

The Apocalypse

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The Lord has been speaking to me about many things over the past few weeks and I've been working on several articles for this website. Tonight the Spirit of the Lord came upon me during worship and spoke about how the Church has forgotten about the holiness of the Lord.

My brothers and sisters, the Lord is returning very soon and we must be prepared to meet Him. The Spirit of the Lord came upon me in Elliston, Montana, one night in 1999 and He said, "Many thought they were safe and secure but they were cast into outer darkness."

The Bible says, "Without holiness no one shall see the Lord." I want to encourage you this month to make a spiritual assessment of your life and search your heart to find out if the King of Kings is the number one priority in your life. If so, then your life will bear fruit that shows this to be true. Remember, "It's a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" unprepared.

Today I feel led to write about the Apocalypse and the end of Gentile world power that seems to be taking place before our very eyes. Many people have been calling, writing and emailing us asking about the end time and the destruction of the United States.

As I've said for many years from the pulpit, the only way to know about the end time is through revelation – revelation from the Spirit of God and the Word of God. You can't, for example, learn what the book of Revelation means from commentaries – they're all wrong (I don't mean they are necessarily wrong about everything they write but they're wrong about most of it) and the reason is because most study bibles and commentaries that write about Revelation

and the end times have obtained it from somebody else who was wrong – they didn't obtain it directly from the Spirit of God.

For example, it's widely written and accepted by most Christians today that there is a rapture of the Church and that it occurs before the Tribulation period spoken of in both the Old and New Testaments. However, what is their basis for this? Frankly, it's "thin!" So thin in fact I'd call it invisible. The theological rationale goes that because John was caught up into Heaven in Revelation 4 that this is not only a picture of the rapture of the Church but also when it will happen.

Well, perhaps I've missed something then. I've been caught up into Heaven scores of times by the Spirit as John was and it was not a rapture or even a type of the rapture but merely a spiritual vision and revelation like John saw.

Jesus never clearly spoke about the rapture of the Church. Instead He spoke about His return as being when there would be a division between those of His Kingdom and the evil one's. He gave many parables to this end – separation of the good and bad fish, the Sheep and Goat Judgment and others. But all of these happened at the end.

Bible scholars as you probably know are divided on this issue. The dominant position by far is that of a pre-Tribulation rapture of the Church. The next most believed position is that of the rapture occurring at the mid-point or 3 ½ years into the Tribulation Period (sometimes referred to in eschatology as "the Day of the Lord.") The minority view is that there will be no rapture but that Jesus will return at the end of the Tribulation period and set up His Kingdom upon the earth. For this reason those who hold this position are deemed to be Pre-millennialists, i.e., the Lord will return and set up His millennial kingdom of a thousand year reign and He and His Saints will rule the earth while Satan is bound during this 1000 years.

I spent 10 years back in the '70s on eschatology and the coming of the Lord. I came to some startling conclusions from the Word.

The word apocalypse comes from the Greek word *apocalypsis* which means an "unveiling." Our modern Pentecostal terminology would refer to this as a *revelation*, and of course, the most famous apocalypse in the Scriptures is that referred to as the Book of Revelation.

As I wrote in my book *Revelations from God*, however, the "veiling" of any apocalyptic writing can be deciphered by the Holy Spirit if one understands

Dark Speech. The better you understand Dark Speech the easier it is to not only interpret your own visions and dreams but also apocalyptic writing.

Now, all the emphasis on apocalyptic writings is normally placed on Revelation when, in fact, other Apocalyptic passages of Scripture speak more about the Day of the Lord than does Revelation. They all tie together and, in fact, corroborate one another as we would expect when we understand them because the Word says that God “is not the author of confusion.” He wants us to understand the Word because, even though every human in the world can benefit from reading the Bible, it was mainly given to Israel and the Church. And as the Lord showed me in 1997 from the equation **True Wisdom = True Knowledge + True Understanding** a non-Christian can read the Bible but cannot have true wisdom because they don’t have the Spirit.

As I’ve pointed out many times before, the key to understanding the Scriptures was given by Jesus in John 8 – we must become disciples and “abide in the Word”; only then will “we know the truth” and “be set free.” The more time you spend “abiding” in the Word the more truth you will gain.

As might be expected in the Old Testament, God’s “revelation” or apocalyptic visions were given only to His prophets and priests (on a few occasions) but mostly we look to the prophets because the Lord said in Amos 3:7, “The Lord God does nothing unless He reveals it to His servants the prophets.”

We look at books such as Zechariah and Daniel as apocalyptic books but also we must be alert to look for apocalyptic visions given to other prophets such as Isaiah (*cf.* Is. 24-27 sometimes referred to as “the Isaiah Apocalypse”). That is why it takes much time in the Word to put it all together. Based on all my time in the Word I believe the major book to understanding the Tribulation and the rapture is the book of Daniel. I want to deal with some of Daniel’s visions and I think you can form your own conclusions about the rapture and the end time.

Daniel was a very blessed man. Jesus referred to him as “Daniel the prophet” and the Lord authenticates not only the book of Daniel but also that the prophecies were indeed spoken by Daniel himself. He remained pure to the Lord even though he was deported to Babylon during the first deportation or Exile by Nebuchadnezzar in 605 B.C. (there were three separate deportations, the other two being in 597 B.C. and 587 B.C.). Daniel was not a *Nabi* prophet – we never see him proclaim, “Thus saith the Lord ...” But he was a seer and he possessed much wisdom that was a gift from God. Daniel was privileged to see the main kingdoms of the world until the end of time; God has granted this to no other individual. Also, I do not think it insignificant that the man God chose

was named “Daniel” a name which means “God is Judge” to reveal the final Judgment of God for the human race and Planet Earth. Therefore, as the Book of Hebrews tells us, we should pay “earnest heed” and not let the Word of God “slip.” We should read, meditate and pray into the book of Daniel.

I’ve discussed in my books and in articles on here from time to time the phrase the Lord gave us in Montana – “The Eye of the Eagle.” I mentioned how in 1999 the Holy Spirit began to give me questions for instruction to help Christians develop the “Eye of the Eagle” and mature their spiritual discernment. The first question the Spirit gave me involved Daniel. He said, “How was Daniel able to interpret the handwriting on the wall?” I responded immediately without meditating on the question, “Because he was a prophet.” The Spirit replied, “No, Jeremiah was a prophet and he would not have been able to interpret the handwriting on the wall.”

Most “Eye of the Eagle” questions are not as simple as this one; they must be meditated upon and an answer received from the Holy Spirit by *revelation*, e.g., “What is the highest form of prosperity that a human can attain?”

The answer to this question about Daniel, however, is actually given in Daniel 1:17. You see, Daniel was *gifted* in the area of dreams and visions! It was a spiritual gift that the Lord had given him and the Lord used this gift (Pr. 18:16) to promote Daniel and keep him at the head of government through several gentile kings after Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel’s visions, however, dealt with Israel and the Gentile world powers. Remember, the “Times of the Gentiles” began with the fall of Jerusalem and deportation of Jerusalem back to Babylon as Isaiah and Jeremiah prophesied. We are still in those “Times of the Gentiles” but as you will see, Daniel had two visions that showed this domination coming to an end. It’s also quite interesting that God gave revelation of this first, great gentile kingdom to its king, Nebuchadnezzar. The Lord used this not only to “unveil” an apocalypse but also to promote Daniel to a prominent place of influence in this gentile government.

Two of his visions involved “the abomination of desolation” – a term Jesus referred to when He discussed the end. It’s interesting that both of these visions have several elements in common. One of Daniel’s visions was fulfilled in 165 B.C. by the “little horn” of Antiochus Epiphanes, a Hellenistic king out of Syria who persecuted the Jews 400 years after the time in which Daniel was living. He performed the first “abomination of desolation” in the Temple by sacrificing a pig on the altar in defiance of God.

Both this “little horn” and the one to come we refer to as the Antichrist are virulent in their hatred of the Jews (and the Antichrist will also hate the Church as well, in fact he does because he is alive now and rising to power).

Because of the long wars, Palestine had been greatly reduced to poverty and they were longing for peace and prosperity again – still another parallel with today because most of the world is clamoring for “peace and prosperity” in Palestine at any price. Antiochus the Great planned to defeat Egypt but instead he made a *covenant of peace* with them and sealed it by giving his daughter, Cleopatra, in marriage. He harbored evil intent, however, and actually planned to use her surreptitiously against him like Saul did Michal, Saul’s daughter and David’s first wife.

We hear talk about the USA being a “super power” today but only four great Gentile world kingdoms – Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and the last one, Rome, were shown to Daniel as well as their various divisions through time. The western part of the Roman Empire fell in 476 A.D. whereas the Eastern Kingdom, Byzantium, which was the longest “Christian” empire did not fall until 1453. Those who can see with the Eye of the Eagle, however, readily discern that these were (are) not just physical kingdoms but spiritual as well.

Remember, it’s *significant* that both the beginning (*cf.* Daniel 3:1-7) and end of this Gentile world order (*cf.* Rev. 13) are marked by the erection of idol images that must be worshiped under penalty of death if one refuses. It’s also significant that during both periods the Jewish people were in exile – under Nebuchadnezzar they were taken into physical exile and the first Temple built by Solomon was destroyed; today they have returned to their homeland but are still in spiritual exile from God and the Temple has not been rebuilt – any significance to this?

The second “abomination of desolation” and the one Jesus spoke of will occur shortly. Daniel saw it in a vision given of the Little Horn in Daniel 7. I’m not going to continue any further with this because I feel that the Lord wants you to meditate in the Word on this subject and let Him speak to you.

After all my years of study in the Word of God my personal conclusion is that there is a rapture at the mid-point of the tribulation period. I would be interested in hearing your comments.