, basically at the middle of the week almost here, and then she's going to abide through here basically through the rest of it is how this goes. And it says there was a war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. See, the enemy is allowed right now to be an accuser right now that's accusing day and night. Alright? But that's not going to be anymore, not this time, it's going to be over. He's going to be cast out of there because I'll tell you what, when God gathers up His bride, and gathers up His church there ain't no room for any of that nonsense. That's getting out of there, and that's going to be cast out. Alright?

And the great dragon was cast out, the old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. That's why I'll tell you what, be so thankful you're a Christian, you won't be there at this time. Isn't He gracious? You may not even know that. I think you do, but a Christian; there's Christians that don't even know what I'm even talking about, but God is so gracious He's going to spare them from being here at this time. They will, because they'll be in the innumerable multitude; they'll be up in heaven. He's faithful. And it says, and I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God, day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death. Therefore rejoice; isn't that amazing how much power there is in the blood? You can see, when God's making a statement like that about all of us, that's got to be the blood of Jesus. Who's He talking about? That's me you know, I mean that's His people is what I'm saying; you know that.

Therefore rejoice, *ye heavens*, and *ye that dwell in them*. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. See, the devil is so, well I won't even say ignorant because God will only allow the devil to know; you understand that? God only allows the devil to know what he's to know. God will only allow the devil to see, and to do, and to do anything. God has to allow it all. There will be no power but of God. God has to give that power; you understand that? He hath no power but of God, and this is something we really need to understand; God appoints the wicked for the day of evil, it may be even Satan doing that; God knows. Let me tell you something, God knows. Don't ever think that anything is out of His control; don't ever, and know it, He created it all. Good and evil, He created that devil; yes, He did, and so understand what we're dealing with here, and if you know the word of God, that should just give praise in your heart. When people start consulting that about God it's because you're a idiot because you don't believe Him, and that's just the truth, and that's exactly what you're expressing is your absolute ignorance and unbelief.

Now, let's keep reading here. So, it says and they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of the word of thy testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death; that's verse eleven. Twelve. Therefore rejoice, *ye heavens*, and *ye that dwell in them*. Woe to the

inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man *child*. So, see this woman is still on earth, is being persecuted by the devil. These are God's people. Alright? These are God's people that take the word of God that become Christians after all of this church is raptured up. That's how immense God's grace is; people's still going to get saved, people's still going to come to the Lord, and it's going to be Israel because they're going to be prepared praise God to go forth in that millennium and rule over all the nations. Praise His name. And it says unto the woman so you know, there was this persecution on her going on, were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place. See, God prepares a place; He always does, doesn't He? Isn't that wonderful? Where she is nourished for a time, and times, and a half a time, from the face of the serpent. That time, times, and a half of a time is almost three and a half years; almost, just a little bit shy. Alright? And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman. This water, this flood speaks of armies, speaks of the Gentiles as water does, then this hatred that goes forth toward this woman.

We'll speak of that in a minute, but you think of the hatred that's always gone forth toward the Jew. There's been no people persecuted like the Jews throughout time, none. And then you had the time not too long ago in the 1930's and 1940's. There were literally attempted to be exterminated from Europe. Alright? And I believe from adding up Russia, and Germany, and all of those that killed so many; I think there were ten million. That wasn't even a hundred years ago, and yet it's people that don't even know about that because they don't want to teach it. But it's coming again, and it's going to be worse. And the reason is the word of God tells us this. So, it says that the earth helped the woman, the earth opened up her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Now I want you to think about this; the remnant of her seed. Who did she just give birth to? The hundred and forty-four thousand. Right? And what were they? Jews; Israel. So, now this is more of her in a sense, and a remnant of her seed, so you have another big hint what population we're talking about; Israel. So, this woman, and this remnant that will go forth that this dragon will make war against is going to be Israel. This is a wonderful thing brothers and sisters. Now, recapping what we just studied, the woman is not only seen in heaven as the church, but also for now the entire remaining of those that will believe on the Lord through the tribulation, and this will mainly, mainly, mainly be the Jews in Israel. The whole world at this time will be set against Israel. God will turn the heart of the nation against her. It's coming, it's coming. You know, people talk about the sheep, and the goat nations; you know, the ones that'll help, and the ones that won't and all? Remember, that's at the end of the millennium. At this time coming, in these seven years, let me tell you something, they're all going after her, and God's going to shut it down. And Armageddon is a real thing, and it's coming. And I thank God that it's coming, and in some respects, it couldn't come soon enough, but I know it's on God's times so we have to leave it there. But it will be wonderful to see that judgment poured forth. Hallelujah that He will be magnified in all of it.

Now, at this time when God turns the nations against Israel, Israel will turn to their true Messiah. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah. The ones that have the most effect on this group, or Israel at this time, and we'll study more of them, are the two witnesses that we read of in Revelation Chapter Eleven. God appoints two witnesses, and they're in the spirit of Elijah. And you think about Elijah, what a powerful prophet, and the things God allowed him to do, the miracles, and the boldness in spite of all of those that were against him he continued to preach the word. In spite of no one in a sense of going with him, but he preached the word, and again it wasn't to magnify Elijah, it was to magnify the grace of God to Israel. But these two witnesses are going to be endued in that same way, and they're going to convert God's unfaithful wife Israel back to falling in love with Him. It's going to be a marvelous thing, hallelujah.

Now, let's go ahead and read about this fourth rank, and see this in the church of Thyatira, and let's go back to Revelation Chapter Two. Got much to cover tonight; this could take multiple listening's on the internet. I'll have to go back; let's read from verse eighteen chapter two, this is on Thyatira. And again, this Thyatira represents the fourth rank which represents that remnant which represents that remnant of Israel that will go through, and will be the rulers going into the millennium on the earth. 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. I'll tell you we're just starting out, we're going with judgment right now, and it's going to be judgment, judgment. Alright?

Now, I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and patience, and I know thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first. The first thing mentioned was works, the last thing mentioned was works; I know thy works! This is what this is laying out. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou suffers the woman Jezebel, which calls herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. Now, Jezebel the name means without cohabitation. Jezebel presents herself as a faithful wife, but she's a whore; she's a harlot, and she is basically casting a spell upon all of the religions, and all of the things of this world to come into her bed and to commit fornication with her.

Now in Mat 13:33 it speaks of a woman there, and it speaks of that woman, and this woman represents Jezebel that basically brings in the leaven, and the leavens everything. And what that is speaking of is salvation by works; this is the epidemy. Remember, the most abominable thing to God is self-righteousness. It's thinking somehow, someway that we can work and bring something of ourselves denying and despising the blood of Jesus. So, what we have here is Jezebel and this mystery. You talk about the mystery of iniquity that is already at work, this is it; it's the infiltration of this form of godliness that denies the power thereof. And we know that we have religions of this world, and the great religions of this world overwhelming, it's all works. It's all works, that's how you become higher in religious communities, and in religious entities is all by works. It's not by faith, there's hardly any hearing of the word of God. There's never an encouragement of the great religions of the world to bring your bible to church. It's we'll tell you what to know, and here's what you need to do; it's all about doing as opposed to all about hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Amen?

So, this is the abomination is it's the works. It says and I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she didn't repent. Behold, I cast her into a bed with them, and them that commit adultery with her into what? Great tribulation, so these ones are going into the great tribulation; they're going into great tribulation. They're going to go into that last three and a half years. They're going to have this destroying going on, except they repent of their deeds. And what am I going to do? I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am He which searcheth the reins and hearts: and listen to what He's going to give to them. and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. You don't want to be given according to your works, and thanks be to God, the blood took that away.

See, if we go after works as a Christian what happens? It's wood, hay, and stubble. It's going to burn away, but God's faithful and you won't burn, but all that wood, hay, and stubble sure will. But this is the abomination to God; understand this, it's this salvation by works. And if anyone that you ever meet, and I have some ones I love so much, and they will not take the blood of Jesus, and they think because they're a good person, or they have a good life, or they're doing good things that somehow, they're going to be acceptable to God, and if God doesn't accept that, then I don't want that God. Well, let me tell you something. You don't have that God, you won't have that God, and you sure will wish you had that God.

Now, if you're judged according to your works; go on over the Revelation Twenty, and let's see what you'll receive. In Revelation Twenty, and let's go to verse thirteen. Now we're talking here; this is the judgment of the dead. This is the second death. Alright? And it said and the sea gave up the dead which were in it; death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them, and they were judged every man according to what? their works. This is why this Jezebel; this is why this Thyatira is such an abomination. It's the great form of godliness that denies the power thereof. And it says and whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Let me tell you something. All of those that face the second death, not a one of them were found in the Lamb's book of life, and they were all judged according to their works. What you want to be judged by is the blood of Jesus because that took everything away. Hallelujah.

And that's why we'll never go. This is why those that believe in Christ, they'll never be part of this second death. They will never go to this great white throne of judgment; it will never happen for a Christian because there's nothing to judge. You've already been forgiven, hallelujah. You're right now under the judgment seat of Christ; He's judging for reward. He's judging for righteousness. How much righteousness will grow in our lives, and I'll tell you what if you're listening tonight, and believing this, a lot of righteousness is growing tonight. You're in a good standing praise God according to the word of God. Amen. So, we thank the Lord for this, but now as we go through, we'll see how you know the Lord, He encourages these things in our lives, and you know the Lord continued to encourage us.

Now, we're getting back here in verse twenty-four. But, unto you I say and unto the rest of Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine. So, He goes back and He's talking to Thyatira.



Alright? And He's telling them what's going to happen. He said you're about salvation by works, I'm going to kill your children, I'm going to send you into the great tribulation; you're going to be a mess. Alright? And I'm going to destroy you, but remember how He said I'll give unto every one of you according to your works. That was the end of verse twenty-three. But listen to what He says; but unto you I say because you see how He's talking to that church in that belief. And He goes back to the individual, but unto you; unto you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine meaning this salvation by works, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have already, hold fast till I come.

Now listen to this, here we go. This is why this ties into this fourth rank that will be Israel; these Jews that will go on through and rule over all the nations in the millennium. Alright? This is why this is the hint that we have. Verse twenty-six. And he, that overcometh and keepeth my works until the end; see, not your works but His work. And what is His work? the blood. Come on, all of those things that He does. To him will I give power over the nation. There it is. So, that power over the nation, and he shall rule them with a rod or iron as the vessel of a potter shall they be broken to shivers, even as I received of My Father, and I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit sayeth unto the churches. Oh, what a victory that we have there.

Now, power over the nations. Now remember this because we're going to visit this as we close this out tonight; very key here. The hundred and forty-four thousand, you remember how we went to Matthew Twenty-five last week? In Matthew Twenty-five was about the five wise, and the five foolish virgins. Right? And the five wise, they had oil in their lamps. Alright? And when they were called to the feast, the wedding feast and it was a time that it was at night. That call, come out; that cry, and those that have the oil were able to go to the feast. Alright? The hundred and forty-four thousand raptured as part of the church, they're going to be guests at the wedding; at the wedding feast. Praise the Lord, there it is. But there were five foolish virgins weren't there? They had a lamp, but they didn't have the oil. They didn't have that encouragement of the Holy Ghost, did they? You see what I'm saying? So, they missed it, they missed that fellowship that they could. So, they're referred to as the five foolish virgins which are this fourth rank which is this Thyatira. Okay? And we just read here which was so sweet about it, it says that they would rule over the nations; power to rule over the nations. Think about God's grace, this is the fourth rank we're talking about. I mean we're getting down to the bottom of the barrel, but this is still God's barrel, and they're going to rule. That's how amazing His grace is, because this is the plan of God; My unfaithful wife Israel will be faithful again.

This is God's faithfulness; this is God's grace and His word is true, and they're going to reign over the nation. Israel will be it. They will minister to the world about Jesus. They will go out and convert the world, praise God. That is the time of the great revival. Praise the Lord. That's the time when the lamb'll lay down with the lion, and the child will play with the poisonous snake and all of that. Those dummies out there in Kentucky and all, they're going to get bit and die; it's not the time. Sad. It's not, well never mind. Don't laugh now Vince. Alright, I was chuckling inside,

but don't get me laughing. Alright, now, so you see how this is that the Lord is going to have this time, and these are going to be the ones that will go on through.

Now, this is the promise that is seen here, and this is the promise again to Israel. God revives His unfaithful wife back to Him, and this is the fourth rank. And this is the remnant of Israel, the earth dwellers that will go forth into the millennium to reign over the nation through the millennium; isn't that something? But I want you to think about this. They get to rule, but they are the five foolish virgins, and they have this wonderful opportunity to rule which they will, but yet, the thing that mattered most, they missed the wedding feast; that's how important the bride is. That's how important and glorious that gathering is. It's even more glorious than reigning over all the nations. Isn't that something? By the grace of God that's our feast. Remember how she was carried in? I can't remember the name of that thing; can anybody remember the name of that? It's a throne they put on there, and the friends bring her in; it starts with a "T". If Tammy was here, she'd know, but it's glorious, it's coming. Praise the Lord. That's called sitting pretty, isn't it? Hallelujah.

So, the woman in the wilderness, let's get back to that. Most of those ones will live through, but some are slain. I want to take the rest of the time tonight to talk about this fourth rank. And just like we've had ones that were slain, or die I should say. Some of them were slain, Paul was. Church of Smyrna? Church of Philadelphia, the innumerable multitude, those ones that die, some were slain. Church of Sardis, church of Pergamos for the innumerable multitude. Amen, alright? Same thing here, we're going to have ones that are slain, we're going to have ones that live through that are part of this fourth rank, and we're going to read about these right now in Revelation Six and these are the ones that are under the altar. This is important to its own; so important it's the word of God, but the Lord's encouraged us to bring this in now to understand you have these three ranks that are up there as the church, and here's your fourth rank Thyatira, and here they're moving through, and this is Israel that's being ministered to, they're coming to the Lord. God's unfaithful wife is going to be faithful again, and they're going to rule over the nations throughout that thousand millennium.

And in verse nine it says and when He had opened the fifth seal, and as we come to this fifth seal, I'd like to just make mention real quick, that we're at the time of the latter half of the tribulation right here. Okay? We're into the great tribulation, and we're getting really close to the battle of Armageddon; it's about ready to wrap up, so here we're at this fifth seal. And when He had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, how long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto them, every one of them, and it was said unto them, that they should rest for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they *were* should be fulfilled. Alright? So, we have what we see here are ones that are killed and seen under the altar. They're given white robes and they're given this time, and this specific rest that God gives them, and for a time. Alright? So, again these are ones that

are slain as part of that fourth rank which are the ones that are going. They receive the Lord after the church is raptured, and now these are ones that are slain in the great tribulation time. Alright?

Now, let's read about them, let's follow them through. Let's go to Revelation Chapter Fifteen, because here they pop up again. And this gives us more in a sense, information, clues, whatever you want to call it who they are, and what they are. Chapter fifteen, verse one. And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark. So, when were these ones taken out? When were these ones killed? They're killed during the great part of the tribulation; the time when the beast was out, when the image was there, and the mark of the beast, and over the number of his name. And what do they do? They stand on the sea of glass, and they have harps of God. Now here's a big clue, and what do they sing? They sing the song of Moses; they sing the song of Moses? They must be Jews, and yes, they are, and this is that company. Praise God, this fourth rank, and they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God; the song of the Lamb saying great and marvelous are thy works Lord God almighty, just and true are the ways thou king of saints, and again receiving Him as king.

See all the different things so you see this is residual, these are those ones that were under the altar that were killed, and they were killed during the time of the beast. Alright? So, these ones are going to be saved; this is Israel, some of them are going to die, some of them are going to live all the way through that last three and a half years. But I'll tell you one thing, they're all going to be gathered up because it's a one company, that fourth rank and they're going to rule on the earth over those nations. Alright? We read about them one last time here in Revelation Twenty. So, let's go on over there and we get more encouragement of who they are, where they are, and what they're for. Alright? In chapter twenty, verse one it says and I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. So, we know when we've come at this time, we're at the end of the tribulation. Alright, and at the end of the tribulation after the battle of Armageddon, and all of that the devil is going to be put into the bottomless pit. Alright, he's going to be chained, he's going to be put there. And he's going to be put there for a thousand years; that's the millennium. It says at the end of the millennium he's going to be let out for a season. Alright? He's going out and deceive the world very quickly, but it's just a little season. And then God is going to take him, and He's going to take hell, and all of that in it and there's a place prepared for it long time ago; it's called the lake of fire, and they're going to be cast in there. And once they're cast in there, there's never even going to be a remembrance of sin ever again. Not only the presence of sin we're going to be away from, there won't even be remembrance of it. Won't that be something?

So, it says and I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, cast him into the bottomless pit, shut him up, set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. Now here we go. And I saw thrones,

and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast. So once again we're talking about that time of the last three and a half years. These were ones that were killed then that didn't worship the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands, and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. See how that all comes together whether it was Thyatira telling how they would rule over the nations, and see how we read about each one of these whether it was seeing them as those saints under the altar, and now we see praise God that they're brought back gathered with even those that will go through that great tribulation time and live through it. That will be Israel, and they will rule over the nations for a thousand years, and that praise God is your fourth rank, and so praise the Lord.

I'm so glad, you know I'm just so glad to know God's faithfulness in detail with His people. And I will assure you this, one group we haven't spoken of, because we talked about the full overcomers in the Old Testament, we've talked about all those now that have been basically saved since Pentecost whether it's the church, or whether it's the fourth rank that receives the Lord as they go forth. What about those in the Old Testament that didn't receive in a sense, didn't achieve to being a full overcomer? That their grave wasn't opened in Matthew Twenty-seven? Think about them. Now, where would they be? Well, it's Israel again, isn't it? and they received what they would receive. And God had ministered to them through His prophets over and over again that that Abrahamic covenant was sure to come, and it would always be. And God would always be faithful to His people, and Israel would always have that land. So just as the Lord would awaken those at times that are asleep in a sense as the Lord said about Lazarus oh, they sleep, but you know it, we're face to face with the Lord; don't ever think that you're sleeping in that. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. If you'd ask old Samuel even back before captivity was led captive, or before upper Sheol was taken up into heaven, Samuel wasn't down here sleeping, was he? Uh-uh. He was down here with the Lord, praise God. You've awakened me sure, but he was with the Lord. And so, what we have here is those Old Testament ones that didn't achieve to the status of full overcomer; they'll be reigning over those nations just like those that were under that altar for that millennial time. God takes care of every one of His children; every single one. Thank the Lord you know; you don't need to go through wondering. By the grace of God, let's go through knowing, and I'm so thankful we do. Let's stand and be dismissed.