

Bad News. Good News?

God has given us the future, but we have been so taken up with ourselves that we have been blind to His words, arrogant in the belief that we are the absolute masters of our own destiny. We couldn't be more wrong! God knows each one of us, whether we believe in Him or not, even down to the number of hairs on our head or whether we will need protection from some future contact with an even more dreadful plague, and He is angry and bitterly disappointed about our choices, and our rejection of His Commandments.

Our God is truly a Time Lord, and does not dwell in time and space as we humans do, which is why he can provide us with such detailed accounts of the future. Once you study His words it becomes clear that he knows in advance and carefully controls the outcomes of events such as this Corona virus pandemic. He allows us to make our mistakes and suffer the consequences because He has a Plan - a Plan for the whole of mankind, which **will** come to pass and He has laid it out for us to see in His word, if only we have the humility to study it, and to ask Him to open our eyes to see and understand.

The bad news is that we, His Creation, have departed so far from His Commands that our sins have earned punishment, and this pandemic is only the start. You don't need to be a genius to put the 3 key chapters in the Bible together to begin to understand the order of important future events – Matthew 24, Revelation 6, and Revelation 14. Most people have it all wrong because Revelation 14 has been ignored. So, just do it! Make yourself a chart combining that information, and you will begin see it all click into place, with God's help!

You will learn from Matthew 24 that we are at the very start of the “beginning of sorrows”, which will progress until the “**tribulation of those days**” becomes the “**great tribulation**”, (half way through the 7 years of tribulation – Daniel 9:27) so severe that unless Jesus Christ intervenes, no-one will survive, Matthew 24:21-22, ‘**For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.**’ NIV. Indeed, because they don't build in all scripture, some sincere Christians believe that there will be *no-one* left alive here on the earth at the end of those 7 years. These sincere Christians have been deceived by their ‘prophetess’, who deliberately leaves out 5 key words in her quotation of Isaiah 24:6, along with many other clear scriptures, ‘**Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are scorched, and few men are left.**’ When it says ‘few’, it means few in comparison to the 7 billions alive on the earth today, so there will still be very many millions.

In fact God is so merciful that he will bring this evil age in which we live to an end to limit mankind's suffering, so that they can have a new start in an eventual resurrection of all who have ever lived, this time with hearts made sensitive to His ways, Ezekiel 11:19-20, 'And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and I will give them a heart of flesh that they may walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.'

God's way will be taught to them by the few who *do* repent in this age, and gain immortal life with membership in the Family of God as the Bride of Christ, on Christ's return for them at that half-way point in the Tribulation. Revelation 19: 6-9, 'For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and be glad
and give Him the glory.

For the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and His bride has made herself ready.

She was given clothing of fine linen,
bright and pure."

For the fine linen she wears is the righteous acts of the Saints.'

You will learn from Revelation 14 that even before God pours out His greatest punishments, He gives every man and woman on earth a final warning to repent, through the miraculous delivery of a message by an angel, which will also include a glimpse of the coming Kingdom of God, so that they might avoid the horrors of the Great Tribulation, verses 6-7, 'And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them who dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. 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.'

It will be impossible to mistake or ignore this atheist-disillusioning, worldwide miracle, and it is God's soon coming sign of the *start* of the Tribulation, summed up in Rev.14, but though many will rejoice at the news of the coming of Christ and the establishment of His millennial Kingdom, only a very few will actually seriously repent! In the final analysis, we see that, after 6000 years, there will be only 144,000 'Saints', who truly repent, and so stand on the Sea of Glass, before God's Throne in Heaven. Revelation 14:1-3, 15:2, 'And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.' This does **not** include any of those listed in Revelation 7, because the First resurrection has by then *already* taken place in the previous chapter, and we are told here that these come *out of* Great Tribulation. (v14) *They* will gain their reward only in the *Second* Resurrection. It seems that humans just don't want to accept that God alone can decide what is right and wrong, and so have to learn the hard way, and experience the Great Tribulation in order to bring them to repent.

Have you noticed that there is never even a mention in our virus dominated news, of God's relation to world events, though only a relatively few years ago our nations held days of prayer during national disasters? Today it would be politically incorrect to suggest that this plague has anything to do with our rejection of His Ten Commandments, the separate roles of the sexes, gender confusion, homosexuality, the killing of millions of the unborn, etc. ... (See our article "Satan's Political Correctness"). This should reveal just how far we have fled from God and His ways during the last 100 years!

This pandemic is our chance to admit that connection and repent, but we have failed. God will not leave it there. He will bring even more severe punishment, another chance to make the link, especially to those nations and individuals He chose, who *should* have been the example of His way – those 'holy' nations and people descended from Ancient Israel, richly blessed by God to demonstrate the blessings which flow from living His way, led by the US and UK who actually received the many blessings promised to Abraham, but who have instead, led the way into oppression, perversions, killing, lawlessness, even Godlessness, or just plain ignorance of His words!

That was the bad news, but beyond that, Revelation 14 brings the good news of *when* Jesus Christ will return, in relation to other world events, with more detail in Matthew 24 and Revelation 6, to collect at their resurrection, those who have repented, and the long dead repentant, who will rise from their sleep as the firstfruit harvest of his Bride. Revelation 14: 14-15, '[And I looked and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice unto him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in your sickle and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.](#)'

We need to notice here that this 1st Resurrection takes place *before* the Great Tribulation, the harvest of the lawless who then have to endure '[the great winepress of the wrath of God,](#)' Revelation 14: 18-19, the *last* 3½ years of the worst punishment.

Then comes the best news of all, the final return of Christ from Heaven 3½ years later WITH His Bride, in Revelation 19:6-8,

['And I heard a sound like the roar of a great multitude, like the rushing of many waters, and like a mighty rumbling of thunder, crying out:](#)

["Hallelujah!](#)

[For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.](#)

[Let us rejoice and be glad](#)

[and give Him the glory.](#)

[For the marriage of the Lamb has come,](#)

and His bride has made herself ready.
She was given clothing of fine linen,
bright and pure.” And Zechariah 14:4-5, ‘And his feet shall stand in that day upon
the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east... And the Lord my God
shall come, and all the Saints with thee.’

Only then will the scattered *remnants* of humanity begin to learn the true way to
peace, prosperity, and happiness, through the teaching of those who are today
learning from God’s word to repent now and do God’s will with ALL their heart!
Revelation 20:4... ‘And I saw thrones, and they sat on them that were beheaded for
the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the
beast, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands: and they
lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.’

For 1,000 years during the millennium the remnant’s number will naturally increase,
in a largely restructured world gradually returned to Eden. It is God’s Plan that there
will then be enough converted people to pass on what they have learned to the
countless millions who will arise in the Second Resurrection, many of whom have
never heard of Jesus Christ. Revelation 20:12, ‘And I saw the dead, small and great,
stand before God; and the books were opened, and the dead were judged out of those
things which were written in the books, according to their works.’ The newly
resurrected will then have their 100 year (If resurrected at age 30, 70 years) chance to
learn to live God’s way, Isaiah 65:20, ‘There shall be no more thence an infant of
days, nor an old man that has not filled his days: for the child shall die a hundred
years old; but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.’

It will be easy for most of them to recognise God’s way to be superior to their
previous life-style, before God brings about the New Heavens and the New Earth,
when the few who may not repent will be burned up in the forging of the New Earth,
2 Peter 3:12-13, ‘Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein
the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent
heat. Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new
earth wherein dwells righteousness.’

We can read of the certainty of all this because our God will ensure it as only One
who can master Time is able, which is why it behoves each of us to be aware of all
His Commandments and instructions, and as Jesus Christ said, “Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is near,” in Matthew 4, which means: turn away from our
disobedience and begin to live by His Laws!

So, is it good news at the end? Well, I think we can see that the opportunities are
huge, almost beyond our imagination, but, in the final analysis, it all depends on us,
and our choices!

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