

# UNDERSTAND THE REVELATION

## Session 5

### THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES

Revelation 14 concerns three special messages of the Almighty which are scheduled to go to all the world during the time of the Seven Seals.

To a limited degree these three messages are already being proclaimed to mankind by a few Believers and Christian groups, but it is quite obvious that they still have a lot further to go before they are concluded.

#### The 1st Angel's Message (the Everlasting Gospel)

*Rev.14: 6: 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, 7: Saying with a loud voice, Fear Yahweh, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*

Plainly this message is a special call to all mankind to worship the Creator, the one who made heaven, and earth, and the sea and the fountains of the water.

At a time when the scriptural record of creation is contemptuously set aside by most of the intellectuals of this world: at a time when multiplied millions of people disdainfully reject the Everlasting Gospel: at a time when the prospect of the approaching Judgment is sniggered and sneered at, this sacred message calling all mankind to worship the Creator is scheduled to go forth.

Every true believer will agree that that time has arrived.

The 1st Angel's warning message, calling upon mankind to worship the Creator is going into all the world at this very moment and there isn't a power in the universe that can stop it.

#### The 2nd Angel's Message

*And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. (Rev. 14:8)*

Here we have another example of that second clue to the understanding symbolic prophecy, where the operation and outcome of the spiritual realities above can best be understood by watching their earthly counterparts below.

Babylon, in this context, is not King Nebuchadnezzar's capital city, but that other metropolis of evil BABYLON THE GREAT which straddles the Great River Euphrates above.

What is even more stunning is the fact that all the vaunted earthly systems of which men are so proud, are really only sub-systems of this spiritual capital above – *Babylon the Great!* whose monarch is Satan the Devil.

The fall of Babylon the Great, as predicted by this message, not only means the utter degradation to which Satan's capital has descended, but also the total overthrow of the spiritual capital itself.

Just as ancient Babylon fell into sin and was later overthrown on the very night it's rulers were engaged in blasphemous revelry (Daniel 5), so too will Babylon the Great and all it's sub-systems literally collapse before the armies of Yahweh.

As far as this present world is concerned, the message of the 2nd Angel means that at the fall of Babylon the Great, all the Babylonian sub-systems of the world will collapse in confusion.

It is probably at that time of collapse, when total anarchy and confusion reigns, that the Beast will visibly manifest himself on earth and masquerade as the long awaited Savior of the human race.

When he appears he will be welcomed by millions as Messiah Yahshua himself; as the only one powerful enough to rescue mankind from its myriad problems.

The Antichrist will then take over the government of the world and dare to rule mankind as Yahweh! (2 Thess. 2:3-4)

According to the Revelation, Yahweh's followers are advised to come out of Babylon at that time; come out in order to escape the seven last plagues scheduled to fall on mankind.

*Rev.18: 1: And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2: And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3: For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4: And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye*

*receive not of her plagues. 5: For her sins have reached unto heaven, and Yahweh hath remembered her iniquities.*

Spiritually and socially we believers are, of course, already coming out of Babylon; but the day is not far distant when Babylon the Great will literally collapse before the armies of Yahweh and then we will physically move out of the world's cities just as Yahweh's people left ancient Babylon.

**May Yahweh hasten that day.**

The fall of Babylon the Great will be reflected on earth in the total economic and social collapse of all nations.

**Then will follow the punishment of Babylon's harlot daughters, the false religious systems and, finally the seven last plagues.**

These events are detailed in Revelation chapters 15 to 18.

You are strongly advised to read those chapters in conjunction with the record of ancient Babylon's fall as given in the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel.

### **The 3rd Angel's Message**

*Rev.14: 9: And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10: The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Yahweh, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11: And the smoke of their torment ascends up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives the mark of his name. 12: Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua.*

Every knowledgeable Bible student will recognize that here is a message of unparalleled importance, undoubtedly the most awesome warning recorded in the entire Scriptures, and one which we must understand and heed if we are to escape the wrath of the Almighty

The 3rd Angel's message is an awesome warning to mankind of the fearsome consequences awaiting those who accept the Mark of the Beast.

*If any man worships the Beast ... and receives his Mark ... the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Yahweh, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation.*

Let the reader pause and take note of that terrifying prospect, for it is fearsome beyond imagination.

Here is no idle message, no meaningless threat, but the Almighty Yahweh's last warning to mankind concerning a subject dearest to His heart.

In summary the Three Angels' messages call upon all believers:

- 1) To heed the *Everlasting Gospel* which calls upon mankind to worship the Creator.
- 2) To separate themselves from Babylon the Great, the Great Whore and her prostitute daughters.
- 3) To reject the Mark of the Beast, which manifests itself in the keeping of bogus pagan festivals which are currently being celebrated in place of the Sabbaths of the Creator.

Believers who remember Yahweh's Sabbaths are by their very stand heeding the messages of the three Angels.

- First: Yahweh's weekly Sabbath is a memorial of His creation (Exodus 20:8) and the keeping of it is a perfect response to the message of the 1st Angel which calls us to worship the Creator.
- Second: the Almighty's Sabbaths are the specially appointed sign of sanctification and separation from the sinful practices of the Babylonian system we find ourselves in; (Ezekiel 20:12-20) and keeping them answers to the message of the 2nd Angel.
- Third: the Sabbaths of Yahweh are the very antithesis of the Mark of the Beast, and keeping them is the required response to the 3rd Angel's message.

### Third Clue

At this point we will briefly explain the 3rd clue to understanding Bible prophecy.

It concerns the existence of prophetic dramas.

A drama is, of course, a play, a staged performance directed by someone to convey a given message.

Prophetic dramas are staged performances, real live shows directed by the Almighty to put across the life-giving message of salvation.

They are divinely authorized productions designed to demonstrate to the entire universe the spiritual realities scheduled to take place some time later in the Plan of Salvation.

A perfect example of a prophetic drama can be found in the first few books of the Bible which catalogues the experience of ancient Israel in the time of the Pharaohs.

There we read of Israel's slavery, the sacrifice of the Passover lamb, the miraculous deliverance from Egypt, the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and the subsequent journey to the Promised Land.

Those ancient experiences were all divinely directed real-life dramas of prophetic significance, for they foreshadowed mankind's slavery in sin, salvation through the blood of the Messiah (the Lamb of Yahweh), the total overthrow of Satan and his system, the Sealing work in the last days and the assembly's triumphant entry into the glorious Kingdom of Heaven.

Yes, all those ancient experiences, and there are literally scores of them in the Scriptures, were prophetic dramas which were arranged and directed by the Creator to prefigure the mighty spiritual realities involved in the salvation of mankind.

An understanding of them is a vital key to understanding the future.

To grasp the meaning of the Revelation, therefore, we must go back to the Scriptures to the records of those ancient prophetic dramas.

Together with the Torah of Yahweh they constitute an illustrated systems specification of the complex Program of Salvation which the Almighty is currently running.

The following text of Scriptures will prove this point.

*1 Cor.10: 9: Neither let us tempt Messiah, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. 10: Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. 11: Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

Note the words: 'all these things happened unto them for ensamples.'

In other words, all the events recorded in the Old Testament were prototypes, shadows, examples, living dramas, prophetic illustrations of events scheduled to occur on a universal scale in these end times.

Let us now take one of those prophetic illustrations which took place in ancient Babylon and see how it warns us of coming events in Babylon the Great.

The example we will take is found in Daniel chapter 3.

It is the well known story of **Hananyah** (Shadrach), **Misha'el** (Meshach) and **'Azaryah** (Abednego) the three young Jews who were cast into the fiery furnace for refusing to bow down to Nebuchadnezzar's image of gold.

Almost every Believer is acquainted with the story and knows how these three commandment-keeping youths were miraculously preserved from death in the midst of the furnace.

But how few know that that experience was a prophetic drama, a figure, a living prototype of a far greater spiritual event scheduled to take place on a world scale in our day?

How many realize that very soon all the world will be called upon to submit or bow down to another 'image of gold, 'a computer-controlled economic system which will monitor the financial activity of every person on earth!

Yes the time is almost upon us when every wage-packet, every payment, every transaction involving money (gold) will be vetted, processed, recorded and monitored in an international economic system controlled by the coming Dictator of the World.

And once again, obedience to the commandments of Yahweh will be the test of faith just as it was in the days of **Hananyah** (Shadrach), **Misha'el** (Meshach) and **'Azaryah** (Abednego).

According to the prophecy many believers will hearken to the message of the 3rd Angel in that day.

They will refuse to accept the Mark of the Beast or bow down before the 'image of gold' in order to trade in the market place.

**Instead, they will obey the commandments of the Elohim of Israel and like the three ancient worthies enter the furnace of affliction unbowed.**

Then one of the greatest miracles ever known to man will occur.

**YAHWEH the Elohim of the Hebrews will miraculously intervene.**

Yahshua will once again walk with His obedient servants in the midst of the furnace and all the forces of hell will be powerless to destroy them.

That is the prophetic message of Daniel chapter 3.

In dramatized form that chapter tells us how the Treasures of Truth are an invincible force, that their faith cannot be extinguished and their numbers never totally wiped out.

Persecution, in other words, is totally incapable of destroying the commandment-keeping assembly of the living Yahweh.

**The closing words of the 3rd Angel clearly indicate that Yahweh's assembly will live through the fiery trials of that time and still maintain its faith and obedience.**

That's good news and it is expressed in these meaningful words:

*Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua. (Rev. 14:12)*

## THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

The record of the seven last plagues is found in Revelation chapters 15 and 16.

They are called the last plagues because they occur towards the end of the 7th Seal, just prior to the Messiah's return.

The 1st plague causes a noisome and grievous sore to break out on all who have the Mark of the Beast (Rev. 16:2).

So it is obvious that these horrible plagues can only occur after the Beast has arrived on the world scene and deluded the majority of mankind into receiving his mark.

These plagues are fearsome, to say the least, and because they are adequately explained in the Revelation we will only mention two points about them in this study.

1) The seven last plagues are referred to as the Wrath of Yahweh. (Rev. 16:1)

*1: And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of Yahweh upon the earth..*

The believer should not confuse the Great Tribulation with the Wrath of Yahweh, because they are not the same.

The Great Tribulation is that terrible time of trouble mentioned in Rev. 7:14-17 through which multitudes of believers will pass.

It is a time of scorching heat, famine, thirst and agonizing tears for all mankind; and it begins with the 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet at the opening of the 7th Seal.

The Great Tribulation is experienced by the obedient and disobedient alike with, perhaps, the exception of those believers who accepted the Seal of Yahweh before the events of the 7th Seal began.

The Wrath of Yahweh, on the other hand, is only experienced by the persistently disobedient, and it occurs towards the end of the 7th Seal.

This means, most of humanity will experience the great tribulation – believer and unbeliever alike – but only the persistently disobedient will experience the wrath of Yahweh.

That is the difference.

2) *The seven plagues will be dealt out unmixed with mercy. (Rev. 14:9-10)*

For the first time in human history the universe will witness the pouring out of the undiluted wrath of Yahweh.

Previously when punishing mankind the Almighty has always tempered His anger with a generous measure of mercy.

But at the end time it will be very different.

For whosoever worships the Beast and receives his mark shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Yahweh, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation.

Wrath, without mixture, means undiluted punishment of the severest kind!

To those who accept the Holy Scriptures as the Word of the living Elohim, that prospect is terrifying beyond imagination, and has led us to the conclusion that:

The responsibility of identifying the Mark of the Beast, is by far the most important and urgent commitment any assembly organization could possibly undertake in these last days

Encapsulated in a single instruction the route a person must take to escape Yahweh's wrath is as follows:

*Fear Yahweh and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)*

To fear Yahweh means to respect him, to honor him, to have faith in him, to love him, to stand in awe of his immeasurable holiness and worth; and above all to gratefully accept the priceless gift of salvation which he has made available through his only begotten Son, Yahshua the Messiah.

To keep His commandments needs little if any explanation.

It simply means to obey Yahweh's Torah (Exodus 20).

Obedience is in fact an expression of faith, the fruit of faith, the only reliable manifestation of true love to Yahweh.

In other words, believers who love the Almighty should seek to obey His commandments, because faith without obedience is dead (1 John 5:1-3, James 2:17-26).

All those who fear Yahweh and keep His commandments will most certainly escape His wrath – the seven last plagues.

Let the believer pause and note these vital facts.

## THE GREAT HARLOT

*Rev.17: 1: And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 2: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. 3: So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4: And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

The identity of the Great Whore has been the subject of speculation for centuries.

And even though the various assembly groups differ as to who she is, almost all agree that she represents a religious system or organization of some kind which has prostituted itself for the sake of popularity, power or gain.

But what kind of a religious organization – human or angelic?

That is the question.

A clue to the answer is given in the text itself.

She bears the name of a city, Babylon the Great, which is a mighty metropolis of evil situated on the Great River Euphrates above. This city:

1) Governs all the nations of the world.

*18: And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. (Rev. 17:18)*

2) She has already spiritually seduced and corrupted all mankind.

*For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (Rev. 18:3)*

3) Her economic policies have been adopted by the leading businessmen of the whole world.

*...for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.. (Rev. 18:23)*

4) Within her gates lies the guilt of every murder ever committed in the annals of human history.

*And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. (Rev. 18: 24)*

Let us pause and consider those four stunning facts, because they mean that Babylon the Great is an inter-galactic metropolis of awesome authority which is currently ruling over all the governments of the earth; a city whose main objectives are to usurp the authority of the Almighty, abolish His instructions and wherever possible annihilate the prophets and saints who remain faithful to him.

**In short, the Great Harlot symbolizes a spiritual city on high – the epicenter of the Kingdom of Satan – a city which is the implacable opponent of the Heavenly Jerusalem itself.**

The daughters of the Great Harlot are her earthly offspring, the religious organizations of men, which have also prostituted themselves for the sake of popularity, power and gain.

Like their fallen mother they too have set aside the commandments of Yahweh and have adulterated His truth with errors to numerous to mention.

**Over and over again they have degraded themselves with Satan and their guilt has now mounted up to the heavens**

**This, then, is the overview of the world in which we live: a world of mystifying extremes, of order on the one hand of confusion on the other, of righteousness and sin, of love and hate, life and death.**

Oh how few people even suspect that behind the scenes there are those two super-cities above – Jerusalem the Golden, the mother of the believing assembly (Galatians 4:26), the heavenly home-base of all the saints who have ever lived: and Babylon the Great, the implacable opponent of everything holy, just and true.

Of the Heavenly Jerusalem the Scriptures have a great deal to say. Here is just one beautiful passage about her.

*Psalm 87: 6: The LORD shall count, when he writes up the people, that this man was born there. Selah. 7: As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee. And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.*

*Galatians 4:26: But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.*

## THE FALL OF BABYLON THE GREAT

*Rev.18: 18: And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! 19: And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. 20: Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for Yahweh hath avenged you on her. 21: And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. 22: And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; 23: And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. 24: And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.*

According to this passage and from others in the Scriptures the collapse of Babylon the Great is absolutely guaranteed.

Indeed, it is so certain to occur that the Almighty especially ordered a miniature version of the event to take place on earth thousands of years ago in the fertile plains of Mesopotamia.

The inspired records of the prophets tell us in great detail how ancient Babylon was defeated on the very night its kings and courtiers were honoring their idols in blasphemous defiance of the Yahweh of Heaven (Daniel 5).

On the orders of the Eternal, the earthly Babylon, which as we have pointed out was merely a model of the spiritual metropolis above, was literally demolished as a fearsome forecast to the entire angelic host of what was in store for the Great Harlot above.

Consequently, to properly appreciate what is scheduled to occur throughout the mighty universe in the near future, the Believer is strongly advised to study the fall of the ancient Babylon as recorded in the Tanakh (Isaiah chapters 13 and 14, Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51).

On doing this he/she will quickly see how certain is the collapse of Babylon the Great.

When that spiritual capital's collapse occurs this shout of triumph will reverberate across the mighty universe.

*Rev.19: 1: And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto Yahweh our Elohim: 2: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. 3: And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. 4: And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped Yahweh that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. 5: And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our Elohim, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. 6: And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Master Yahweh omnipotent reigns. 7: Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*

The fall of Babylon the Great will have immediate repercussions throughout the universe.

On earth an economic crash of unparalleled proportions will occur, which will permanently cripple thousands of business enterprises the world over.

International trade, which we all know is motivated mainly by greed rather than anything noble, will come to a standstill as though smitten by a massive stroke; and many shops, banks, factories and business corporations around the world will shut down.

The whole of Revelation 18 is given over to describing the trade and economic side-effects of Babylon's fall.

Strange as it may seem, the Revelation clearly indicates that mankind is not only going to share in a small way Babylon's punishment and collapse, but is also going to eye-witness the event itself.

Just as human eyes will be permitted to actually see the throne of the living Elohim Yahweh at the 6th Seal (Rev. 6:16-17) so too at Babylon's fall millions of human beings will actually stand aghast as they see that evil super-city above going up in smoke.

*Rev.18: 9: And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 10: Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.*

Then, in a frenzy of awareness, men and woman will realize how terribly deceived they have been in religious matters: how easily the Harlot and her promiscuous earthly daughters had inveigled them into accepting as truth the dubious doctrines of devils.

**Mankind will then turn in rage on all the religious organizations of men – Christian or otherwise – and will literally tear them to pieces.**

*And the ten horns which you saw upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. (Rev.17:16)*

Goaded on by the Beast, whose deadly dictatorship at that time will be universally accepted, men will abandon themselves to the service of the Man of Sin.

It will, indeed, be a Time of Trouble such as never was since there was a nation.

**But, and this is the most wondrous part of it all, Yahweh's true assembly, the ekklesia of Yahweh, the sealed commandment-keeping servants of the Most High – will be saved out of it.**

During that awesome period the sealed assembly, symbolized by the pure woman in Revelation chapter 12, will be safe in the wilderness of the nations out of the Devil's reach (Rev. 12:13-16, Ezekiel 20:33-37).

**In the unseen spirit realms above and on the earth below there will be total confusion and chaos at Babylon's fall.**

But at that time Yahweh's followers throughout the universe, especially those on earth, will rejoice with joy unspeakable.

**For they will have a measure of peace and protection which no demon will be able to disturb.**

**Isn't that good news?**

We think it is.

Indeed were it not for those encouraging passages in the prophecy which tell of pardon, peace and protection for those who trust and obey the Almighty, the Revelation would terrify the bravest heart and produce panic in the mind of every believer who read it.

It is precisely for this reason that the believers the world over may begin to study the Revelation, understand its symbolism and pay special heed to those inspired passages which indicate that obedience is a vital pre-requisite to protection.

For, believe it or not, divine protection is conditional; and the main condition believers must meet to qualify for protection is to add to their faith - obedience.

**Remember:**

*Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. (Rev. 1:3)*

The Almighty Elohim of Israel wants His followers to understand the revelation, to wake up and prepare for the cataclysmic events scheduled to engulf mankind in the near future.

But far more than this, He wants them to demonstrate their faith in Him by obeying His Torah.

Do you have the will to do that?

We hope you do, because if you do not you will be overwhelmed by the troubles which have already begun and are escalating out of control all over the world.

### THE FINAL SCENES

The final scenes of this age will be swift and decisive.

The Antichrist will have by that time completely established his authority over mankind and to a certain extent life on earth will have regained a semblance of normality.

The whole kaleidoscope of religious opinion, however, with its multiple shades of Pagan and Christian interpretation, will have gone.

Instead, the Beast alone will be revered by the vast majority of earth's population as Yahweh On Earth!

All the world, with the exception of Yahweh's assembly, will in that day worship and obey the Man of Sin – the Lawless One.

*2 Thess.2:3: Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4: Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called Yahweh, or that is worshipped; so that he as Elohim sits in the temple of Yahweh, showing himself that he is Yahweh.*

When Yahshua finally returns to earth, as he repeatedly promised he would (Matt. 24, John 14:1-3) the Beast will convince mankind that the Savior's approach is an invasion from outer space, an alien attack to be repulsed.

The peoples of this world, already programmed to the idea of space invaders and intergalactic wars, will rally to the Beast's call and strongly resist the returning Son of Yahweh.

The outcome of their short, sharp encounter with Messiah Yahshua is pictured in these telling words:

*Rev.19: 11: And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12: His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13: And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of Yahweh. 14: And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15: 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 Yahweh. 16: And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. 17: And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great Yahweh; 18: That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. 19: And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20: And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21: And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*

It is not necessary to talk at length about the Beast's crushing defeat by the Son of Yahweh.

Suffice to say that it will be swift, total and eternal in its effect.

The Antichrist, we are told, will be incinerated in a lake of fire, a prospect too terrible to imagine.

### **THE MILLENNIAL REIGN**

At the Beast's death in the lake of fire, Yahshua's millennial (1000 years) reign will begin.

The millennial reign is a Reign of Peace, a Reign of Rest and a Reign of Righteousness.

It is to mankind's past six thousand years of toil, trial and terror what the Sabbath day is to the working week, a day of regeneration, refreshment and renewal; a day of harmony, health and happiness; a day of worship and thanksgiving.

When the millennial reign begins humanity will witness a breathtaking transformation in every department of life.

There will be complete reversal of all the evil trends and abuses that have been for ages accepted as normal.

During the millennium, the Messiah's authority will extend from shore to shore and all the nations of the world will be speedily brought into line with his requirements.

The Scriptures abound with prophecies about the Messiah's Reign over all nations.

Indeed, this is one reason why ancient Israel's leaders failed to accept him at his first coming.

They were expecting a conquering monarch who would throw off the Roman yoke and lead Israel to victory over all nations.

They did not expect a dying Lamb who called for self-sacrifice and holiness of heart.

But for all that, the prophecies of the Messiah's world-wide reign will still be fulfilled during the millennium.

Here is a short list of the events that will take place at that time.

1. At the Messiah's return the first general resurrection will occur, a resurrection at which millions of believers will rise from their graves to meet the returning king. (1 Thess. 4:16-17, Rev. 20:4-6)

2. Then the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Messiah and he will begin to exert the authority over mankind which he has already received from his Father. (Psalm 2, Psalm 98, Daniel 2:43-44, Zechariah 14, Matthew 28:18)

3. Special positions of authority will also be granted to certain believers in that day to govern the nations under the leadership of the Messiah. Foremost amongst them will be those who are martyred for refusing to accept the Mark of the Beast. (Luke 19:11-27, Rev. 2:26-27, Rev. 20:4-6)

4. During the millennium Satan will be completely immobilized in the Abyss, that bottomless black-hole where the Beast was formerly imprisoned. (Rev. 20:1-3 Rev. 9)

5. Yahweh's Torah, the sacred specifications of His lifestyle, the eternal constitution of the universe will then be proclaimed to all the nations of the world and will be administered by officials of the Kingdom with telling effect. Sin will be subdued and righteousness will flourish as never before. Then at last mankind will rest; mankind will rejoice with joy unspeakable; mankind will be full of the glory of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 2:1-5, Isaiah 51: 1-11)

6. The earth itself will blossom as the garden of Yahweh and even the barren wilderness will bring forth fruit. There will be no more food shortages, no famine and no more freak weather conditions. All nature will be at rest and a spiritual calm will settle upon the human race the like of which has never been seen before. (Isaiah 35)

7. During the millennium the Festivals of Yahweh, those sacred memorials of His greatest acts in the Program of Salvation, will be observed by all the nations of the world. This amazing fact is amply proved in the prophecy of Zechariah, where we find a whole section (chapter 14) devoted to the keeping of the Feast of Tabernacles during the Messiah's millennial reign. Oh yes, Yahweh's signature will be upon all mankind in that glorious age of peace.

In a sentence, the Messiah's millennial reign will be a day of rest and gladness, a day of health and holiness, a day of peace and prosperity for all mankind. Is it any wonder that even the Almighty is looking forward to it?

**At the end of the millennium three notable events will occur.**

1) Satan will be loosed from the Abyss for a very short period. He will come out unchanged from that spirit-penitentiary; that is, he will be totally unrepentant of his monstrous crimes and still fully convinced that his life-style is superior to Yahweh's and his form of government more to be desired. The ensuing battle will end in a holocaust – a lake of fire – an incinerating slaughter so permanent that rebellion against the Almighty will never again raise its ugly head.

2) The second general resurrection will occur and all those billions of unbelieving souls who were not resurrected at the Messiah's return to earth will rise from their graves. Their numbers will be as the sands of the sea. They stand before Yahweh for their final sentencing to the Lake of Fire.

3) The lake of fire, which totally annihilates the unbelieving host, is referred to in the Revelation as the second death. There is no resurrection from the second death.

**The above three events are specified in the Revelation in these words.**

*Rev.20: 7: And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8: And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9: And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from Yahweh out of heaven, and devoured them. 10: And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. 11: And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12: And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before Yahweh; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were*

*judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13: And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14: And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15: And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

## THE NEW EARTH

The Bible tells us that after the millennium Yahweh will create a new universe.

We shall witness Him doing this and never again will mankind doubt the Almighty's ability to create.

*Rev.21: 1: And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2: And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from Yahweh out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3: And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of Yahweh is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and Yahweh himself shall be with them, and be their Yahweh. 4: And Yahweh shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5: And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6: And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

No one will doubt but that the Revelation tells of disasters on a scale quite impossible to imagine; of wars, famines and pestilence involving all humanity; of persecutions and other spiritual pressures geared to exhaust the bravest heart; of deception so subtle that only a few believers will detect them; of sin so blatant that multitudes of believers will abandon righteousness and return to their sins.

But, and let us pause here to praise Yahweh the Almighty Elohim of Israel for this fact, the Revelation does not end on a note of despair and doom.

The above passage about the creation of a new universe is proof of it.

Indeed the whole of chapters 21 and 22 are additional proof.

This old universe, battered and scarred as it is through sin, is going to be renewed at the end of the millennium – the Day of Yahweh! (2 Peter 3:10-13)

The new earth will be the absolute masterpiece of creation, a sanctuary of happiness and peace far beyond anything anyone can imagine.

On the new earth there will be no suffering, no sickness, no sorrow, no pain and no death.

What's more, the Creator has promised to make all things new, (Rev. 21:5) a promise so encompassing that one could spend hours musing on it.

The final passages of the Revelation tell of the New Jerusalem, the capital city of the new universe.

Its glories, symbolically described in chapters 21 and 22, are as numerous as the saints who will one day walk in its magnificent streets.

And, believe it or not, it is to this eternal paradise of Yahweh that you dear Believer are being invited.

If you have not already accepted the Savior's offer of salvation, then here in the Revelation is an invitation which includes you.

After reading this invitation pause awhile and let its infinite worth sink into your mind.

Think about it, believe it and accept it for yourself.

Above all, act upon it, for failure to do so would be a mistake too tragic to tell.

*Rev.21: 6: And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7: He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his Yahweh, and he shall be my son. 8: But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

*Rev.22: 12: And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13: I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14: Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15: For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. 16: I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the assemblies. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. 17: And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

For many centuries the declarations of Yahweh by the mouth of His prophets have been treated by unbelievers with a measure of bemused contempt bordering on blasphemy.

The Holy Scriptures, published in hundreds of languages at enormous cost to the saints, have been generally set aside by the masses in preference for a diet of fiction, much of which is too degrading to even consider.

But, and here is a truth so profound that it cannot be repeated too often, the Scriptures must be fulfilled. (Luke 21:22)

This means that the predictions of the Almighty will come to pass, they will happen, no matter whether people believe them or not.

Politicians may prattle, priests and parsons may preach, monthly prognosticators may pretend, but this Himalayan fact becomes increasingly clear every day – Bible prophecy is being fulfilled before our very eyes all over the earth.

Therefore, to really benefit from this study of the Revelation we will advise the Believer to do three things: Compare, Examine and Obey.

**FIRST:** Compare world events with Bible prophecy.

Take special note of what the news bulletins and papers say and see for yourself how astonishingly accurate the Holy Scriptures are.

In particular check world events against the messages of the Seven Seals and do not be slow to recognize the fact that the Revelation is exactly what it claims to be – a divine disclosure of mankind's future.

**SECOND:** Examine those passages in Bible prophecy which warn of Satan's many counterfeits which are designed especially to delude mankind, and especially the Believing assembly, into rejecting the Almighty's Truth.

- Counterfeit Baptisms
- Counterfeit Sabbaths
- Counterfeit Prophets
- Counterfeit Messiah's and
- Counterfeit Bibles

Thoroughly investigate the truth about the Sign or Signature of YAHWEH the Elohim of Israel.

Also learn to recognize the signature of Satan, the Mark of the Beast.

Carefully study all the references quoted in this study and do not allow others to detract you from the Truth, because your eternal salvation could be jeopardized if you do.
---

**THIRD:** Obey the Almighty's commandments.

Yes, add to your faith - obedience, before it is eternally too late.

The Revelation, as you can see, is Yahweh's final warning message to this rebellious world.

It is a divine call to obedience and it specifies the only route believers may take to escape the terrors of Abaddon.

**Be quick to take that route, for the crisis at the close of this age has already begun!**

**THE END**