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11. How is the capital of the universe, the New Jerusalem described in the book of Revelation, chapters 21 and 22?

Revelation 21:10-11. "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God."

Revelation 21:11 "Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even clear as crystal." And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God..."

Revelation 21:12. "And had a wall, and had twelve"

Revelation 21:14. "And the wall of the city had twelve, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."

Revelation 21:16. "And the city lieth and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand"

When we convert the measures, we get a perimeter of 2200 Km, namely 550 Km on each side.

Rev. 21:21. "And the twelve gates [were] twelve: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was"

Rev. 21:23. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof."

Rev. 22:2. "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

12. Who are the only ones who will enter the city of God? Revelation 21:27.

"And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's"

- ✓ Revelation 22:15 and 19 show who will be out, while verse 17 shows us who will be out: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

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Topic 10

The Church of God in the book of



When we speak about church, we immediately imagine a building where people gather to worship God. We may imagine a tall or low, large or small building. Other people understand for church a denomination and each time they refer to themselves they identify themselves with that denomination. Let us see how this wonderful book of Revelation describes the identity and history of the church projected to our times.

1. What vision was shown to prophet John? Revelation 12:1.

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven:....., and the moon under her feet of twelve starsde."

- ✓ As we have seen up to now, the book of Revelation is full of symbols, whose characteristics illustrate or describe certain qualities or virtues that want to be emphasized. We have seen how each symbol perfectly represents the history or condition of each element described. Therefore, the study of this woman will make us familiar with characteristics that will help us identify the church of God.

2. What is the relation between Christ and His church compared to? Ephesians 5:25-27.

The relationship between a husband and a.....

- ✓ Both in the Old and New Testament, the relation between God and His people is compared to the one between a bride and a bridegroom. Therefore, the symbol of a woman represents the characteristic or virtues of a church. Let us see the following examples:
- ✓ Isaiah 62:5. ".... and [as] the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, [so] shall thy God rejoice over thee..."
- ✓ 2 Corinthians 11:2. "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ."
- ✓ Hosea 2:19-20. "And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord."

3. If the woman represents a church, how many churches does Christ have? Songs 6:8-9.

"There are threescore queens, without number. is but one."

4. What elements surround the woman and what are they? Revelation 12:1.

The following signs are characteristics of the true church of Christ:

Dressed This symbolizes Christ, the Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2.) as He appears in the New Testament.

Under her feet she had It represents the fact that the church is founded on the Old Testament. The moon does not have its own light, but it reflects the light of the sun. Likewise, the Old Testament does not have its own light, but it shines because Christ gives it His light.

The twelve symbolize the twelve apostles, who are the crown of God's church.

5. What other characteristic is described? Revelation 12:2, 5.

"And she being, travailing in birth. And she brought forth a, who was to rule with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

6. Who was that Son? Psalms 2:7.

That son was

7. What promise made to the church was fulfilled? Genesis 3:15.

In Eden the promise was given that a would be risen who would defeat the serpent.

In Galatians 3:16 is clear that the Seed is

- ✓ If we consider the anguish caused by the trip and the lack of accommodation in Bethlehem before birth, we can understand the prophecy states that the woman was in anguish in his delivery.

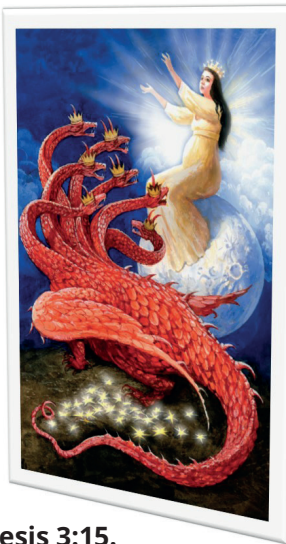
8. What sign appears in heaven and what is about to take place? Revelation 12:3-4.

"And... behold a great, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, as soon as it was born."

- ✓ The dragon was Satan who used the Roman Empire to try to destroy Christ when He was a baby, as it happened with genocide of children commanded by Herodes.

9. What did the woman (the church) have to do before the persecution caused by Satan? Revelation 12:6, 13-16.

"And the woman, where she had a place prepared of God, and to his throne."



of the families. The names of the overcomers will be in the book of life and they will have a privileged position in heaven.

6. By what means can we be overcomers, that is to say, obtain salvation and victory over sin? Revelation 12:11.

"And they overcame him by, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

- ✓ John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God that carries the sin of the world (John 1:29). Since Jesus overcame Satan in Calvary, we have salvation and the forgiveness of our sins. If we make that victory ours, we shall be able to overcome sin with Christ, and have a living testimony of the power of God in our life.

7. What promises does the book of Revelation give us for the time when we shall have to face death? Revelation 14:13; 20:6; 1:18.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are from henceforth."

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part: on such the second death hath no power..."

"... and have the of death."

8. With what event will God put an end to the suffering and pain that reign upon this earth? Revelation 22:12.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and, to give every man according as his work shall be."

- ✓ Christ will succeed to put an end to human suffering and death. Revelation 14:14 and 6:14-17 describe His coming and show the despair of those who are not prepared or reconciled with God.

9. Where will Jesus take us when He comes back? Revelation 21:1; 1 Corinthians 2:9.

"And I saw: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. "

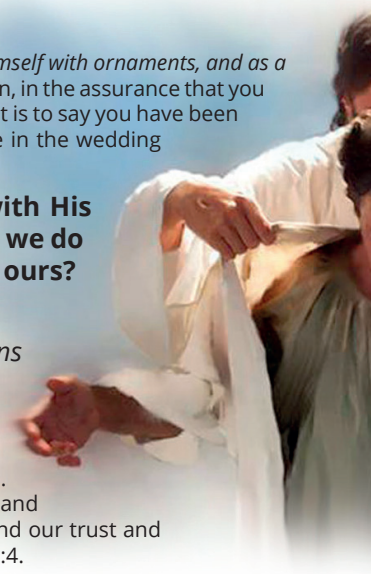
But as it is written, heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, for them that love him."

10. How does the book of Revelation explain the arrival of the redeemed ones in heaven? Revelation 7:9-10, 15:2.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, in their hands."

"And I saw mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."

me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." Rejoice in your salvation, in the assurance that you have been forgiven, and have the robe of righteousness, that is to say you have been saved, have communion with God and one day will rejoice in the wedding feast of the Lamb.



3. Jesus loved us and set us free from our sins with His blood, according to Revelation 1:5. What should we do so that that forgiveness and salvation can be ours? Acts 3:19.

"Repent ye therefore....., that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

- ✓ The Bible shows us that we should repent of our sins and have a change in our life, a conversion, a change of direction. Let us contemplate God's love, meditate upon the life, works and teachings of Jesus let us give Him our heart, our feelings and our trust and He will guide us to repentance, as we can read in Romans 2:4.

4. What promise do we find in the book of Revelation that this gift is for free and we receive it by faith? Revelation 21:6; Romans 5:1; 3:24-25.

"And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him freely."

5. What promise receive those who come out victorious in the fight against sin?

Revelation 2:7. "To him that overcometh will I give, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

Revelation 2:11. "He that overcometh shall not"

Revelation 2:17. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. "

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

Revelation 3:5. "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed; and I will not blot out his name, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. "

Revelation 3:12. "Him that overcometh will I make, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him....."

Revelation 3:21. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

- ✓ It is worth to be an overcomer! God promises overcomers that they will eat from the tree of life; they shall have eternal life and will not suffer the second death after the judgment. They will eat of the hidden manna, that is to say, they will have eternal life. The white stone refers to the old custom of having a white stone with the name engraved on it to perpetuate the friendship of two families. This stone was used as a sign of friendship for the descendants

- ✓ She flees to the wilderness, unpopulated and inaccessible places, during the Middle Ages, where the Satanic forces could not reach it.

"And the woman was given two, that she might fly into the wilderness."

- ✓ Those wings represent the speed or urgency with which the children of God had to flee in order not to suffer martyrdom under the Papacy during the Middle Ages, at hands of the Inquisition.

"And the serpent cast out of his mouth out of his mouth."

- ✓ The many waters are multitudes (Revelation 17:15), people that were urged by Satan to persecute the believers. The fact that the earth opened its mouth refers to the Reformation, which took place in XVI century and whose adherents were persecuted, but many European governments protected their lives. When America was discovered in 1492, governments were established that gave religious freedom, so the victims of persecution found a place of refuge and the impact of persecution was not so great. Moreover, the atheist French Revolution put an end to the supremacy of the Papacy and persecution.
- ✓ Notice the days that the woman was hidden in the wilderness (literally "empty abandoned place"). It is said that she is hidden from either the sight of men or from their influence during 1260 days or "a time, and times, and half time." Keep these numbers in mind and we shall study them further.

10. What characteristics of the church made the dragon furious? Revelation 12:17.

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make of Jesus Christ."

Let us see those 4 characteristics:

- 1. It is persecuted**, since the dragon wanted to The faithfulness of the church of God was always a reason for Satan to attack it. The means he mostly used was persecution and martyrdom.
- 2. It is a**, that is to say, few. (Zephaniah 3:12). The church of Christ was never a majority. Its members were always poor and rejected.
- 3. The church keeps of God.** As children of God, the members of the church of Christ keep and obey the divine requests which are comprised in the Ten Commandments, as they were given in Exodus 20:1-17. When we say: "keep the commandments", it is understood all of them. If a church keeps one, for example the 4th one that commands us to keep the Sabbath day but takes part in war, thus transgressing the 6th commandment that says "thou shalt not kill", it does not fulfill the requirements in the prophecy.
- 4. They have the testimony of** which according to Revelation 19:10, it is the Spirit of Prophecy, the special gift of God with specific instructions for the church in this very solemn period of the world history.

11. What great contrast was shown in another vision? Revelation 17:1-6.

There was a fornication. This woman was arrayed in and.....

In her hand she had a her name was the mother She was drunk with and with.....of Jesus.

- ✓ In contrast with that pure woman, God reveals the existence of another woman, an impure one, who is compared to a harlot. The Bible specifies what that adultery was: "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?" James 4:4.
- ✓ Their policy and government in this world is called fornication.
- ✓ That mixture with civil power gave the church many riches. The cup is a symbol of its doctrines full of abominations. Its message is not pure, but it is mixed with politics, since it is adapted to the moment and the social circumstances of the time in which we live. Therefore, its name is BABY-LON, which means confusion. One of the main characteristics of this apostate church is in fact the role played by the Inquisition in the Middle Ages. Its hands are full of the blood of Jesus' martyrs. It is drunk, full of death, tortures, oppression, etc.
- ✓ This church is not alone. It has daughters, or another church that follows its same thoughts, doctrines or working methods. For example, they observe Sunday as the rest day, they believe in the immortality of the soul, etc.
- ✓ We can easily identify this church whose characteristics agree with the ones described above. It is the Roman Catholic Church. Her daughters are all churches that in one way or another follow its teachings, even if they are not based on the Bible. Revelation 17:1-5 is an appeal to leave a religious system and to submit to the commandments of God. There is always the question:



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Topic 18

The beautiful promises in the book of



The book of Revelation presents the battle between good and evil, light and darkness, Christ and Satan. But all along the centuries, it communicates to us God's promises of love and assures us that He holds the helm of history and that among the turbulences of the time He will look after and save His children. The book of Revelation is not a thriller, as many people think, but a message of consolation and hope. It describes the scenes of a new wonderful world where we shall live happily with our God. Let us consider some of those wonderful promises:

1. With what blessing does the Book of Revelation begin and end? Revelation 1:3; 22:7.

"Blessed is he that, and they that the words of this prophecy, and those things which are written therein for the time is at hand."

"Behold I come quickly! Blessed is he that the of the prophecy of this book."

- ✓ The promises of God are for those who take His invitation seriously. We must read and keep what God has revealed us.

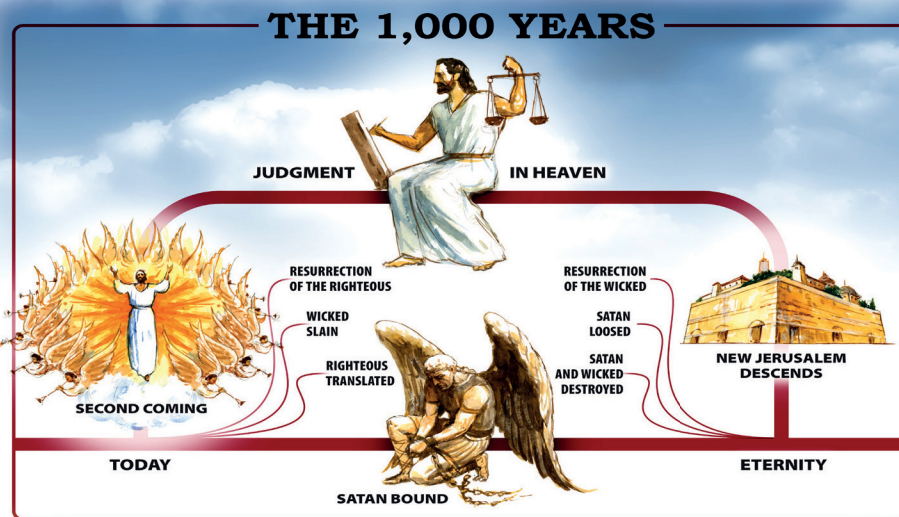
2. What other blessings does the apostle transmit?

Revelation 16:15 "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that, and keepeth, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

Revelation 19:9 "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God."

- ✓ It is due to our sinful condition that we are naked. Adam and Eve wanted to cover their nakedness with fig leaves (Genesis 3:7), in the same way that we want to gain heaven with our own works. But what counts is to be dressed with Christ's righteousness. All along the Bible, many times, we find this beautiful illustration. The man invited to the wedding feast received clothes from the king (Matthew 22:11) and the prodigal son who came back to the father in his own dirty and torn clothes was covered with a mantle by his father. In Isaiah 61:10 we are called to rejoice for that dress and say: *"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered*



15. What will fall down from heaven at the moment they will try to attack the city? Revelation 20:9.

"...and came down from God out of heaven, and"

- ✓ The wicked will die burnt and the punishment in the lake of fire will be according to what anyone deserves, (Revelation 20:13). This second death will be definitive, (Revelation 20:14-15). There will be no root or branch left.
- ✓ They will turn into ashes as they stop burning, (Malachi 4:1-3). The Bible does not speak of an eternal hell.

16. What will God do with the earth after it is purified by fire? 2 Peter 3:13.

"Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

- ✓ The redeemed ones will live happily in eternity on this new earth. (Revelation 21:3-4). There will be no more death, neither memory of any suffering. God's plan to restore the harmony of Eden will be then fulfilled.
- ✓ What high price was paid for our redemption! The sacrifice of the Son of
- ✓ God! All of us have been predestinated to participate of this new life in glory. The gospel is the call to receive that inheritance. Have you believed in that call? In John 1:12, it is written, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name." The Lord wants for us to be heirs of His kingdom (Romans 8:17). God does not want anybody to be lost (2 Peter 3:9; Ephesians 1:3-6), and that is why He chose us before the world was created. God gives each human being an opportunity. Where will you be during the thousand years: in heaven or upon the earth? And where will you be at the end of the millennium, in the New Jerusalem or among those who are burnt outside? Where do you plan to spend eternity?

Jesus did everything for you. He wants to save you! Will you allow Him to do it?

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Topic 11

The Antichrist and the number 666 in



Two things remained to be studied from the previous topic: An analysis about the 1,260 days, and more details about that harlot or apostate church. In this topic we shall try to cover those themes.

What is the Anti-Christ? It is precisely this point that we should analyze because human fantasy, fed by the movies and novelists, have given to it an esoteric connotation, which is far from what the Bible says. Let us start from the study of the term ANTICHRIST. ANTI: against CHRIST. Everything that opposes Christ is part of the structure that sustains the Anti-Christ.

1. Does the Bible make reference to the coming to existence of the Anti-Christ? 1 John 2:18.

"Little children, time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists;..... time."

2. What relevant characteristics does it have? 2 Thessalonians 2:3-7.

"Who opposeth..... all that is called or that is worshiped; temple of God, sitting..... 2 Thessalonians

2:3-7. Here we can see that the Anti-Christ is exactly what his name indicates: a person or organization that raises against God, tries to occupy His place and asks to be worshiped by men as if he were God.

3. Is the origin of the Anti-Christ to be found in a non-Christian religion? 1 John 2:19, Acts 20:29-30.

"They went out but they were not for if they had been....., they would [no doubt] have continued with us: but [they went out], that they might be made manifest that "For I know this, that after my departing shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."

- ✓ From what is expressed in these texts, it is evident that we are not speaking of a non-Christian religious system or an atheist one. No, Apostle John specifically says that from within Christianity will that power come that will try to take the place of God.



4. What does the book of Revelation attract our attention to when it refers to the same topic? Revelation 13:1-7.

To a that had heads and..... horns and ten crowns. It was like....., his feet were asand his mouth was as..... And the dragon gave him his..... And I saw one of his heads and all the world..... And there was given unto him a mouth And he opened his mouth in blasphemy..... and them..... and power was given him.....and nations. His period of action was of.....months.

5. What does a beast symbolize in prophetic language? Daniel 7:17.

"These great beasts, which are four which shall arise out of the earth."

- ✓ The first element to consider is that it is a beast in Biblical symbolic language. We know that many nations are represented by animals, as for example: Great Britain as a lion, Russia as a bear, China as a dragon, France as a Rooster, etc. Therefore, a beast represents a nation or a political power.

6. Let us study the following characteristics of these kingdoms and find the answers in what we have studied until now.

- ✓ A beast represents a kingdom.
- ✓ Seven heads. A place with seven hills: Rome. Revelation 17:9.
- ✓ Ten horns and ten crowns are the ten kingdoms in which the Roman Empire was divided. Daniel 7:24.
- ✓ It inherits the power of the Babylonian empire, the mouth of a lion (Daniel 7:4); the power of the Medo-Persians is represented by the feet like a bear (Daniel 7:5), and the philosophy and shrewdness of Greece is symbolized by the body of a leopard. (Daniel 7:6).

7. In the previous topics there was a period of time spoken of. What three periods do we find in the following verses? Is there any relation between them? Revelation 12:6, 14; 13:5.

1. A thousand two hundred and threescore days.
 2. A time, times and half a time.
 3. weeks.
- ✓ If we consider than when these words were written, the Jewish calendar was used, we shall see that each month was of 30 days and a year had 360 days. If we apply the biblical interpretation of a day for a year (Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:5-6), we shall see that all three expressions come to the same number: 1,260 days or years.

and bound him, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and 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."

- ✓ It does not refer to a literal chain, but a chain of circumstances. There will be nobody upon earth for Satan to deceive, since the wicked will be dead and the redeemed ones will be in heaven. This will be the holidays of the devil.

9. In what condition will the earth be during those thousand years? Jeremiah 4:23-27.

"I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, [there was....., and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger."

- ✓ What makes the earth desolate? The seven plagues are terribly destructive. The battle of Armageddon will leave the earth full of dead corpses, (Jeremiah 25:33). The terrible earthquake of the seventh plague will destroy all the cities of the world. The coming of Christ, among flames, will complete the destruction, (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8). There will be no man left. The planet will not be destroyed (Verse 27), but will remain void.

10. What will be the saints (the redeemed) doing in heaven? Revelation 20:4.

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, them."

- ✓ The punishment everyone will get shall be evaluated. (1 Corinthians 6:2-3). God's righteousness will be vindicated by the participation of the saints (the redeemed ones) in the judgment.

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11. Jesus Christ will come to this earth after a thousand years. Who will accompany Him? Zechariah 14:4-6.

"...and the Lord my God shall come, [and]"

- ✓ The Straubinger version of the Bible says: "On that day, there will be no light, but cold and ice." (Zechariah 14:6).

12. What did the apostle John see coming down from heaven? Revelation 21:2.

"And I John saw, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

13. What will happen then with the dead, that is to say with the wicked? Revelation 20:5.

"But the rest of thethe thousand years were finished..."

14. What will happen with Satan? Revelation 20:7.

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan of his prison,..."

- ✓ The circumstances that had him bound will disappear, since now there are again people to deceive. The greatest deceit will take place. (Revelation 20:8- 9). Satan will assure them that he has resurrected them and will declare that they can conquer the city of God and establish a kingdom.
- ✓ In that moment, the throne of God with the Judge of the universe will be seen. Revelation 20:11. Each human being will see his life before him, like in a film.

- b) All the nations of the world will be involved in it. (Joel 3:9-14).
- ✓ Jews, Muslims, Christians think they have a right to possess the Holy Land. In the Middle East there has been much tension for centuries. When almost 3.900 years ago, Abraham's wife could not bear children, she suggested for Abraham to have a child with her servant, Agar, and a son named Ishmael was born from this union. Later on, when the patriarch was 100 years old, his legitimate child, Isaac was born. Ishmael mocked Isaac (Genesis 21:9). Abraham, following God's advice, sent mother and child away, but God promised Agar, that from her son also a great nation would come out. From both of Abraham's sons two big nations came out. From the servant's child, Ishmael, come the Arabs and from Sara, his wife, comes Isaac, the Israelites. From that time on up until now, there has always been tension. The Middle East is rich in oil and this may be the reason that leads to the thirst for power.
- c) Much blood will be shed in this war, (Revelation 14:20). The expression "and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles" in symbolic language, shows the earnestness of this war.
- d) This war is also a battle of Satan and his followers against Christ and His people.
- e) Who will win this war? Nobody, because Christ will intervene as the great Victor. Revelation 19:13-16.

WHAT TAKES PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MILLENIUM

4. What event marks the end of the world and the beginning of the period of a thousand years? Revelation 14:14-16.

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- ✓ Every eye shall see Him (Revelation 1:7), and every ear shall hear Him (1 Thessalonians 4:16). The sky will roll up like a parchment and the islands will be removed from their place. (Revelation 6:14).

5. What will happen after the great earthquake with those who died in Christ? Revelation 16:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

"The dead"

- ✓ Those who resurrect at Jesus' coming are called blessed. Revelation 20:6.

6. What will happen with the dead who have resurrected, as well as with those who are alive and will be saved? 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

They will be transformed in immortality (1 Corinthians 15:51-54), and will meet, to be always with the Lord.

- ✓ All the redeemed ones will take an extraordinary space journey, up to God's dwelling place, where they will reign with Christ for a thousand years.

7. What will happen with the wicked who are still alive? 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

"... when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished, and from the glory of his power."

- ✓ The wicked that die remain dead.

EVENTS DURING THE MILLENIUM

8. What will happen with Satan? Revelation 20:1-3.

"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan,

- ✓ A time = A year = 360 days
- ✓ Times = Two years = 720 days
- ✓ Half a time = half a year = 180 days
- ✓ Total = 1260 days
- ✓ 42 months = 42 x 30 = 1.260 days.
- ✓ What spiritual power had a period of 1260 years to exert its power, persecute the saints and speak blasphemies against God? If we consider that the papal supremacy started in the year 538 A.D. and we add 1260 years, we reach the year 1798 when general Bertier imprisoned the Pope. That was the wound that appeared to be mortal.

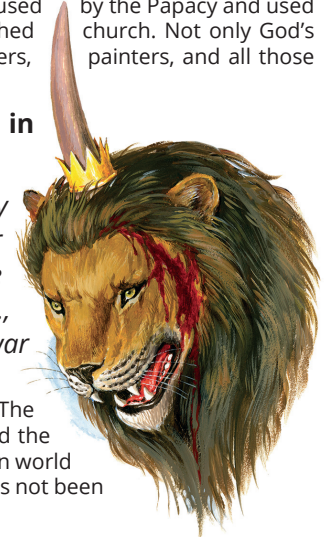


- ✓ During these 1260 years the Papacy introduced in the Christian doctrine certain concepts that not only violate the most elemental biblical teachings, but it also assumed an attitude that agrees to what the prophecies say. Let us see some of them:
- ✓ *"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies".* (Verse 5). His power is in his mouth, in what he speaks, not in the power of his weapons. This makes reference to an ecclesiastical power that pretends to be God, which is a blasphemy (John 10:33).
- ✓ **His name:** It also uses God's name or His attributes: Divinity, Father and Holiness.
- ✓ **His tabernacle:** It would distort the intercession of Christ including human mediation to confess sins, forgive and plead to God. *"...for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."* Acts 4:12.
- ✓ **It blasphemes those who live in heaven:** It attributes to himself certain faculties such as: beatify, ask for the intercession of the saints and having the keys of heaven and hell (Revelation 13:6).
- ✓ It would *"make war with the saints, and to overcome them"*. The inquisition was the most sophisticated instrument of oppression and destruction used against all those who thought differently from the established church. Not only God's children suffered under this wrath, but also scientists, writers, painters, and all those who dared have a different opinion.

8. What event would cause a change of attitude in people toward that beast? Revelation 13:3-4.

"And I saw one of his heads....., and his deadly wound; and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshiped, saying: Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

- ✓ A remarkable fact is the raise of the power of the Papacy. The fall of communism, the new world order, ecumenism, and the intervention of the pope in the politics of the nations and in world politics, have made of the Papacy one world power as it has not been seen since the Middle Ages.



- ✓ The seeking of counsel and solutions for world problems from the papacy is a clear sign of the fulfillment of the prophecy.

9. What event will be the climax of the Papacy's work? Matthew 24:23-24; 2 Corinthians 11:14.

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there,..... For there shall arise Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible,....." "And no marvel; for Satan himself into an angel of light."

- ✓ "As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. [Revelation 1:13-15.]. GC 88, 624."



10. What extra element permits us to identify the work of the Antichrist? Revelation 13:18.

"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding, count the number of the beast, for it is the number and his number is"

- ✓ Our work consists in identifying that person whose name forms the number 666. Are you ready to hear who he is? One of the pope's titles, in Latin, is, "Vicar of the Son of God", if we substitute the letters that form that title with Roman numbers, then the sum of those numbers is 666.

✓ Here is revealed the number of his name (Revelation 13:17). Here is the fulfillment of the prophecy.

- ✓ Today is the day of decision. Are you ready for that time? Do you believe in the prophecy of God as it is presented in the book of Revelation, or do you still have doubts?

**May God guide you in your decisions
and in the study of His word.**

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Topic 17

The Devil's Holidays



What will happen with our planet at the end of the world? Will it disappear? Where shall we live after, in heaven or on the earth? God made the earth so that it is inhabited, but the book of Revelation speaks of heaven. Can it be that we shall come back to the earth?

When will the judgment be and what will happen with the wicked? Will they be punished? The book of Revelation speaks about a universal war. Where and how will it be? It also speaks about a millennium, what is this about? Which will be the devil's holidays? Many people have shown interest in finding an answer to these questions and they are in fact very important. In the extraordinary revelations of this book is described the development of the events of the end of times.

1. There is still possibility of being saved, but soon the door of grace will be closed and Christ will stop interceding for man. What exclamation will be then heard in heaven? Revelation 22:11.

"He that is unjust,: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous,: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

- ✓ In other words, every person will have sealed his eternal destiny: salvation or perdition. He who has been preparing himself up to that moment will be saved, but he who has not will be lost, that is why, today is the time to look for God.

2. What will come up after the time of grace is over? Daniel 12:1; Revelation 15:1.

"And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the; for in them is filled up the wrath of God."

- ✓ This time of trial will be terrible for mankind. The 10 plagues that fell upon Egypt were an example of what the 7 last plagues will be. With the first plague people will suffer from terrible boils and pestilences. With the second and the third one, the waters of the rivers and seas will turn into blood like of a dead person.

3. How is the terrible war that will break up during the plagues called? Revelation 16:16.

The war of

- a) This war will take place in the Middle East, near Jerusalem.

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9. What will happen with the wicked ones and how will be the earth destroyed? Revelation 16:19-21.

"... and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men [every stone] about the weight of a talent..."
Revelation 16:19-21.

- ✓ A great earthquake that will sink the mountains and islands in the sea, will be the means used by God to punish the great Babylon and its adherents who supported it. Huge blocks of ice will fall as hail. Their weight of about one talent, 21,6 Kg., will be the reward for the suffering they caused to God's children.

10. What distinction will then be made? Malachi 3:18.

"Then shall ye return, and discern, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not."

- ✓ The book of Revelation tells us that after the earth will remain void, it will be burnt and purified. The devil and his followers will be cast into a lake of fire. *"This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."* Revelation 20:14-15.

11. Do those who believe in Christ and keep His commandments need to fear? Psalm 91:1-8; Isaiah 33:16.

- ✓ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation."
- ✓ *"He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks:; his waters shall be sure."*

12. Will there be any chance, as the plagues are falling, to look for God and come to repentance? Amos 8:11-12.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."

- ✓ Then it will be too late to look for God. Today is the time to accept Jesus and make a change in our life. That is why the Lord says, *"Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."* (Hebrews 3:15). That is the reason why God calls His people to come out of Babylon, out from the churches that tread down the holy law of God. *"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."* (Revelation 18:4).

**Will you respond to God's invitation and join the people
who teach and keep the commandments of God?**

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Topic 12

The United States on the book of



There is a power that sticks out in the historical events of the last centuries. Its role in the historical events of the XX century has been categorical, both during the two world wars and in the economical development. It took an active part in the fall of communism and in the setting up and bringing down of dictatorships and in the opposition to different governments. The United States of America is a nation that, after the fall of the Soviet Union, is leading the world and its future movement causes great expectation in the whole world. Is there any prophecy in the Bible that permit us to know the political development of the United States? Does this war escalate of the United States lead to a predetermined event in the world history? What provisions should we take in view of the coming events?

1. What power, similar to the Papacy, comes up after the wound caused to the first beast? Revelation 13:11-12.

"And I beheld another beast; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a.....And he exercised of the first beast before him."

- ✓ Here we see some elements that indicate us the way of prophecy. As we have seen before, a beast represents the political power, therefore, let us try to find in history a nation that has emerged parallel to the wound caused to the Papacy, that is to say, about 1798, when general Bertier imprisoned the pope. We have already seen that water represents nations or multitudes; nevertheless, this nation comes out from the earth, from an uninhabited place. It does not emerge from among other nations, but on its own. It comes out of the earth.
- ✓ There is not a more peaceful symbol than a lamb, so much so that Christ is called the Lamb of God. Nevertheless, this beast is not a lamb, it just looks like it; it has a peaceful appearance.
- ✓ Besides, it has two horns. The horns are symbols of its power. It is what gives it strength. Nevertheless, it speaks like a dragon, which means it uses Satan's methods (the dragon) instead of Christ's methods (the Lamb). It actually exerts the same oppression as the Papacy, it rules in the same way.



- ✓ Which nation fits this description? It is obviously, the United States.

- It obtained its independence in 1776.
- This power arises in America, a region where previously there were no nations.
- It is the pacifist nation par excellence, and its Constitution is based in two main principles: Civil and Religious liberty, which made out of it a unique nation and gave it the power it has today. – At the right moment, it will use the methods of the dragon. What can we say about the CIA, the governments that are turned down in Latin America, the financed guerrillas with involved in the traffic of narcotics or the Afghan guerrillas financed to fight in Afghanistan? Let us look at history and we shall see that the method used by USA is pressure to impose its will upon the world.



2. What are the future movements of USA, according to the Biblical prophecy? Revelation 13:12, 14.

"And he... causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast."

- ✓ It is evident that the role that USA will play is to impose the supremacy of the Papacy and its doctrine worldwide. Have a look at the world and you will see that the union between the USA and the Vatican was what caused the fall of communism in the past century. Pay attention also to the mediation of the pope in almost all conflicts upon the earth, how on problematic areas there is always an intervention of a delegate of the Papacy or the pope himself, as it happened at the time previous to the clash between USA and Afghanistan. The pope traveled to that region a few days before.

3. How will the USA play that role or how will it make the world worship the Papacy? Revelation 13:14, 15.

"...saying to them, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast"

- ✓ Another element to consider it is that it will impose the creation of an "image of the beast". An image is a copy, not an original. Therefore, what it will promote is the coming up of a religious current, similar but different, with the purpose of fulfilling the objective of the papacy, which is to have the whole world submitted to its spiritual dominium. It obviously refers to the Protestants that are joining the Catholic Church. How will this be obtained?

We are already seeing it in the fact that the evangelic world keeps the Sunday as day of rest, which is against the teachings of the Bible.

4. Which two new elements help us identify the USA in prophecy? Revelation 13:16-17.

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or"



6. Upon whom will the fifth plague be poured? Revelation 16:10-11.

"And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon; and his kingdom was full; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and"

- ✓ Up to the fourth plague, God will punish specific sins, but with this one, the political system designed to oppress the people is punished. As the throne of the beast, we understand the system on which the Vatican finds support in order to carry out its plans to issue civil and economical laws with the purpose of imposing Sunday as an universal day of rest. In previous studies, we have seen the power of USA, but the world system that gathers all nations, moved by the USA, is the UN, which makes legal the impositions of USA. When this political unity will be broken, since it is going to be punished, it will give room to the sixth plague.

7. What will break out with the sixth plague? Revelation 16:12-16.

"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.... And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue"

- ✓ The prophecy describes that God will permit the world to be involved in a terrible universal war among the nations. The center of this confrontation will be the Middle East.
- ✓ The Euphrates dried up. This has a symbolic meaning since a river is no impediment for the passing of an army. Turkey is symbolized by the river Euphrates; this nation will completely lose its power.
- ✓ Joel 3: 12-14 says: *"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....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."*
- ✓ All nations will be involved in this terrible world war, which will be the grave of mankind. It will be fought in the valley of Megiddo, near Jerusalem, the Middle East.
- ✓ But it will not only be a literal war, but also spiritual, since it is going to be Christ's (the Lamb's) battle: *"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful."* (Revelation 17:14). The ones who promote this war are "three unclean spirits" that come out from "the mouth of the dragon" (spiritualism, eastern religions), of "the beast" (Catholicism), and of "the false prophet" (apostate Protestantism) (Revelation 16:13).

8. What will happen during the seventh plague? Revelation 16:17-20.

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.."

- ✓ While this terrible war of Armageddon is taking place, Jesus will come. Either one or the other part will win because Jesus will put an end to everything. It will be the most wonderful success we can imagine. Every eye shall see Him coming (Revelation 1:7) even those who pierced Him; those who killed Jesus and persecuted His disciples will resurrect to see their Judge coming (Daniel 12:1-2). But together with these ones, the first fruits will also resurrect, the 144,000 sealed ones. (Revelation 14:1-5). As a great earthquake takes place, all those who died in Christ, will resurrect together with the living saints and they will all be taken to meet the Lord on the clouds of heaven. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

Him will suffer from ulcers and tumors as reward for their corruption. "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men, which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image." An example of this in our times is AIDS, which has a high rate among homosexuals and drug-addicts because they sin against their body. What will come is even worse, because in addition to that they have adhered to an apostate religious system keeping Sunday as the rest day.

- ✓ Zechariah 14:12, 13 says that *"Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."*
- ✓ Because they spoke lies with their mouth and against the commandments of God.

3. What will happen when the second plague is poured out? Revelation 16:3.

"And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became every living soul died in the sea."

- ✓ We can see how God punishes each one of the perversions in harbors and seaside resorts that in the summertime are a place of licentiousness.
- ✓ Although the seas are already polluted, this punishment will be even worse because men, year after year increase their arrogant perversions, crimes and deviations. All what today fills up the pages of fashion magazines will be an object of lamentation on the day God will intervene.

4. How far will the third plague spread? Revelation 16:4-7.

"And the third angel poured out his vial upon; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy."

- ✓ At the beginning of this study we have spoken of massacre, genocides, wars, murder and all kind of death that have filled the earth with innocent blood. Beginning from Abel, whose *"...the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground."* Genesis 4:10, as God said, and continuing with the thousands and millions of men who have died for their ideas, belief, color of their skin, that have been oppressed, conquered, subjugated, etc. We can remember the Inquisition, with its million of dead. The underground waters will be polluted and will be a punishment for those who participated in those crimes, but also for those who have supported them with their silence and cowardice.

5. What is the fourth plague and why will it fall? Revelation 16:8-9.

"And the fourth angel poured out his vial; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory." Verses 8-9.

- ✓ Once again, those who worshiped the sun receive their reward for their belief. Today, the problem with the ozone layer is a prelude of what will happen, but is cannot be compared to the plague in which the sun, which has been worshiped by keeping Sunday - the day of the sun, which is revered and honored by the majority of Christians, will burn like fire.
- ✓ Joel 1:3-4, 10-11, 16-20 describes the drama of those days. What remained from one plague is taken away by another.

- ✓ The first measure to be implemented is a mark or sign that distinguishes (identifies) the persons. Re-read: The Seal of God in the Book of Revelation. This sign will be placed on the right hand or on the forehead. Will it be a visible sign? In the same way that the seal of God is a day, the Sabbath, the mark of the beast is a day that opposes to this one.
- ✓ Which day is contrary to the Sabbath? Actually, it is Sunday. There is no evidence in the Bible that the Sabbath has been changed either by God, Jesus or the disciples. Only the Papacy dared change the law of God. The observance of this day will be universally imposed. By keeping this day resting from our manual of physical activities, we shall receive the mark on our hand. When we keep it because it is thus our opinion or we do an intellectual I work, we receive it on the forehead.



5. What oppressing element do we find as a sign that the USA is that beast and that the sign of the beast will be imposed upon all human beings?

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- ✓ Today we see that when USA is angry with some governments or nations its pressure is more or less economical. A prelude of what will come is found in the study of the treaties to the most favored nation, which the USA gives to the countries with "good conduct" and the economical embargo applied to the ones with "bad conduct". The solution to security problems will bring up a suppression of freedom, which will be gradually imposed up until human rights will be completely put aside, something that seemed improbable at first, but is very common today.
- ✓ First it will align the nations, then organizations, enterprises and institutions. Finally, the individual will be not considered any more, but will be immersed in a net of oppression or world control system by which the conscience of man will be manipulated. Whoever will refuse to keep Sunday will be terribly sanctioned. His civil rights will be restricted until a decree will come out to kill a few for the sake of international security and peace.

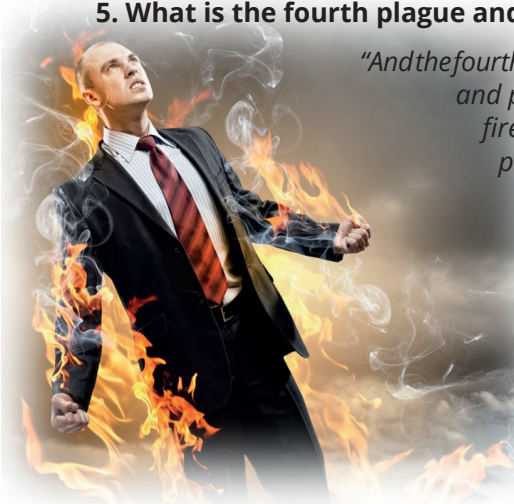


THE MESSAGES OF THE THREE ANGELS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

6. What does the first angel who takes the eternal gospel to all nations, tribes and people urge us to do? Revelation 14:6-7.

".....God and give"

- ✓ To give Him glory, exalting His saving grace, that is to say to respect His commandments, (Ecclesiastes 12:13).
- ✓ This message shows us that we live at the time of the Investigating Judgment (from 1844), and that we must worship our Creator. How? Keeping the day of creation, the seal of God, the Holy Sabbath.
- ✓ These three angels represent the people of God at the end of times. The message they take is the one that we have to preach.
- ✓ Three things have to be pointed out from the first angel's message:
 1. **The eternal gospel:** It is what Christ taught and was propagated by His disciples. It involves Justification by faith.
 2. **The judgment:** It refers to the work that Christ does as Judge, Lord and High Priest, which according to prophecy should begin at the end of the 2300 days - years.
 3. **Worship:** There are two kinds of worship practiced by the Adam's children (Cain y Abel). The worship that comes from man and ends up in man and the worship of God by faith. This is Biblical worship that leads the sinner to contemplate the work of Christ. Biblical worship makes a difference between the Creator and His creation. The Sabbath is the only commandment that marks this difference. *"For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day"*. (Exodus 20:11).



7. What did the second angel announce? Revelation 14:8.

Babylon is.....

- ✓ The true people of God, symbolized by this angel, will clearly denounce the fall of the false churches -Babylon-



8. What serious and terrible warning does the third angel give? Revelation 14:9-11

"...and receives his mark the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.

9. With what words does the apostle refer to the characteristics of the true remnant of God, which gives the solemn message for this time? Revelation 14:12

The patience of the saints, that keep, have the faith of Jesus.

- ✓ From the beginning there was a fight between light and darkness, the truth and error. AS the coming of Christ comes nearer, Satan's wrath against God's remnant, those who keep the commandments will increase. But He who overcame Satan on the cross, will support the faithful ones in the difficult times. Therefore, in the final drama, Jesus calls us today, to take a decisive position on His side that we may receive the seal of God.
- ✓ The prophecies show us that on the last days there will be a alliance between the Vatican city (the first beast in Revelation 13) and the Protestants of USA (the beast with two horns,). Not only will the conscience of man be influenced with all sorts of arguments, but they will also put pressure upon the minority to submit to their laws and keep Sunday. The three angels' message is the message that God wants to give through His people, so that men will take side for God and His law, they may fear, that is to say, respect Him and keep His commandments.

What position will you take before God's invitation?

Do you want to be on the side of Jesus?

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Topic 16

The seven plagues in the book of



The book of Revelation presents a wonderful panorama of a better world: what God will do in this new millennium. In a vision, John saw the glory of God's kingdom, the inheritance of those who looked for Him and accepted Jesus as their Saviour and Lord and were faithful to Him. It also shows the judgment that will fall upon all those who conscientiously decided to disobey Him and that did not accept the salvation offered by God. In the same way that ten plagues fell upon Egypt, the seven last plagues will be poured before Jesus' coming. Apostle John says: *"And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth."* Revelation 16:1.

1. What is the true reason why these plagues will be poured? Revelation 16:5.

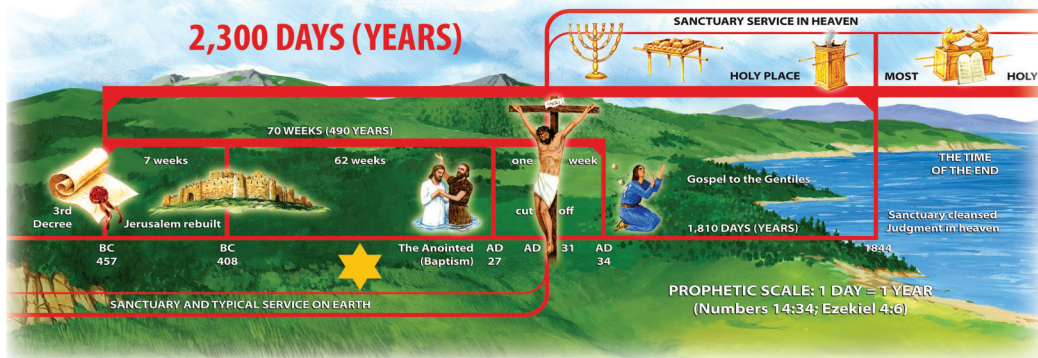
- ✓ It is clear that the command is not ambiguous, that God is ready to judge and revenge His people from the tortures, martyrdom, persecution and scorn they suffered from the world. But in his revenge, that is to say, His judgment, He will also show what it means to oppose His clear message and to persist in rebellion, either by convenience, caprice or conviction. The punishment will be clear and striking: each sin will meet a specific punishment.

2. What does the first plague consist of? Revelation 16:2

"And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image."

- ✓ Those who have polluted their body with abominable sins and have used the energies God has given them to satisfy their perverted appetite and disorderly passions instead of glorifying





- ✓ This would be after the 62 weeks. To complete the 70 weeks, one week (seven years) were left. What would happen in this last week or seven years? The 62 weeks finished in the year 27. Adding 7 years, we reach the year 34. In the middle of the week, the sacrifice and the oblation would cease. This was the year 31, in the month of Nisan from the Hebrew calendar that corresponds to April in ours, the eve of the Jewish Passover. Jesus Christ was crucified on that date, in the spring of the year 31, following the command of Pilate. How accurate is the biblical prophecy! The sacrifices would come to an end because they were a symbol of Christ's death. Then, the veil in the sanctuary was torn in two parts (Matthew 27:51). For three and a half years, "the covenant was confirmed" to many (Verse 27) that is to say there was still grace for the Jews but after that time the call to the Jews was to be finished because on the year 34 they would cease to be God's people.

14. What does it mean that at the end of the 2300 prophetic days, that is to say in 1844- the sanctuary would be purified, according to Daniel 8:14?

- ✓ In order to understand this term we have to consider the purification of the earthly sanctuary. Once a year, on the great Day of Atonement, the high priest would take the blood of a goat and enter the Most Holy Place to sprinkle with it the throne of grace – the Ark of the Covenant – which is a symbol of the throne of God, 7 times. Through the blood of the atonement the people were forgiven. (Leviticus 16:16) He who did not repent died (Leviticus 23:29- 39). It was a judgment day, a day of atonement, that is to say, of cleanliness and forgiveness.
- ✓ The true sanctuary is in heaven (Hebrews 8:1-2). Christ is the High Priest there. He offers His blood before the Father. In the time of the investigating judgment, the life of each person who once has accepted Christ as his Saviour is reviewed, to see if his name should remain there. The name of those who have not confessed their sins, who have not accepted the mediating work of Christ, will be blotted out from the Book of Life and its part will be in the lake of fire together with Satan and his angels. (Matthew 25:41). When Jesus comes, it will have already been decided who will be saved and who will be lost and Jesus will come, according to His words, to give each one according to his works (Revelation 22:12). This is the purpose of the Investigating Judgment that started in 1844 with those who are dead and will continue with those who are alive.

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Topic 13

The golden ark and the book of



Much has been written and spoken about the golden ark. The imagination of man has invented stories about the hidden powers it entails. Analyzing this topic, we shall discover in the book of Revelation the different characteristics of the Ark of the Covenant and what surrounds it. Let us begin studying this fascinating subject.

1. How is the Ark of the Covenant mentioned in the book of Revelation? Revelation 11:19.

"And of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."

- ✓ Here we see that the ark is called the Ark of the Covenant. We also see that it was within the temple and that temple was in heaven. Let us see how these things may be understood.

2. What did God promise man when man sinned? Genesis 3:15.

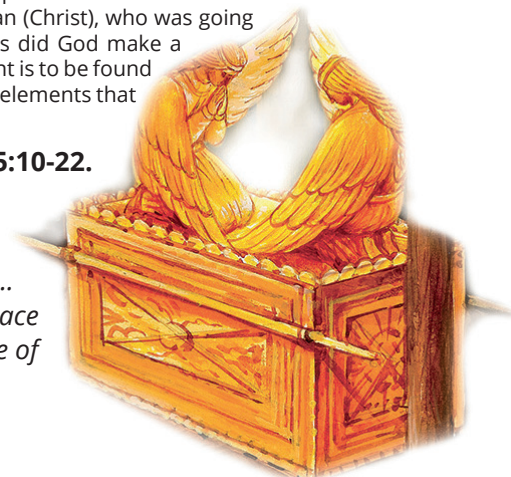
"And I will put between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise"

- ✓ It is wonderful to notice that when God looked for man because he had sinned, before punishing him, He made him a promise. The promise was that at a certain time, a Seed was to be born from the woman (Christ), who was going to destroy Satan, the originator of sin. Thus did God make a covenant of salvation with man. This covenant is to be found in the golden ark and around it are different elements that serve for our salvation.

3. What was the golden ark? Exodus 25:10-22.

It was a box of overlay with

It had two golden and a staves used to carry it from one place to another. Above it there was a lid made of



*Above there were two looking toward
with their wings stretched out.*

There God appeared and spoke to of Israel.

4. What did the box contain? Deuteronomy 10:4-5; Hebrews 9:4.

The tables with the Ten also called of the covenant. A golden vessel that contained..... Aaron's rod that

- ✓ The golden ark symbolizes the throne of God, since in it are to be found the elements that are the foundation of His kingdom. The throne of grace symbolizes His mercy, which is above everything. The Ten Commandments are the foundation of His throne, since they represent righteousness. The golden bowl with manna represent a healthy diet, that God gave man in Eden. (Genesis 1:29). Aaron's almond rod that blossomed and gave fruit represent the ministry to whom God has ordained to spread out the gospel for the salvation of people.

5. Where was this ark, which is the symbol of the throne of God, placed? Hebrews 9:3.

"And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called....."

- ✓ The Most Holy Place was a place in which only the High Priest entered once a year. There, under the angels upon the throne of grace, was the visible presence of God, namely the Shekinah.

6. The Most Holy Place was the last part of the tabernacle, what other division was there and how was it furnished? Hebrews 9:1-2; Exodus 40:4-5; Revelation 8:3.

The first compartment was called the Holy Place. There was a that represented Christ, the light of the world. John 8:12.

The table with that also remind of Christ who was the bread of life.

The where incense was burnt. It represents the prayers mingled with Christ's righteousness to be accepted by God. Psalms 141:2.

- ✓ Here we can see the first division and its content. Therefore we see that in heaven there is also an altar where incense is burnt.

7. What was the tabernacle made of? Where were the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place? Exodus 26:1, 7, 14-15, 29-30.

The tabernacle or sanctuary was made of wood overlaid with This symbolizes the duality of Christ: the divine and the human.

It was covered with

- ✓ The outer curtain was brown and black, without any appearance and it represents Christ's humbleness. Under it was the one died red which represents Christ's sufferings. The curtain of goat skin, represents Jesus' purity and the twined line, blue, purple and scarlet represents Christ as king, since those were the colors used by the kings.

8. What surrounded the tabernacle and what elements did it contain? Exodus 27:9; 27:16; 40:29; 30:17-21.

Around the sanctuary there were hanging around the, which acted as a wall to prevent people from seeing within.

Rome, first pagan Rome and afterward papal Rome. This is the power that would tread the truth -by changing the law of God- ; it would do what it wanted and prosper.

8. How long would the truth be trodden on earth? Daniel 8:13-14.

"How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Verses 17, 19, 26 show that that period goes to the time

- ✓ At this time, the sanctuary will be purified. Before analyzing what this means, let us see what time it refers to. Daniel had received a clear explanation about what the ram and the goat symbolized, but not about the 2300 days. He understood they were real years and thought that maybe that long time his people would continue in captivity, so he fell sick. He prayed God for more light, which he received in chapter 9.

9. How many prophetic weeks were determined -cut off- from the 2300 days for the Jewish people? Daniel 9:24.

"..... weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city"

- ✓ This time would be "o finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." It means Jesus would appear within that period of time. How much time are 70 weeks? They are 490 days, but when we use the clue that we have already seen of one day for one year (Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34) we know they were 490 years.

10. Since when would the 490 which are a part of the 2300 years mentioned in Daniel 8:14 be counted? Daniel 9:25.

"Know therefore and understand, that to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince,...."

- ✓ The starting point of these mathematical calculations is the year 457 B.C. (third trimester), when Artaxerxes, king of Persia, signed a decree to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. (Ezra 7:7 and Ezra 6:14). Jerusalem was empty and the Jews were exiled in Babylon.

11. On which year do the 2300 evenings and mornings end?

- ✓ There are 456 years and a trimester from the era B.C. To complete the 2300 years, we still need 1843 years and three trimesters, which brings us up to the third trimester of the year 1844 of our era. Conclusion: from the third trimester of the year 457 B.C. to the third trimester of the year 1844 A.D, we have exactly 2300 years. The year 1844 is the final, point of the long prophetic period.

12. How many of those 70 weeks were there until the Messiah? Daniel 9:25

"Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be, and threescore and two weeks."

- a) Seven weeks are 49 days, that is to say, years. That was the time used to rebuild the temple and the walls of Jerusalem. What year do we reach? 408 B.C. (407 and a trimester).
- b) The year of Christ's baptism: 62 weeks by seven, equals 434 literal years. Let us deduct those years in our diagram beginning with the year 407 and a trimester. We remain with a remnant of 26 years and three trimesters. This brings us to the year 27 of our era, the year in which Jesus Christ was baptized. (Galatians 4:4; Matthew 3:13-17). See the diagram.

13. What would happen during the last prophetic week? Daniel 9:26-27.

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease."

Evidences: "... and the dead were judged out of those things which were"
Revelation 20:12.

Witnesses: "I call against you." Deuteronomy 30:19.

"He that reject me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." John 12:48.

"..... Ye are witnesses against" Joshua 24:22.

"Take this book, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God that it may be there against thee." Deuteronomy 31:26.

"..... be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple." Micah 1:2.

4. What will be judged in that judgment?

Revelation 6:10: Those who victimized the children of God will be judged.

1 Corinthians 4:5: "...will bring to light and will make manifest"

Matthew 12:36: "Every that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

Mark 16:16: "He that shall be damned."

Ecclesiastes 12:14: "For God shall bring into judgment."

James 4:17: "Therefore, to him that knows, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Matthew 12:42: Negligence in searching the Scriptures will be accounted for.

Romans 2:16: "God shall judge... , according to"

5. Who will take part in that judgment? 2 Timothy 4:1.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge at his appearing and his kingdom."

6. What will happen with the dead? Daniel 12:2.

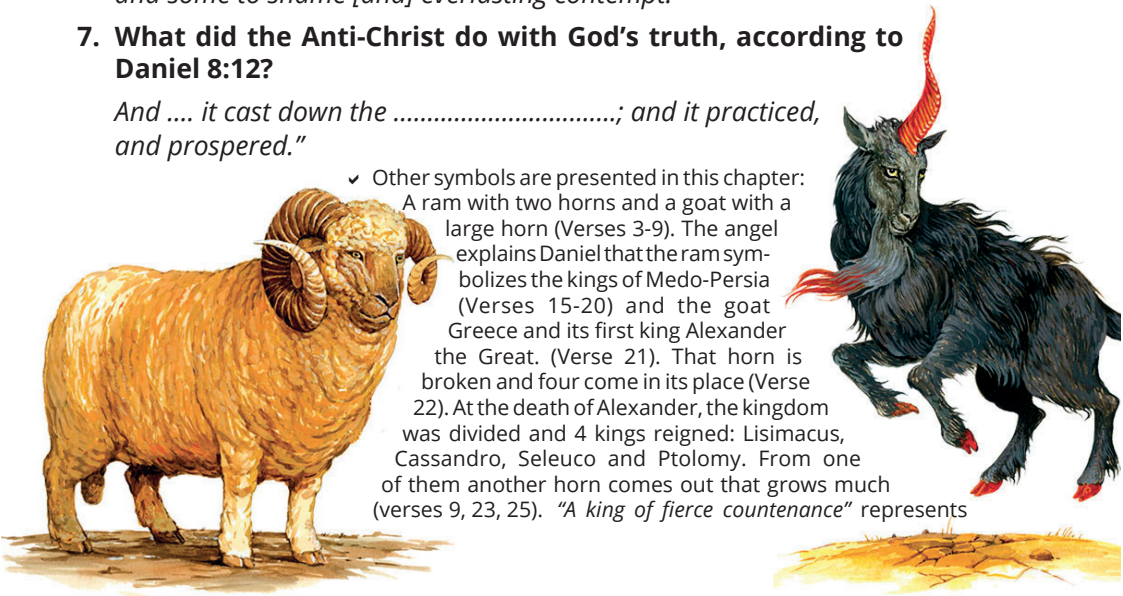
"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt."

7. What did the Anti-Christ do with God's truth, according to Daniel 8:12?

And it cast down the; and it practiced, and prospered."

✓ Other symbols are presented in this chapter:

A ram with two horns and a goat with a large horn (Verses 3-9). The angel explains Daniel that the ram symbolizes the kings of Medo-Persia (Verses 15-20) and the goat Greece and its first king Alexander the Great. (Verse 21). That horn is broken and four come in its place (Verse 22). At the death of Alexander, the kingdom was divided and 4 kings reigned: Lisimachus, Cassandro, Seleuco and Ptolomy. From one of them another horn comes out that grows much (verses 9, 23, 25). "A king of fierce countenance" represents



The access to the sanctuary was through a very wide, that represents Christ, the only One through whom we have access to the Father. The width of the door refers also to God's mercy, who wants all to be John 10:9; 1 Timothy 2:3-4.

As soon as one entered the courtyard, the first element was where a lamb was sacrificed for the sins of the people.

The lamb represents Christ and the altar the cross on which He was sacrificed for..... of the world. John 1:29.

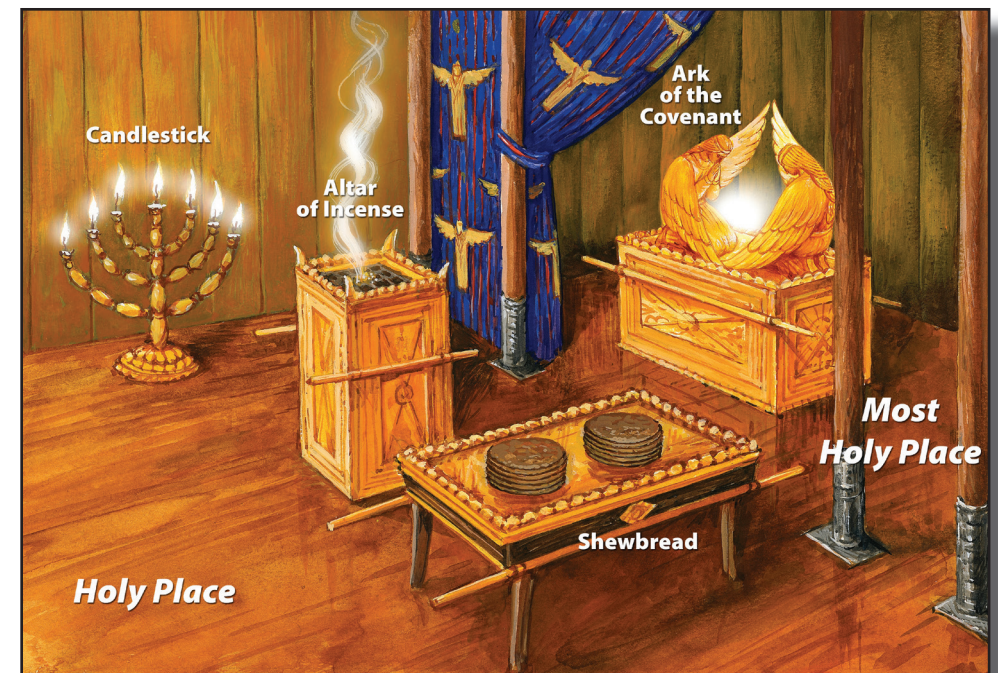
Further there was a, full of water, where the priests washed their hands. It reminds us of the most sublime act a person can perform: baptism for the of sin. Acts 22:16.

9. From where did Moses take the idea and the pattern to build the tabernacle? Acts 7:44; Hebrews 8:5.

Everything was done according to the shown to Moses.

10. What element that surrounds the throne of God, as described in the book of Revelation, gives us joy and hope? Revelation 4:3; Genesis 9:13-17.

"And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was..... round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald."



"And the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

- ✓ Surrounding the throne of God is the rainbow. I quote a wonderful thought in regard to this: "As the bow in the cloud is formed by the union of the sunlight and the shower, so the rainbow encircling the throne represents the combined power of mercy and justice. It is not justice alone that is to be maintained; for this would eclipse the glory of the rainbow of promise above the throne; men could see only the penalty of the law. Were there no justice, no penalty, there would be no stability to the government of God. It is the mingling of judgment and mercy that makes salvation complete. It is the blending of the two that leads us, as we view the world's Redeemer, and the law of Jehovah, to exclaim, *'Thy gentleness hath made me great.'*" Bible Commentary, Volume 5. p. 1133.
- ✓ This is the greatest teaching we can obtain from the golden ark: a perfect combination of mercy in the throne of grace where the glory of God was manifested, and the divine justice His holy law, the Ten Commandments.

In order to reach the ark, the sinner had to follow the way. Let us follow it together.

- ✓ Discover that there is a great door opened to all sinners.
- ✓ Enter through that door and confess our sins upon the Lamb of God.
- ✓ Accept the fact that Jesus died, was crucified so that you may live.
- ✓ To be born from water, through baptism, a symbol that you want to be cleansed from your past that keeps you in bondage.
- ✓ Acknowledge Jesus as the light of life that will show you the way of success in everything you do.
- ✓ Thank God for providing you the bread for you hungry soul. Christ is the bread.
- ✓ Daily lift up prayers to heaven, which are purified by Christ's righteousness, as incense with a nice odor for God.
- ✓ Go through the veil and come daily unto the presence of God so that He may have mercy on you.

11. Once we have discovered the meaning of the golden ark, what advice are we given? Hebrews 4:16.

"Let us therefore come boldly unto grace, that we may obtain, and find grace to help in time of need."

- ✓ God is not the spare Tyre we use when we have a puncture. An athlete who wants to succeed, goes through hard training, till he reaches a high level so as to compete and be successful. In the same way, Christian life is successful when we daily go to Jesus and to the throne of grace and we obtain forces when difficulties come up.
- ✓ This is the message of the book of Revelation; this should be the motivation to finish reading this study. We should go to Jesus with all our needs so that our struggle may end up in victory.

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Topic 15

The time of judgement in the book of



It is surprising to read in the newspapers or listen to intellectuals and journalists say that the book of Revelation mainly refers to the punishments or disaster that often occurs on the earth. It is surprising to discover that the book of Revelation is related to God's final judgment and to the fact that the world will be involved in a calamity as there has never been, whose result will be total destruction. It is clear that the last revelation in this book is the instauration of the kingdom of God upon this earth, but as an event prior to this one, a judgment has to take place.

1. What does every person born on this earth have to face? Revelation 20:11-12; Hebrews 9:27.

"And I saw a great, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to"

- ✓ Each person will have to face his past life and render account of all he has done; he must respond before God for what is written on the books of heaven.

2. What is the purpose of such judgment? Revelation 22:12; Matthew 25:46.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my with me, to give according as his shall be."

"And these shall go away: but the righteous into eternal."

- ✓ Even though today it seems incredible, and we try to take it out of our mind, it is obvious that we shall have to give account for the things we have done in this life. According to what we have done, we shall be punished or rewarded. The prize or reward of God, is given to every man, and it will be given in agreement to what he has done in his life.

3. ¿What elements are necessary in a judgment?

A Judge: "For God is himself." Psalm 50:6.

An Advocate: "... we have an advocate with the father..... the righteous." 1 John 2:1.

A law: "So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the of liberty." James 2:12.

16. What will Jesus finally do with death? Revelation 20: 12-15.

*"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the.....of.....
This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."*

- ✓ After the millennium, the wicked will rise again to receive their punishment, which will be given to every man according to his works. Although they do not burn forever, their death will be eternal. The devil and his angels will also be burned and from then on, death will no longer exist. Jesus' purpose to eliminate death will have been fulfilled. What did this cost? The life of the Son of God!

17. What promise did Jesus give us in regards to death? Revelation 21:4.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more , neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

- ✓ Let us always be ready, because our life often hangs by a thread!
- ✓ After our life is over, we no longer have the opportunity to obtain Salvation. Today is the day to make our decision. We have the glorious hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ, who overcame death. Let us be thankful for this, and for the clarity whereby God has revealed this subject in His Word.
- ✓ If death has taken away your loved ones, then don't be sad like those who don't have hope, as 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 says. Remain faithful, and you will once again be able to embrace them when Jesus returns.



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Topic 14

The Mystery of Death in



When we see a funeral car drive by, we can imagine the amount of pain and emptiness that has been left behind after that separation and may even ask ourselves, "Who will be next?" Then more questions follow, "What truly is death? Do those who have died know anything? Will I ever be able to see the loved ones that death separated from me again?" The Bible provides answers to these questions.

1. According to Revelation 1:18, what does the resurrected Christ have in His hands?

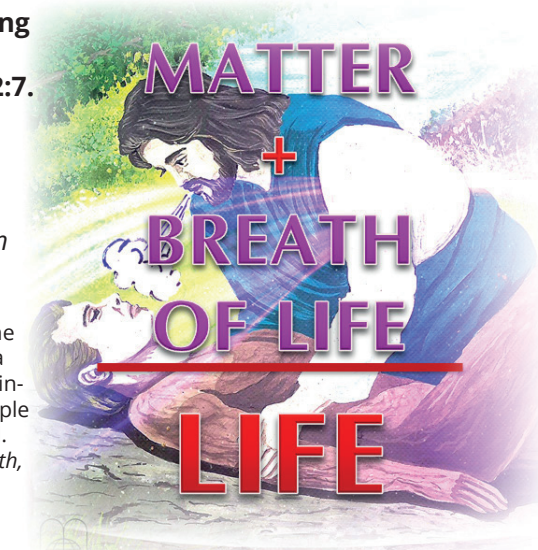
"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the ofand of death."

- ✓ Revelation chapter 1 states three times that Jesus is the first and the last. He was our Creator. He made us wonderfully perfect, but sin separated us from God. Jesus demonstrated His immense love by coming into this world, taking on human nature, and dying in our place. He resurrected to intercede for us and will return to take us to His kingdom. He is the first in importance and the last in the plan of salvation—the Alpha and the Omega. He has overcome death and wants to give us life. Yes, eternal life is granted to us if we believe in Him. He knows the secret of life and death better than anyone.

2. What was the process of creating the first life like, and what elements did God unite? Genesis 2:7.

"And the Lord God formed man of the.....of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the.....of life; and man became a living soul."

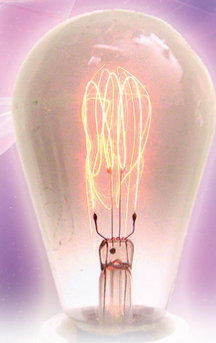
- ✓ The formula for life was:
Matter + breath of life = living soul. The Bible does not say that a person has a soul, something intangible or volatile independent of the body like many people believe, but that the person "is" a soul. Ezekiel 18:20 says: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."



3. What is the process of death according to the word of God? Ecclesiastes 12:7

"Then shall the.....return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall.....unto God who gave it."

- ✓ The formula of death is the opposite of life: matter-breath of life= death.
- ✓ There are various chemical products that, when combined with others, produce something totally different. For example: the mixture of two parts hydrogen and one oxygen, creates water: H₂O. An electrical lamp produces light when it receives an electrical current. When the current is interrupted, the light goes out. The lamp doesn't give light of itself and neither does the electrical current. Likewise, when God withdraws the breath of life, the body disintegrates, and the person ceases to exist. The Bible clarifies what happens in death.



IS DEATH A CONSCIOUS STATE?

4. Do the dead know anything? Ecclesiastes 9:5

"For the living know that they shall die: but the dead....., neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten."

5. What happens to their feelings? Ecclesiastes 9: 6, 10

"Also, their....., and their....., and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun."

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no....., nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

6. Are the dead in a conscious state? Psalms 146:4

"His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his..... perish."

7. Are the dead in heaven praising God? Psalms 115:17 (Isaiah 38:18, 19).

"The dead.....the Lord, neither any that go down into silence."

8. Do the dead know anything about their relatives? Job 14:21

"His sons come to honour, and he.....it not; and they are brought low, but he.....it not of them."

9. Since there are people that pretend to speak with the dead, with whom are they actually communicating according to Revelation 16:14?

"For they are the spirits of....., working miracles..."

- ✓ People who claim to be able to speak to family members who have died are not talking to them but rather to demon spirits. Demons can imitate the deceased very well. However, this misconception can easily be discovered if we carefully look at and consult the Word of God. In Revelation 12, we see that a third of the angels followed Satan and were cast out of heaven. Why is Satan so determined to make people believe that the dead continue living?

10. God told Adam and Eve that if they disobeyed they would die (Genesis 2:16, 17). However, what was Satan's great lie? Genesis 3:4

"And the serpent said unto the woman,"

- ✓ For 6,000 years, Satan has continuously preached this lie, which many cultures believe. Worshipping the dead existed amongst the Egyptians, who placed furniture, food, and valuable treasures in the tombs of the Pharaohs. There are millions of people today who believe that the dead are enjoying eternal life or suffering punishment in purgatory or hell.

11. What did Jesus compare death to? John 11:11-14.

He compared it to

- ✓ Job also compared death to sleep. The dead sleep; they are unconscious until they wake up at the resurrection. Job 14:10-12

12. What other example do the Scriptures give? Job 14:1, 2.

"Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a....., and is cut down: he fleeth also as a....., and continueth not."



WILL WE SEE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AGAIN?

13. What is the glorious hope of those who died believing in God? Revelation 20:6; Isaiah 26:19; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first on such the second death hath no power..."

"Thy dead men, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust... and the earth the dead".

14. Are the faithful of old who have died already enjoying eternal life? Hebrews 11:39, 40.

"And these all, having obtained a good report through faith,..... the promise: God having provided some better thing for us..."

15. Have the wicked already received their punishment? Revelation 20:5.

"But the rest of the dead.....again until the thousand years were finished."

- ✓ Those who are dead still rest in their grave. There is a contradiction among those who preach immediate punishment or reward and at the same time believe in the resurrection and the judgment. If a person receives his reward when he dies, why will Jesus come to judge the dead and the living? Who will He judge? What has already been received?