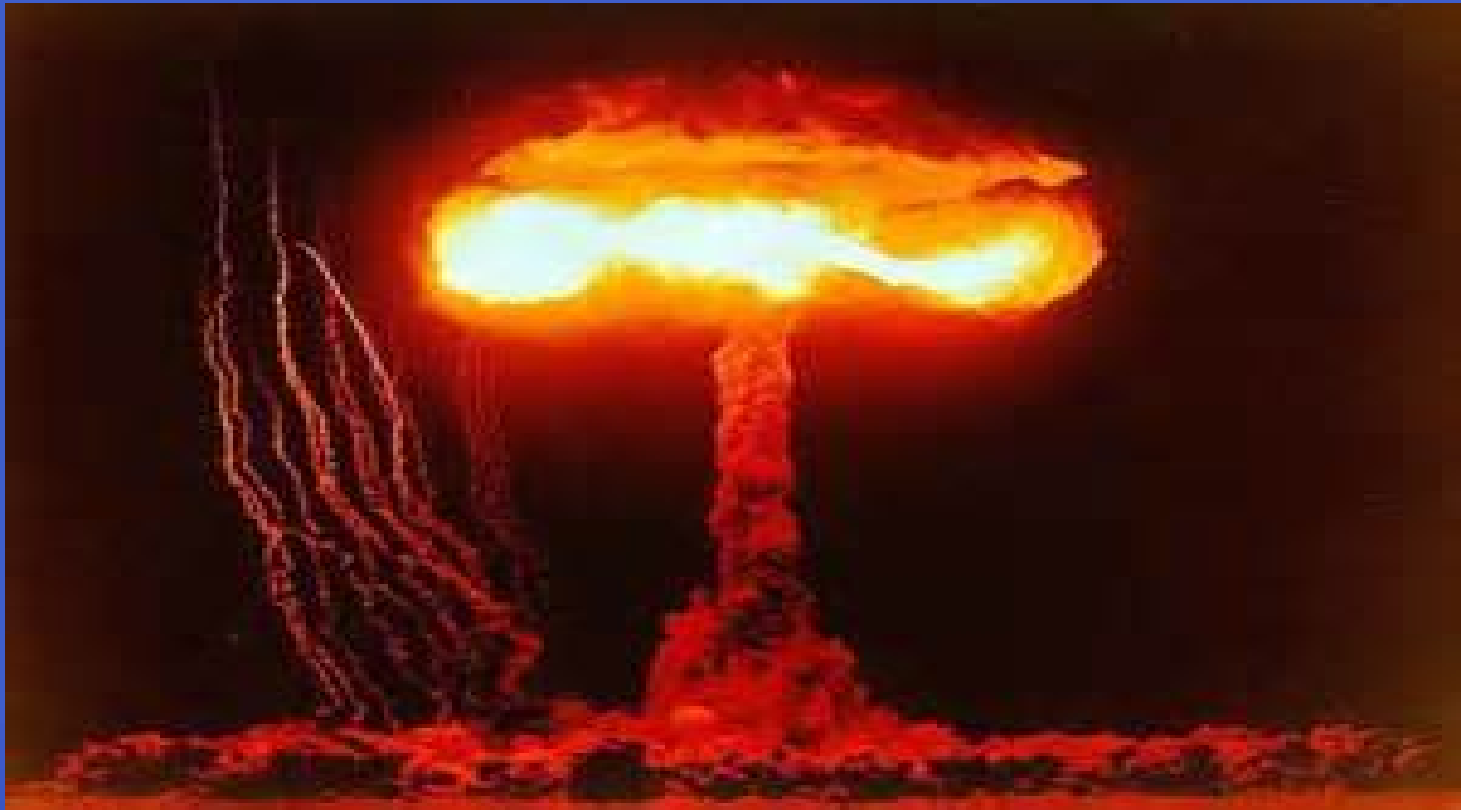


A Study of the End Times!

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Looking at the beginning of the end of the world!



Our Journey Continues!

The Text:

Revelation 7:1-17!

The Title:

Who Will Be Able To Stand?

The Theme:

Revealing The Things

Which Must Shortly Come To Pass!

Biblical Signs for the End Times!

An Increase of Knowledge!

Daniel 12:4 states “But you Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” In other words, in the days prior to the Lord's coming day of wrath (or the time of the tribulation), people will be able to travel from one end of the earth to the other with ease, and at the same time, an explosion of knowledge will also occur on the earth.

Biblical Signs for the End Times!

The Rebirth of Israel as a Nation!

This prophecy was fulfilled on May 15, 1948. Speaking about this day, Isaiah 66:8f says, “Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children. Shall I bring (Israel) to the time of birth and not cause delivery? . . . Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad with her, all you who love her!

(Ezekiel 37 also describes this event)

(Matthew 24:32-34)

Biblical Signs for the End Times!

Jerusalem will NOT be Under Gentile Rule!

The Bible predicts that Jerusalem will not be under Gentile control in the days of the coming tribulation, a situation which had existed from A.D. 70 until the six day war of 1967. In Luke 21:24, Jesus stated that Jerusalem would be “trampled under foot (by the Gentiles) until the time of the Gentiles are fulfilled” (after the time of the Gentiles, God's focus will return to Israel). David, the psalmist, predicted that the Lord would rebuild Zion and then, appear in His glory there (Ps.102:16). That's why he called for all people to “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem” (Ps.122:6). Peace will come only when Messiah returns and enters His beloved city, Jerusalem.

Biblical Signs for the End Times!

Instant International Communication!

In chapter eleven we will be introduced to two men (or two of God's witnesses) who will appear during the time of the tribulation – “And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand, two hundred and sixty days clothed in sackcloth ... When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. And their bodies will lie in the streets of the great city which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified (Jerusalem). Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Such an event was unable to be fulfilled then came television, followed by international satellites, the internet, and wireless communication.

Today we can see any major news story while it is taking place almost immediately.

Biblical Signs for the End Times!

Days of Deception!

In Matthew 24:4 Jesus warned, “Take heed that no one deceives you.” This is because in the last days deception will become an epidemic on the earth. Jeremiah 9:5 says, “Everyone will deceive his neighbor, and will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongues to speak lies; they weary themselves to commit iniquity.”

Today this is presented through talking points. (Think about today's interviews with Planned Parenthood representatives or politicians)

Biblical Signs for the End Times!

Earthquakes!

Earthquakes are another sign of the earth's last days. In the fifteenth century 115 earthquakes were recorded. In the sixteenth century 253 earthquakes were recorded. In the seventeenth century 378 were recorded. In the eighteenth 640. In the nineteenth 2,119. Some might try to explain this away by thinking that there are no more earthquakes today than in the past, and it's just that our ability to detect them has improved. But the number of earthquakes recorded has risen from 2,588 in 1983, to 4,084 in 1992, and in the year 2012, 16,667 earthquakes were recorded.

Biblical Signs for the End Times!

As in the Days of Noah!

Jesus said, “For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be (Matthew 24:26-39).

In Genesis 6:5 we are told that the wickedness on the earth was very great and that every intent of the thought of *man's* heart was only evil continually.

Since All Scripture is Inspired by God
Lets Get Back to the Context of the Story!

III. (4:1-22:21) The Things Which Must Soon Take Place!

A. (Chap.4) Focus: **Contrast** / The Throne of God!

B. (Chap.5) Focus: **Control** / The Lamb of God!

C. (Chap. 6) Focus: **Conflict** / The Wrath of God!

1st Seal Opened – White Horse and Rider / Peace!

2nd Seal Opened – Red Horse and Rider / War!

3rd Seal Opened – Black Horse and Rider / Famine!

4th Seal Opened – Ashen Horse and Rider / Death!

5th Seal Opened – Martyred Saints!

6th Seal Opened – Universe Rebels against Sin!

The Seven Seal Judgments!

Revelation 6:1-2: The First Seal is Opened!

Cold War / The Desire for Peace!



The Seven Seal Judgments!

Revelation 6:3-4: The Second Seal is Opened!

Open War Between the Nations!



The Seven Seal Judgments!

Revelation 6:5-6: The Third Seal is Opened!

Famine and Poverty Throughout the World!



The Seven Seal Judgments!

Revelation 6:7-8: The Fourth Seal is Opened!

Death and Destruction!



The Seven Seal Judgments!

Revelation 6:9-11: The Fifth Seal is Opened!

Followers of Messiah Martyred!



The Seven Seal Judgments!

Revelation 6:12-17: The Sixth Seal is Opened!

Physical Disturbances!



Today's Sermon Outline!

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A. (7:1-3) The SUSPENSION of God's Judgment!

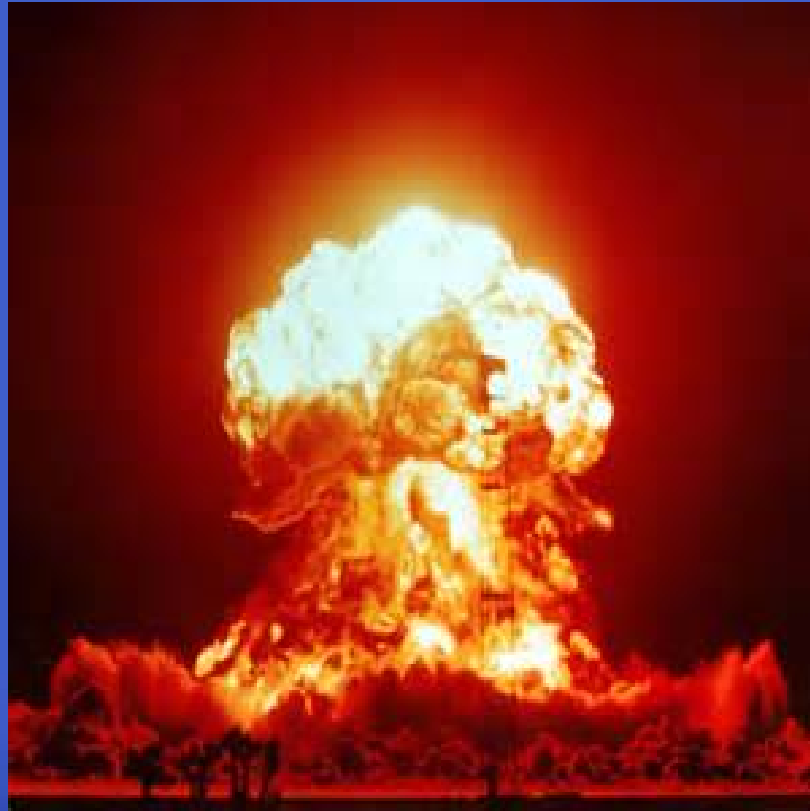
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3. (7:9-17) The SALVATION of the Gentiles!



Three Lessons from Today's Sermon!

God has not and will not forsake His promises to Israel!

The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12 / Land), the Davidic Covenant (II Samuel 7 / Messiah), and the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31 / Heart and Kingdom) will be fulfilled just as promised by God in the future. God always keeps His promises. This was true in the past with Israel, it is also true today in regard to His Church, and it will continue to be true in the future.

Three Lessons from Today's Sermon!

Even in the day of God's wrath, saving grace is offered to all!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever would believe in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. God's saving grace was offered in the past and it is still being offered today. And in Revelation chapter seven we are reminded that it will continue to be offered in the future. Even during the time of His wrath and the world's tribulation.

Three Lessons from Today's Sermon!

There is a coming day when all tears
will be wiped away!

Sorrow will not always have the upper hand. The day is coming (cf. Revelation 19-22) when God will remove every semblance of the cause of tears. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus!

***Next Week We Will Continue With
The Opening of the Seventh Seal!***

