The Faith Once Delivered

No words can describe the enormity of the error the Church is making with its disastrous false teaching about the End Time. All that can be done is attempt to **awaken** the few still close enough to God's word, from their deception, that God's neglected End Time Commands might be fulfilled. Of course, God knew this would happen, Isaiah 52:1-2, "**Awake, awake;** put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: **loose thyself from the bands of thy neck**, O **captive** daughter of Zion."

The Church must recognise its responsibility to prepare a broadcast from Jerusalem to sustain 'Jacob's hopes of eventual rescue during the Tribulation, and obey God's commands in Isaiah 52. 'How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those **who bring good news**, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, **who proclaim salvation**, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" 'Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.' NIV.

But the Church is **unknowingly** held captive by false tradition, established as far back as HWA, in contradiction to the End-Time Scriptures! Only God can undo His own deception (2Thessalonians 2:10-11) according to our love of His word!

Nothing can compare with God's word, and the "seventy weeks prophecy" of Daniel 9:24-27, which *should* provide the foundation of our understanding of the future. We can recognise there the death of Christ and the destruction of Jerusalem and the gap in time between week 69 and 70, and, with each day for a year, (eg. Ezekiel 4:6). Verse 27 depicts the **7 years** when the final coming of Christ consummates this period of desolation.

This is the period we call the Tribulation, and it comes in two halves, **each** of 3¹/₂ years! At the start of the first half, "the prince that shall come" (the Beast of Europe, v. 26) makes a protective covenant with Israel to deter further attacks from its Arab neighbours. Daniel 9:27, 'And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.'

This "Beast" will be the charismatic leader of Europe, who deceitfully provides a token force [Daniel 11:23] at first, which gradually grows until he breaks his covenant at the half way point in the 7 years and takes over the whole country, as his stepping-stone to the oil of the Middle-East, as we read in Daniel 11. Why does the

Church not mention the *first* 3¹/₂ years? Because their eyes have been blinded to them by God, Himself!

Ironically however, "dangerous" Israel will be the safest place on earth during the "Tribulation of those days," Mathew 24:29, the first **6 Seals** of Revelation 6, while the Beast's power is still growing, until he feels strong enough to break the covenant.

It is during this period that the US and UK will be brought down by God for their sins, Isaiah 10:5-6, 'O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets', and Jeremiah 30:7, 'Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of **Jacob's trouble;** but he shall be saved out of it.

The **"Tribulation of those days,"** the first half of the 7 years, is first disaster and then invasion, followed by deportation, slavery on a vast scale, and sheer barbarism during the **Great Tribulation**, the 7th Seal, the only experience that will allow some to realise the **cost** of their evils, in the crucifixion of their Creator, Jesus Christ!

It is during this first half of the Tribulation that the Church's commanded broadcast of hope from Jerusalem will bring some of the less deceived to repentance, Revelation 12:17, '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,' but many who hate God will still cling to their evil ways, such is their depravity!

This broadcast, described in Jeremiah 31, is the last chapter of the gospel of the Kingdom, without which our God given commission would not be complete! Matthew 24:14, 'And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. This is also Daniel 9:27 fulfilled in Matthew 24:15, which marks the start of the 3¹/₂ year Great Tribulation!

The Book of Jeremiah contains much neglected prophecy about the End Time, some plain like Jeremiah 30:7, 'Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.' Some dual, applying to ancient Babylon as well as the future. As Merrill F. Unger writes in his commentaries, regarding Jeremiah 51, "The whole chapter is a forecast of the destruction of the **Satanic world system** at the end-time previous to the kingdom advent of the Messiah."

In that chapter occur a series of verses which God has revealed tie in with Revelation 14 and Revelation 18 as we will see, to confirm the **true chronology** of those same events, but if we retain our idolatrous worship of a man or men, we will remain subject to that God-given delusion, 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11. So, what should we do?

There are no perfect churches, just as there are no perfect Christians. 'Do not treat prophecies with contempt but **test** them all; hold on to **what is good**, 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21, NIV. What *is* good, is the word of God!

This applies to us, but we have failed to obey God's instruction. If we had, when the First Angel of Revelation 14:6-7 flies, with his **world-wide** warning to ALL mankind, we would know that it is time to apply this series of verses found in Jeremiah 51. **Jeremiah 51:6**, "Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the **time of the LORD'S vengeance**; he will render unto her a recompense," with **Revelation 18:4**, '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.' The faithful **will** be prepared, and able to obey. They will follow God's merciful instructions, be resurrected and taken to the Sea of Glass in heaven during the Great Tribulation, Rev. 3:10, 14:3-4, 15:2.

'Israel's fall, so early in the 7 years, and long **before the Great Tribulation, and the First Resurrection,** alone totally disproves the Church's false teaching!

If you will carefully study Revelation 18, you will see that it is referring to a *geographical*, physical nation, which has *acted* as Babylon, whereas Revelation 17 is more easily recognised as a great spiritual, religious Babylon. Two Babylons, but one evil system, which is exporting false education and religious and commercial vice, oppression and corruption, around the world. Revelation 18:3, '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.'

This is, and will remain, the greatest single trading nation on earth, the USA, with her predecessor as 'Babylon', the UK, until the day when God brings them both down. No one gets rich from selling candles to a *church*! Verse 7, 'How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.' Jeremiah 51:13, 'O thou that dwellest **upon many waters**, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness,' and 51:42, 'The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.'

Next in this series, we see that the fall is quite unexpected, and instant. Jeremiah 51:8, 'Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.' Wth Revelation 18:8, 'Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.' And verses 17-18, 'For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

The third verse in the series from Jeremiah 51, is verse 10. 'The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.' Verse 50, "You who have escaped from the sword, go, do not stand still! Remember the LORD from far away, and let Jerusalem come into your mind: God's faithful will obey God's command and escape the destruction, by fulfilling God's Commission for the Church in Jerusalem to the remnant of Jacob that have survived. Jeremiah 31:6-7, 'For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the *chief of the nations*: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the *remnant* of Israel,' [who have survived the *probable* volcanic cataclysm that brings the nation low,] but then are persecuted by the invading Beast and others.

We need to prove for ourselves that *this* Babylon is an End Time entity, and we find confirmation in **Revelation 14**:8, 'Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality." **These verses should shock you**, for according to the accepted teaching of the Church, the US and UK fall during the 7th Seal, probably at the 5th Trump, and the resurrection is at the **end** of the Great Tribulation!

However, **Babylon** is here shown to fall almost <u>at the beginning of the 7 year</u> <u>Tribulation</u>, closely following God's miraculous worldwide warning that the Tribulation is about to start, (vs. 6-7) at the Second Seal, when word war follows the cataclysm, Revelation 14:7-8, 'Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, 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. 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.

Thank God for all that Revelation 14 reveals about the true End-Time chronology, with its confirmation of Jeremiah 51!!

Sadly, we all accepted false teaching, **failing to put these scriptures together**, such was our awe of the man who taught us so much, but the tragic results were two or three-fold.

We accepted HWA's 3¹/₂ year scenario, failing to consider and include Daniel 7:25 and 9:24-27, 12:6, Revelation chapters 6 &14, and Rev. 13:5, as well as the "tribulation of those days" of Matthew 24:29, *the first 6 Seals lasting 3¹/₂ years*.

Also, this man-made mistake **does not permit** the opportunity to participate in the Jeremiah 31:6-7 command (during the 'Tribulation of those days'), and it totally misplaces the First Resurrection from the **6th Seal** to the **end** of the 7th, explaining *why* the vast majority of God's Church will find the door to the Kingdom closed to

them on Christ's return for His Bride, for their lack of belief and love for God's word, faith and obedience!

hIn fact, there are many scriptures about the Church's witness from Jerusalem. (See our previous articles), but it's work there is completed at the 5th Seal persecution, when God's people flee Jerusalem and escape to their predicted resurrection (Revelation 12:14, cf.12:6, Daniel 9:27), **exactly half way** through the 7 year Tribulation. Thus, God's word itself cancels out suggested *false Pentecost or Feast of Trumpets resurrections!* Work it out for yourself!

Most of the remnant church of Revelation 12:17 will, no doubt, repent when they see the Resurrection take place, but others repent in the last 3½ years we read of in Revelation chapter 7, but note, it is too late for their participation in the resurrection themselves, verses 13-14, 'And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which **came out of great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Of the **chaste** spiritual virgins who do make it into the First-fruits Resurrection, Jesus Christ tells us, 'Revelation 14:4, 'These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the [words, teaching and example of the] Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from *among* [not so - missing is the definite article found in the Greek – "**the**" men, being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.'

Notice they were "redeemed from the men", <u>they **acted** to put the scriptures into</u> <u>practice</u>. They rejected hierarchy and dominion, they followed God's instructions in Revelation 14:6-7, Jeremiah 31:6-8 etc., and Revelation 18:4, though it eventually cost some of them their lives. (Daniel 11:33-35)

They were the ones <u>whose lives reveal their faith</u>, **whose love of God's words were placed ahead of everything else.** They are the relative few who belong in the First Resurrection because in them, Jesus Christ finds the active faith he requires of His Bride! Luke 18:8, 'Nevertheless (speaking of the End-Time) when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?' Answer: "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for **the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God**....and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Revelation 20:4.

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