

# Lesson 26

## The Witnesses of God

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### Preserving the Temple Mound

### Measuring the Temple of God

*And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, "Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. **Revelation 11:1***

The question I have is why is the Apostle John being told to take this reed and give measure to the Temple of God? I have to assume that this temple is either the Temple in Jerusalem or the actual Temple of God in Heaven. John is in the spirit, while being shown these things, so the Temple in Heaven is a possibility.

Considering the fact that when John is being given these visions, it is around 96 A.D. and the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed around 70 A.D., it does suggest that it is in fact the Temple in Heaven that John is being given to measure.

I still must ask the question, for what purpose is John measuring this temple? The Apostle John was intimately familiar with the Temple in Jerusalem in that he frequented it many times in his life, therefore, it is a possibility that John is being given to measure this Temple in Heaven so as to verify that it is consistent in size and dimensions with the Temple from Jerusalem, but again, to what purpose?

### Not the Court around the Temple

***But the court which is without the temple leave out,** and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. **Revelation 11:2***

The Temple in Jerusalem was built with a main building, the Temple itself, and surrounding the main building a wall. Inside the wall was the Temple Court where the people would go to give sacrifice of animals for the cleansing of their sins.

The Main Building or the Temple consisted of two areas, the Holy Place, and the Most Holy Place. Only the priests were allowed in the Holy Place, and only the Head Priest was allowed in the Most Holy Place and then only on special occasions.

So John is being given to measure the Temple Building, but not to measure the Court area or the Walls. Again, I ask, to what purpose?

The Most Holy Place is where the Mercy Seat is located; it was built for the purpose of giving the Messiah, a throne room already in place when he arrived on Earth. This was all given in ancient prophecies concerning the arrival of the Messiah. With this in mind, it is then understood that the Temple Building was the House of God, whereas the Court that surrounded the building was available to men.

## Given unto the Gentiles

*But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; **for it is given unto the Gentiles:** and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. **Revelation 11:2***

The Gentiles are that which the Jews called all others who were not Jew, it is also a reference to the fact that the Gentiles did not give true and correct worship to the God of Creation. The Jews in their arrogance did not nor do they even today give true and correct worship of God, but they even so looked down at all others, because they were God's Chosen.

**Remember:** as of the time that John is being shown these visions, the Temple has been torn down; therefore there is no longer a reason for the Jews to frequent the site where the Temple once stood.

John is given to measure the temple so that it will be understood where at the site that the temple once stood. In that area so measured, the Gentiles will not tread under foot, but the area where the Temple Court had been is where they will have access to.

In history God has caused that the place where the Temple Building once stood, is now occupied by the Muslim Dome of the Rock, which being a sacred place of the Muslim Faith is also only accessible by only a few leaders of the Muslim Religion. In this way, we now understand why John is given to measure the Temple Building, and that God has fulfilled this prophecy given to John.

## For Forty Two Months

*But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. **Revelation 11:2***

**Remember:** In that the Book of Revelation is a book of End Time Prophecy, the rule of one day for one year as it is established in the Book of Ezekiel is still used.

If you take Forty Two months and multiply it by the number of days a month had in the time of Jesus, which was 30, you get 1260 days. Allowing the one day for one year as established in the Book of Ezekiel, you get 1260 literal years. This is the same 1260 years as the anti-Christ has to make war upon the Saints of God or as we have determined before, from 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D.

What this is then saying is that for a thousand two hundred and threescore days, which is the same 1260 year period that the anti-Christ is given to make war upon the saints of God, the area or site of the Temple of Jerusalem will be overrun by the Gentiles, or those who do not give true and correct worship to the God of Creation.

If God had not caused that the Temple area not be covered by the Dome of the Rock, it might very well have been turned into a shopping mall, or parking lot. By having the Dome of the Rock built on the site, God has preserved the Holiness of the site, until the time when the New Temple will come down from heaven as prophesied in other verses in the Book of Revelation.

I do not want that anyone think that I consider the Dome or the Rock or the Muslim Faith a true and correct worship of God, but as with King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians, God makes use of even those that hate him, when it will serve God's purpose.

## Two Witnesses of God

*And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. **Revelation 11:3***

I have to ask the question, "**Who or what are the Two Witnesses?**" Because I know that the Book of Revelation is almost entirely given in Symbolisms, I wonder if these Two Witnesses are indeed men or is there some other meaning that God wants us to take the time to understand?

## Purpose of 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. **Revelation 11:3***

It has come down through tradition, and the false interpretation of these verses, that these two witnesses are two people that God will send to the Earth, in the End of Days, to stand up and give testimony of God's truth, just prior to the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. This interpretation however does not stand up as being true when you take the time to study the verses however.

## The 1260 day Time Prophecy

*And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. **Revelation 11:3***

The word "**Prophecy**" is defined as:

1. to predict what is going to happen,
2. to reveal the will of God,
3. to preach the Word of God.

In the above verse, Jesus gives a Time Prophecy to help identify who and what the Two Witnesses of God are; **a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, or 1260 days. As you may recall from our study of the Book of Daniel, it was determined that God gives one day for one year in all End of Time and End of Day time prophecies, therefore, this 1260 days becomes 1260 literal years.

In prophecy, there are several events all taking place during the same time period, the 1260 years, which we've been discussing in earlier Lessons. This 1260 year time period begins in the year 538 AD when the Church of Rome is given sovereignty over the lands of the Vatican, within the City of Rome, Italy, and ends in the year 1798 AD when Napoleon puts the Pope under arrest and confiscates the wealth of the Church of Rome in all those lands where Napoleon has control.

In that these **two witnesses** are giving their testimony during the same time that the anti-Christ has to make war on the Saints of God they are therefore witnesses of the time of the Dark Ages, and as such they would have stood up against the anti-Christ or the Church of Rome during that same time period.

They are therefore not in a time yet to come as of my life time, but of a time in my past, which I have already shown to be from 538 AD to 1798 AD. To understand this to be correct, let's take a closer look at the words of this prophecy.

## They shall prophesy

*And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. **Revelation 11:3***

During this 1260 year period, the Two Witnesses will prophesy and give testimony of the Word of God and the Kingdom of God.

The word "**Prophesy**" is defined as: to reveal the will of God in predicting a future event. As used in the above verse the word "**Prophesy**" means to preach the Word of God, and not necessarily predict future events.

During the time of the Dark Ages, the Church of Rome made it a crime punishable by death to have in your possession a copy of the Bible or any part thereof. It was the Saints of God that lived during those horrific times that kept the Word of God alive through their centuries long preaching of the Word of God to any and all who would listen. These people did not give predictions of future advents so much as they kept the knowledge of the ancient prophets of God and the Teachings of Jesus from being destroyed by the anti-Christ in its form as the Church of Rome.

## Clothed in Sackcloth

*And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. **Revelation 11:3***

Those who wear "**Sackcloth**" do so because they are in poverty and cannot afford proper clothing, or they place on their bodies sackcloth so as to humble themselves before God.

The fact that God's Two Witnesses wear Sackcloth is to indicate that they are humble and meek. Rather than send his Two Witnesses dressed in Royal Purple or fine clothing, which is symbolic of those having the wealth of the Earth, God wants that they be seen as not of the Earth and not having any interest in the wealth of the Earth, but that they are of the Spirit, and give prophecy relating to things of the Spirit of God.

The **Waldenses** are probably the most persistent of the Saints of God, who lived in the Piedmont area of Italy not all that far from the City of Rome; even so they stood up against the Church of Rome during much of the Dark Ages.

## The Two Candlesticks of God

*These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the Earth.*

### Revelation 11:4

To understand this reference of Olive Trees and Candlesticks, you need to go to **Exodus 25**. In that chapter God gives instruction of those things that are to be placed into the Tabernacle on Earth, the candlesticks being part of this.

## Context of Candlesticks

*And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same. **Exodus 25:31***

**Remember:** the tabernacle on earth was but a symbolism of the true tabernacle in heaven. If you understand what these things, olive trees and candlesticks, represent in the true tabernacle, then you will see how this verse has importance in these prophecies given to John by Jesus.

These candlesticks were placed within the tabernacle in the first area known as the Holy Place, which is before the Most Holy Place, upon two tables, therefore, when God refers to his two witnesses as being candlesticks, is to make them extremely important in the eyes of God.

The Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle on Earth is symbolic of God's Throne Room in Heaven; therefore, the two Candle Sticks and the two Olive Trees are symbolic of sentries that stand at the entrance between Earth and Heaven. This makes them protectors against entry into Heaven by the forces of Satan, who professes himself to be the **god of the Earth**.

## Sentries between Heaven and Earth

*These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the Earth.*

### Revelation 11:4

God the Creator is the God of Heaven and Earth and all that is within, but Satan, having been expelled from Heaven, has declared the Earth to be his domain, and therefore has declared himself to be the **god of the Earth**. This declaration is solely in the imagination of Satan, and not given to Satan by God.

God refers to Satan as the **god of the Earth**, because Satan has declared himself as such. God does this so that we will understand that **God's Two Witnesses** are the sentries or protectors of the Word of God, keeping Satan's False Gospel out of the hearts and minds of the Saints of God. The Saints of God are each one of them, temples or fortresses to the Word of God. They stand up against the lies of Satan, providing those who will listen, the truth of the Word of God.

## If any man will hurt them

*And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. **Revelation 11:5***

In that the Church of Rome, and many of its Priests and Monks, during the time of the 1260 years we call the Dark Ages, persecuted and murdered the Saints of God, and destroyed any copies of the Bible that they could find, these are those that God refers to as wanting to hurt the two witnesses.

When you attempt to destroy, alter or in any way change the word of God, as in the use of words in translation that give different meaning to the words in the Bible, causing those who read the Bible to get a different understanding than what God had originally intended, then you are committing a sin against the Holy Ghost, which as you might recall, Jesus tells us is an unforgivable sin. It is this altering of the words of the Bible meaning, which is one of the ways how Satan hurts the Two Witnesses, the other way is to the torture and murder of the people who are the Saints of God.

## Fire from their mouths

**Fire proceedeth out of their mouth**, is a symbolic explanation that requires an understanding of the symbolisms used to gain full understanding of what these words are telling us.

**Remember:** the "**Mouth**" is **symbolic of words spoken**. "**Fire from the Mouth**" therefore relates to **the power or meaning of those words spoken**.

When the forces of Satan preach Satan's False Gospel, they preach lies. Whenever you compare side by side a lie spoken to the truth, the truth will always show forth and destroy the lie, **and devoureth their**

**enemies.** It is the truth of God's Word that the Saints of God preached to all who would listen during the Dark Ages that when others compared God's Word to that which the Church of Rome preached, they could easily see the truth, and in that instant Satan's Lies were destroyed in the minds of those that heard the Saints of God speak God's True Word. It is in this way that the Saints of God were one of the Two Witnesses, and the Word of God as given in the Bible was the other of the Two Witnesses.

## A Sharp Sword

*And out of his mouth goeth **a sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

### Revelation 19:15

The words, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, has a strong similarity to this above verse of Jesus when he returns in the Second Advent of Christ.

The common interpretation of this, which is promoted by Satan and his anti-Christ, is that the **Two Witnesses** have this power to kill, but I suggest that it is Jesus when he returns that has that power, not the Two Witnesses, which is why I included this above verse to show the similarity of meaning. If you look back at history, the Saints of God were kept on the run by the Church of Rome, and had little if any power to fight back against the overwhelming power of the Church.

## In this Manner be Killed

*And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, **he must in this manner be killed.** Revelation 11:5*

**He must in this manner be killed**, once again has symbolic meaning as it relates to the above discussion. The "**He**" that is being spoken of here, is not a reference to men or a man, it is reference to Satan and Satan's Lies. Satan's lies will be killed by the preaching of God's True Word to all who hunger to hear the truth, and in that manner, Satan's lies will be killed in the minds of those that thus hear God's True Word.

The Key to establishing that these Two Witnesses are not two men but something else is the words, "**He must in this manner be killed.**"

To me, this means that it isn't the Two Witnesses that will kill their tormentors, but that the tormentors, being Satan's Lies, will be killed in the manner which is described in the End of Days and the Second Advent of

Christ, how the forces of Satan will be defeated by Jesus Christ. I think you will be able to see this as being true when we continue in understanding who and what the Two Witnesses are.

## Power to stop the rain

*These have power to shut heaven that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. **Revelation 11:6***

It is the tradition of understanding the meaning of this above verse, that if anyone should attempt to hurt these Two Witnesses, and that these witnesses have the power to kill their tormentors, and that the Two Witnesses further have the power to stop the rain, and cause water to turn to blood.

I suggest that these error filled traditions are all founded upon a false interpretation of the scripture in the Book of Revelation. In the following, I will attempt to show you the truth of what the Apostle John is writing about.

I admit I was stumped by this verse for a long time. It does sound like it is the two witnesses themselves that will have the power to do this, but after prayer and consideration, I have come to see, that this sounds a lot like the Seven Plagues that will befall the earth just prior to the Second Advent of Christ.

The Seven Plagues you may recall are brought upon the Earth by God, I therefore accept this as being a part of Gods Wrath upon all those nations that did champion the cause of the anti-Christ during the 1260 years that the Church of Rome had in it the power to persecute and destroy the Saints of God and all that is of God.

If you allow that the “They” being spoken of are not two men but that one is the Word of God as it is found in the Bible, and the other Witness is the Saints of God, and how they kept the knowledge of the Word of God from being destroyed by the anti-Christ. The power that the Two Witnesses have is in the words that they preach from the Word of God.

## In the Days of their prophecy

*These have power to shut heaven that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. **Revelation 11:6***

The Two Witnesses do not themselves have the power to kill or stop the rain, or turn water to blood, as described above, but this is telling of the Second Advent of Christ and that it is he who has this power. This is given support in the following words; “**in the days of their prophecy.**”

God is giving the when that these plagues will befall those that try to hurt the Two Witnesses, and that is “**In the days of their prophecy.**” This does not mean in the day that Jesus gives John the Prophecy, which was around 96 A.D. but in the day that the prophecy speaks of, which is in the End of Times and End of Days, which is today and tomorrow in my life time. This is supported in the following verses from the Book of Jeremiah.

## Retribution is God's not the Witnesses

*And the Lord saith, “Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:” Therefore thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; “Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.”* **Jeremiah 9:13-15**

I suggest that it is God-Jesus, who punishes those who hurt the Two Witnesses, which again is supported by the following two verses.

**Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel.** This is a pledge or an oath being made by God. Know this to be true, know that he is angry that you accept false gospel, and know that your eternal soul hangs in the balance.

**“Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.”** Know that this is true and when it has comes to pass and you will have no fresh water to drink, remember this curse and repent. Know then that what you have been told that contradicts that which I am showing you, is a lie and only through your repentance and your personal search for God's True Word will you have a chance of redemption.

## Wormwood is given to the evil

*And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.* **Revelation 8:10-11**

The **Two Witnesses** are what kept the true worship of God alive during the reign of terror perpetuated by the Church of Rome during those 1260 years. It is the prophecy of the Second Coming of Christ, that those two witnesses gave testimony of, and it is God-Jesus who will be the one to let loose his wrath upon all who had a hand in **“if any man will hurt them,”** including the nations that gave power to the Church. Woe to you who are the people of those seven nations of Europe, which remained after the anti-Christ (little horn), plucked up the three by the roots.

## The Beast shall kill them

*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.** Revelation 11:7*

Again, this has the sound of the Two Witnesses as being men, for this verse is telling us that the Beast will kill them.

**Remember:** we are talking about the Two Witnesses, not two men; and it is possible to kill or destroy something even when it is not man.

## When they finish their Testimony

*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. Revelation 11:7*

The Two Witnesses are given 1260 years in which to testify against the anti-Christ, and give God's True Word to all who will listen. It is mostly this one fact, the 1260 years that convince me that the Two Witnesses are not two men. There is more ways of giving testimony than in having someone stand up and speak. The Word of God gives testimony against the lies of Satan as an example.

## The Beast from the Bottomless Pit

*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. Revelation 11:7*

In the Book of Revelation there are two who are spoken of as being “**Beasts**,” the anti-Christ which rises up out of the sea, **Revelation 13:1**, and the Scarlet Coloured Beast, on which the Harlot Woman sits, **Revelation 17:3**. The question for me is, “**Which of these Beasts is being spoken of that kills the Two Witnesses of God?**”

The first “**Beast**” is a symbolism of the anti-Christ or the Church of Rome, and the second “**Beast**” is a symbolism of Satan’ s False Gospel, Satan’ s Lies.

## The Bottomless Pit

As I have suggested elsewhere in these lessons, the **Bottomless Pit** is Satan’ s Mouth and all the lies and deceptions that spew forth from it. The above verse is telling us that it is the Beast that ascends out of the Bottomless Pit that kills the Two Witnesses of God, therefore, it is those who give support and sustenance to the Lies of Satan; as they are given leadership by the Church of Rome that in fact do kill the Two Witnesses.

This is proven out in history in that by the time that Napoleon imprisons the Pope in 1798; only a hand full of Saints of God remained. Those Churches that gave lip service to being followers of Christ were deceived by the lies of the anti-Christ. The most obvious of these deceptions relates to the keeping of the Sabbath Day.

When God Says, “**Keep the Sabbath Day Holy**,” and Satan tells you that the Sabbath Day is the first day of the week, even though God has said, “**But, the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God**,” and you accept Satan’s Lie and live according to Satan’s lie, then you have been killed, because in the End of Days at Judgment Day, you will be found in opposition to the Word of God, and sentenced to the Pit of Hell’s Fire.

Satan’s words will kill you, and the anti-Christ in the form of the Church of Rome and its daughter churches are founded upon Satan’s words, therefore, if you accept that which the anti-Christ preaches, then you will in the end die the eternal death, rather than live in Eternal Life.

## Shall overcome them and kill them

*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**. Revelation 11:7*

These words are telling us that the Two Witnesses will be overcome and killed, how then is this accomplished by Satan's Lies, if in fact it is Satan's False Gospel which results in the death of the Two Witnesses?

## The Pope is Jesus hidden by the flesh

The Popes of the Church of Rome, throughout its history, have said that they are the representative of God on Earth, but they have also gone a step further as evidenced in the following:

Archbishop of Venice

Prior to becoming Pope Pius X.

**The Bishop of Rome is not only the representative of God Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ himself, hidden under the veil of the flesh. Does the Bishop of Rome speak; it is Jesus Christ who speaks.**

This was published by the Archbishop of Venice prior to becoming Pope Pious X, in 1903 A.D. when he became the 257th Pope of the Church of Rome. As you can see by this the Church of Rome and its Popes consider that they are God-Jesus, not just God's representatives.

## Shut out from Christ

The arrogance and the lies of the Popes of Rome are shown through in the following as well.

The Council of Laodicea

364 AD the Church of Rome passed a law.

**Canon XXIX which decreed: "Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on Saturday, but shall work on that day; but the Lord's Day they shall especially honor, and as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work on that day. If, however, they are found Judaizing, they shall be shut out from Christ."**

God has said, "**The seventh day, (Saturday), is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work.**" **Exodus 20:10**, and the anti-Christ in the form of the Church of Rome says that you shall work on the seventh day, and anyone found giving worship to God on the seventh day will be shut out from Christ. Who then do you believe, God or the Popes of the anti-Christ?

**If, however, they are found Judaizing, they shall be shut out from Christ.** Do you understand what this means? If you reject the dictate of the first day Sabbath, but continue to worship as God has commanded, on the seventh day, then the Church of Rome will shut you out from the Church.

At first, when there were still a large number of those who worshiped as taught by Jesus, this threat had no power, but as time passed and fewer and fewer knew God's True Word, to be shut out from Christ was the same as to being excommunicated from the Church of Rome. Another lie told by the Church of Rome was that the only way to Heaven was through the Church, so to be excommunicated was to place you in eternal damnation.

So you see, words can kill, when coupled with years of lies and suppression of God's True Word. With these dictates from the Church, over the years, those in opposition were not only persecuted, but arrested, placed through the Trials of Inquisition, tortured and then murdered by hanging, having your head cut off, and lastly by being burnt at the stake.

It was in this way that the Two Witnesses were finally killed, for over the centuries, all that opposed the false religion of the Church of Rome were removed, till only a handful of Saints remained that the Church of Rome was unable to reach.

## Bodies shall lie in the streets

*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 11:8***

This verse is not talking about the Dark Ages and the anti-Christ, but has stepped back in time to the Temple of Jerusalem and the influence that Satan had on the Temple elders. I support this statement with the words: **where also our Lord was crucified.** The Lord Jesus was crucified in the City of Jerusalem, therefore the "**Great City,**" being spoken of must be Jerusalem.

This above verse therefore gives description of an event that describes what happens in those years after the crucifixion of Jesus and before the destruction of the temple. Though many think so, this verse is not saying that the two witnesses' bodies will lie in the street of Jerusalem, but that many of the Saints of God will have been murdered by the elders of the temple in their effort to destroy the Christian Faith before it had a chance to become established. I see this inclusion of the discussion of the Two Witnesses as God's way of showing you

and me that the bodies in the streets are not the Two Witnesses but the people that are defined as the Saints of God and are one of the Two Witnesses.

## Not suffer to bury the bodies

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

Why do the people not bury the bodies? To understand this you need to once more have knowledge of the conditions of hatred, disrespect, mistrust, that the Church of Rome fermented during the Dark Ages. If a family member of yours had been taken away to sit before a Trial of Inquisition, and was then murdered by the Church, you would be putting your life in danger, and perhaps your whole family, if you went to the body to prepare it for burial. You would be seen as guilty of heresy by your association with the dead.

The word "**Heresy**" is defined as: a religious belief opposed to the orthodox doctrines of a church. Any opinion opposed to official or established views. Under that definition, everything that I have entered onto this web page is heresy because it is in direct opposition, not only to the dictates of the Church of Rome but to the accepted interpretations of most if not all of those churches that call themselves Christian. Fortunately for this Web Page, and me I suppose, such intolerance as existed during the Dark Ages no longer exists, at least not in America, else I am sure I would have been put on trial and found guilty of Heresy by now.

## Three and a half days

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

In that we are in the Book of Revelation and this is once more a Time Prophecy, these three and a half prophetic days is once more calculated out as 1260 literal years.

**Remember:** Three and a half, times 360 days in a year equals 1260 prophetic days or 1260 literal years. As such, this verse must be understood as being symbolic rather than literal.

I interpret this to mean, that over the 1260 years that the Church of Rome tortured and murdered those whom it called heretics and witches, the family members of those so murdered and others in those nations were unwilling and/or afraid to go through any burial process for those killed for fear that they would also be taken

by the church. I am unaware of what did happen to the carcasses of those murdered by the church, but I would not be surprised if they were left for the animals and birds to dispose of.

## The Earth shall rejoice over them

*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***

When I read this verse for the first time, I am compelled to ask the question, "**Why do those that remain on the Earth, after the Two Witnesses are killed, Rejoice and Make Merry?**"

The answer is simple. If one of the Two Witnesses is the Saints of God, and they have now been killed by the anti-Christ, then all that is left on the Earth are not Saints of God. If those left do not keep the Commandments of God or have the Testimony of Jesus Christ, as a Saint is defined, then they must be blinded by Satan's False Gospel, and therefore worship as Satan has preached, not as Jesus preached.

As I said in previous lessons, this verse sounds a lot like it is speaking of the Christmas Celebration. In that I am curious why this is, I did research concerning the origins of the Christmas celebration, the following is what I discovered.

In my extensive study of the Books of the Bible since February 2007, I have not found any thing in the Bible where God, Jesus, or the Apostles, give instruction nor command that we are to give an annual observance or celebration of the birth of Jesus, nor for that matter of his death upon the cross. There is no mention of giving a celebration of his resurrection either. Therefore, knowing that if God did not speak it is must be a lie, I have to ask the question, "**Why do Christians give observance and celebration of the birth of Jesus, in what is known as Christmas?**"

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.

## A Merry Christmas

*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***

I also had the impression the first time I read this verse that it was talking about Christmas. During Christmas do we not make merry, and do we not give gifts to one another? So much does this sound like Christmas that I took the time and effort to do a study on the origins of Christmas, which has shown me that Christmas is not a celebration of the Birth of Jesus, but is in fact a celebration of those who do not give worship to God as God commands. This essay can be found further on in this lesson under the title, “**Why do we celebrate Christmas,**” if you would care to learn more of Satan’s Lies, and how they have the sound and feel of being God’s True Word, but are deadly words designed to pull you away from the true worship of God.

## Arrogance of Conviction

*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*

**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 were a child is a lie.

**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 the Son of God into God in the flesh of a Man.

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 nor diminishing that which he commands. Just think of it 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.

## Christians not Saints

*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*

What this means is that those who think themselves Christians, do not give worship as the Saints of God, but are in some way giving worship in a distorted or erroneous way. One of these ways preached by Satan's False Gospel is to observe the Sabbath on the First Day of the Week, when God tells us:

*But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work. Exodus 20:10*

The other thing that puts those that remain who call themselves Christian in opposition to the Word of God is to engage in activities that over time have become tradition to that which is called the Christian Religion. One of those traditions is the observance of and celebration of the Birth of the man Jesus.

**Consider this:** God is everlasting to everlasting, or no beginning and no end. God is life, and God cannot die. Why then would God want that we give celebration of the birth or the death of a man, even a man that is the Son of God?

Let me explain this from another direction. God has told us that we must give worship to God, exactly as God has commanded, and if we give worship in any other way, then we are not giving True or Correct worship of God. This is shown to be true in the following verses.

## Which I teach you

*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

Where in the Bible does God actually tell us that we are in error if we do other than as God has spelled out? What this above 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. You see, God has told us how to give worship to him through his Ten Commandments, his Judgments, and his statutes, all of which can be found in the pages of the Books of the Bible. To establish by

tradition celebrations or other attempts of giving worship to God that are not commanded by God, is to “**Add to the Commandments of God.**” In the following verse, God makes it very clear, that this is not permitted.

## Exactly as God Commands

*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***

This verse makes it very clear, God has told us how we are to worship him, if we in our arrogance give worship to God in any way other than that which God has commanded, then who is it that we give worship to? It can't be God that we worship, because we have reject that which God commands in favor of what we find convenient or correct. It is not you or I that decides what is correct, it is the God of Creation, our Father in Heaven that makes that determination. If you believe this to be true, then you are with God, if you reject this, then you are not with God.

## Resurrection of the 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***

**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.

**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 back into the two witnesses.

The **Two Witnesses of God** are given the same time, (1260 years), as the anti-Christ has to make war on the Saints of God. Their purpose is to give testimony of God's True Word and thereby reveal Satan's False Gospel as preached by the anti-Christ to be lies.

## Identity of the Two Witnesses of God

*And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. **Revelation 11:3.6***

It is now that we have all the information that we give identity to who or what the Two Witnesses of God are.

### First Witness: The Bible

**Clothed in sackcloth**, gives reference that these two witnesses are not of the rich and powerful that lived in those years, but of humble origins.

**The Bible**, I suggest is one of the two witnesses, and its scripture of God's Holy Gospel is that which gives witness to God's Truth.

That it is clothed in sackcloth, is shown by the fact that the Church of Rome reduced it to a book of scorn, and went so far as to make it punishable by death, just to have it or any part of it in your possession.

So you will know there are many nations in the world today that have made it a crime punishable by death to have in your possession any part of the Bible or if you even carry on a discussion giving support to the Word of God as given in the Books of the Bible. The worst of these nations are China, and those that are predominately Muslim, which tells me, that though the Church of Rome no longer has the power to persecute the Saints of God, Satan has influence over others in the world today to continue his war against God and all those who worship the Creator. This can be shown as being true when you look at the Middle East and how Christians are being beheaded, just because they give praise to Christ and not Mohammad.

This persecution and murder of innocent people is another sign of Satan, in that Jesus tells us he is a murderer right from the start.

## Second Witness: Saints of God

*The Saints of God*, I suggest are the second witness. They are those who despite the continuous persecutions of the Church of Rome, and those persecutors before them, even so held true to their faith, and protected the writings of the Bible, which in turn gave courage and the knowledge of the truth for others to follow in that faith over the 1260 years of those persecutions.

The two witnesses are therefore, The Bible and the Saints of God that kept the Word of God alive, despite the attempt of the Catholic Church of Rome to destroy them both.

## History of Christmas

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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 that he made the observance of the Birth of Jesus as well as an observance of the resurrection of Jesus, Church backed religious holidays.

## Christmas official, but not generally observed

In 325 AD, Constantine the Great, the first Christian Roman emperor, introduced Christmas as an immovable feast on 25 December. He also introduced Sunday as a holy day in a new 7-day week, 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.

I found the above on the Web from the Catholic Journal or some other record related to or supported by the Church of Rome.

**Take Note:** The above refers to Emperor Constantine as the first Christian Emperor, but this is as the Church of Rome preaches, in truth, Constantine was a worshiper of the Sun God and never willingly converted to Christianity. The Church of Rome baptized him as a Christian and a Catholic, when he was on his death bed, it was his wife and mother that had him baptized.

As you can see from the above, it was not God who established the observance of Christmas or Easter but the Emperor Constantine and the Church of Rome.

**Remember:** God's Truism, 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 and celebrated, then to do so will put you in opposition to the Will of God.

**Remember:** Add nothing and subtract nothing from the Word of God. To celebrate Christmas or Easter is to add to the Word of God. When you put words into the mouth of God, you put yourself in opposition to God and all that he stands for.

## God's Specific Command

### 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 observation as well as the command that the keeping of the Passover is an "Ordinance, or a law."

So I ask you, 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.

### James G. Brazer

**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.

The above quote is from James G. Brazer from the book titled, The Worship of Nature," volume 1, page 529

In the above quote, 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.

The above quote gives support to the fact that it was a man, Emperor Constantine and the Church of Rome which establishes many of the anti-Christ traditions still observed all these years later.

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 this has been further polluted by the introduction of Santa Claus. 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 that God calls for us to be, the imagery of Santa Claus was turned into the creation of a false god.



### The History Saint Nicholas

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 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 him, food to eat, a place to live, friends and relatives to share our ups and downs.

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, your children 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 from which all evil enters the world.

It is the name of Santa Claus that the children sing to and about during the Christmas celebrations, 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. Wouldn't it be better that you read to your children the story of the Nativity as it is given in Scripture than to continue this invention of a false god called Santa Claus? Of all the gifts ever given to you by Santa Clause, none are as great a gift that the gift of Eternal Life that the God of Creation offers to all who **gives true and correct worship** to him, as he God has commanded. The First Four of the Ten Commandments gives us how God commands that we worship him.

## Have no other God before me

*Thou shalt have no other gods before me. **Exodus 20:3***

This means that you are to pray to no one or nothing but to God. When your child asks Santa for a gift for Christmas, that child is placing Santa Clause before God.

## No Idols or Graven Images

*Have no Graven Image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. **Exodus 20:4***

You may think that the time of worshiping Pagan Idols is long over, but when you give reverence to a statue or painting or some other image of that which is thought to be Jesus Christ, the mother Mary, or any of the other Saints or religious icons, then you are in violation to this Commandment.

## Do not bow down to them

*Do not bow down thy self to them, nor serve them. **Exodus 20:5***

When you enter your church and it is required of you to look towards the statue of Jesus and/or Mary and take a knee to that statue, before you take a seat, then you are placing yourself in violation of this Commandment.

## Do not take the name of the Lord in vain

*Do not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. **Exodus 20:7***

What this means is if you use the name of the Lord as a curse or if you give an oath using God as your witness but the oath is false or you do not intend to fulfill the oath, then you take the name of God in vain.

It is common among Christians that I know to say the following when they are venting anger, “**For Christ’s Sake**.” This is so common that I am not sure if the people making this curse even are aware of what sin that they engage in.

## Remember the Sabbath Day

*Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. **Exodus 20:8***

**Take Note:** these words are saying the “Sabbath Day,” not the Sabbath observance, or the Sabbath celebration. It is the “Day” that God is telling us to “Remember,” not the celebration or observance.

## What is the Sabbath DAY?

*But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work. **Exodus 20:10***

You see, God has told us without confusion, **the Seventh Day** is **the Sabbath Day**. When you observe the Sabbath on any other day or do not observe it at all, then you are putting yourself in opposition and disobedience to the Word of God.

## 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.

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.

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 when I know the truth, I can no longer condone its celebration. 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.

## Those who torment you

*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 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 to 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.

Those who want to continue in the Christmas tradition will reject this because they want to continue to give gifts and make merry, and are therefore offended when someone like me suggests that they are in opposition and disobedience to God when they keep such traditions. It is in this way that what I preach torments those who reject my preaching.

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

## 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 as the anti-Christ has to make war upon the Saints of God, 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.

**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 they preach 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 to the fact that the whole world will be witness to the Second Advent of Jesus. Many have suggested that when the Rapture occurs, it will be as people simply

disappearing, but what the above verse is saying, that the whole world will be witness to the Rapture of the Saints of God, and that all will see those they know to be dead, rise out of their graves and walk among us for a while before then being pulled up into the clouds to be with Christ.

**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.

## 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, it will be too late however.

## Jerusalem's Punishment

*And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. **Revelation 11:13***

This verse goes along with the Second Advent of Christ, and will occur sometime shortly after the Rapture of the Saints. In this verse there will be an Earthquake in the city which will kill 7000 people. The question you might ask is what city? The only City being mentioned in Chapter 11 is the city of Jerusalem, so it is this city which will feel the wrath of God first upon Jesus' return.

**Remember:** it was in the City of Jerusalem where the first Saints of God were murdered by the Temple Elders.

*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 11:8***

The key words that tell us what city God is referring to are, “where also our Lord was crucified.” This verifies to me that the City of Jerusalem will not feel the worst of the Great War, and will be mostly still standing until the Second Advent of Jesus, which I suggest will not occur until after the Great War and after the Great Tribulation. When Jesus returns, Hell on Earth will be removed, and Heaven on Earth shall replace it.

“And the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.” This earthquake will occur after the Rapture of the Saints, and those left on Earth will all have witnessed the Rapture. It is for this unquestionable proof that Jesus has returned, that those left will at long last see their error, and look to worship God as he commands. I am not sure how long the Great Tribulation will last, but it is my impression from my study of scripture, that it will be for about Seven Literal years. This verse is telling me, through all of the pain and suffering, and plagues brought down upon the godless of the Earth during this time, the Jews in Jerusalem will still not believe. It won't be until the earthquake and the Second Advent of Jesus, and after the Rapture, that they finally see the Truth that is Jesus Christ.

## God's Kingdom on Earth

*The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”* **Revelation 11:14-15**

Upon the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, God will lay his rightful claim to all the nations of the Earth. In short God will proclaim Jesus to be King of the Earth, which will essentially be his way of telling all those governments that exist at that time, that they are no longer the governments of their own nations, but that they are now subordinate to the dictates of Jesus Christ.

It is my opinion, that from the very beginning of Man on the Earth, it was always the case that Man was required to keep the laws of God over their own laws, but do to Satan's influence, the nations of the Earth failed to put the Law of God above their own civil laws.

The USA is a perfect example of this, the Constitution was founded upon by the Morality of God, and the Ten Commandments, but time and again, civil laws have been written and judgments given that do not put God's Morality first, this has caused the Government of the USA to slide further and further under the influence of Satan. Today, Liberalism, Satan's False religion, has control of the Presidency, the Legislature, and now the Judiciary, giving Satan absolute control of the people of America.

## Which are, and wast, and art to come

*And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying, “We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which are, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.”* **Revelation 11:16-17**

God is everlasting to everlasting, and in the above verses, the heavenly beings are acknowledging this when they refer to God as “which are, and wast, and art to come.”

**Remember:** the martyred Saints of God that were shown symbolically as being under the throne of God, this verse is showing that the Heavenly Beings are just as much in anticipation of the end of Satan’s Reign on Earth as is demonstrated by their glad worship of God, when Jesus declares his authority over the nations of the Earth.

## Giving Reward to the Saints

*And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.* **Revelation 11:18**

**And the nations were angry:** The nations will be angry because Jesus will establish God’s Kingdom on Earth, and all the nations will lose their sovereignty, and Man’s dominion over the Earth will be at an end.

**Thy wrath is come:** When Jesus returns it will be as a conquering King. All the nations of the Earth will have no choice but to acquiescent to his authority, and as the previous indicates, they won’t be happy about it.

**The time of the dead, that they should be judged:** This judgment is for the Saints of God, the First Resurrection, and not that which is called Judgment Day, which does not come until the end of Jesus’ thousand year reign, but all who are the Saints of God will be raptured up into the clouds with Jesus upon his return, and those who had been judged and found guilty by and murdered by the anti-Christ or the False Prophet, will be judged by God, and the convictions given by the forces of Satan will be overturned by Jesus, for God-Jesus is the ultimate authority in this universe.

## Trials of Inquisition

This also relates to the fact that during the Dark Ages millions of people were put to death by the Church of Rome, because they gave worship to God as God commands, which is in opposition to that which the Church of Rome preaches. The Church declared these people to be Heretics and Witches, and after a mock trial, (the Inquisition), they were put to death by beheading or by being burnt at the stake.

In this the people were for the most part innocent, in that they were giving worship to God as is commanded by God, and it is Jesus, upon his return and his Rapture of the dead, that those convictions will be overturned and those murdered will be declared not guilty, and be recognized by God as the Saints of God.

**That thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets and to the saints, and them that fear thy name:** As God has promised, and in that God's Promise is the foundation of the Faith of the Saints of God, Jesus will award those promises to the Children of God, at the time of his Second Coming.

**Remember:** to "**Fear the Name of God**" is not to be afraid, but **to give reverence to and respect to God and all that he stands for.**

## Them that Destroy the Earth

*And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy **them which destroy the earth.** **Revelation 11:18***

**And shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth:** All of human civilization that has been achieved and this high state of technology that we now live in are not as God had intended. This high tech world we live in is contrary to the natural human physiology which God instilled in us through his controlled evolutionary process. You need only compare life in the Garden of Eden to that which we have now to see the truth of these words. It is this high tech world that is destroying the world with pollutions of all sorts. This is as Satan wants, he hates God, and he hates Man. All which God loves, Satan hates and Satan wants to destroy this beautiful world that God created, as well as all life that lives on the land and in the seas. Satan wants to turn the Earth into a dead world, barren and lifeless.

All wars that have ever been fought between men have at their core, this hatred that Satan has for God. With the soon to happen Great War, which will be a nuclear war, the earth will be decimated, not just mankind but all life on the earth will be threatened with extinction, if not actually rendered extinct.

God will remove all who side with Satan, and are actively involved in business' that cause harm to the Earth, but also all others God will remove from the Earth that do not obey his word or his law. Upon the Second Advent of Christ all that is Satan will be removed from the Earth over the thousand years of Jesus' reign as King of the Earth.

## The Ark of the Covenant

*And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. **Revelation 11:19***

**Take Note:** in this vision John is given to see the Ark of the Covenant. Many have looked for it since it went missing during the Babylonian conquest of Judea, but you now know that God took it up to heaven, to keep it safe. Inside the Ark of the Covenant are kept the two tables of stone which have the Ten Commandments written upon them. Jesus is showing this vision to John, so that we who read his words will also see the vision and thereby know that the Ark of the Covenant is not lost but will be restored to the Saints of God after the Second Advent of Christ.

Doesn't this revealing of the Ark of the Covenant not yet convince you the importance of the Ten Commandments and all that they stand for? Upon the return of Jesus Christ, one of the first things that will happen is that the Ark of the Covenant, which holds the Ten Commandments, will be brought back down to the Earth. Does this not convince you that they are God's Law, and that God is everlasting to everlasting, and therefore God's Law is everlasting to everlasting? Since before this universe ever was, the God of Creation has not changed, therefore, neither has his laws. With the return of the Ark of the Covenant, the Law of God will once more be made absolute on Earth, superseding all laws of Man.

## The True Jesus

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The above is therefore a description of the events leading up to, during, and shortly after the Second Advent of the Christ Jesus. Can you see that there will be no doubt in the entire world when Jesus returns? So, if there is someone that you know that has professed to be Jesus, and these entire things have not yet occurred, then you should now know that they, who say they are Jesus, lie to you. If you now know what they say to be a lie, then do not give yourself to them, but reject them, for they are Satan, and your immortal soul hangs in the balance.

## The Adventist Movement

*And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. **Revelation 11:3***

The Two Witness of God is those Saints of God and the Bible during the Dark Ages, or from 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D. These two kept the Word of God alive through that dark time when Satan made war upon all who gave worship to the God of Creation.

At the End of the Dark Ages, the Power of Satan to influence the minds of men, still remained upon the Earth, only Satan's ability to persecute the Saints came to an end when Napoleon removed all the wealth from the Church of Rome and took away the sovereignty of the lands of the Vatican.

The power of Satan may have been stymied, but it was not destroyed. It was the Two Witnesses that were all but wiped out. This is shown to be true in history, where those that had opposed the false religion preached by the anti-Christ in its form as the Church of Rome, and were all but removed from the Earth.

With the end of the Church of Rome's ability to persecute the Saints of God, those few that survived the Dark Ages once more began to preach, to all that would listen, God's True Word. This is found to be true in history by that which has come to be called the World Wide Adventist Movement, 1800 A.D. through 1850 A.D., where the Bible became popular to read again, and study, research and open discussion of the Word of God, once more made its way into all corners of the Earth and languages of Man.

This Adventist Movement was not without resistance however, by the rest of the anti-Christ Churches that had been established separate from the Church of Rome, but which retained most of those pagan practices and traditions that place them in opposition to the Word of God. These are the Churches that are the Harlot Daughters of the Harlot Women that sits upon the Scarlet Colored Beast.

Because of this resistance still exerted by Satan's anti-Christ Churches, the need for witnesses of God's True Word still exists today. Though the Adventist movement brought back the open and common study of the Bible, Satan has caused that much of the original meaning intended by God when he gave instruction to his Prophets was distorted and corrupted so that to gain true knowledge required extra effort that most people are unwilling to exert themselves, so they relied on those others, from the harlot churches, that they assumed were educated in Bible Study to tell them what God's meaning is.

For this reason the daughter churches of the anti-Christ have grown, but the Word of God is still not fully preached in the world, in fact of the over 7 billion people that are alive on the Earth today, God recognizes only 144,000 people to be the Saints of God.

## The 144,000

*And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, (Zion), and with him an hundred forty and four thousand (144,000), having his Father's name written in their foreheads. **Revelation 14:1***

**The lamb** is Jesus or as Jesus taught the true and correct worship of God his father, in other words the true Church of Christ.

**Mount Sion** is a reference to the mount on which the City of Jerusalem and the Temple are built, God's Holy Mound, but it is also a reference to God's Holy Gospel which includes the Teachings of Jesus and all of the books of the New Testament.

## An Israelite Defined

**Remember:** I explained who an Israelite is? The name or designation of an Israelite has to do with why God changed Jacob's name to Israel, and that anyone, even those not blood descendants of Jacob, if they overcome their sins and keep the Commandments of God and give worship to God as he commands, is an Israelite. To be a Saint of God is synonymous with being an Israelite as defined by Jesus.

In the time of Moses an **Israelite** was defined as: those who kept and obeyed the Ten Commandments and those other commandments and judgments of God.

With the First Advent of Christ, the definition of an Israelite has been expanded to include those who have the testimony of Jesus Christ. What that means is those who are defined as a Saint of God are also those who are covered under the title of being an Israelite or the Sons of or Children of Israel.

*And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:17*

**The Dragon** is **Satan**.

**The Woman** is **the Church of Christ**.

**The Woman's Seed**, are all **those who hold true to the Teachings of Jesus Christ, as defined, "Which keep the Commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."**

With the first advent of Jesus, only **those who keep the Commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus can be called Israelites**, those that only keep the Commandments of God but reject Jesus, (the Jews), will be treated the same as all who are in defiance of God and his laws. Likewise, those who follow only the Teachings of Jesus, but reject the Ten Commandments as being only for the Jews, will also be treated like the enemy of God.

## With Jesus, the 144,000

*And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, (Zion), and with him an hundred forty and four thousand (144,000), having his Father's name written in their foreheads. Revelation 14:1*

**And with him an hundred forty and four thousand (144,000)** could suggest that the 144,000 are, pre-Jesus, Israelites who keep the Ten Commandments and have come to accept that Jesus is God in the Flesh of a man. But I am convinced that the 144,000 also include anyone who fit Jesus' definition of who a Saint of God is. This number, 144,000 is not coincidental; this is a reference to the 144,000 that are given the Mark of God on their foreheads from before the beginning of the Great War.

To be with someone, such as to be with Jesus, does not mean that they are physically with Jesus, but that they are followers of all that Jesus taught. If you embrace the teachings of Jesus, which include an expansion of meaning of the Ten Commandments, then you are one of the 144,000 Saints of God, or an End of Days Israelite.

## Having the Mark of God

*Having his Father's name written in their foreheads* thus God has marked them with his name on their foreheads, or given them the Mark of God.

**Remember:** the Name of God is the definition of which God is; his personality and moral character, which is based upon the Ten Commandments and the Teachings of Jesus. Therefore, this then gives verification that these are indeed the same 144,000 from before the Great War. This verse also tells me that those that are numbered in the 144,000 will endure through the Great War and the Great Tribulation.

If you think that you are Saved by the Grace of God-Jesus, but do not fit the above definition of who a Saint of God is, then your belief is in error and your immortal soul hangs in the balance. The Daughter Churches of the anti-Christ preach that all you need do is to declare Jesus your Savior and profess to believe that Jesus is God in the Flesh of a Man, and you will be redeemed by God, but that is a lie.

## A Voice from Heaven

*And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. Revelation 14:2-3*

**Take Note:** The only ones that could learn this new song are those who were redeemed from the Earth, and they are numbered in those 144,000 that God recognizes as being the Saints of God. I tell you this so as to give support to my above contention, that only those who can be defined as Saints of God will be redeemed.

## A New Song

And they sung as it were a new song: It is a new song that no other could sing, because it is the story of the Israelites and their long road to salvation. In the persons of the 144,000 Saints of God, God will, at long last, be able to fulfill his covenant he made with Abraham.

**Remember:** God is truth, when God makes a promise, which is what a covenant is; he is bound by his honor and his personality and his moral character to fulfill that promise, so long as those with whom he establishes a covenant hold up their end of the promise. Even though the Jews, the stiff-necked people that they are, were defiant of God's laws, Abraham kept his promise, Isaac kept his promise and Jacob kept his promise. For that reason God must keep the promises that he made to them. In the End of Days, there will be at least these 144,000 that will include blood descendants of Jacob as well as others, that God can give fulfillment of his covenant. I consider this to be the reason that when speaking about the 144,000 in the above verses, God's words are happy even jubilant, because his long-departed children have finally returned to him.

**The Seed of Abraham** are like Abraham in that they believe the Word of God.

**The Seed or children of Israel** are like Jacob in that they have overcome their sins and have asked for and been given forgiveness by God for their sins.

## Not Defiled with Women

*These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. **Revelation 14:4***

In the previous Lesson I gave explanation as to who the women are, so I will not do so again here. However, these women are of Satan, The Harlot who sits upon the Scarlet Colored Beast, and the Harlot Daughters of the Harlot, and are not the First Women, who stands upon the Moon, who is of God.

This then tells us that the Women that the 144,000 Saints of God are virgins of are the Church of Rome and the Protestant churches that came from it. In that the anti-Christ is the Church of Rome, then the harlot daughters are the offspring of that Church, that means that the harlot daughters are the Protestant churches that pulled away from the Church of Rome, but retained many of the traditions and false beliefs established by the Church of Rome over the Centuries, the most blasphemous being the Sunday Sabbath.

As I said in the previous lesson, the virginity is not a sexual virginity, but a purity of the soul. These 144,000 are the Saints of God and they are virgins of the False Churches of the anti-Christ, which include the Church of Rome as well as those Protestant churches that retained the blasphemous traditions and practices established by the anti-Christ.

## My Personal Experience

As an example, I will use my own experience. From a young age, I had no interest in attending any church or belonging to any religion. I had been shown that the Fourth Commandment required that the Seventh Day was God's given day of the Sabbath, but all the several different churches that I had experience with, through my family members, kept Sunday as the Sabbath, this caused me to look at those churches as being hypocritical, and therefore turned me off from them.

I did not learn about the Church of the Seventh Day Adventist until a couple of years ago, which does keep the Seventh Day as God Commands, but even that church has in its core beliefs things that are unsupported by the Bible, and in opposition and disobedience to the Word of God. For this reason, even though it keeps the Seventh Day Sabbath, I have been unwilling to join it.

## They Which Follow the Lamb

*These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. Revelation 14:4*

That these are *they which follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth*, tells me that they, the 144,000 are converted from the Islamic, and Judaism and of Christians to become fervent adherents to the true worship of God and the teachings of Jesus, those who keep the Commandments of God, and accept that Jesus is God in the flesh of a man, and that the Teachings of Jesus, expand upon and fulfill the laws of God.

## Redeemed from men

*These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. Revelation 14:4*

*These were redeemed from among men*; I suggest this reference to men, means from mankind, and not specifically the male of the species. What I suggest this to mean however is that in using a generalized phrase, "of Men," is another way of telling us that not only the descendants of Jacob are numbered in the 144,000 but others who are converted to the true worship of God who are not descendants of Jacob; As with the above explanation of the word virgin, this too is not associated with any sexual application, but of a spiritual nature.

## The First Fruits of the Harvest

*These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.* **Revelation 14:4**

*Being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.* This tells me that when these 144,000 are chosen or should I say have been converted to the true worship of God, that we are in the End of Days, and that the Second Advent of Jesus Christ is upon us. This reference to be the first fruits relates to the way God-Jesus has portrayed the End of Days as a harvest, as is shown in the following parable.

## The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

*The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while the men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, an enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.* **Matthew 13:24-30**

If you do not see how this parable has any relevance to *being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb,* then perhaps you will when you are shown the meaning of this parable.

## He that soweth

**He that soweth** the good seed is, likened unto a man, or the Son of man (Jesus); **Matthew 13:37**

## The Field

*The field is the world;* or all nations of the Earth.

## The Good Seed

The good seed are the children of the kingdom (those who keep the Commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus); **Matthew 13:38**

## The Tares

The tares are the children of the wicked one (Satan) those who have been told that the Ten Commandments no longer have meaning or that they have been fulfilled by Jesus on the cross, and thereby do not keep them; **Matthew 13:38**

## The Enemy

The enemy that sowed them is the devil, Satan; **Matthew 13:39**

## The Harvest

The harvest is the end of the world; (Judgment Day); **Matthew 13:40**

## The Reapers

The reapers are the angels. **Matthew 13:39**

## In the End of the World

*As therefore the tares (children of Satan) are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.* **Matthew 13:40**

## The Furnace of Fire

The furnace of fire is the fire of hell where when you are thrown in your essence, all that you are, will be consumed in eternal death. Think of this as creation in reverse. The Old Heaven and the Old Earth will pass

away. You are part of that old universe. With the birth of the New Heaven and New Earth, you will never have existed in this new universe; therefore, you will be as if you have never existed.

**And shall cast them into a furnace of fire:** Which is Hells Fire. **Matthew 13:42**

In a field of wheat, a farmer, will dig up the weeds (tares) and dispose of them, so too will it be in the Day of Judgment, where the evil ones, those who do not keep the Ten Commandments and are not defined by God as being the Saints of God, will be disposed of when they are given to Hells Fire.

## Those That Offend

*The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;* **Matthew 13:41**

Those who do not worship God exactly as he commands are offensive to God. If your church preaches that the first day of the week, (Sunday), is the Lords Holy Sabbath, and you accept this and observe the first day Sabbath and ignore the seventh day, (Saturday), as commanded by God, then you are one who is offensive to God.

## Wailing and gnashing of teeth

*There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.* **Matthew 13:42**

**Wailing and gnashing of teeth,** can have two meanings, one is as Satan will have you believe and the other which is God's Truth.

## Satan's Lie

Satan will have us believe that the reason they will be wailing and gnashing of teeth is because of the pain of being thrown into Hell's Fire.

## God's True Word

This phrase, **“there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth,”** is a reference to those who call themselves Christian, or adhere to the Jewish or Muslim faith, who think that their religion is the true faith, only to find, at

the Second Advent of Jesus and on Judgment Day, that they are barred from heaven because they do not worship God as he commands. When Jesus Raptures the Saints of God up into the clouds with him, those others who will be witness to this will begin to wail and object that they gave worship to God, so why are they being left behind? But they did not worship God as he has commanded, accepting Satan's lies even when being shown God's True Words. It is for this reason that there shall be **Wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

## Failure to Worship as Commanded

*Now therefore hearken, O Israel, (Saints of God), 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 or your fathers giveth you. **Deuteronomy 4:1***

**Hearken, O Israel:** When God is calling out the Israel, he is calling to all who fit the definition of who and Israelite is, or those that Keep the Commandments of God and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

**Statutes and Judgments:** In the above verse, God tell you and I with clear intent that we must obey God's statutes and judgments, which God has given us already, in the Ten Commandments and elsewhere in the Books of the Prophets.

**Which I teach you:** Again, God is making it clear that the requirements of how to give true and correct worship to God, is taught to us by God himself. If you seek out the Word of God, then you will know how to give worship to God, if you rely on others to tell you what God has commanded, then if they are ignorant or if they are agents of Satan, then how will you know if what they tell you is truth or lie? You must seek out God's True Word for yourself.

**For to do them that ye may live:** The life that God is talking about is not your continued mortal life, but the promise of Eternal Life. God is telling you and me that if we keep and do as God has taught us, then we will live, but if you fail to keep and do as God Commands, then there will be only death for you.

**And go in and possess the land which the Lord God or your fathers giveth you:** The land being spoken of is the Promised Land, or the area of land which lies between the Euphrates River on the north to the Nile River on the south, including the Arabian peninsula and the land of Ethiopia, which is the land that was defined as the area of the Garden of Eden in the Book of **Genesis 2:10-14.**

## Do Not Add to or Subtract From

*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***

**When God Says:** “*But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work.*” **Exodus 20:10**

This is the Word of God. These words are perfect, for they are spoken by God. If you attempt to change the words themselves or the meaning of those words as God intends them to mean, then you turn what was the Word of God into something that is no longer the Word of God. If it is no longer the Word of God, then whose word is it?

When your church preaches that Sunday, the first day of the week, is the Sabbath of the Lord, then that church has changed the Word of God. As such that church preaches anti-God or anti-Christ gospel, and as such is one of the churches of the anti-Christ.

We must accept the Word of God exactly as God spoke it, with all the meaning, no more no less, as God gave when he spoke the words, anything else is anti-Christ.

## God loves those who love him

*I love them that love me; and those that seek me “early” shall find me. **Proverbs 8:17***

God commands, as you can see from above, that we give worship to him exactly as he God has instructed. If you give worship as your church or religion preaches, and that church preaches Satan’s False Gospel, then you might say that it isn’t your fault that you give false worship. If you do not know the truth, and your church lies to you, how can you know the correct way to give worship? God’s answer to this question is found in the following verse.

**The first half** of this verse is a statement of fact; God loves those who love him. You may say, “I love God,” but if you do not obey the Word of God exactly as God has spoken the word, then you do not really love God, but are only giving lip service to that love.

When your Earthly father gives you a command, “**Be home by 9:00 O’clock,**” but you ignore your father and don’t make it home till midnight, you are showing your disrespect for your earthly father, which will anger your father, and most likely result in some sort of punishment for you.

When your Heavenly Father gives you a command, “**Keep the Sabbath Day Holy,**” but you accept the lie that the first day is the Lords Day of Rest, then you are showing your disrespect for your Heavenly Father, and no doubt this disrespect will result in some sort of punishment.

When you show respect for other people, you are telling them that you **love** them and find them worthy of your giving your respect to them. When you are disrespectful of others, you are telling them that you hate them, and that you do not consider them to be worthy of your respect.

## The Word “Early”

*I love them that love me; and those that seek me “**early**” shall find me. **Proverbs 8:17***

**The second half** of this verse is an instruction from God to each of us. The way to manifest your love for God is to seek or look for God, “**early**.”

**Remember:** how I told you that Satan imputes words in the Bible translations that do not have the full or complete meaning as the original word that the ancient Hebrew or Greek had? This is one such occurrence.

If you look up the word “**Early**” in the dictionary you will get the following meaning: **Before the expected time, near the beginning of something, during the first stages of an event.** This confused me, for why did it matter if I came to God early in life or late in life, as I did? Because of this confusion, and because I endeavor to achieve understanding of what God is telling us in the Bible, I decided to go to the original language to find its definition of the word originally used, that the word “**Early**” replaced.

If you go to the Bible Concordance you will find four different Hebrew words that the translators used the word “**early**” to replace.

**First Word: Boqur;** which is defined as: **dawn or the break of day.**

**Second Word: Tsaphar;** which is defined as: **to skip about, i.e. to return, to depart early.**

**Third Word: Shakam**; which is defined as: to shoulder a burden, to load up (on the back of man or beast), to start early in the morning.

**Fourth Word: Shachar**; which is defined as: to be up early at any task with the intent of earnestness, or diligence, to search for with painstaking effort both physical and intellectually.

As used in **Proverbs 8:17** the Hebrew word **Shachar** is replaced by the English word “**Early**.” This then tells us that a more correct translation would be the word “**Diligently**.” The word “**Diligent**” is defined as: showing persistence and hard-working effort in doing something, which is to say, it has nothing to do with getting up early, or arriving early, but everything to do with hard word, and perseverance obtained in study and research.

Therefore, when God tells us to seek him “**early**” he is really saying to take the time and effort, to learn through study and research, that which God is telling us, and thereby obtain knowledge of God’s Truth, just as we have just done in this arriving at an understanding of what the word “**early**,” actually meant.

As you can see, the need for the Two Witnesses still exists in the world. The anti-Christ has evolved over time from that of the Church of Rome, which started out as a reginal religion, to that of the Beast that come from the sea, or a worldwide religion, to that of the Harlot Woman, and the Harlot Daughters. Because of this evolutionary process that the anti-Christ has gone through the Two Witnesses of God are still needed so as to counter Satan’s lies with God’s True Word.

## The Righteous Shall Shine

*Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. **Matthew 13:43***

Ever since Man was expelled from the Garden of Eden, those of Man, who believed in God and who gave obedience to the Word of God, were in extreme minority on the Earth. Even while Jesus walk the Earth, those who embraced the Teachings of Jesus were a minority and under extreme pressure from the rest of Mankind to conform to the preaching’s of false gospel and pagan practices and beliefs.

**The righteous shine forth** because after the 1,000 year reign of Jesus, there will be no others left on the Earth, other than the Saints of God, which is to say “All that will be left will be those who worship God as he commands.” There will no longer be a multitude of the non-believers to obscure and over shadow the Saints of God. No longer will the Righteous be in the minority, but they will be all that remains.

**“Who hath ears to hear, let him hear?”** This is another portrayal of that phrase again, along with, **“He who has wisdom,”** among others, which all have the same meaning. In this God is telling you that **“This is important, you need to take notice of what is being said, and you need to do whatever you must so that you will understand.”**

The above parable and these last words are important for those who wish to worship God as he commands. It is for you to study and understand what God is saying to you. There is only two choices for all of us, either we are righteous in the eyes of God, or we are steeped in iniquity. Those who are righteous will be redeemed and know salvation, those who are found to have iniquities, will know the fires of hell. Those are the only two choices, therefore you need to know the truth for yourself, do not accept that which you are told as being the truth, pray to God, study, research, and learn for yourself that which God is telling you. Even these words that you are reading now, written by me, do not accept without verifying for yourself, that they are God’s Truth.

## The Bible, God’s Warning

The Bible is many things, but one thing you may never have considered it to be is a **warning**. In the pages of the Bible, God is giving warning after warning of Satan, of his lies and deceptions, and how to see God’s truth, despite those lies. The words in the Bible are warning us the consequences of not seeking God diligently, and taking the easy road of accepting what others have interpreted the Bible to mean. Just as God sees only right and wrong, black and white, Good and Evil, you only have two choices, Redemption and life Eternal, or Death in the fires of Hell.

## The 144,000 No Guile

*And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.* **Revelation**

**14:5**

The word **“Guile”** is defined as: **a cunning, deceitful, or treacherous quality.**

What this means is that you cannot hide your true mind from God. If you give lip service to giving worship to God, but even so engage in sinful acts, God will know. No one will ever sneak past God through half-truths or sleight of hand.

Just as God is adamant that we worship him as he commands, he will be just as adamant as to whom he invites into heaven and to whom he gives the gift of Life Eternal. This verse gives warning of this.

The above verse is giving notice that those that God recognizes as being the 144,000 Saints of God, do not give lip service but are in fact and deed, Saint of God as Jesus has given definition of it, "Those who keep the Commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

## The Everlasting Gospel

*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. **Revelation 14:6***

The everlasting gospel is a reference to God's Holy Gospel, and his truth that is spoken within. As these pages that you have been reading has shown, the Bible as it is during my life time, has words, input there by Satan, that have changed the true meaning of God to that of distortions.

This above verse is telling me that this angel will have in his possession the Holy Gospel in its true form and meaning and it will be from this that he will preach God's truth to the entire world. Once this unaltered Holy Gospel is shown to us, and we having then seen God's truth, those who love God, will fall away from their false churches and traditions, and turn to God-Jesus and his true worship.

This verse is also telling me that as well as the 144,000 Israelites (Saints of God) that are redeemed, those of every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, will be given the understanding to worship God as he commands, and when they do they too will be given the Mark of God.

I am convinced that both of these prophecies, the 144,000 being given the mark of God, and the angel preaching to those of us on the earth, have come to pass. I say this because I am convinced that I have been touched by God, and that since then I have been receiving instruction from God and or his angel concerning the knowledge and understanding of scripture. Knowing that this has happened to me, I must assume that it is happening to others as well. If it is happening in the world today, then today we are in the End of Days as these things are prophesized to occur.

If you read the Lesson that I titled, “**The Great War**” you will, I am sure, realize that we are now in fact living in the End of Days, that the Great War is upon us right now, and the Great Tribulation isn’t far behind. I am convinced that we only have the following prophecies to come to pass that haven’t already come to pass, and the world as we know it will come to an end, and the Second Advent of Christ will soon follow.

## A Third part of the Earth

*The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. **Revelation 8:7***

In World War II, when the USA dropped nuclear weapons upon two cities of Japan, the description given above was evidenced, but that war was not the Great War because, one third of the Earth was not destroyed during that war. In all the wars since the Second World War, such far felt devastation has not been wrought on the Earth.

## A Third part of the Sea

*And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. **Revelation 8:9***

Many of the nuclear explosions that will occur during the Great War will be upon the large cities of the nations, and most of those great cities are located on the coast lines of the sea, therefore, the third part of the sea will also be affected by these powerful nuclear explosions.

## A Third part of Man

*And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of Men. **Revelation 9:15***

In that the majority of mankind currently lives within the great cities of the Earth; when the cities are destroyed so too will the third part of the human race be wiped off the face of the Earth.

These three prophecies are all that is left of the pre-Tribulation prophecies left that have yet to come to pass. If you look around you at what is taking place in the world today, and how Satan has such hold on the

hearts of men, encouraging hatred and murder, the Great War is now in progress throughout the world, only the nuclear holocaust is yet to come to pass.

These three prophecies are imminent to be fulfilled, therefore, so too is the Second Advent of Jesus Christ imminent to occur.

## Anti-Christ's among us

*Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. I John 2:18*

Even in the time of the Apostle John, the threat of antichrists deceiving the people was noticed as is shown in the above verse.

In this lesson, we are talking about the Two Witnesses of God, and as I have shown, one of those a witness is the Books of the Bible, which were written by the Prophets of God, by instruction from God. The second is the people through history who kept and obeyed the Commandments of God and kept alive the Words of God, by protecting the Books of the Bible, during the 1260 years that the **anti-Christ** was given the power to make war on, (wear out), the Saints of God as revealed in the following verses.

## Against the most High

***And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the Saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Daniel 7:25***

As you can see, the anti-Christ is that because he blasphemes against the Word of God. If you put yourself in opposition to God then you too are anti-Christ or anti-God.

## A mighty power

*And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, (to a vast degree), and shall prosper, and practice and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. Daniel 8:24*

These prophecies can best be understood by placing them in the context of actual historical events.

The anti-Christ is established as **a power unto itself** in the year 538 A.D. What I mean by **a power unto itself**, is that though the anti-Christ existed prior to 538 A.D. as is evidenced in the following verse:

Even in the time of the Apostle John, the anti-Christ existed as is evidenced by this above verse.

The anti-Christ did not have the power to persecute or destroy the Saints of God directly; it was only able to do so through its influence on others, such as the Temple Elders, then the Emperors of Rome.

It isn't until it is given that power to persecute directly, that it becomes the anti-Christ of the above prophecies from the Book of Daniel. In history this occurs in 538 A.D. when the Vatican, which is the grounds of the Church of Rome and its Pope, are given the status of a Sovereign Nation by the Eastern Roman Emperor Justinian.

As a Sovereign nation the anti-Christ then has the ability to wage war against the children of God directly, and does so for 1260 year until it is brought to an end via a mortal wound which heals, in 1798 A.D. when Napoleon has the Pope arrested and confiscates the assets of the Church of Rome throughout the French Empire.

## A time and times and the dividing of time

*And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the Saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until **a time and times and the dividing of time**. **Daniel 7:25***

This time prophecy is calculated as follows: Time equals 1, Times equals 2, and dividing of time equals  $\frac{1}{2}$ . When you add them together you get  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . This is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  prophetic years. When you multiply  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years times 360 days in a year, as was the number of days in the ancient calendar, you get 1260 prophetic days. Each day is for one year, as is established in the **Book of Ezekiel, Chapter 4 Verse 6**, therefore, 1260 prophetic days equals 1260 literal years.

## The Saints of God

*And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. **Revelation 12:6***

**Remember:** the Saints of God are defined by Jesus as *those who keep the Commandments of God and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ.* **Revelation 12:17**

The **Saints of God** are given refuge from Satan and the anti-Christ.

## The Woman, Church of Christ

*And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.* **Revelation 12:1-2**

The woman being spoken of here is a symbolism for the Saints of God, or the true Church of Christ, and they are given refuge in the wilderness, during this same 1260 year period as is revealed in the following verses.

From the day after Jesus is crucified on the cross in 31 A.D. until 1798 A.D. the Saints of God are persecuted, and subjected to torcher, and are murdered, by those under the influence of Satan via his anti-Christ.

**First:** by the Temple Elders;

**Second:** by the Emperors of Rome, starting with Emperor Nero. **Remember** the stories of Christians being put into the arena with wild beasts?

**Third:** by the Church of Rome at its establishment with the consent and authority given to the Church by Emperor Constantine.

Because of these persecutions, those that are defined as the Saints of God flee from the civilized areas of the Roman Empire into those areas that are outside the direct influence of both the Roman Civil authorities as well as the power of the early influence of the Church of Rome. It is these two, the Books of the Bible and the Saints of God, which are the two witnesses of God.