

Revelations in Revelation - 9

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The entire tribulation unfolds in those first four seals. We were able to get verses one through eight. We saw how it all began, that white horse, that false peace that comes out. We've seen a lot of false peace, haven't we? Everybody's got peace huh? Peace, peace, peace; when they cry peace and safety, then sudden destruction. And you can see the world wants it in any way, any shape, any form, but they don't want Jesus so they'll never have peace. He is the peace, that's it and it says and I thank God how He said it. As I said, see Jesus doesn't give us a peace, He give us His peace. And He left us with it, and He gave it to us and that's what we abide in, and I thank God that we have His peace. And thank the Lord, here we are tonight, and that truly is what's resting in us. And that's why when we go back and we understand this bridal message. and we begin to see that here she comes; New Jerusalem descending from heaven having the glory of God. She is that presentation of His glory. She is, she's going to receive that, and then you think what Jerusalem means; it means double peace. She has a double portion of peace, praise God. Do we not have a double portion of that peace? Oh yes, we do and I say Lord, its manifold, but it is a precious double portion.

So, we saw this, and we saw that false peace and hope come in right after the bride is taken right at the beginning of those seven years. That trumpet blasts, the bride is taken. And here comes this false peace right upon this earth. And you think how deceiving that is. It's not war that comes out and force, it's a false hope, and a false peace. It's this hypnotic state of a form of godliness that denies the power thereof in a height that this world has never seen. And then we know as we saw, the second seal was opened very quickly thereafter; it was replaced by war and bloodshed. Bam, that was going down, then it was famine, then there was massive death, and praise be to God, I thank the Lord in those wondrous eight verses it was complete. But now that we go on to the fifth seal, and we find that in verses nine through eleven, and what the fifth seal does, is it goes back and it tells us a little bit more detail about the second. And that's why in reading these things, and understanding it is very important, but one thing that so struck my heart how I just love the Lord, and we love the Lord, the respect and the honor He has for His wife. He wants her to know everything. Well, shouldn't we as He continues to tell us, and we know, and we know, and we know? But He does, He doesn't withhold anything from us; He's given us everything, He has given us all truth. He told us to come into the knowledge of His very love. All those all's are true, and then to think that He wants to bring us into this now, to have the same expectation that He has, and the same excitement that He has, and the same faith that He has because I believe that the Lord said that we live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me. It's hard to even speak after you think about things like that.

Verse nine, and chapter six; the fifth seal. 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 every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also their brethren, that they should be killed as they *were*, and it should be fulfilled. Now we touched upon this if you recall a couple weeks back. What we're reading here is of the fourth rank. We had the three ranks, the bride being the first rank, the innumerable multitude being the second rank, and the hundred and forty-thousand is the third rank. Those three groups of people make up the church. Alright? At this point what's happening here is these ones that were not in the innumerable multitude that came to know the word of God deeper into the tribulation, and they'll go all the way through that tribulation. The Lord will reveal Himself for; they will be saved all the way through, but there's going to be a lot of them that die.

And we saw of this group, this is when the Lord really turns and ministers to Israel, and we understand that this is Israel we're speaking of here, and we're going to go back right now to Matthew Chapter Twenty-four. You remember that from last week? As we could see each and every one of the seals as we went through Matthew Chapter Twenty-four. Well, here we see this fifth seal, and it appears right here at verse eight of Matthew Twenty-four. It says all these are the beginning of sorrows and I'll tell you, it is a sorrow, but it's only the beginning of sorrow, because we haven't even got to the woes yet. Oh yes, it's coming. It says, then they shall deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you, and ye shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake. So, we know that this is the time that's coming in. Now, they're going to hate them, and if you really think about it, even now there's such a hatred towards Israel. Why do they hate Israel? Because they're God's chosen people whether they want to act on it or not right now which they don't, they're still God's chosen people, and there's a divine promise upon Israel, and there'll always be hatred for that. And all nations are going to be turned against them; they're going to come for them. And so, right here is what we were talking about those ones that have been killed, and they're under the altar; these are them, these are they. They shall deliver you up to be afflicted, shall kill you, and you shall be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then shall many be offended and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another and many false prophets shall rise and deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound and the love of many shall wax cold, but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Now what this is speaking of here are those that are saved, and continue on even through the tribulation, some of them might not die; they might live all the way through.

But as we know, even these ones that are killed, right now there's a special place for them that's under the altar that will be at that place, and confident to the Lord He is able and they will have their exact place. And Israel's place, the promise that God has for those that have believed, and that will believe during that time of Israel, they will of Israel that will reign over the earth for the millennial time. And here's what will happen during that millennial time; listen to this in verse fourteen. And this gospel of the kingdom. See, isn't that beautiful how the Lord Jesus is ministering to them? That's why there's no reason to be confused, we're not in the kingdom age. This will be in the kingdom. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a

witness into all nations, and then shall the end come. And that's what so gorgeous here is that gospel of the kingdom is going to be preached by Israel. They're the ones that are going to go out and preach to every; every single creature. They're going to minister, and this great revival will come. Now you'll say there, what did that mean, why does it say then the end shall come? Well, you remember, and we'll study it out God willing if the Lord tarry. That millennial time is going to end with a short season that the devil's going to be loose. And then again, we're going to see the sheep and the goat nations; they're going to line up there. God's going to show Himself. And then He's going to take hell, He's going to take Satan, and He's going to take all of it, and He's going to throw it right into that lake of fire. And then there won't even be a remembrance of sin ever again. So, we see how lovely this is because we're moving toward this time; He will be exalted.

Now going back to Revelation Chapter Six, the sixth seal is further detail of the third and fourth seal, so it just kind of goes back. So, let's read from verses twelve through seventeen of chapter six. It says, and I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree causes her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. It's interesting to see all of these things that John is writing, and looking at and observing. You know, they show the pictures you know whether it's the Iraq war, or whether it was Kuwait, whether it's over there in Ukraine they show at night; just all that artillery, all of those bombs dropping; all of those things. Let me tell you something, that's not even a drop in the ocean to what this is going to be. And it's going to open up, and the Lord is going to open it up for us to really see here in a minute. Heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, the mighty men, every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the face that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. It goes on to say they'll seek death, and they will not find it. For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? What a time that will be, and I'm so thankful we're on the right side of this, aren't you? Man, I'm glad I will never be on that other side, but I am so thankful to God I'm on the right side of this one, praise His name.

Now, let's go ahead and move on tonight to chapter eight, and that takes us in to the seventh seal. Alright, chapter seven was a deviation there, and basically, we saw the dealing with the hundred and forty-four thousand. Chapter seven we also saw the hundred and forty-four thousand were dealt with; ministered to, and then right at that same time we saw the innumerable multitude be raptured right up into heaven, and they are standing before the throne, praise God. So now, back to chapter eight we come to the seventh seal. And once again in this seventh seal I want to you to understand that it will overlap and give more detail about the previous seals from number two all the way through the tribulation, and finally it will culminate in the final battle of Armageddon.

Now, when we begin this seventh seal, we are going to be right again at the beginning of the second seal. That's when this seventh seal starts to talk about, we're right back at the beginning of the second seal, right after; right after the white horse has come; that's the first seal. Alright? And the second seal is right at the point of sudden destruction. So, once again to know at the point of sudden destruction, or at the point of this second seal we know that the bride has been taken up into heaven and has been raptured to be with the bridegroom. And so, he that hinders must be taken out of the way. Amen? We see that. Now, let's read verse one and you're going to see how fitting this is that she must be taken out, and she must be with Him, and we must have this moment of verse one. Before any sudden destruction can continue. Verse one, and when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of a half hour. Now, this has been spoken of many different ways. This has been talked about that there's just an awe, there's a solemn time that ones are together before the Lord begins to pour out these judgments upon the earth.

Well, I thank God for where He's taken us over these past years. And where the Lord took my heart so sweetly, and continuing to have the ministering of the beauty of the courtship, and the beauty of the courtship of the ancient Jew, and the Jewish customs and traditions. We know, and Genesis Twenty-four tells us very clearly of how that works. My son's going to have a wife; yeah. And in the custom what would happen is that father would go out to the village, or to the people just like Abraham. He sent his servant out to find that bride for his son, and he sent that servant out specifically to his people. Well, in custom what would happen is that father would take his son out to that village, and he would say my son will have a wife, and it wasn't of his son to pick who his wife would be. Very interesting, isn't it? Usually when we see lots of things, we see the kings and these different ones well I want her, and I want her, but in this case in the custom and truly of the Jew, he would bring forth his son, and he would say to the women; who will have him? That's what was so beautiful about Mary Magdalene on Sunday. I'll take Him, I'll take Him, amen. So, one woman would come forward and said, I'll take him. At that time, at that moment they would sign a marriage contract; they were married. They weren't going to get married; they weren't going to talk about marriage, they were married. That contract was signed, it was done. However, she would not go to be with him at that moment, because he would then go away to prepare a place, he would prepare a house. Oftentimes he didn't have the funds; the money, so, he would be working to figure out how, and how he would prepare this place where he would come again for her to bring him back to where they would dwell. It's gorgeous, but it's true, and it just continues to lay itself out.

Now, we know that as custom would be, the bridegroom, or the husband would come at night; that's the custom, and come at a time when she was not in a sense maybe aware of it, but even in custom that bride, or that wife would sleep with her clothes on because she always wanted to be ready. Amen. And so, in that he would come, but he would not come alone, he'd come with his friends; it's exactly how it is. So, we see that cloud of witnesses that come with Him; those are the twenty-four elders, those are the overcomers of the Old Testament that are with Him in glory right now, and she will meet Him in the air in that cloud, praise God. And so,

they would relieve that precious woman, he would be ushered in with His friends; the bride and the groom, and they would be headed towards a feast because there would have to be this supper where all of the guests would be assembled, but there was something that had to be complete before they would go before the priest; they had to consummate the marriage; yes, they did. They still even do it in custom today believe it or not, and they would lock them in a room; the bride and the groom for thirty minutes, and they would consummate that marriage. They would even, and not to get you to blush, they would even show proof of that. Let your mind wander on that one. Custom everyone, alright? I think there's some married couples out here tonight too; we're okay.

And then. And then, and only then they would be ushered off to the marriage supper. Alright? So here we have this half hour silence, and notice when it occurs. Alright? It happens right before sudden destruction; isn't that glorious? Now if you go back to the Song of Solomon, and I'd love to go there and spend some time there, but in the sixth chapter of the Song of Solomon, you know the last thing they said to the Shulamite? Return, return, oh Shulamite, so she's gone. The seventh chapter begins with this elongated beautiful speech of the bridegroom describing her; describing her in a way he never has in a way of such intimacy. And even as he says I'm drinking from your lips; they're together. That's that time of that consummation. Then right after that she gets up and says let's get ourselves down to the garden. Let me tell you something, that garden is going to be that judgment someday. I know you can't even imagine it, but her knowing that her husband will be magnified in his fulness in taking that throne in the fullness of his glory, it will be one of the greatest times of her life. I always love to see how my mother would always be so thankful about her husband, but especially when he would be recognized in different things; she appreciated it greatly. She knew the man that he was, and is. Do we know the man our bridegroom is? Praise the Lord. That's a love nest there isn't it? Praise God.

So, and think of this. As sudden destruction begins to come out, alright? The guests are still being assembled. The hundred and forty-four thousand as we'll see here, they're still not necessarily gathered up at this time yet. They still got to be assembled getting them all situated up there in heaven while the couple is consummating their marriage. We'll talk about that tonight a little bit more as we go on. But that's a beautiful thing there isn't it?

Now, the seventh seal as we get into is going to consist of seven trumpets. The seven trumpets will go into seven bowls or vials of wrath. This is the beginning of sorrows which will flow into the three woes that we will see in the last three trumpets, and that begins in chapter nine, and it culminates in the wrath; the full wrath of God in chapter sixteen and eighteen, and then we'll have the perfect judgment. So, let's go on back to Revelation Chapter Eight, and let's begin reading from verse two. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God. Brothers and sisters, the four living ones which we saw represented the bridal company there in chapter four. Now this scene is these seven angels, praise God here in chapter eight. We'll talk about that in a minute, but don't let that be hard for you. First of all, we'll hear the descriptions in what's going

on with these seven angels, and we'll talk about how we know that they're not the angel in the sense of a messenger angel you'd think of like a Gabriel and a Michael. But these are angels praise God that are redeemed ones. Remember, John is kind of limited how he can describe these things in what the Lord is allowing him to see. And I thank God because of the enlightened eyes of the Holy ghost, we can see yea, the deep things of God. So, it says here, and I saw the seven angels which stood before God. And that word stood, it means unmovable on a foundation and I want you to think it's a pillow. And who made the pillows in the house of the Lord? The church of Philadelphia. Alright? So, you get this complete beautiful masterpiece that he continues to paint over and over for us. So, they stood before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. I want you to think about the trumpets, and the calling and the voice; the voice of the archangel, the trump of God. His voice is their voice. Yes, cause they're one, and they're one right now. Amen?

And they speak in that oneness praise be to God right now. And so, to them was given the seven trumpets, and another angel came and stood at the altar. So, we got the seven angels, but then another angel shows up, but this angel's got a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. Well, that just tells you who that angel is because there's only one that can offer up prayer, and that's our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. So now we know we got seven angels, and then we got eight. But this angel here we know for absolute certainty that eighth one that showed up; that's Jesus. And it says and the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, filled it with fire of the altar, and He cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. Praise the Lord. The wife hath made herself ready; she's prepared, isn't she? Oh yes, she is.

Now, as we begin this it is such a beautiful picture here, Jesus Christ with His bride. He promised us that if we would suffer together with Him, we would reign together with Him. Amen, that we would jointly reign together with Him. It said that if we suffer, we will reign. If we deny the right to suffer, He'll deny us the right to reign. So, what we have here is a company represented or John has seen of perfection. Seven, completion. Seven, fully grown. Seven, praise be to God that wonderful seven, and they are ruling and reigning with Jesus Christ. He is handing to them these trumpets. He is going to hand to them the vials, these bowls of wrath that'll be poured forth. Who else would be doing this? The only company ever spoken of, and the only ones ever spoken of that would be joint heirs together with Jesus Christ that would jointly reign with Him is through Paul's gospel, and it's the bridal company. Amen, and God even gives us encouragement a couple different places, but let's go on over to Revelation Twenty-two and let's read about at least one of these angels just to kind of understand that company of those seven; they are, and will they be the bride.

And in Revelation Twenty-two, and let's go over to verse eight. And it says and I John saw these things, and heard *them* and when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the

feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Now, this angel is one of those seven. Alright? So, John falls down at the feet of the angel which showed me these things. Then saith he unto me. So, the angel says to John; don't do this. See, *thou do it* not: for I am thy fellowservant, and what? And of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. Amen. So, this isn't something that, you know, oh my goodness this is so out there I can't understand. Just take the time to read it. It's just like the four living ones, praise be to God the next chapter it says that they're redeemed out of every kindred, tongue, and nation; they're not these mysterious beings. And don't do that, God help us just hone in, this isn't too much for us. God intended us to understand this and He tells us, He wants us to understand this. Remember the very first chapter; we're called to this understanding. What do you think of your birthright? It's everything, is it not? By the grace of God, it's everything. I don't want to squander anything that I've been given. I want to grow up fully into all of that, I want to have that full maturity to understand and enjoy it right now. And that is not because of knowledge, it's because of love. It's all love, all of this is the aftereffect, and the beauty of His love, and I'm just telling you, I want to take this place because He loves me to take it. That's why I want to take it; I love Him.

I mean, with every thing's He's done for me if it were a shack, I'm there. You feel what I'm saying? But this is God we're speaking of here and that's why I don't want to come, oh, You don't need to do this; that's denying the grace. Again, my self-righteousness trying Jesse to be meek and lowly. He says it's mine. I am so thankful that it is. I'm not going to argue with Him about it, He loves me, I'm it, and He chose me, praise the Lord. He tells us over and over, and He says I'll perform it, I will do these things, and if you'll believe it, it'll be done unto you. Praise God. I saw it over and over I believe in the Old Testament, and I saw a lot of it already in the New Testament. He said these things would be, and you know every single time, it's a hundred and ten percent.

This is our time. This is our time now by faith to believe. Praise God, and what witness we had to these full overcomers that have lived before us, and taken these promises, and we thank God for it. So, we thank the Lord, we see that these seven angels; that's the bridal company, they're ruling and reigning with Him. These are brethren, they're redeemed. John, the one that knew Jesus so well; so, so well. The disciple that Jesus loved, he is so absolutely sure that that's Jesus that he's walking with, he worships that one. She has grown up into the what? The measure, the stature, and the fullness of Him. Unto that perfect man; she is like Him, not kind of like, but she is like Him. She has His glory; it emits from her. It's so beautiful, this is why John is falling down to worship this one, and she picks him up and says John, don't do that. But isn't the bible wonderful because we understand that this wasn't to get upset with John, this wasn't to you know just to have some type of a side note in here, this was to prove the point that she is like Him. When He appears, we'll be like Him. And if we'll preach, and stay in this truth in love doctrine, we will grow up into Him in all things. Praise God. That's the bible, that's the word of God. Let's be quick to believe it as brother prayed.

Now, what's so gorgeous here is that John again in what we're reading he sees the seven, and then he sees the eighth; he sees them all the same. They're like them, he's like her, they're all one and it's beautiful. They have the same language, they have the same voice; it's called thunders and lighting, and all of that beautiful thing; trumpet voice, amen? They're participating and doing the same thing together; that's a lovely husband and wife, isn't it? Praise God, they're joined; it's perfect. And I'll tell you now, this is what really gets so sweet here is these trumpets come forth, I want us to understand and to really look, God has already shown us in not just type, in actual doings for His people, He's already done these things that we're going to read about. So, don't think well this is just too fantastic to God, or something of that nature. Remember, He flooded the earth. Huh? Alright?

We'll be reminded of a lot of things here, but let's go back to chapter eight, and let's read about these first four trumpets here. Alright? And we'll begin reading from verse seven. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood. So, peace and safety is taken away, and here comes the beginning of the wars and blood. And they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all the green grass was burnt up. Now, as we study through and as the word God has given us, whenever you see earth, you're always going to see Israel. And you see sea speaks of Gentiles; the Gentile nation. What's going to have the impact, and what's coming is those nations are going to turn, and they're going to go after Israel. God has shown us this time after time again. I mean, you think about it, why was it the Jew back in the 1930's and 1940's. Why was the Jew that had to be exterminated? And let me tell you something, it hasn't changed; why is it the Jew that has to be exterminated? You see those countries that are around them; Iraq, Iran, whatever it is. They put right up on their bombs that they're trying, they're making, and waiting; death to Israel, death to Israel, death to Israel. We're not ignorant to this, this is something that's completely out there. The difference is, we know why. We know why, they can't help that hatred. The only thing that'll help that hatred is Jesus. You have Jesus, you're going to love His people. You're going to be kind to them, amen you will, but you don't, let me tell you something, it's either of God, or you're of mammon. You're either of Him, or you're not. And so, this is how this all shapes out, and this is what's going on.

So, we see that this blood mingled, there's a war on Israel, and I should say the trees and the grass in Isaiah; that speaks of flesh. There's going to be a lot of people that die. Did you see them do the estimate? They said Well, if this Russia/Ukraine thing just turns into a nuclear deal, we'll probably lose somewhere around two billion people. Well, do the math, Amen, we're right there. You're getting pretty close to a third. It's amazing how quick it can happen like tomorrow, or tonight. You see this, and that's when people aw this'll never happen. It's going to happen. It's not an if, it's just when. And the LORD will open this up, this is how it's going to be.

And it said and the second angel sounded as it were a great mountain. So, now we have this great mountain. Whenever you see this mountain, it always speaking of a nation. And it's a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea, and a third part of the sea became blood, and a third part of the creatures which were in the sea and had life died, and a third part of the

ships were destroyed. So, what happens here is this conglomerate or this beast that's going after Israel, it starts turning on itself, and yes it does, and so there's going to be a nation that is going to turn on even all of the other nations as well, and it's just going to throw this whole thing into such chaos, and this fire is cast down. And a third part again of the sea becomes blood, and a third part of the creatures. So, there's so much death; you talk about starvation? Think of how much food, and things are hardest at even in the sea, and then it talks about a third part of the ships that were destroyed. Isn't that all to blame right now why we have supply chain issues? It's the ships just staying right out there in the port in Los Angeles, they just go round and round. They ain't going to go round and round in this because they sunk. Those merchants are going to look at old Babylon here; we'll read about that sometime and they're going to weep and cry; oh Babylon, Babylon is done; my money just went right down the drain. All those uncertain riches, they're uncertain; matter of fact they're done.

Then the third trumpet. There in verse ten the third angel sounded, and there fell a star from heaven. Now, we've already addressed this; this is in chapter twelve. Remember, that the hundred and forty-four thousand is in the womb of the woman, right? And Israel is going to convert that hundred and forty-four thousand. And so, what happens is right as the hundred and forty-four thousand are raptured, the woman, or Israel is hidden in the wilderness, and at that time Lucifer is cast out of heaven, and that's why it says it's a star because Lucifer is a false life. It's a complete false life, he is, you talk about the counterfeit, that's him, and so, that false life is cast out of heaven, and that's when Lucifer really turns it loose to try to destroy Israel. It's going to be ramped up, but the Lord hides her. You're fighting God, and we know the end of that story, and so this is that point here of that third trumpet. So, you can even see where we are in time. So, between that second, and that third that's when the hundred and forty-four thousand of the completion of the church is taken up. So, there are going to be some hard times for people that are as they say left behind. But the hardest things to really understand and know that you missed something, and I'm confident that will be.

But the word will always comfort; the word will always comfort. There'll always be a hope because God never leaves us hopeless. When we don't yield there's always, I wish I'd have, but God always brings more, and He does; He's done it with all of us. So, a great star fell from heaven burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters. So, see, when the enemy comes forth like that, and God unleashes him truly as a roaring lion. There's going to be death because of well, you go to verse eleven it says and the name of the star is called wormwood. Wormwood means poison and death. You'll find the word, the name wormwood in the Old Testament specifically there in Jerimiah. When God's people turned away, and they went after the things of idolatry and things of that nature, God poisoned the water and it brought death. When the enemy comes down here, you talk about poisoning the water. If you think that there's some poison preaching going on right now, once again we haven't seen anything yet. And that is going to be something that we'll go out there and it says many men died of the water because they were made bitter.

The fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so, as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe; those are the three woes, and they haven't even been unleashed yet; not yet because we've only got through the fourth trumpet here to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

Well let's go back to Exodus. This is a precious time when God delivers His people right out of Egypt, and let's read what our precious Lord and Saviour did. And let's go Exodus Chapter Seven, and we'll touch on a few of these tonight as we kind of close with this with these precious triumphs that God brought forth at this time. So, in Exo 7:17-18, again this is when Pharaoh, Moses kept coming to him and said well, you know, you let the people go God will stop this. You tell them okay, I'll let them go, and He'd send him a plague, and then he wouldn't, and he'd keep changing his heart. Well, we're down to about the third time, but this is one of the plagues. In verse seventeen it says, thus saith the LORD, in this thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that *is* in mine hand upon the waters which *are* in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. And the fish that *is* in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water of the river. We just read, which one was that? That was the second trumpet? They said that the third part of the sea became blood, and the fish and the creatures that were in there? They died. So, once again the Lord has shown us there's nothing hard for Him, and I do these things, and oh how I do them well.

Turn on over to Exodus Nine. You've read about fire and hell. Let's read about it here in Exodus Nine again. This is in verse eighteen. We're getting towards the seventh plague that the Lord sent. Behold tomorrow it says in verse eighteen. About this time, I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof, even until now. Isn't that something? That's how great this hail was. Now let's go down to verse twenty-two, and the LORD said unto Moses, stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran along upon the ground; that's how fierce it was hitting; it was causing fire. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that *was* in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, brake every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel *were* was there no hail. Now, you see how He can hide that woman in the wilderness Israel at this time? He hides you away. All that stuff will come forth in full force, and you notice what that hail did? Stripped all the plants, it killed all the vegetation; brings famine real fast, don't it? It sure does.

And you know, and you say well, you know just talked about that, but the bible says there's going to be hailstones that are going to fall even in a war on Armageddon, and it's going to kill I believe again it says a fourth. Alright? Well, you know God did that before too? Turn on over to Joshua Chapter Ten; Jos 10:11. I want you to understand as well too, and not that we needed it, but do you know that in Egyptian history that was even written on some of its tablets,

and even on the tombs; different things, it talked about these plagues; it's documented. Didn't need to be documented there; it's documented here; that's all I need. This is truth, this is truth.

Joshua 10:11 It says and it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, *and* were in going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: *they were* more which died with hailstones than *they* whom the children of Israel slew with the sword. That'd be pretty good size. I would think that God could do with a little one too with a lot of speed. But these were great, and these were big, and verse twelve through fourteen go on. Let's read a little bit more. Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and the moon in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and this moon stayed. See how He does these things? He can darken it, He can lighten it; He can do all these things, and He's done it. *Is* not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of man: for the LORD fought for Israel, and the Lord will fight for Israel.

And it's so wonderfully amazing. The wicked, there are ones that will even read this and know this just like Satan himself, but they'll still do it; they just can't help themselves. And even as you read this, and even these ones, and they see the judgment pouring forth, and they know the wickedness that's in their heart, and they know the evil that they've done, and they still not repent of it. Now I want you to understand that; it's so very true. It's the sinner that repents; always know that. They have to, or they remain a sinner.

Alright, let's keep going. Genesis Nineteen. Let's not forget Sodom and Gomorrah, should we? Huh? You know they've gone out there where that is, and kind of interesting, they've been excavating that as well too. The layers and layers of ash in that one place. Again, not that I needed it, but it's pretty cool. I don't need a sign and a wonder, but it is so wonderful to see our precious Lord. But these are things that He's shown us. Honeys, I've done these things before, He's just going to do it on a different scale. But nothing's hard for Him, He just spoke all the heavens, so since 1924 what's it say? That the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven. So, these are things that aren't new, God knows what He's doing.

So, we see this, and it's coming forth. Now let's go on back and let's go ahead and look at that third trumpet there. Go on back to Revelation Eight again here. And it said the angel sounded, and fell a great star from heaven. We addressed that, but we're going to see at that time when Satan is cast out of heaven. He's going to come to a time very shortly around in that area and all, he knows he's going to have a short while. He knows he's not going to have much time. There's going to be such destruction, and fierceness; apostasy is just going to affect every place under the sun. And truly as it says there too as we've read, the great whore will be part of this, and she's going to infect and get all the kings of the earth to basically come into her bed as it says. That she infects them with her disease, and so it's something to think about brothers and sisters. But you can see the intertwining of the great religions of the world; they're starting to come together. We've seen this for some time, we're seeing, and it's been like this, but it'll just grow into more of a connection, but politics in all of it, it's all part of the same. That ruling entity at that time, it will be complete. And then when that son of perdition, that man of perdition comes

upon the scene, it says that even the elect of God will be deceived. Thank the Lord for His grace and His keeping brothers and sisters. Let's just thank Him.

And then you go to that fourth trumpet over there in verse twelve, I think about Exodus 10:21; let's go on back there. More of those precious plays, and this is when God sent that darkness out. So, we see He testifies to us in these things. Isn't that sweet, and I just love how the LORD's done this. He prepares us for this, we know who He is, and what He does. And it says in Exodus 10:21, and the LORD said unto Moses, stretch out thy hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness *which* may be felt. Yeah, so there it is, and then finally tonight when you think about the earthquakes, and you know that earth will open up, and it'll swallow up armies during this time; you know, the Lord did that too. Turn on over to Numbers Chapter Sixteen; oh, what a mighty God. I love this. Alright, and we'll start reading from verse thirty-one. That's Numbers Sixteen. It says, and it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking; this precious Moses, all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them. These are the sons of the Korah of the enemies, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all their goods. They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

I believe. I'm thankful I believe and I thank God once again, the peace that passes all understanding that He gives us. Yes, these things are coming to pass, but I thank the Lord that when we began to study, we talk about the apocalypse; the unveiling, and this is this precious unveiling of His wife. And the purpose of her with Him; the jointly ruling and reigning, and all these different things, and I never want anyone to think, and God forbid that you know the reason that any of us would want to attain to the mark of the prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus is to just to rule and reign, it would miss the complete mark. All of that is because of first love. The crown is because of first love. All of these things it's that absolute first love overwhelming heart that the word by the Holy Ghost ministers that to you, and you begin to really begin to fall in love because you realize that He is in love with you. And you see that it's all because of the blood, all because of that grace and mercy. And then you step back, we look at our lives, and you look at this world, and you even look at all its history. And truly you see God's purpose, and His plan all over it because man will always fail, man will always lie. If we put our confidence in man in any way, shape, or form it will always turn out to be nothing; it's not, and yet that's exactly how this thing terminates or culminates is man finally puts his confidence in One Man.

Never cannot help himself, and it has to be the one that presents Himself as the Christ. It's just so sad because Jesus Christ came, and He came just like the word of God said He would. Lowly, a man, the humble, the meek that would be born in that low estate. And yet here man just wants to look to what man perceives that Christ should be and look like. Once again, it's always the rejection of the word of God. God, help us not to reject it. We're to believe it, and to believe it quickly.

And I appreciate some of the calls, and some of the ones you know reaching out. And I pray we'll always like this. One's that have been in this meeting, I'm talking for decades that still, these things might be a little bit, I need to see it a little bit more clearly or something of that nature. Go after it, reach out, I have a phone. I'm happy to call, and to talk to somebody, or

receive a call, and then ones that also know. But don't give up on this. Don't think that it's oh, it's just too much. Begin to see these things and ask the Lord, He'll reveal them to you, and I'll tell you what, it will be, you'll see it simply the minute it just lays itself out. And it's not well, I want to see it like you, I want to believe; no, no, no, no, no, this is yours. By the grace of God, the Holy Ghost as we walk, and we walk alone, and we go on with God, we'll see it together. Don't ever be ashamed, we all have to come to there's a process of learning and growing up in the things of the truth. And then also the humbling; you know, maybe we don't see something exactly right. Be willing to say well thank You Lord for revealing that to me. Always have such a humble heart and spirit before it, and I'll tell you, that's when you'll grow because it's His grace. Alright, let's stand and be dismissed.