

Word of Prophecy Fellowship



THE GOOD NEWS - LETTER

A Terrible Night Is Arising Upon Us

Part 2 of 2

LIGHTS

We are in darkness right now, because the Word of God is in such disrepute. As the true Word of God continues to be rejected, and substituted with counterfeits and perversions of the truth, what sources of light will remain? When Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount, the greatest sermon ever preached (Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7), he told his disciples, “**Ye are the light of the world.** A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16). The light of the world is Christ in us and the Word of God in us, that we share with our fellow man. *There is no light in this world except the light of Jesus Christ and His Word that shines out through a Christian!* When that light goes out, and when Christians are so persecuted and the Bible becomes so desecrated and profaned that it is no longer preached freely on the radio, TV, and in the pulpits, then that light is going to become darkness. The people of this world will all be subjected to antichrist’s medieval

tyranny, and to the terrors that he will inflict in this great, rising darkness, because they have turned away from the Word of God and have loved darkness rather than light. John wrote (John 3:19), “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

REJECTED

Today, the light of God’s true Word, which God has preserved for us in the blessed old King James Version of 1611, is being rejected far and wide—and that means people are really rejecting Jesus: *Jesus is the Word of God.* The scripture tells us in John 1:1-9, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”

TRUTH

It is hard to get people to listen to the truth, because the truth is the greatest separator of men: it separates families and friends. Jesus said, in Luke 12:51-53, “Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: for from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.” It is easier to believe a lie, than to believe the truth—that is why the world is willing to accept the doctrine of the antichrist. The Apostle Paul, writing prophetically of the spiritual darkness that accompanies antichrist’s rise to power, said that because men reject the truth of God’s Word, **“God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie and be damned.”** (II Thessalonians 2:11). When God sees that men and women have willfully turned their ears from the truth and accepted the message of the antichrist and false prophet, He will respond by sending them an even stronger delusion! Paul foretold with certainty that these last days will be a time when people will refuse to hear the teaching or preaching of sound doctrine, but will instead “turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (II Timothy 4:4). This outright rejection of the truth is what leaves unregenerate humanity fully subject to the antichrist’s deceptions and machinations, as Paul reveals in II Thessalonians 2:10: **“And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”**

LAST FLING

At the culmination of the terrible, stygian darkness that will accompany the rise to power of the antichrist and his kingdom, it will be antichrist himself who will lead this world into one last “fling” of unprecedented rebellion against God and His Word. He will be the perpetrator of a great, wild party of exotic sex, drinking, drug abuse and all the ungodly reveling that goes along with it, and will afford people complete freedom to engage in almost any depravity they want at the expense of anyone who objects. And, he will have plenty of surrogates of Gestapo-like police available to enforce his will. If you resist the ungodly pronouncements of antichrist and his government, *you will be killed!* The prophet Amos rightly prophesied of such a time as this, when the wicked will walk on every side, and vaunt themselves against the righteous, saying, “They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly...therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; **for it is an evil time.**” (Amos 5:10,13).

DARKNESS

At the height of the spiritual darkness that will characterize the kingdom of antichrist, God will also send terrible judgments of *physical darkness*. John tells us, in Revelation 8:12, “And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.” Further, in Revelation 16:10-11, an even greater physical darkness is prophesied to come: “And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; **and his kingdom was full of darkness**; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their

sores, and repented not of their deeds.” That physical darkness is going to be so intense, a person will almost be able to feel it. The great prophet Isaiah also warned of both a spiritual and physical darkness that will fall upon men in this end-time, here in Isaiah 60:1-3. “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness [*the physical night*] shall cover the earth, and gross darkness [*the spiritual darkness that will grip the hearts of the people of this world*] the people; but the LORD shall arise upon thee [*God’s own people, His true saints*], and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.” During that physical and spiritual darkness that is coming upon this end-time generation, God’s people will be the lights—the only source of help for those who are in distress because of the antichrist and his brutal oppression, when he and his false prophet arise to power. This will be a terrible time for all mankind.

ECUMENICISM

Revelation chapter 17 is a revelation of the World Church, the final product of the modern ecumenical movement through which the spirit of antichrist is now working to assimilate and subjugate all the major religious denominations of the world. The beloved Apostle John writes, “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked

with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: and upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH... And he [*the angel*] saith unto me [*John*], The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are **peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.**” (Revelation 17:1-15).

ROME

John also tells us, “And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus...and the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.” (Revelation 17:6, 18). The religious leaders of this world are going to be seduced by this ecumenical “whore”—the Roman Catholic church—and the antichrist, as a god-emperor, will reign over a world church that will be reunited around the Pope of Rome. This is not the first time the world has been faced with oppression from the Church of Rome: in 1513 A.D., Martin Luther rose up and delivered us from the medieval oppression of a Roman Catholic religious system that ruled this world ruthlessly with their guillotines, lion’s dens, and burnings at the stake, torturing and murdering Christians and anyone else that rebelled against their religious authority. Luther’s great Protestant Reformation inflicted a deadly wound to the antichrist’s head and caused him to retreat into darkness; and we have been free from medieval oppression for almost 500 years. But in Revelation 13:3 the Bible says that deadly wound will be healed; and it is the repairing of this ecclesiastical breach that will cause the world to “wonder after the beast” (that means the entire world will follow the antichrist, every one whose name is not written in the Book of Life).

THE NIGHT

Please turn with me to Isaiah 21:11-12 “The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come.” It is time for us to enquire about these things of God. In Joel 2:1-11 the prophet Joel forewarns of this imminent day of darkness, saying, “Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; ***a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness***, as the morning spread upon the mountains...the heavens shall tremble: ***the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining***: and the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?” The 24th chapter of Isaiah also contains scriptures concerning this time of God’s judgments that are terrifying in their fulfillment (verses 1-9): “Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof...therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left. The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh. The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth. They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.”

NO ESCAPE

There is something God stirred me about this week while I was laying in bed thinking about this

message. It is from a statement made in I Thessalonians 5:3 by the Apostle Paul: “For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; **and they shall not escape.**” As in the days of the prophets of Israel, people today still do not want to hear a man preaching the truth to them, and consequently they will not escape the judgments and wrath of God that will be poured out upon them. They will be crying, “Peace and safety,” when destruction comes upon them as suddenly and unexpectedly as the travail of a woman who is going to have a baby. She does not know when that travail is coming! In the 13th chapter of this great book, the scriptures are even more revealing and more terrifying in their designation and identification of this day with its terror (Isaiah 13:6-9): “Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand [*that is, the period of time that begins when the antichrist and false prophet arise*]; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man’s heart shall melt: And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. ***Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.***”

NATURE TRAVAILS

Even nature will travail in this day of God’s wrath, as God’s judgments are manifest in the earth. Isaiah 24:3 says, “The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed

the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. **Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth,** and they that dwell therein are desolate.”

SAINTS

Beloved, when all this happens, if you are a saint of God you are going to be right here—for the Bible says concerning the antichrist that “it is given him to make war *with the saints*.” (Revelation 13:7, Daniel 7:21). Many professing Christians today have been led to believe the erroneous doctrine that “Jesus will come, and we will all be raptured away,” because self-appointed teachers and preachers are promoting this heresy from the pulpit, proclaiming falsely that “We will not be here for the tribulation!” But take a look at this scripture, in Revelation 13:9-10: “If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith *of the saints*.” Beloved, will you be able to withstand the tyranny, and terror, and oppression of the antichrist? The Bible says in Matthew 10:22 that “he that endureth to the end shall be saved,” and that means that we are going to have to face an ordeal that will severely try our patience and faith. And the people of God will be *right here* when that terrible tribulation begins—so quit listening to fables taught by phony preachers who twist the scriptures. Listen to the Word of God!

WRATH

Paul said, in I Thessalonians 5:9, “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.” We are not appointed to wrath, but many of God’s elect will witness God’s wrath upon the antichrist and his kingdom, and their deliverance will be by divine protection—

not by an ‘easy rapture.’ The Psalmist David, writing prophetically of the trials facing us in these last days, said, “**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.**” (Psalms 91:7-8).

MERCY

In conclusion, II Peter 3:9-14 gives us this assurance, that “the Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, *not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*.” I want you to remember that during these terrible times, when the terror of God’s wrath is poured out, and the kingdom of the antichrist is filled with stygian darkness, and men gnaw their tongues for pain, and blaspheme God; there are still going to be some who will see the futility of rebelling against God—and they will cry, “*Jesus, have mercy on me!*” And the Lord will show them mercy, and save them. And here is the only hope—and thank God there is some hope, even in this terrible darkness: “And it shall come to pass, that *whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved*.” Even while God is pouring out his judgments on this earth, he still loves and cares for us. He is going to judge this world in righteousness; but in their moment of distress and pain and hopelessness, whoever will have the courage and moral fortitude to cry out, “O God, have mercy on me,” will find mercy. They will be like the malefactor on the cross next to Jesus, in the account found in Luke 23:42-43. Just before Jesus died, at that very last moment, one of those thieves that were crucified alongside him said, “Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in

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paradise.” That thief made it just in time—in his last hour!

GOD’S PURPOSE

The great prophet Isaiah forewarns us, in Isaiah 13:10-11, “For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. **And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.**” Ladies and gentlemen, God is going to get back in business again, and show people his right hand—his judgments on a wicked and ungodly world. David prayed, in Psalm 74:11-12, “Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom. For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.” He is going to judge this world in righteousness, and through these judgments he will be trying to bring men down, and humble their hearts, and break their pride, and haughtiness, and arrogance, so that they will acknowledge their need of Jesus. That is what it is all about. God grant us grace to overcome, and to shine forth as lights in this darkening world, that all men may be drawn unto Christ.

The End.

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