

## THE OPENING OF THE SIXTH SEAL

### PART III OF III

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“Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast” (Isaiah 26:20)

It might not be comforting to most of us to hear that a certain amount of destruction or desolation is determined against the cities of the United States. In the Book of Daniel we read of “...the abomination that maketh desolate,” which was to come in our time, and Jesus spoke of this same thing in Matthew 24 and called it, “...the abomination of desolation.” I am sure that the Bible was pointing to a great world-wide desolation that would be coming in the time that we are living in. However, for a number of years now, it is the destruction of the United States that the Lord has been showing me in vision. He has been showing me the destruction of this country, and as a matter of fact-as I have stated it so many times before and I will state it again-this is the very reason why I came to the United States. God sent me here, saying to me that He was sending me to the United States and that I was going to be coming here “just before the destruction.” Now, God’s “just before” is at this time more than thirty years.

For me, I thought it would have taken place already in the two years

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after I got here. I wanted to run and to get this job done, and then get out of here. This, however, is not what God wanted. God has not yet told me to get out of here, and I do not think He will tell me to get out of here. Well, I am not sure what He will say, but what I am saying is that I am here because of this very purpose: to warn the people of the United States that I saw cities overthrown. I saw houses on their sides. I saw great explosions in cities. I saw people running in panic. When I looked on the television at the situation in New York, when that building began to crumble and to fall-I saw a picture like you would never see in a thousand years. A picture of people running in stark terror because the building is coming down upon them, and they are running for their lives. I am saying that this is the kind of thing that I have been seeing by the Lord, except that it must have been worse in my visions. Because I saw one little boy getting away on his bicycle and a man knocking him off and jumping on the bicycle; and no sooner had he gotten on the bicycle when somebody else knocked him off and took the bicycle-and a vicious killing began over the bicycle.

I think the prayer that we should have now is for God to save His people. We have seen God intervene into every crisis, and He has saved so many, many people. So we know that God will save His people, and this should be our prayer. What is to be, is certain and sure and it will come to pass; but our prayer in it is that God's people will be saved. We need to pray and to be assured that God will save us in this hour of great terror and distress.

We want to go back into the book of Revelation. We have seen what the Scriptures say about the River Euphrates and things like that; and we understand what is taking place even at this very moment-that the American bombers are now raining down death and destruction upon the Afghan Taliban, those who have been so repressive and destructive, in that they have been training terrorists to destroy other countries. Because, somehow it is believed secretly that they (the Muslims) will one day rule the world.

Most Muslims are denying these people, and so the camp of the Muslims is split; and of course, we know that it has been split into many sections. You have the Sunni Muslims, and many different types of Muslims, but I suppose it is not peculiar to Muslims, anyhow; because you have hundreds of types of Christians as well. There are the many divisions, which we call denominations. Muslims do not call them denominations, but they are also split into many parts.

We see this destruction raining down upon these people, and this is only the beginning of it. Because, we see it in the Bible, that it says, "...nation shall rise against nation." Also, some of the people who are with us now concerning the war in Afghanistan, they will not be with us when it comes to cleaning the terrorists out of their own countries, or out of their friend's

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countries. However, somehow or the other, the Taliban have not been very popular among the Muslim population, and so we have a split there, which, in any case, we pray at this moment for all those who are engulfed in this cycle of death and destruction. For I tell you, it must be very horrible to have these kinds of bombs that they have now raining down upon you. They have challenged the most powerful force on earth, and it is not a matter of whether, or if they are going to lose or be torn apart, but it is only a matter of how long will it take. We, the people of God. must be praying to God for His mercy upon those who are dying and being wounded. Also, over time, many innocent people will be caught up in it too, for which we need to just ask God to intervene, to save souls and to deliver humanity out.

Let me state a few things here. The “mark” of the “beast” is equal to the “unpardonable” sin. To see this, let us turn to Revelation, Chapter 14, and we will begin with Verse 9,

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”

From this, we understand then that the mark of the beast must be something that the person himself has agreed to or wanted, and that it must be a total and absolute rejection of Jesus Christ. For no man can go to hell unless he rejects Jesus Christ.

Now, you wonder, “How can a person who has never known Jesus Christ, reject Jesus Christ? A person who never knows Jesus Christ cannot reject Jesus Christ.” Jesus will see to it that every man knows Him before he passes from this earth; and that is the prerogative of God. The thief on the cross did not know Jesus Christ, and his chance for life came at that particular moment as he was there suffering beside Christ. He was in the worst condition physically, but it was the best condition to accept Christ that he had ever had in his whole life. God always arranges circumstances to bring a person to a point where he becomes conscious of his eternal soul, and then he will have an absolutely fair chance in accepting Jesus Christ or rejecting Him. The thief on the cross went into heaven without having spent a day on the earth as a Christian, because it was in his dying moments that he cried to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom” (Ref. Luke 23:42). Jesus replied to him, and that very day Jesus went down to hell and when He preached to the spirits in prison, that man was there; and he was

one of those who came up, because in his heart he desired to be delivered by God, and Jesus did so for him that very moment.

For emphasis, let us read from the last part of Verse 11 in Revelation 14,

“...and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”

Now, the Bible says that it must either be the “mark” or the “name.” Now, the “name” of the “beast” means the very nature of Satan—the very nature of this creature that has rejected God absolutely. When you receive that nature, you have no more part with God, for you have changed your nature and all that God has been doing for you to bring you into an understanding of truth and righteousness. You have rejected all that, and God has nothing to give you anymore.

The same situation is explained in Hebrews 6, beginning in Verse 4,

“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”

Now, in dealing with this subject of the spirits that are being loosed in the earth today, we see that there are two things that are very clear: (1) That these spirits possess and have become a part of the nature of the people in the Euphrates valley, and (2) They are also a part of every other people. We see this in the manner of attack that they made upon us in this country, that it is an act of Satan’s reverse psychology to get us to react against them with the very same spirit that they attacked us in, so that by this he gets people on the going and on the coming.

As His people, what is our duty now before God? What is God saying today to the people of God? This is what we shall cover as we go further into this message.

Now, the great hope in all this is that while the devil is marking people in their foreheads, God is also marking His people in their foreheads. So that, the people of God do not have to fear that they might inadvertently take the mark of the beast or anything like that. That is not possible. You see, it is not possible to mix light and darkness, and if the light of God is in you, then the darkness will not be able to come in.

So, God put another analogy for us in the Scriptures, in Revelation 7.

Remember now, after he speaks in Revelation 6 of these things that will happen in the human realm, Revelation 7 begins to give us a detailed understanding of what will happen to the people of God. Let us read beginning from the first verse in Chapter 7.

“And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”

These four angels have been loosed, and in Chapter 6 we gave you a summary of the things that will happen with this, and now the details are going to be explained, beginning here in Chapter 7. Chapter 7 is one section of the details, and this first section is not about the “mark” of the beast, but about the “mark” of Christ in the “foreheads” of His people. His mark is in the forehead (in the mind). It is in the mind, which is speaking about the soul.

We see that these four angels in Revelation 7:1 might very well be the same four angels that we saw described in Revelation 9:14, because they are angels of death and destruction (and, as inferred from Revelation 9:21—angels of murder, sorcery, fornication, and thefts). These angels were holding back the winds, and they were just waiting for their time, and for the order to let loose these winds to blow upon the “earth,” and the “sea,” and the “trees.” The “earth” here means the “carnal man,” the “sea” means the “nations,” and the “trees” mean the “Christians.” So, they are going to be destroying the carnal man, the nations, and the Christians. So then, if you look back in Revelation 6, you will see here already the “pale horse” of Verse 8.

“And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.”

So then, we can see that a great number of sinners are going to be killed, for it says, “...and Hell followed with him.”

Reading Verses 2-3 of Revelation 7 again,

“And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither

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the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

Here we see God's mercy coming down to plead for His people, and also that the people of God were not ready. We see that the devils did get the jump on us here, but that God stilled them. He said, "Hold back! Don't move," and they were holding the winds there, ready to bring the desolation upon the earth and upon the sea (which are the nations and the tongues and the different nations), and upon the trees (which are the Christians).

I want you to notice the peculiar phrase here.

"And I saw another angel ascending from the east...."

Now, it did not say, "descending from the east," but it says, "...ascending from the east." We see then that the sons of God, as a body of overcomers, would be this fifth angel or messenger going up and rising from the earth. God Almighty wants His people to rise, and we know that in the fourth dimension, we begin to rise in God. As we go deeper into Jesus Christ, we arise in God. So, as we come to a certain level in the Spirit, we are able to "command" the destructive forces of the earth, and say, "Do not touch anyone, any sinner, anything-until our work is finished of sealing the servants of God in their foreheads." As we have said before, the word "forehead" means the mind, and really, the soul.

The thought now arises, "Have we seen this before? Did we anywhere in the Bible ever see a people sealed before?" Yes. It is like the situation in Exodus 11 and 12, where the people of God were in Egypt, and God did what He did there at "midnight." What He did then shows a method that God uses. If we study God, we will see that He has certain methods, which He uses time and time again. The story there is that the death angel was called out by God over Egypt. The death angel was given the power to kill, that they (the evil angels) should destroy every first born. For God did not tell them, "But, if you see a first born Israelite, you do not touch him." No. No. God said to them that they were to destroy every first born. This is God's method, because then God goes to His people and shows them how they can be saved and delivered-for God is our Savior. God is always in the business of saving. For He gives man an opportunity to be saved, through obedience.

He said to Moses, "Tell the children of Israel to kill a lamb, and mark the blood on the door posts and the lintels of their houses. Tell them then that they must stay indoors, with the blood over the doors; for at midnight the death angel will come through the land, but he will not be able to enter into any of the houses of the Israelites."

Now, the blood was the blood of a lamb. If you look back into Genesis,

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from Adam, Abel, and on down through the patriarchs of Israel (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob), they all knew and were taught and it was passed down through the ages, about sacrifice and about the promise of a Messiah. It was taught to the children of Israel, to where when they obeyed God here in Exodus in the matter of the blood applied to the doorposts, it was the slaying of a lamb, and they did it with faith towards God. For there was a knowledge in them that He was sending Messiah, that God Himself would provide the lamb (Jesus Christ, "the lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world"); that He would come and be slain at the specific time, and His blood would have the power and the authority of Almighty God to save His people; or actually-to save the people who obeyed.

So, how beautiful is God and all His works and His ways! For God said to them, "Anybody who is in the house with you, will be saved." So that, many thousands of Egyptians were also saved, although the decree went out to kill all the first born. God never made a plan to kill all the first born of Egypt or Israel, but He said that whoever was not under the blood, whether he be the first born of Israel and the first born of Egypt, he would be slain.

Then, it is also the same for us. We bring it right down to our time. What is our problem? Where do we hide? What is our place of hiding? Do you remember Psalm 91? We will go over it again. It says,

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow (protection) of the Almighty."

Now, here we come-God is giving the analogy from a different angle. He is showing us from every angle, so that we can understand it.

We saw (in Revelation 7:2) the four angels, and then that there is this fifth "angel" rising up from the earth. Now, what kind of an angel rises up from the earth? We thought that angels come down from heaven, but let me show you an angel that is very earthly (not "earthy," but "earthly," coming up from the earth), and you will understand the Word of God a little more.

For this, we first turn to Revelation, Chapter 1. God here is going to explain a mystery to us. In Verses 19-20, He said,

"Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks (the lampstand). The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

Then, going on to Chapter 2, and Verse 1,

“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.”

Now, God here is speaking to an angel. But, the word “angel” here, in the Greek, it is, “angelos,” and it means, “a messenger.” We read it then that the seven “stars” in His right hand were the seven angels (messengers) of the seven churches. Now, these seven messengers of the seven churches were not created angelic beings, but they were human beings. Why do I say that they were human beings? It is because God could not say here to a created angelic being, “...thou hast left thy first love.” For if this “angel” (messenger) had left his first love and he was an angelic created being, then he would be a fallen angel, and you could not tell me that the Lord God had put a fallen angel over the church of Ephesus. This is a man that God is talking about, and God used the word “angel” in the Scriptures to show us that He is talking here to a man.

Now, if that is clear to you, we go back to the fifth angel here in Revelation 7, Verse 2,

“And I saw another angel (the fifth angel) ascending from the east....”

In other words, the church must rise up and come to a certain growth, and the people of God must come to a certain place of growth in the Spirit where they are able to function as messengers of the Living God. So then, we believe that this fifth angel is the end time messenger (or messengers) that we are. God has sent forth of His people, certain ones, who are warning the church about the destruction to come, about the place to hide, and about the time of hiding; and as we come nearer to it and we see that we are now in the time when we should be in the place of hiding, we are saying to the people of God, “HIDE NOW!”

You say, “How do I hide? How do I hide?” Turn to God! Get down in fasting and prayer. Repent of your sins. Stop listening to false doctrine and false Gospel, for God said that in the last days that “seducing spirits” and “doctrines of devils” would come to deceive many (Ref. 1 Timothy 4:1). Stop listening to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils!

How do I stop? You turn to God, and say, “God, let me hear Your voice; and let my soul be attuned to no other voice but to Your voice; and let me walk in Your ways.” God will do it for you. God says that whatsoever we desire, we

should pray, asking God, and He will do it for us.

So then, this fifth angel is the angel that is going to mark the people in their foreheads. Now, you ask me, "How then, am I being marked in my forehead?"

It is by the Word of God coming forth-the seal of the Living God. You will receive the Word of God in your mind, in your heart, until you are sealed, and sealed in such a way that you cannot be unsealed, to where the devil cannot come in and take anything from you.

For the truth of this, turn to Ephesians, Chapter 1, and Verse 13,

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise...."

So, we see here then that God is sealing us. He is sealing us against the mark of the beast. He is sealing us with, "...the holy Spirit of promise." For further confirmation, let us read 2 Corinthians 1, Verses 21-22, "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

It means that those of us who say we have the Holy Ghost-we are filled with the Holy Ghost, we are baptized in the Holy Ghost-we had better make sure that it is God, and that it is the true Holy Ghost that we have. For the Holy Ghost will lead us into all truth. He will lead us to repentance. If we are wrong, the Holy Ghost will correct us. If a person has a spirit and the spirit is not leading him to become more like Christ and to have the nature of Christ, he had better stop and look at it carefully. Because, today there are many false spirits going around taking people, and there are today false methods that people are using to get people to be baptized in the Holy Ghost.

Methods like holding them down, and speaking words and getting those who are being baptized to say these words; and saying, "Okay, you are rebaptized in the Holy Spirit because you say these words."

I have never forgotten the time that I saw a man come, and he was this great evangelist. He was getting so many hundreds of people baptized in the Holy Spirit, and here is my brother kneeling down, not being able to get this thing that they are supposed to get; and the man comes over him and he hits him on his shoulder and says, "Come on, man! Say, "Sha-ba-lah!" My brother said, "Sha-ba-lah." He said, "Say it faster!" My brother says, "Sha-ba-lah-ba-lah-ba-lah," and he says, "YOU GOT IT!" We are talking about false teaching. We are talking about doctrines of devils. No matter how humorous it might

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look, it is one of those “doctrines of devils.”

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” (1 Timothy 4:1).

We turn now to Ephesians, Chapter 4, and Verse 30.

“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

Anyone who is sealed by the Holy Spirit, he is sealed in his mind, and no devil can take hold of his mind, to twist him and to give him a doctrine that tells him that he can go and run a plane into a building and kill hundreds and thousands of innocent people, and then say that it is God. A lot of these voices that are speaking to the brethren, the voices are not God’s voice!

They are not God’s voice, because what the brethren are saying that these voices tell them-it is not God! Some of the dreams that people are having-it is not God! Some of the visions you are having-it is not God! But God does give visions, and God does give dreams, and God does speak to His people. I am telling you, anyone who is of a pure heart and wants God, God will not allow the devil to take you. That is the promise of the Living God!

Let us look at this promise again. It is in John 7, and Verse 17,

“If any man will do his (God’s) will, he SHALL know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.”

Verse 18, “He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his (God’s) glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.”

The confirmation of this comes from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, which we call the beatitudes. In Verse 6 of Matthew 5, Jesus said,

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”

This means that when you hunger and when you thirst after righteousness, no other spirit can fill you with anything, but it will be God’s Spirit that will fill you with God’s righteousness.

It says, “Blessed are they....” If you have a good hunger for God, you are a blessed person. It is not everybody who is hungry after God, and God says that those who are hungry after God are blessed. So, God bless you! We are

blessed, if we have a desire for the Living God.

So then, the sealing of the church on their lintels and on their doorposts is the sealing of the mind and the body. In order to serve God, a man has to be pure in his mind and pure in his body. There is no Christian that is using his body for sin that can tell me that he is sealed by the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit of God will bring conviction to a person if he is participating in something that is contrary to God. For instance, a person could not tell me that she or he is a Christian, and he is working for someone like Hugh Hefner, or the pornographic magazines, or anything of the kind. If a man's mind is not sealed by the Holy Ghost, he will use his mind for pornography, and then he will not be able to get deliverance from pornography. It is a sign of uncleanness. It is a sign that will let the antichrist come in.

The people who give the most trouble in the church are people who have a door open to sin. Devils are ministering to them, and then they want to minister to other people while devils are ministering to them. So, in order to minister to people, they take the letter of the Bible, and they use "the letter" of the Word to strike the brethren over their heads. In 2 Corinthians 3:6, Paul wrote, "...for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." I mean, no man more than Paul could tell you how the letter killeth, because "through the letter" he was going down to Damascus to crucify and to murder Christians; and in doing this He was saying that he was doing God's will (Refs. Acts 8:1,3, 9:1-2).

This brings us now to the "Word of God," that unless we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and have the Word of God, we will accept another word. There is another word that comes in. When we are finished with dealing with the sealing of the Christians, then we will go into it about the false word of the Koran that causes such a destruction among the people of the world.

Because of the lack of true revelation, which can only come from the Spirit of the Living God, many people have all kinds of different opinions on what the Bible is saying and what the Bible should mean. The Spirit of God gives ready revelation to the people of God, and in every age God has revealed Himself to certain people, in order to lift the Church a notch higher. So then, we see that this fifth angel in Revelation 7 is a ministry that God has put in the earth to lift the people a little higher, and to lift them into a place where they can hear and understand God. I want to show you another scripture concerning this fifth angel (this fifth messenger, this fifth ministry).

In Matthew 25, and beginning with the 5th verse, it says,

"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to

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meet him.”

Here we are, we have the bride who is sleeping, because it says here that all had slept. So, both the “wise” virgins and the “foolish” virgins slept. We need to consider this factor, that the bride was divided into these two groups, but there was a third party, for the Scripture says in Verse 6 of Matthew 25,

“And at midnight there was a cry made....”

If a cry was made, who was the crier? There must have been, then, a third party who was not asleep. In other words, God is saying clearly here that there was a watchman group. That there was a group of people who did not sleep, and who are not sleeping; and these ones who were watching must be a section of the church, for to be able to minister to the church they would have to be part of the church. It says that at midnight they made a cry, “Behold the bridegroom cometh....”

We have a clue from Jesus Himself as to who this third party is. In John, Chapter 3, and in Verse 29, Jesus said,

“He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.”

So, Jesus Christ hinted here that there is, “...the friend of the bridegroom.” In other words, we are talking about the sleeping Church, but we are also talking about some who are not sleeping. We look back again at Chapter 7 of Revelation, and we notice here that that crier (that person who is awake) must be that fifth angel. Let us read it again, beginning with Verse 2, “And I saw another angel (messenger) ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”

He said that he saw “...another angel ascending from the east.” This is speaking of those watchmen of God who are not asleep, and who are able to warn the church at that specific time when they need to awake and arise to the newness of the circumstances that are coming upon the earth. This is the angel, or the messenger group, who are saying (in Verse 3), “Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”

It says, “...we,” so we are not talking about an individual here, but we are talking about a part of the church. We are talking about the ministry,

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actually, because the fifth angel suggests ministry, for “five” speaks of “ministry.” So then, God is saying here that He has set a ministry in the earth to take the Word of God, and to seal the people of God with the Word of God. God’s ministry are His apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers” (Ref. Ephesians 4:11). We see, then, that we are sealed by the Spirit of God, and that it is by the Word of God that the Spirit of God seals us. We are sealed by the Spirit and the Word of God, through the blood of Jesus Christ. In other words, the life of God is the power and the force that seals the believer, but the operating officer is the Holy Spirit, and the servant who carries the message is the ministry that God has ordained.

Now, in Verse 4, we read,

“And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.”

In interpreting Scripture, one of the worst things you could do is to take numbers and to change them into anything else besides the exact number that is spoken. In other words, the key to the understanding of a scripture with numbers, is the number. So then, we need to ask the Lord, “What does this number 144,000 mean?” The explanation is that  $144,000 = 12 \times 12 \times 1000$ . 12 means “completion.” The Bible speaks of the 12 tribes of Israel, the 12 loaves of bread; and 12 gives us the number of completion.

In Ezekiel 28, and beginning with Verse 13, we read,

“Thou (Hillel) hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, (1) the sardius, (2) topaz, and the (3) diamond, the (4) beryl, (5) the onyx, and (6) the jasper, (7) the sapphire, (8) the emerald, and (9) the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.”

We notice that God only mentioned nine stones here, so that God only put nine stones (nine areas of brightness, or glory) into this being that He was talking about. That means that no being could have received more than nine.

Now, we turn to Revelation, Chapter 21, where John describes what he saw as God showed him the city, “the New Jerusalem,” coming down out of heaven. This passage is speaking of the “completed” man, and the verses we want in particular to look at here are Verses 19 and 20, where God is

describing the foundations of the wall of this city.

“And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.”

Remember now, we just read from Ezekiel 28, where it said, “...every precious stone was thy covering,” and only nine stones were indicated there, but here in Revelation 21, it says the same thing again, “...all manner of precious stones,” but now it was twelve stones that were listed. So, we see here the completeness that is to come in us. When God made man, man was not completed; or else, the devil could not have tempted him. God is now completing us, in Christ, for it is in Christ that we are completed. God is completing us in Christ, where we are to receive twelve areas of brightness, referred to as “stones” (Which means the glory of God in mankind). Jesus said in Matthew 17, when He was praying to the Father, “Give them the glory.” He said, “Give me the glory which We had from before the world was,” and in Verse 22, He said, “And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.”

We happen to know that those people who find within themselves this “oneness” with the people of God (with those who are walking with Christ), that these are the ones who have received the glory. They are those who have been able to find a oneness with those who are in oneness with God. In other words, they are those who find a oneness with those who are obeying God. We find that sometimes we are persecuted because we obey; and the reason is that the people who are persecuting us, they have not received the glory that Jesus Christ has given. For the glory is what makes us one in Christ.

We go back to Revelation 7, and the fourth verse, in which he says, “And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand....” Now,  $12 \times 12$  is 144, so we know that the number “144,” when it is mentioned in Scripture, it means “Those who are completed in a perfected church.” It is, “Completion multiplied by completion.” That is what that means.

To further bring out that point, let us turn back again to Revelation 21. We will read from the tenth verse,

“And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife.” So then, we are talking now about “the bride.” He is going to show us who the bride is.

“And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem (the bride is a city), descending out of heaven from God.”

Verses 11 and 12, “Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:”

It says here, “...the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.” This is speaking about the twelve spiritual tribes, because, remember now, “Israel” in the spirit is, “the Israel of God” (Refs. Galatians 6:16, Romans 9:6-8). That is to say, all those who obey God and have Jesus Christ as their Head, they are the “bride,” and they are the “the Israel of God” that He is talking about. Let us read on from Verse 13. He is talking about the “wall” of the city, that it had twelve “gates.”

“On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates hereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.” In other words, he was saying that it was an angel man that measured, and his measurement was 144. That means that it was a perfected man multiplied by a perfected body of people. So, right there is where we see 144 vindicated.

Let us turn back to Revelation 7, and we will begin with Verse 3,

“Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.”

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So that, out of each of these twelve tribes, there were sealed twelve thousand, except that one of the tribes of Israel ("Dan") was left out, and the name of Joseph's son "Manasses" was put in instead. He was a son of Joseph, so actually Joseph had two tribes (Joseph and Manasses), and the reason is because, with the spiritual Israel God said that there is a double fruitfulness. Joseph is called the "fruitful vine," and there is a double fruitfulness right here; and so Joseph had two tribes.

Of course, we can go further into it and show where the "first fruits company" are those who will go in and possess the land first. If you go back into the history of Israel, you will find that there were twelve spies that went into the land to search out the land, but of the twelve, Caleb and Joshua were the only two who came back and brought good tidings, and even brought a sample of the fruit of the land. They said that there is a bunch of grapes that took two men to carry, and I can imagine what kind of size those grapes were.

Now, the Lord is actually showing us something there, because, "Ephraim," it means "first fruits company," and Joshua was an Ephraimite, and Caleb, of course, was from the tribe of Judah. Now, Judah is Christ. So, Christ and the first fruits company will be the ones to enter the land. As a matter of fact, Caleb and Joshua were the only two who entered the land from all those who were with Moses in Egypt. Everybody else died, and only those two men and the children of the others entered. Therefore, God is speaking something through all this symbolism. (Caleb here is a picture of Christ, and Joshua a picture of the body of Christ.)

Going back to Revelation, Chapter 9, we should understand that God had no specific length of time by which a trumpet was to be blown, but we can get the picture we need if we can understand what happened in the sixth chapter of Joshua when Joshua marched around the city of Jericho. The first trumpet that was blown—that was the first day. But on the seventh day, the shortest trumpet was the seventh trumpet. Because that trumpet, as it blew, immediately the walls fell down and the people marched across. It was now time for victory and war, and no longer the blowing of the trumpets.

So now, if the trumpet is the message and we are getting the sixth message, then the sixth message is shorter than the fifth. We know that the fifth message has been blowing for a number of years. Of course, if you think of it, the first trumpet has been blowing for 2,000 years. It has been 2,000 years that we have been hearing the call from God to come and be saved. Now, it is the time of the sixth trumpet, and God is calling us to hide; and the truth about it is that unless we Christians had a place to hide, then the scourges, the famines, the sicknesses, the diseases and all which we have been told about and which will come upon this world—these things would come upon us also and we would be losers. We would die just like the sinners and we would

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be destroyed just the same; and this is why God is calling the people of God to come and hide.

In Egypt, when that call was given to hide under the blood, and that the people of God should go into their houses and lock the door, and put the blood upon the doorposts and the lintels-when they were told to do that, that was just like the sixth trumpet being blown, for it was time to hide. We cannot hide in anything else but Christ Jesus. Some of us would like to save food and put up canned food, which is a good thing. At least it will save you spending money and having to go to the store; but the point is that the time is coming when the food outside there in the field will be poisoned. We will have so much radiation that it will not be able to be eaten. Now, can you save enough food for that? Anybody who saves enough food for that, and then you go out there looking all filled up and the other people are hungry-they will soon find that you have some secret source of food and they will soon raid you.

It is like the Hebrew children in Babylon. In Daniel, Chapter 1, it says that Daniel and the young men decided that they would not eat the "king's meat," and when they checked them after a certain amount of time they were even fatter and better looking than those who were eating the rich meat and drinking the wine. So, God is telling us something here, and for a long time, we have been preaching, preaching, preaching. Many do not believe; many took it with a grain of salt. However, I am saying to you now, that this time it is going to be life and death. It will mean the difference between life and death. It will be life for those who will hear the voice of God and obey the voice of God and do what God wants you to do, as against death for those who will not.

The Spirit of the Lord is speaking expressly that we are very, very close to "midnight," and I might remind you again what we mean by "midnight." Remember now, in the very beginning in Genesis, God gave it that the day started in the evening. The sun started, not coming up in the east, but it started going down in the west. So then, that evening, then that night, and then that morning-that was the day. So, when we speak about "midnight," we are talking about a period of time when the earth and the people of the world will go into a time of terrible darkness, before the "light" shines (before Jesus Christ appears and the earth is delivered from wars and destruction).

Now, I need to show you something and I think this will be the last thought that I am bringing in this word; but it is a very, very serious thought. Whenever a heresy comes into the church, or a false religion, or something that tends to turn people away from Jesus Christ and from growing in the nature of Christ and becoming like Christ, it strikes first at the doctrine of Christ. Also, no matter what a person preaches, and how good he might preach, and no matter all the good things he might say-if he strikes at the doctrine of Christ, then it is part of the word of the enemy to come against the

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Word of God. So, we see that it is a sword against the Sword. You know, the Word of God is called the Sword of God (Refs. Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12, Revelation 19:15). When another word comes that is contrary to the Word of God, the intention of that word is to minimize, to belittle, or to destroy the Word of God; and to set itself up as the Word of God.

Now, whenever anyone accepts a word, and it is not the Word of God, he is in danger of being led by another spirit. Now, we have learned from the Word of God that Satan transformed himself into an angel of light, and that Satan's human emissaries transform themselves into ministers of the Gospel, and of truth and righteousness (Ref. 1 Corinthians 11:13-15). However, there is a measure that we measure truth and righteousness by, and it is the measure of whether the person is growing in the nature of Christ or whether he is growing in some other type of thing, some other human nature, something else wherein he can keep his sins and at the same time he can have a name, that he is alive, and yet he is spiritually dead.

Now, let me read what the Bible says about that. I will read from Revelation 22, and beginning with Verse 18,

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

That is the way the Bible ends and the book of Revelation ends. Now, many question the thought as to whether the words “this book” used here mean “the book of Revelation” or whether it means the whole Bible. Well, if it means the book of Revelation, it definitely means the whole Bible, because the whole Bible seems to be condensed into the book of Revelation, with it, as a matter of fact, bringing everything down to the end and one focal point. This is the ending of all things, so the book of Revelation definitely is speaking, not about the Revelation alone, but it is speaking about the rest of the Bible.

Jesus, speaking in John, Chapter 10, and Verse 9, said,

“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”

He did not say, “I am a door,” but He said, “I am the door.” From the study of Scripture, we understand that He (Jesus) is the only door, for there was only the one door in the tabernacle. In the tabernacle you had a “gate,” and the gate led to the “door,” and the door led to a “veil”; and they were all

places of entering in, and it was entering into Christ and into God. However, we now see many people saying, "Well, you get saved by doing good works," or that you can be saved by this or that. But Jesus said, beginning with Verse 7,

"Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them."

Verses 9-14, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine."

Verses 16, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

The basic thought here is that Jesus Christ is the "door," He is the "good shepherd," and there is none other. So that, if any other one comes, and says, "I am sent of God to lead you into truth and righteousness," then we put him against the plumbline. If he says what Jesus says, then we can follow what Jesus says, not following the man but what Jesus said. But, if he is against Jesus Christ, we cannot follow him. Verse 26, here in John 10, is very important to what I am trying to say,

"But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you." That means that if anyone does not believe in Jesus, then he is not of God, and this is as plain as A B C. He said in Verses 27-28,

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Remember now, all false doctrines go against Christ. In John, Chapter 3, and in Verses 16-19, we read, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the

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only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

We saw in Revelation 6 that one of the horses was the "black" horse. We find here then that the black horse is "darkness," so that their minds will be blotted out so that they cannot accept Jesus. Now, if you accept the antichrist or if you accept the beast in your heart or mind-it is impossible for you to accept Christ.

So, Jesus Christ gave us these words Himself and we are sure that He said these things. The reason is because, of all the teachers that have come, we have heard of none that rose from the dead and came back and lived with his disciples, and ate with them and drank with them, and showed them that, "I am not a spirit. I am flesh and bone" (Ref. Luke 24:39). The only person who resurrected from the grave and did that was Jesus Christ Himself. None other! All the other prophets and all the other teachers that have come, they have not resurrected from the grave. So then, Jesus Christ is our Savior.

As we have said before, the Word of God is the Sword of God, and this sword is the only offensive weapon that the Christian has, because it not only defends you, but it is an offensive weapon. Now, the devil, therefore, must bring some word, some very strong word that goes contrary to the Word of God, but that will appear to some to be the Word of God.

Now in trying to find out why is it that the Scriptures say that the Euphrates valley was going to be the place from which the birth of this beast nature would come, I began to look upon the Koran. The Koran is a book that is written contrary to the Bible, but which goes along like a deception to make it look like it is going with the Bible. What I am saying is that if it goes along with the Bible and it is in total agreement with the Bible, then it was not necessary for it to be written, for we do have the Bible and the Bible was before the Koran.

I am going to read for you the doctrine of Christ as it is in this book, the Koran. The chapters are called Surahs, or Revelations. I will read from Surah 4, and 157, and you make your own judgment.

"And because of their saying: We slew the Messiah Jesus son of Mary, Allah's messenger-They slew him not nor crucified, but it appeared so unto them; and lo! those who disagree concerning it are in doubt thereof; they have no knowledge thereof save pursuit of a conjecture; they slew him not for certain."

Here we see a word that goes totally against the crucifixion of Jesus, and yet it says it is the Word of God. If Jesus had not died, we would not have

received the saving blood, even as the lamb died in Egypt and the blood was daubed upon the doorposts and upon the lintels. We look again at Surah 4, and 171.

“O people of the scripture! Do not exaggerate in your religion nor utter aught concerning Allah save the truth. The Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, was only a messenger of Allah, and His word which he conveyed unto Mary, and a spirit from him. So believe in Allah and his messengers, and say not “Three” Cease! (it is) better for you! Allah is only One God. Far is it removed from His transcendent majesty that he should have a son. He is all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth. And Allah is sufficient as defender.” We have just read in the Bible where Jesus said that He is the Son of God, and here we find the Koran is saying that He is not God’s son, and that He is just a messenger. Now, we are going to look at Surah 5, and 75. This surah again calls Jesus just a messenger.

“The Messiah son of Mary was no other than a messenger. Messengers the like of whom had past away before him. His mother was a saintly woman and they both used to eat earthly food. See how we make the revelations clear for them and see how they are turned away.”

So then, if you are one who believes in the Word of God, the Bible, as the God breathed Word; and that this Word, Jesus Christ, is indeed God given to us in word form, it would be difficult or impossible for you to at the same time believe in the Koran, because, although there is no animosity toward those who do believe in the Koran, it is more than a dichotomy-it is something that is so impossible. For one thing, the Bible clearly and categorically states that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and Jesus Himself says that He is the Son of God. So, if another book says that He is not the Son of God and that He did not say that He was, then we know definitely that we had better choose to believe the Bible, because this is the Word of God and this is the living proof that we have. We also have the very proof in our beings, for Christ Jesus has entered into us and He has delivered us from our sinful nature, and therefore we have the proof that Jesus Christ is God.

So, if somebody comes along and says that Jesus Christ is not God, how can we have communion with them? How can we then also go and say that we are one with them, and say, “Well, your God is the same God as my God.” It could not be! For the Koran says that, “God said so.” It did not say, “This is what the prophet thinks.” After reading the Bible and after reading the Koran, the only reasonable conclusion that one could come to is that the Allah of the Koran is not the Yahweh of the Bible; and we could leave it at that.

Let me quickly run through the summary of this message:

1 September 11, of the year 2001(which is the first year of the

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seventh millennium), was the opening of the sixth seal and the beginning of World War III.

a. On this day, the four spirits that were bound in the river Euphrates were loosed. Of course, we have clearly shown that when reference is made to the river Euphrates in the book of Revelation, it is speaking of the basin of the Euphrates River, the cradle of humanity, where the ancient spirits were bound in the people there. So that the people who live around that area, the Muslims-they will be the ones who will initiate this war. As a matter of fact, it is now history that they are the ones who are responsible for the events on September 11. Now, what happened on that day corresponds with the loosing of the four angels of death spoken of in Revelation, Chapter 6, who were commanded in Revelation, Chapter 7, not to be loosed until the servants of God were sealed in their foreheads. Of course, these four spirits are spirits of terror, and this was explained in Revelation 9:21, where it says, “Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.” So then, these four spirits (of murder, sorcery, thefts, carnality and fornication)-they were let loose upon the earth; and at this time, I am saying that they have been loosed. But, of course, the children of God will be sealed in their foreheads. Fornication goes along with murder and theft. Women and men enjoy illicit union, then they destroy the seed, and then steal and lie to cover it up; thinking it nothing to also steal someone else’s wife or husband. The same spirit that leads people into these activities makes to itself a god that will agree to their conduct. In the ancient world, they had what is called “sacramental fornication.” That is, in order to make it religious, they made it a sacrament to the devil. Solomon (the wisest man who ever lived) went into the temple of “Isis” after marrying the high priestess, and turned away from the true and living God.

2 That we are, even as I speak, being gathered under the wings of Almighty God, even as a hen gathers her brood; and we should have no fear concerning the news of the things which are coming to pass on the earth at this time.

3 That this is “...only the beginning of sorrows.” You will be seeing atomic explosions in our cities, therefore it is absolutely necessary for all Christians to pray and fast, and reject sin. To turn away from every weakness and every sin that is in your life, and to turn to God, so that we might hear God, and do whatever God says to do whenever He says to do it. In other words, absolute obedience is our only hope.

4 That, if you are not sure of the voice you are hearing, fast and pray until God answers you. He may answer by speaking into your heart, or by confirming it from others, or by dream, or by vision-but by whatever way, God will answer you. Be assured-He will answer you.

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5 The final thought here in this summary is that those who have been feeding on false teachings, they will attack the Christians who are hearing from God. Yeshua, however, has promised us the victory. We will go through the midnight to the dawn of the new day, which we expect to be sometime after 2008. This assumption is derived or based upon the vision which I had, where the messenger of the Lord came to me and said that there will be a great atomic war in the year 2008.

God bless you, Brethren.

