

The Christmas Celebration

Why Do We Celebrate Christmas?

In my extensive study of the Books of the Bible since February 2007, I have not found any instruction or command in the Bible where God, Jesus, or the Apostles, give command nor instruction that we are to give an annual observance or celebration of the birth of Jesus, (Christmas), nor for that matter of his death upon the cross, (Easter). There is no mention of giving a celebration or remembrance of his resurrection either. Therefore, I have to ask the question, “Why do we give observance and celebration of the birth of Jesus, in what is known as Christmas,” when God has not commanded it, and God tells us we are not to add to or subtract from his Word, or his Commandments?

In my effort to discover the truth about the Christmas celebration I went to both the Bible and historical documents. I discovered that for the first 200 years or so after Jesus walked the Earth, there was no such celebration kept. Then there came among a few, only a small few, of the Christian Sects, the desire to celebrate Jesus’ birthday, just as many celebrate their own birthdays every year. From this a tradition ensued.

History of Christmas

In my effort to be diligent in my study of the Bible, I took a look at the history of Christmas. I find nowhere in the Holy Scripture that God gave instruction of its observance, but Emperor Constantine did order its observance in the year 325 AD. It was Emperor Constantine that established the Church of Rome in the 300’s AD, and then named himself the first Pope. It was in this capacity as the first Pope, in which he made the observance of the Birth of Jesus, Christmas, and the observance of the resurrection of Jesus, Easter, church backed religious holidays.

Christmas official, but not generally observed

In 325 AD, Constantine the Great, the first Roman emperor to be baptized as a Christian, introduced Christmas as an immovable feast on 25 December. He also introduced Sunday as a holy day in a new 7-day week established by Emperor Constantine, and introduced movable feasts (Easter).

In 354 AD Bishop Liberius of Rome officially ordered his members to celebrate the birth of Jesus on 25 December so as to come into conformity with the dictates of Emperor Constantine.

As you can see, it was not God who established the observance of Christmas or Easter, or the observance of the Sunday Sabbath, but Emperor Constantine of the Roman Empire in tandem with the Church of Rome.

God Says, “Worship Me.”

Remember: if God did not speak it then it is not of God, and if you cannot find anything in the Books of the Bible where God or Jesus gives instruction or command that the birth of Jesus be observed, then to do so will put you in opposition to the Will of God.

As you can see, I have just made a bold statement, therefore, you might ask, “Where in the Bible does God actually tell us that we are in error if we do other than as God has spelled out?”

God’s Command

Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you.

Deuteronomy 4:1

What this verse is saying is that God has taught us how to obey him, by keeping his statutes and judgments, which translate into the Ten Commandments. When we are obedient to the Word of God, then God will give rewards for giving true and correct worship to him.

God’s Warning

*Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. **Deuteronomy 4:2***

What this verse is saying is that we are not to take what God has already commanded or instructed us, and add or remove something to what he has already told us.

Again, let me repeat, **I have found nowhere in the pages of the Bible where God, Jesus or any of the Apostles gives instruction or command that we are to give celebration of the birth or death and resurrection of Jesus.**

If God did not speak it, then it is a lie. Or to put it in another way, if God does not give specific command, then for us to engage in such a celebration is to place us in opposition to the Word of God. If God has not ordered that we observe the Birth of Jesus as an annual celebration as part of giving true worship to him, then to do so is adding to what God has told us. As God tells us above, we are not to add anything to how God tells us to worship him.

An Example of God's Command

There are two times in the Bible where God has changed an aspect of how we are to give worship to him, and both times God or Jesus has given specific instructions as to what we are to do.

The Passover

*And the Lord said unto Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of the Passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof: But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof. In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth aught of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you. **Exodus 12:43-49***

As you can see, in the subject of the Passover, God is very specific as to who can partake of the observance as well as the command that the keeping of the Passover is an "**Ordinance, or a law.**" Where in the Bible do you find God giving such specific and elaborate instructions of command that we are to keep an annual observance of the birth or death of Jesus? I have found no such occurrence.

If God did not speak it, then it must be a lie.

The New Passover

The second change of what it is that defines how we are to give true worship to God was given to us by Jesus.

In the observance of the Passover, a beast is sacrificed and then eaten as a symbolism of the sacrifice of the prophesized Messiah. With the First Advent of Christ Jesus, the sacrifice of an animal is no longer required, because Jesus is a more perfect sacrifice. Because of this, the Passover observance also no longer needed the

sacrifice of an animal. However, the observance of the Passover has to do with more than simply eating a sacrificed animal, but with the memory of all that God did and accomplished when he caused Pharaoh to let God's people go out of Egypt.

Jesus taught that instead of the killing of the Beast, we are to break bread and drink wine symbolically as being the body of Jesus and the Blood of Jesus, as Jesus being the sacrifice.

Breaking of the Bread

*And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body." **Mark 14:22***

Whereas under the Old Testament Passover, the flesh of the beast had been symbolic of the body of the Messiah, with this above instruction given by Jesus, the breaking of the bread replaces the eating of the beast. The Passover is still required to be kept by all who are the Saints of God, but the killing of a beast is no longer required, and is therefore replaced by the Breaking of Bread.

Drinking of the Wine

*And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, "This is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God." **Mark 14:23-25***

God has always forbid the drinking of the blood of animals, but Jesus gives symbolically the drinking of the wine not as the drinking of his blood, but of the blood of Jesus that is shed in his sacrifice on the cross, which he allows as a sacrifice for the remission of Man's sins.

All but a few of those Churches that call themselves Christian, do not keep the Passover observance, and even those that do, continue the tradition of killing an animal as the main part of the meal. With the above instructions from Jesus, the Passover is still a requirement, but the breaking of the Bread and the drinking of wine, replaces the eating of the beast.

Take Note: The wine spoken of is not fermented wine, but the **Good Wine**, which is unfermented, or Grape Juice. God-Jesus does not condone consumption of alcoholic beverages.

God's Will be Done

As you can see from the above discussion, God has commanded that we as the Saints of God must observe the Passover, to keep in remembrance of all that God did to free the slaves of Egypt and turn them into the Nation of Israel.

With the First Advent of Christ Jesus and the sacrifice of Jesus, the eating of the beast has been replaced by the Breaking of the Bread and the drinking of wine, but the Passover observance is still required.

God has given specific instructions and a command concerning the observance of the Passover, which before Moses was not required as an aspect of giving true worship to God, but since Moses the observance is required.

Where then is such specific instructions given by God as to the observance of the Birth or Death and Resurrection of Jesus? As I have said, there is no such command or instruction in any of the Books of the Bible. If God did not speak it, then it is a lie.

A Christmas Prophecy

To show you that to add anything to what God has given us is to place yourself in disobedience to the Word of God, I give you what the Bible does tell us concerning the Christmas observance.

God's Two Witnesses

*And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlestick standing before the God of the earth. **Revelation 11:3-4***

It is a common misconception that these two witnesses will be two men that will stand in front of the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem during the End of Days, and preach the Word of God. This is a false interpretation however.

In the Lessons of this Web Page I give extensive discussion as to the true meaning of these verses, in short, one of the Witnesses are the Saints of God that have to endure the persecution of the anti-Christ religion during the 1260 years that the anti-Christ is given to make war on the saints of God, the other Witness is the True Word of God as it is written in the pages of the Books of the Bible.

Killed by the anti-Christ

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Revelation 11:7-8

The Beast of the Bottomless pit, as given here, Satan's Lies and Deceptions, in the form of the anti-Christ religion. The Bottomless Pit is the mouth of Satan, which endlessly spews lies and deceptions, so as to corrupt Man, and thus lead them away from the true worship of the God of Creation.

The First Witness

This beast, or the anti-Christ religion, will kill the two Witnesses.

The first Witness, or the Saints of God, will be killed and their bodies left in the streets, in that even in Jerusalem, or that city which is **spiritually called Sodom and Egypt**, those who have accepted the teachings of Jesus and have been converted to the true worship of God, will be tried and murdered by the Temple Elders, then latter be tried in the Trials of Inquisition held by the Church of Rome. In these historically verified events, this aspect of the prophecy is fulfilled.

The Second Witness

The Second Witness or the Bible will be killed, in that the truth given in the Word of God as written in the pages of the Books of the Bible will be hidden and distorted, so as to give meaning that is not the originally intended meaning as spoken by God.

The Word of God as written in the pages of the Bible will be outlawed during the 1260 years given for the anti-Christ to make war upon the Saints of God. It is in this way that the anti-Christ will kill the Second Witness.

Bodies Left dead in the Streets

*And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. **Revelation 11:9***

Once more this verse has been distorted in its meaning so that it is commonly understood that this verse refers to the bodies of the Saints of God lying in the street for 3 ½ literal days. This is a false interpretation however, the 3 ½ days is once more a reference to the 1260 years that the anti-Christ will have to make war upon the Saints of God.

Remember: in the Book of Ezekiel, God gives Ezekiel one day for each year. This ratio is the same that gives understanding to how much time God is speaking of in all of the time prophecies of the Books of Daniel and Revelation.

If you take 3 ½ days and allow the one day for one year you get 3 ½ prophetic years, then you must take that and multiply it by the number of days in a year as observed by those of the time of Jesus, or 360 days in a year. This then bring you to 1260 literal years, which is the time that the anti-Christ has to make war upon the Saints of God.

As I have already shown, one of the Two Witnesses is the Saints of God, and they are murdered by the anti-Christ, and for 1260 years those so murdered are not given honorable burial, because the friends and relatives of those so murdered, will fear that they too will be murdered by those who persecuted and then murdered them. In this, the second part of this prophecy is therefore fulfilled.

These same two witnesses, (Saints of God and Books of the Bible) are active today, just as they were during the Dark Ages under the persecutions carried out by the anti-Christ in the form of the Church of Rome, there are today a few like myself that preach God's True Word, as I am doing in the pages of this Web Page, www.GodsTrueWord.net, despite the contempt and ridicule thrown at us by those of the established Christian and other religions of the world.

They Shall Rejoice

*And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. **Revelation 11:10***

The above verse gives prophecy of the Christmas celebration and shows God's feelings concerning it.

Because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth: When you are convinced that you worship the true God, and then someone comes along and tells you that you are in fact worshipping Satan, you will get angry and in some cases get violent with those who only wish to show you the truth. I know this to be true, because I have experienced these reactions from strangers as well as from my own family.

When you are in a position of power in an organization or church that supports your religious views, and someone gives testimony that is contrary to your belief, you will at times work to silence those who would so upset the status quo. How dare anyone to come along and tell you that everything that you have believed since you're were a child are a lie.

And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another: The rejoicing and giving of gifts sounds a lot like Christmas to me. God gave us the story of the Nativity, so as to show that Jesus is God in the flesh of a man, not to instruct that we are to celebrate the Birth of Jesus.

Consider this: God is everlasting to everlasting, God was not born; God is forever. Jesus was born of a woman, because Jesus is a flesh and blood Man. It isn't until John the Baptist baptizes Jesus, that Jesus becomes the Christ. It isn't until the Holy Ghost, in the form of a dove, comes upon Jesus that the Christ enters the body of Jesus, thus transforming Jesus from being the Son of God into God in the flesh of a Man. The body of Jesus is the vessel in which the essence, (Christ), of God resides.

God has not given command or instruction anywhere in the Books of the Bible that we should have an annual observance of the birth of Jesus. The birth of a human child is a miracle of life, it is also common place, and not something that God would give special observance of.

This relates back to God's Truism, **if God did not speak it then it is a lie.** We must worship God exactly as he commands, neither increasing, (adding to), nor diminishing, (subtracting from), that which he commands.

Just think of the Christmas celebration as I have explained the establishment of the Passover, in that God gave specific instruction thereby proving that the Passover is a commandment of God, there is no such explicit instruction concerning the observance of the birth or death of Jesus.

Think of this in the following way. The anti-Christ has killed or distorted and confused many of the meanings of the verses in the Bible, which is one of the Two Witnesses, these verses we have been discussing here are an example of these distortions. With the new and false meaning that the anti-Christ has given, the people over the years have come to believe that the Lies of Satan are the Truth, so much so that when God attempts to show his true meaning, as he has given me to do in these writing of this Web Page, most will believe what they have been told to be the truth since they were a child, and reject God's True Word when they hear it.

Not of God but a man

In the following, I give historical validation of the misinterpretations of the above verses and that it was not God who established the observance of the Christmas celebration but a man, who was influenced or controlled by Satan.

James G. Brazer

The Following quote from **James G. Brazer** from the book titled, "**The Worship of Nature,**" **volume 1, page 529**, gives support to the fact that it was a man, Emperor Constantine and not God that establishes many of the anti-God traditions still observed all these years later.

The retention of the old pagan name of "Dies Solis," (the day of the Sun) for Sunday is, in a great measure owing to the union of Pagan and Christian sentiment with which the first day of the week was recommended by Constantine to his subjects: pagan and Christian alike, as a venerable day of the Sun. Politically motivated, (the Church of Rome), made transference of the day to Sunday from the Sun god Balder to Christ the Son of God.

As you can see here, and as I have shown earlier, it was Emperor Constantine and the Church of Rome who caused the transfer of the Sabbath from the Seventh Day of the Week to the First Day of the week, as well as establishing the Christmas and Easter traditions, not any instruction or command of God-Jesus.

Santa Claus

On top of the fact that Christmas and Easter are not given by God to be observed, and therefore should not be observed by the Saints of God, for to do so is to add to that which God has spoken, but even these symbols have been further polluted by the introduction of Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. This can be shown as follows.

As far as I can tell, all who call themselves Christian have incorporated the mythical being of Santa Clause, and it is, for the most part, around this that the Christmas Celebration revolves, not Jesus.

The Following is an excerpt that I have taken off the Internet. From this account of how Santa Claus came about, take note that what started out as a good man being generous to those in need, as is the Way of God, the imagery of Santa Claus was turned into the creation of a false god.

The History Saint Nicholas

The following is a history from Saint Nicholas through the Middle Ages and up to our modern day Santa. Discover the travels and evolution of the World's most prominent "gift -giver."

Saint Nicholas - a brief history St. Nicholas was born in 280 AD, in Patara, a city of Lycia, in Asia Minor. He became the gift giver of Myra. His gifts were given late at night, so that the gift giver's identity would remain a secret. St Nicholas was eventually named the patron saint of children, sailors, in Russia and Greece. St. Nicholas was a Christian priest, who later became a bishop. He was a rich person, and traveled the country helping people, giving gifts of money and other presents. St. Nicholas did not like to be seen when he gave away presents, so the children of the day were told to go to sleep quickly or he would not come! Nothing has changed and Santa Claus will not arrive this Christmas unless the children go to sleep early. A famous story about St. Nicholas, is about a poor man who had no money to give to his three daughters on their wedding day. St Nick dropped bags of gold into the stockings which the girls had left to dry by the fire. The sisters found the gold and ever since, children have hung up stockings on Christmas Eve hoping that they will be filled with presents by Christmas morning. Despite being quite young Nicholas had earned a reputation for kindness and wisdom. In the year 303, the Roman emperor Diocletian commanded all the citizens of the Roman Empire, which included Asia Minor, to worship him as a god. Christians believed in one god and one god alone, so their conscience would not allow them to obey the Emperor's order. Angered by their stubbornness, Diocletian warned the Christians that they would be imprisoned. The Emperor carried out the threat and St Nicholas who resisted the emperor's dictates too was also imprisoned. For more than five years, St Nicholas was confined to a small cell. He suffered from cold, hunger, and thirst, but he never wavered in his beliefs. In 313, when Diocletian resigned, and Constantine came to power Nicholas was released, and he returned to his post as Bishop of Myra. He continued his good works and became even wiser and more understanding by the time of his death on December 6, 343 AD. In the eyes of the Catholics, a saint is someone who has lived such a holy life that, after dying and going to heaven, he or she is still able to help people on earth. They often become patron to different groups of people - one such was children and many legends sprang up to explain his presence. By 450 AD, churches in Asia Minor and Greece were being named in honor of him. By 800 AD, he was officially recognized as the a saint by the Eastern Catholic Church. In the 1200s AD, December sixth began to be celebrated as Bishop Nicholas Day in France. By end of the 1400s AD, St Nicholas was the third most beloved religious figure, after Jesus and Mary. There were more than 2000 chapels and monasteries named after him. In the 1500s people in England stopped worshipping St Nicholas and favored more another gift giving figure Father Christmas. Over the centuries, St. Nicholas' popularity grew, and many people in Europe made up new stories that showed his concern for children. The name Santa Claus was derived from the Dutch Sinter Klass pronunciation of St. Nicholas. Early Dutch settlers in New York (once

called New Amsterdam) brought their traditions of St Nicholas. As children from other countries tried to pronounce Sinter Klass, this soon became Santa Klass, which was settled as Santa Claus. The old bishop's cloak with MITRE, jeweled gloves and crozier were soon replaced with his red suit and clothing seen in other modern images.

Now that you understand the history of Christmas and the origins of Santa Claus, you can see that none of it is commanded or instructed by the God of Creation, but are inventions of two of the Emperors of Rome, Diocletian and Constantine, who worshiped pagan God's not the Creator God.

Praying for the things of the Earth

Consider This: when you pray to God, it is more often than not, your prayer has to do with something that you think you need something earthly rather than spiritual. God provides for us, we who worship him as he commands, with what we need as defined by God.

I have come to understand that more often than not what we pray to God for are for worldly things and not of a spiritual nature. This all begins when you were a child, as well as when you encourage your children to sit on Santa's lap or write a letter to Santa, you are encouraging your children to treat Santa Clause as a god.

Just think about it, they are asking this magical being for toys, or dolls etc. which is a form of prayer. You have your children praying to Santa for things, just as you pray to God for things. You have caused your children to believe that Santa Clause is a god.

The worst thing is, that when your child gets older and finds out that Santa Clause does not exist, they translate this disbelief over to the God of Creation, which puts doubts in their minds as to the reality of God. This is as Satan wants our worship to be. A False worship founded upon Satan's False Gospel, which is the bottomless pit.

It is the name of Santa Claus that the children sing to and about, the name of Jesus is barely mentioned in this the Twenty First Century. I know that you don't see any harm in your children having a Santa Clause to believe in when they are babies, but to worship God in any way other than that which he commands is to not worship God at all. The time to begin true and correct worship of God is when we are children.

Those who torment you

The reason God gives in the above verses, concerning his Two Witnesses, as to the reason why we give gifts to one another is because these two witnesses tormented those who do not give worship to God as he commands. Those Two Witnesses gave testimony of God's Holy Gospel, which is summarized in the Ten Commandments. If you keep the Commandments of God and live your life in the spirit of the Teachings of Jesus, then you would know that to observe as a celebration the birth or the death of Jesus is not authorized by God.

Satan, through his influence over Emperors Diocletian and Constantine, established these celebrations as a way of pulling the Children of God away from God's True Word and into the lie that these celebrations represent.

Santa is Satan

If you do not yet believe that Santa is an invention of Satan, just compare the spelling of the names. Satan is Santa, this is one of the ways that Satan is so good at his lies, he can take something so seemingly harmless, yet that has such devastating consequences, and cause those who might otherwise give true and correct worship to God to falter in that worship.

Remember: the best told lies are 90% truth and only 10% lie, which means that the idea of Santa Claus and the good will that giving gifts generates in us, is the 90% truth, but the giving deference to a mythical being like Santa Claus is to give worship to a false god, which is in direct opposition to God's First Commandment, "*Have no other gods before me.*" **Exodus 20:3**

When you encourage your children to ask Santa for toys, etc. they are asking for things of the Earth, when God is offering us things of the spirit and of Heaven. You are causing your children to be Earthly, or physical, rather than spiritual. They ask and are given things, all through their childhood, so that when they get older; they continue to demand worldly things, which take them further and further away from God.

Do You Love God?

When I first understood what the above verses meant, I was very sad. All my life I have looked forward to Christmas, especially when my children and grandchildren were young, and now that I know the truth, I can no longer condone its celebration, which has put stress on my relationship with my children and grandchildren.

The thing that you need to ask yourself is this, do you love God? If you love God then you need to obey his word. God tells us we must worship him as is his pleasure, not as is our pleasure. **If God has not spoken it, then it is a lie.** God has never in scripture given command or instruction to the observance of the birth or death of Jesus, therefore we must not partake in these celebrations else we will be in opposition to the Word of God.

To be very clear, if you love God and wish to be numbered among the Saints of God, as defined by Jesus in **Revelation 12:17** and again in **Revelation 14:12**, then you must reject the lie that is Christmas and Easter, and end your celebration of them.

Resurrection of the Two Witnesses

And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. **Revelation 11:11**

And after three days and an half: Remember, 3 ½ days calculates out to 3 ½ prophetic years, and when you multiply 3.5 years by 360 days, as a year was in the time of the ancients, you get 1260 prophetic days, which of course is 1260 literal years.

Remember: the two witnesses of God are given to testify for the same 1260 years, therefore, at the end of the 1260 years of terror, the anti-Christ, a.k.a. the Church of Rome, lost its power to make war on the Saints of God, but not before the anti-Christ kills the two witnesses symbolically and literally.

Those of men and women who held true to the worship of God as commanded by God, which are called the Saints of God, were all but wiped out by the Church of Rome before it lost its power to persecute them. The Bible which had been illegal to possess during the Dark Ages, had a comeback as the power of the Church of Rome faltered during the time known as the Renaissance, but was distorted by the Church of Rome when it translated to ancient Hebrew and Greek texts into the languages of Europe and the rest of the world. Because of these distortions, it made it hard to find God's True Word, but not impossible.

The Spirit of life from God entered into them, with the end of the time for the anti-Christ to make war on the Saints of God, freedom from persecution allows that the truth of the Bible was once more read in the open, thus expanding the saints of God into great numbers in a very short time, I refer you to the Adventist Movement of the 1800's. It is in this way that the life of God enters into the two witnesses.

And they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. I am sure that the leaders of the Church of Rome, especially the Pope and the Cardinals, felt a twinge of fear, to see this happen.

When you have a monopoly on what you say, and that you profess to speak for God, you have power over the people. When people are given an alternative to your lies, by being shown the truth, then your power over the people is severed.

It was not however just those of the Church of Rome who shivered in fear at the resurrection of God's True Word during the 1800's, but many from the Protestant Churches felt fear as well.

You only need to read those writings from prominent Protestants during those years to see their attempts at showing God's truth as lie, especially concerning the observance of the Sabbath on the first day of the week, (Sunday), and not on the seventh day of the week, (Saturday), as is command by God in the Book of Genesis Chapter 2 and Exodus Chapter 20. There are also other Protestant traditions that are preached as truth that are in opposition to the Word of God.

The writings of E. T. Hiscox reflect this, which I have given excerpts of in **Lesson 19, Identifiers of the anti-Christ** found on this Web Page.

The Rapture of the Two Witnesses

*And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, "Come up hither." And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. **Revelation 11:12***

Because this verse is in the Book of Revelation, it is a prophecy of the End of Times and the End of Days. As in the Book of Daniel, God will sometimes jump forward in time from one verse to the next; I believe this is such a jump forward, from talking about the time of the anti-Christ, (538 AD to 1798 AD) and then the time of the World Wide Adventist movement in the mid to late 1800's, to the Second Advent of Jesus, which has yet to occur.

The **great voice from heaven** is God-Jesus calling the dead saints who were murdered for their faith, out of their graves, commonly known as the Rapture, up to him **"And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud."** As you might recall when Jesus returns he will come down from the clouds, and bring the dead saints up to him first, and then those saints that still live afterwards. It is my opinion that it is this event which this above verse is telling us of, it is a view of the Second Advent of Christ and the Rapture.

"And their enemies beheld them," is a reference the fact that the whole world will be witness to the Saints of God arising out of their graves and then being taken up to be with Jesus in the clouds in the Second Advent of Jesus.

Remember: if you do not manifest your love for God by giving worship to him exactly as he commands, neither adding to his word or subtracting from it, then you are not of God and if you are not of God, then you are his enemy. God seeing only Black and White, Good and evil, there is no middle road. When Jesus raises from the grave all his Saints, the whole of the world, that is alive at that time, will be witness to this.

Think of it this way, if you are not one of those being lift up to Jesus in the clouds, then you are not of God, which is to say you are an enemy of God and all his Saints. When you witness people being lifted up out of their graves, then you will know all that I have been writing on this Web Page is true, and it will be time for you to repent your sins and do what you must to come into obedience to the Word of God.

There is Still Time

Do not be distraught however, there is still time to repent your sins and ask God to forgive you, if you take these words that you are reading to heart and begin the process of conversion, you still may be saved. If you wait till the Second Advent of Jesus, and the Rapture, or if you die first, it will be too late however.

I have done all the hard work for you, in the writing of the lessons and chapters offered on this Web Page: www.GodsTrueWord.net, if you begin with Lesson 1 and continue forward in order from there, you will learn God's True Word, and be justified in the hope of Salvation and Redemption.

The first battles of the Great War are being fought right now, the Nuclear Holocaust that will kill 1/3rd of the Earth, and 1/3rd of the Sea, and 1/3rd of Man, is but a few months away. Just look around at the state of the world today, Russia taken up arms against those in Eastern Europe, and has made inroads in the Middle East, Iran has been given a path to obtaining nuclear weapons and the vehicles to deliver them, China is expanding its military into the South China Sea, which will bring into contention with the USA. The USA has no leader giving direction or the show of strength, which has given these other nations, the vacuum of leadership to fill.

Time is running out, the Great War prophesied by God-Jesus is nigh upon us, and God will no longer have patients with those who refuse to give true and correct worship to him.