

The Deep Things Of God



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Introduction

God's wonderful Holy Days reveal His Plan of Salvation. The two Greatest Minds in the entire universe have devised a Plan for the creation of God-Beings just like themselves. How awesome! This Plan is a step-by-step process as pictured in the Seven Annual Holy Days of God. Everything about God's Holy Days have deep, deep, meaning for us. Leviticus 23 in the Holy Bible is one of the places that list these days of God. Our free booklet "*The Feast of Trumpets or Pentecost?*" considers the momentous meaning of the first FOUR of the seven Holy Days. In this booklet the significance of the last THREE annual Sabbaths of God will be thoroughly discussed.

Leviticus 23:26-27 and 32 gives God's instruction to ancient Israel concerning the Day of Atonement, the FIFTH Holy Day of the year: "And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, Also in the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord... It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day at even, from even unto even, shall you celebrate your sabbath."

God's commands regarding the SIXTH and SEVENTH Holy Days are presented in verses 33-36: "Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, speak to the children of Israel, saying The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord. On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it. For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. It is a solemn assembly. You shall do no customary work on it". Verse 39 reiterates: "Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep a the feast unto the Lord for seven days; on the **first** day shall be a Sabbath, and on the **eighth** day shall be a Sabbath."

The meaning of these Scriptures from the Holy Bible were not understood in these latter days until they were revealed to God's end time Elijah and Apostle, Herbert W. Armstrong. The Holy Days were part of the TRUTHS that were to be restored in the end time. Mr. Armstrong and his wife Loma, as they read these same scriptures, realized the Holy Days were commanded by God to be observed; therefore they kept them for 28 long years without actually understanding their meaning. Nevertheless, they kept them loyally and faithfully. Then in the mid-fifties God began to open Mr. Armstrong's mind to their deep meaning. God gave him wonderful understanding of the Holy Days and, one by one, New Truths were revealed.

However, now, we are able to take ALL of this TRUTH that stands on the foundation of the Word of God, and focus in more clearly on each vitally important subject. More amazing TRUTH emerges as we peer deeper and deeper into the Holy Days of God!

To illustrate this statement I would like to quote the *Preface* that is written in another of our free booklets, *The Little Book...Unveiled At Last*:

"As a young high school student struggling through Physics class, I was amazed and thrilled to be able to read of the astounding discoveries recorded in our text books pertaining to the marvels of the Universe. The heavens were now being viewed through

the new 200” telescope recently installed in Palomar, California. This was the largest and most powerful telescope ever developed by man. Our textbook described one particular STAR that was given a name and designated at certain luminosity. However, as the new Palomar telescope was focused on this star it was discovered that it was NOT a STAR; it was a GALAXY, composed of millions of stars, similar to our Milky Way galaxy. That was truly amazing to me!

“Since that time, way back in the 40’s, newer, more powerful and sophisticated telescopes have been developed. The Computerized Radio telescopes and now the Hubble Orbiting telescope are in utilization. As these powerful instruments were directed toward the star that was actually a galaxy, another amazing discovery was made. That brilliant speck of light in the heavens was NOT a STAR or a GALAXY! It was clearly seen through these new instruments that this was a “CLUSTER OF GALAXIES”---thousands of GALAXIES each composed of millions of STARS!

“HOW MARVELOUS, WONDROUS, ASTOUNDING!

“In each case, as the trained astronomers viewed the heavens from their own perspective, using the “tools” available to them, they were correct in their conclusions. First they could see only one bright STAR. That was as deep as they could peer into space. Now it is possible for the astronomers to peer many LIGHT YEARS deeper into space and focus much more accurately on any distant object. The POINT is that since they are able to see deeper and are more sharply focused, MORE TRUTH is available to them in God’s PHYSICAL UNIVERSE. The same principle holds true for those who look deeply into the spiritual “*things of God.*”

“Jesus Christ has polished and cleansed the lens of our spiritual eyes (our spiritual telescopes) by the SPIRIT of GOD. We peer into the deep things of God from the foundation of the WORD of GOD and the FRAMEWORK of the 18 RESTORED TRUTHS that had been revealed to Herbert W. Armstrong. From this lofty perspective we can now focus on crystal-clear understanding of revealed TRUTH...(See John 16:13).

“The Apostle Paul was inspired to write in I Cor. 2:10: ‘But God has revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God.’ Mr. Armstrong, evidently, had this verse in mind as he referred to the revealed mysteries in Mystery of the Ages on page 12... ‘Such basic TRUTHS are revealed, not thought out in any human mind. They come from God, not man! And in all biblically recorded cases the initiative was God’s.’

“The initiative is still God’s and through HIS SPIRIT, He continues to allow us to peer deeper and deeper into REVEALED TRUTH, YEA, THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD.”

Herbert W. Armstrong was given marvelous understanding of the TRUTH of the Holy Days. The Holy Days picture God’s PLAN of Salvation. The study of the Holy Days is a starting point in the study to understand the great PLAN of God. All of us of the Church of God have benefited greatly from the knowledge of the Holy Days that was given to Mr. Armstrong. Now, God is revealing to His Faithful Church much more understanding regarding these Days of God.

WHY is God giving this tiny, tiny Church this wonderful NEW TRUTH?

There is a definite reason why! This is being done to show WHERE Jesus Christ is working. New TRUTH is being given only to this tiny, yet FAITHFUL, Church. This is the

Work of Jesus Christ, and God is opening up NEW TRUTH to us---which you CAN and MUST prove from your Bible. You MUST study to prove NEW TRUTH. You MUST prove all things from your Bible. You MUST NOT follow me (or any man), just because someone writes or says something! Don't do that! You MUST follow Jesus Christ and His instructions from the Word of God. If He gives us NEW or more sharply focused understanding that we can read right from the pages of the Bible, the glory goes to God---HE REVEALED IT TO US! You need to prove beyond any doubt in your mind that this, which you are reading, is truth according to the Bible! You MUST see and PROVE this in your Bible! Follow Mr. Armstrong's wise admonition: "**don't believe me or any man---believe the Bible!**"

One last comment in this Introduction for any reader who may not be familiar with the teachings of Herbert W. Armstrong: God has begun to intervene in the affairs of the world. At this time, immediately before the greatest time of trouble ever to come upon this earth, God admonishes His servants to: "...Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper (Luke 14:23-24).

If you have never been associated with the teachings of the Worldwide Church of God, much of what is written in this booklet will be very difficult for you to understand. However, it might be that you are one of those God is calling from the highways and the hedges. Therefore, God is giving you a very special calling. Time is short, and we are here to help you with any questions you may have. Our address, telephone numbers and website are listed on the last page.

Now all of you readers, get your Bibles, tighten your spiritual seat belts and prepare to be thrilled with new understanding of the **Deep Things of God!**

Part I

WHY CHRIST WILL RULE WITH A ROD OF IRON

Chapter One

Establishing the Millennium

In the concluding chapter of our booklet “*The Feast of Trumpets Or Pentecost?*” we were brought to the time, in the near future, of the triumphal return of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ. With Him are the Angelic armies of heaven AND His WIFE, who has *made herself ready*. These events are described beginning in Revelation 19:11-14: “Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven, followed Him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.”

This is the description of His Wife as we read in verses 7-8: “*Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.*”

Continue in Revelation 19:15: “Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron...”

Understand what is being said in this verse! It states Christ is coming to establish the Millennium, and He is going to RULE WITH A ROD OF IRON. Continue last part of verse 15 to verse 17: “He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: King of Kings And Lord of Lords. Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather together for the supper of the great God.”

This is the slaughter of those armies of the Beast and the Men of the East who would dare fight against the returning King of Kings! This is the Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty, the Battle of Armageddon!

Proceed with verses 18-20: “That you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great. And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. The two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

Here are two men that are alive and well today, possessed by demons (Rev. 16:13), whose fate is to be cast into the lake of fire (WHEN?), that is the second death! Rev. 19:21: “And the rest were killed with the sword, which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.”

Now go to chapter 20:1-2: “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled...” These verses are clearly revealed in God’s Plan of Salvation as pictured by the FIFTH Holy Day of the Year, the Day of Atonement. Satan will be put away for a thousand years: “...and after that he must be loosed a little season.”

WHY?

Why will God allow this insanely violent and evil demon to be loosed again? This is stated as a fact of plain scripture. When the 1000 years are finished, Satan will be released from his prison....“for a little season”---WHY?

God has now revealed, unto His Faithful Church, the reason WHY! This is fantastic NEW TRUTH that deals with the events leading up to and including the SECOND RESURRECTION and THE LAST GREAT DAY! We will thoroughly explain this later, out of the perfect Plan of God, but first we need to go back to scriptures that describe the beginning of the Millennium.

The First Resurrection

Revelation 20:4: “ And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark on their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ”

These are the Blessed of the First Resurrection (v.6) especially describing the Laodiceans and those of the Outer Court who must be proven faithful during the Great Tribulation. They will be able to overcome by the power of God's Holy Spirit (see Rev. 12:11). Pictured here are THE SAINTS, the FIRSTFRUITS, that will live and reign with Christ for a 1000 years.

Now notice verse 5: “But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.”

At the sound of the LAST trumpet, when Christ returns, the FIRST Resurrection occurs. Those who are “alive and remain” (I Thess. 4:15-17) will rise in the air, meeting Christ in the clouds of heaven. At that time Christ will then take us to the Throne of the Father in Heaven, to present us to Him, without spot wrinkle or blemish. After these stupendous occurrences, including the Marriage Ceremony, has taken place, we, as the Wife of the King of Kings with return with our Husband, to live and reign with Him 1000 years--- as it then declares; “this is the First Resurrection.”

Be sure to request our free booklet, “*The Feast of Trumpets Or Pentecost...Which?*” that clearly explains the time frame of the First Resurrection.

Continue reading Revelation 20: 6-7: “Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God

and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.”

Satan will be loosed! Again we ask: WHY--- for WHAT purpose? Verse 8 reads: “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.”

At the end of the Millennium, all living inhabitants of the Earth will have experienced peace and plenty all the days of their lives. Jesus Christ Himself, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and we, as His Wife, would have completed 1000 years of reigning righteously over the Kingdoms of this earth as the KINGDOM OF GOD. And the earth and all life forms would have reaped the wonderful benefits of God’s Ways.

Think about the transformation of the earth by this time. There would have been no evil influence for 1000 years. WHY would God allow Satan to be released from his prison? HOW can he go out and deceive MILLIONS of human being who have NEVER known any other “God” except the true God? Is there something we don't see here? If the Spirit of God is poured upon all flesh during the Millennium, as we have believed, and these MILLIONS rebel to the point of attacking the headquarters of Jesus Christ---ARE THEY LOST FOREVER?

The World Tomorrow

Let's go to Micah 4:1: “But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.” The Kingdom of God is portrayed as a huge, gigantic mountain. All the other smaller mountains and hills represent the large and small nations of the earth. Jesus Christ will rule over the ENTIRE EARTH. He will rule all nations. Many of those nations will come to Jerusalem to be taught by the God of Jacob. Verse 2 states: “And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”

Christ shall rule! He will judge and rebuke strong nations as we read in verse 3: “And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn (be accustomed to) war anymore.”

All nations will be taught that you don't wage war with your fellow man. Consequently, they will not be accustomed to wars and fighting. They will live in peace and safety. It will be a time of productivity and happiness. It will be the WORLD TOMORROW! Verse 4 continues this picture of contentment: “But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken it.”

All the earth will know that Christ is Lord and King. “And the Lord shall be King over ALL the earth: in THAT DAY shall there be one Lord and his name one” (Zech. 14:9).

Before Herbert Armstrong died he had authored the inspiring book “*The Wonderful World Tomorrow*”. In that book he lists certain righteous characters of the Bible who qualified for very high positions in the Kingdom of God. They will be ruling with justice and mercy over all the earth, under Christ.

The first on this exalted list are the Fathers: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Next he lists Moses and Elijah and their probable positions over State and Church. King David, a man after God's own heart, will be King over all Israel. The twelve Apostles will each have rulership over each one of the twelve tribes of Israel---under David. Daniel and Paul will likely be co-rulers under Christ over the Gentile nations. Then there are men like, Noah, Job, and Joseph, all of the prophets, those names listed in Hebrews 11, and those of the Seven Church Eras; all who have qualified for high positions in the Kingdom!

Mr. Armstrong also describes in his book the social, economic, ecological and educational changes that will be accomplished during the Millennium. The cities of this earth will be fantastically clean and beautiful. God's economic system will be established and enforced. A new, pure language will be spoken by the entire world. The deserts will blossom like a rose, and food will be so plentiful, that the plowman will overtake the harvester.

All this and much more will be the norm in the 1000-year World Tomorrow under the rule of Jesus Christ! But, at the end of the Millennium, what happens? Does God's Plan fail when Satan is released? Isn't the Millennium supposed to be a model for the "*rest of the dead*" who shall be raised in the Second Resurrection? Aren't those raised at the Second Resurrection supposed to compare the conditions existing on earth during the age in which they lived with the magnificent conditions created during the 1000-year Kingdom of God?

With such wonderful conditions that will exist and if all nations are offered access to God's Spirit, why will multiple millions of people (as the sand of the seashore) rebel against the King of Kings and Lord of Lords? Are they to be ETERNALLY LOST? Does God's Plan fail?

PART I

Chapter Two

Ruling With a Rod of Iron

Please look at Micah 4:5: “For all people will walk everyone in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.” Both of the words translated "god" and "God" above are from the Hebrew word, "Elohim." Every nation will walk in the name of their God. What does this mean? Are they going to walk in the name of their “God” of their own free will? Or is there going to be a "rod of iron" over their heads to force them to walk in the name of the God-Family that will be composed of many members in the Millennium?

Right here let’s insert the following New Testament scriptures: Ephesians 3:14-15: “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.” Also Phillipians 2:9-10: “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth...” Remember, the Firstfruits as the Wife of Christ, will be God-Beings too!

Again, ask yourself the question: WHY will a *rod of iron* be needed in the Millennium? We need to peer carefully through our “spiritual telescope”. Something here is not quite clear.

Look at Revelation 12:5 where we find this synopsis of history---and prophecy: “And she brought forth a man-child, who was to rule all nations with a **rod of iron**: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.” Here we find, concisely declared, that Christ will rule all nations with a rod of iron! Why must He do that?

Those who truly have God’s Spirit have the Law of God written in their hearts. Do we need a rod of iron applied to us? However, this is saying Jesus Christ is going to rule in the Millennium, with a rod of iron. WHY will Christ need a rod of iron if everyone in the Millennium is given the Spirit of God?

Now read Revelation 19:15: “And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.”

Notice also the reward of Thyatira in Revelation 2:26-27: “And he that overcomes and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power (authority) over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.”

Isn't the Millennium a time of peace and safety? Shouldn't all nations be in obedience and harmony with the Laws of God? WHY will God need those of an entire Church era to have power over the nations and rule them with a rod of iron? WHY is a rod of iron needed? If you are a baptized member of the Church of God, do you need a rod of iron ruling over you? Are you so stubborn that you need to be forcibly ruled with a rod of iron? No---of course not! A converted follower of God is filled with the Spirit of Christ and wants to keep His Ways. Thus what is it that we are not seeing?

Everyone will keep the Feast of Tabernacles and ALL of the other Holy Days of God during the Millennium. Read this in Zechariah 14:17: "And it shall be, that whosoever will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain." What is this? Why will they NOT come up to the Feast? Each year we go willingly and happily to observe the Feast of Tabernacles. It is the highlight of the year for God's people. Why would these people refuse to obey Jesus Christ? Why would these nations say, "I am NOT going to the Feast."

Verses 18 and 19 state: "And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles." The word heathen (#1491) in this verse in the KJV is the same as nations and usually refers to the Gentile people (non-Israelite) who compose the greater population of the earth. If they had the Spirit of God, wouldn't these Gentile Nations want to come to the Feast too? Therefore what are these scriptures telling us?

Continue with verse 20: "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar." This means that righteousness and holiness, the instructions of God's Law, will be everywhere upon the earth. Everything will be in holiness. Then why are these people so stubborn? Why won't they come to the Feast of Tabernacles? Why does God have to hold a rod of iron over their heads?

The Great Deceiver

Let's return to Revelation 20:3 where we find Satan cast into the bottomless pit: "And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season." How is it possible for these nations to be deceived after they have lived under the government of God for 1000 years? This tells us we haven't seen the whole picture, and we need to focus our spiritual telescope in for more accurate detail. Verses 7-9: "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 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. 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 God out of heaven, and devoured them."

Did God's PLAN fail? Of course not! God has everything planned just right. We just need to look a little closer to find HOW the Devil could deceive these people that lived during the Millennium.

Proceed in verse 10: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are (were cast), and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever." (Satan's part in all of this will be thoroughly covered in Part II of this booklet).

That is the Good News! Finally we will be rid of Satan. But HOW is it possible to deceive all these different (pagan) nations? If the Spirit of God was poured out on ALL flesh during the Millennium, if the Saints taught the entire world, under Jesus Christ

Himself, then how were the nations deceived, after Satan was released? I repeat; did God's plan fail? Absolutely NOT! So just what is it that we have not seen before?

God's Spirit Poured upon Israel

Turn to Isaiah 44:1-3 to see WHO God's Spirit will be poured upon during the Millennium: "Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: Thus says the Lord that made you, and formed you from the womb, which will help you; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and you Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon your seed, and my blessings upon your offspring."

God plainly says He is going to pour His Spirit on Jacob and Israel and THEIR offspring.

Isaiah 4:3 states: "And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, (or Israel) and he that remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem."

We see Israel will be called holy during this time. It doesn't say Israel and the heathen or Gentiles. No, it says Israel will be called **holy**. Let's go back to Isaiah 45:17 and 25: "But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation: you shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end... In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified (forgiven), and shall glory." It would be helpful to go back and study these chapters and their context. It is very important to understand this.

Next read Isaiah 59:20-21: "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, says the Lord. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's' seed, says the Lord, from henceforth and for ever."

In the Millennium the word of God is going to be in Israel's mouth and in their seed's mouth and their seed's seed's mouth. Now let's go to Jeremiah 31:8-10: "Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travails with child together: a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd does his flock. (v. 33-34) But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, says the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, says the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." All of Israel will know God and have access to His Spirit during the Millennium.

We find more information in Ezekiel chapter 11, beginning verses 17-20: "Therefore say, Thus says the Lord God; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. 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

will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.”

God’s Model Nation

God is going to gather Israel, and bring them into their own land during the millennium. They are going to be His people and He will be their God. Ezekiel 36:22 adds this: “Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the heathen, where you went.”

Originally, God had called Israel to be a model for all other nations. They failed miserably! They profaned God among the heathens. Verse 23 declares: “And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which you have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.”

Be assured, Israel WILL be the model nation God had intended. They are going to be an example to this world. God is going to CAUSE them to do His will. God is going to give Israel His Spirit during the Millennium and they are going to fulfill everything He has said and intended in the past.

Continue with verses 24-28: “For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: from all you filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you (Israel), and a new spirit will I put within you (Israel), and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments and do them. And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

Zechariah 8:7-8 is plain and clear: “Thus says the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will save my people (Israel) from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.”

Part I

Chapter Three

What About the Gentiles?

If you have noticed in the numerous scriptures already given, God does not mention the Gentiles, although they make up most of the population of this earth. Therefore, what about the Gentiles? DO THE GENTILES RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE MILLENNIUM? We have always assumed they do! Is it TRUE? What does the Word of God say?

For the answer, let's first go to Isaiah 11:10 to see just what the Gentiles do receive in the Millennium: "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign (#5251, meaning *banner, standard, or beacon*) of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious". Here pictured is the returned GLORIOUS CHRIST, The LIGHT of the WORLD: see also Exodus 17:15 where one of the NAMES of the Eternal is "God our Banner".

Continue with verses 11-12: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he (Jesus Christ) shall set up an ensign (He will set ISRAEL up as a LIGHT to the GENTILES) for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."

There is going to be an ensign (*banner, beacon, standard*) in Jerusalem. The Gentiles are going to know that the Law of God is being taught from Mt. Zion. We read that statement from Micah 4, earlier, but here are the same powerful words recorded in Isaiah 2:2-4: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

All nations of the earth, the great majority being Gentile, will be TAUGHT the ways of God and will be compelled with a "rod of iron" to WALK in His paths.

Remember the words of Zechariah 14:17: "And it shall be that whosoever will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, even upon him shall be no rain." NO RAIN! It won't take long for even the most stubborn of the nations to understand they are dealing with the Almighty God. They most certainly will come up to Jerusalem---and worship the True God. Every one of the Gentile nations will learn to obey. They shall be ruled over in love, but with a "rod of iron"! Christ will not tolerate rebelliousness. The Gentiles will be given understanding of the Law of God and taught that which God expects of them.

They receive Knowledge of the Law of God. Next we read Isaiah 42:1 to see what else the Gentiles will be given: “Behold my servant, (This is either Christ or Israel---or both) whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.” Here is a definite statement of that which will be brought to the Gentiles---**JUDGMENT**. Judgment means JUSTICE and all of the meanings this word inculcates, including MERCY.

The Gentiles will also have Israel as an example; a MODEL NATION! Israel will be a LIGHT to the Gentiles. Verse 6 declares: “I the Lord have called you (Israel) in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and give you for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles...”

Israel shall be the MODEL NATION(S) during the Millennium!

Israel’s “Baby-Sitters”

Isaiah 49:22 reads: “Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard (#5241, *banner, beacon*) to the people: and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.”

God is going to set up a light, Israel and His law, in Zion, and the Gentiles are going to serve Israel. Even the kings and queens of other nations are going to be servants to Israel, during the Millennium. Verse 23 declares: “And kings shall be your nursing fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers: they shall bow down to you with their face towards the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet; and you shall know that I am the Lord: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.” Again, please study this in the context that God intends.

Isaiah 61:5-6 proceeds with the same thoughts: “*And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vine dressers. But you (Israel) shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: you shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall you boast yourselves.*”

The Gentiles are not going to be poor, downtrodden, “third-world nations”! No! God says, “You are going to eat the RICHES of the Gentiles!” This will be during the World Tomorrow! ALL NATIONS will be WEALTHY beyond their dreams due to the enforcement of the Laws of God. They are going to be judged in justice and mercy. However, they are going to SERVE Israel in the Government of God! When God writes it in HIS Word, it is THE Word! Israel IS going to be God's model nation. ISRAEL will have the SPIRIT of GOD. The GENTILES will have the KNOWLEDGE of God, only. It is NOT in God's PLAN for them to receive His Spirit at that time! During the Millennium the Gentiles will serve Israel, by working the fields and vineyards and as herdsman. Israel will be the Priests and Ministers of the Gentiles. That is what the BIBLE states!

Now, let's look at Isaiah 60:1-22: “Arise, shine; for the light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you (Zion). For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you. And the Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to you: your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see, and flow together, and your heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto you, the forces

(wealth-prosperity) of the Gentiles shall come unto you. The multitude of camels shall cover you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto you, the rams of Nebaroth shall minister unto you: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you (Israel-Zion). And the sons of strangers shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister unto you: for in my wrath I smote you, but in my favor have I had mercy on you.”

“Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto you the forces (wealth, prosperity) of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto you, the fir tree, the pine tree, the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. The sons also of them that afflicted you shall come bending unto you, and all they that despised you shall bow themselves down at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you, The city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.”

“Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through you, I will make you an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. You shall also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shall suck the breast of kings: and you shall know that I the Lord am your savior and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make your officers peace, and your exactors righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in you land, wasting nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. The sun shall be no more your light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto you: but the Lord shall be unto you an everlasting light, and your God your glory.”

“Your sun shall no more go down; neither shall your moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.”

“Your people also shall be all righteous: then shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time.”

God’s Righteous Plan

Study those scriptures over and over. Read all of chapters 61 and 62 of Isaiah, and understand God has a WONDERFUL PLAN. God is NOT prejudiced! He does NOT discriminate! He is ALL-WISE! He is ALL-MERCIFUL! God has an OVERALL PLAN to bring ALL who have ever lived, and those who shall yet be born, into HIS FAMILY. God and Christ are in the process of CREATING GODS...just like themselves! It is a step-by-step procedure. Jesus Christ is the FIRSTBORN. Those of us who have been called as FIRSTFRUITS at the FIRST RESURRECTION shall be the WIFE of Christ. Then we will be the Spiritual guides to Israel during the Millennium, when the Spirit of God will be given to ALL ISRAEL. The millions of converted Israelites will live and die during the Millennium and await the SECOND RESURRECTION, at which time, they are born into the FAMILY of GOD as a “FIRSTBORN.” These millions of Israelite God-Beings will be the Spiritual guides to the other BILLIONS who will also be raised in the SECOND RESURRECTION. The

BILLIONS who lived as physical human beings but never received the Spirit of God in their lifetime will finally have their opportunity. This subject will be continued in Part II of this booklet.

In every verse of the Bible, dealing with Gentiles during the Millennium, they are spoken about in less than warm and enduring terms. In fact, there is simply not one verse in the entire Bible that says Gentiles will have access to God's Holy Spirit during the Millennium. Think about that!

There are however, a few verses that have been used in the past to imply that God's Spirit will be given to ALL people during the 1000-year reign. We will look at them shortly, but FIRST let's restate that which God will pour out on the Gentiles during the Millennium. One very important blessing given to the Gentiles during the Millennium is the knowledge of God.

The Entire Earth Will Know God

Let's notice this in Isaiah 11:9-10: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious."

The earth will be full of the knowledge of God. It does NOT say it will be full of God's Holy Spirit. Remember, we read this also in Isaiah 2:2-4. Habakkuk 2:14 adds the same statement: "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Eternal, as the waters that cover the sea."

Does having knowledge save us? Ancient Israel knew all about God didn't they? God spoke to them from Mt. Sinai as He gave them His law. They had the knowledge of God. Did that keep them walking the straight and narrow of God's path? No, it did not!

Romans 1:20 reads: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

The world should be able to observe and understand that God is God. Ancient Israel knew God! In the wilderness they could see Him everyday, in the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night. However, they still did not follow God's ways---although they possessed the knowledge of God. No, look what they did. Verse 21: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

These ancient people of Israel rejected God's way, even demanding a king to rule over them. All mankind has a very hostile (carnal) mind toward God and His Law (Rom. 8:7). All of us have the plague of our own human heart (I Kings 8:38). However, in His mercy, down through the ages of time, God has called a comparative few out of this evil world and given to them His Spirit.

The rest of the world, NOT called of God, is hostile against the Law of God, and will not be subject to the Law of God. That is WHY a "rod of iron" will be needed in the Millennium. By the end of the thousand years there will be millions, perhaps billions, of people that will NOT have the Spirit of God. These people are not going to be lost forever; they will have NOT been given their opportunity to receive the Spirit of God!

What does this all mean? Does it mean that the Gentiles will never receive God's Spirit and be converted? Of course not! But it does mean that only ISRAEL will have

God's Spirit poured out on them during the Millennium. Israel will, indeed, become the MODEL NATION their ancient forefathers were called, in type, to be. GOD'S WILL SHALL BE DONE!

But what happens to the Gentiles?

In the Ambassador College Correspondence Course, Copyright, 1969, lesson 38, page 5, under the heading "World to be Converted in the Millennium?" The question is asked, "Will the Gentiles Too Become Converted?" The scripture given to prove they will be converted is Isaiah 2:3: "And many people will go and say; come you, and let us go up the mountain of the house of the Lord, to the God of Jacob and He will teach us of His way, and we will walk in His paths. For out of Zion will go forth law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

Does this say all nations will be converted? No! It says the nations will go to Jerusalem to be taught God's ways, because God's law will come out of Zion! The Correspondence Course writers imply that, "They will walk in His paths," means they will receive God's Spirit and be converted. Does being taught God's laws convert you? Or does a willingness and desire to obey those laws through God's Spirit convert you?

Look at Exodus 24:3: "And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments; and all the people answered with one voice, and said; all the words which the Lord has said we will do."

Israel was taught God's laws and said they would obey them. But did they become CONVERTED; did they really OBEY? NO! They were NOT converted and they did NOT obey even though they were taught the Words of God. If KNOWLEDGE of God's law and PROFESSING a WILLINGNESS to OBEY them does NOT convert you, then what does? Romans 8:9 tells us that unless we have God's Holy Spirit, then we are not Christ's and are NOT CONVERTED! "But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Does Isaiah 2:3 say anything at all about the Gentiles receiving God's Spirit? NO, it does not! The Gentile nations will be FORCED to obey God's laws with a "rod of iron"! You may wonder, after they have learned the laws, couldn't they simply repent and be converted? John 6:44 informs us that no one can come to Christ, unless God the Father draws him! Are the Gentiles going to be called during the Millennium? NO! Nevertheless, let's look a little further. Perhaps, there may be a few Gentiles called during the Millennium, just like today, to serve with Israel. The time of a person's calling is God the Father's responsibility.

WHEN is God's Spirit Poured on ALL Flesh?

You may be wondering about Joel 2:28: "And it shall come to pass **afterward**, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions..."

There it is! The Bible says God is going to pour out His Spirit on all flesh! WHEN? Let's get the context by going back to verses 18-20: "Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward

the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savor shall come up, because he has done great things.”

The returning Jesus Christ, His Wife and the Angelic armies will completely conquer the armies of this world, when He comes to rule this earth. Verse 21: “Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. Be not afraid, you beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree bears hers fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.”

This is the World Tomorrow unfolding! Continue verses 23-27: “Be glad then you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he has given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And you shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that has dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.” THESE SCRIPTURES DESCRIBE THE MILLENNIUM!

Now let's read verse 28 again: “And it shall come to pass **afterward**, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions...”

It is AFTERWARDS... AFTER the Millennium that God is going to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. Doesn't Joel 2:28 say that God's Spirit is to be given to all flesh? Yes it does! However, we must read the verses preceding this verse to understand WHEN God's Spirit is POURED OUT on ALL FLESH. Please be sure you understand that the Millennium has been described in verses 19-27.

Those scriptures plainly show Christ's intervention and the establishment of His 1000-year reign. Warring armies are destroyed; animals will be fed and contented; trees will bear fruit; Zion rejoices in the Lord; the rains will fall gently; wheat, wine and oil are plentiful; all will eat plenty and be satisfied, and Christ will be in the midst of Israel. At this point we come to verse 28: “And it shall come to pass **AFTERWARDS**, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh.” God does not say on that day or at that time, He says; **AFTERWARDS---AFTER the Millennium!**

Webster's Dictionary defines *afterwards* as: “later, or subsequently. *Subsequently* is described as: occurring or coming later or after.”

God will indeed pour out His Spirit on all flesh **AFTER** the millennium, during THE LAST GREAT DAY!

Read Moses' words to Israel in Deuteronomy chapter 4, and realize that God is going to see that this is done! Verses 4-8: “*But you that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you this day. Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, which you should do so in the land whither you go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who has God so near unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that has statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?*”

These scriptures tell us that God had intended Israel to be a living example of how His laws work. However, they were unable to live by these laws anciently. After Christ returns with His Saints, all Israel will have God's Spirit poured upon them. They will finally be able to fulfill their teaching role---in the Millennium.

The Gentiles will be forced to obey these laws and will learn how well these laws work. God is using a very practical one step at a time method of converting all humanity. It makes good sense!

Let's go Back to Revelation 20:1-3: "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

After 1000 years the raging Satan will be released from his prison. Israel will have fulfilled their role as the MODEL NATION. The Gentiles will have walked in the WAY of God by the force of the "rod of iron" during the Millennium, but will not be given the Spirit of God! Consequently, many people of the Gentile nations are going to be victims of Satan's deception when the 1000 years ends and the "rod of iron" ceases to be enforced.

Continue reading in verses 4-6: "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 which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.) This is the first resurrection."

The "rest of the dead" will be the subject of the second part of this booklet.

Verse 6 states this marvelous Truth: "Blessed and holy is he that has part in **the first resurrection**: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

This is the point to which we have now come in the prophecies of God related to AFTER the 1000 year REIGN of the KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS. Verses 7-10 continue: "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 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. 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 God out of heaven, and devoured them. 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 forever and ever."

We had previously thought this vast multitude of people who will be deceived by Satan had received of the Spirit of God. They are described as the "sand of the sea" in number, and we had assumed that, in their rebellion against the Rule of Christ, they would be lost forever! However, our Mighty God is the God of Mercy, and He has a PERFECT PLAN for ALL of mankind.

This immense number of people, deceived by the wicked devil, are NOT lost forever but shall be raised up in the Second Resurrection and, AT THAT TIME, be given access to

the Spirit of God. This will be their first opportunity to receive the Spirit of God for, AT THAT TIME, on the LAST GREAT DAY, God's Spirit WILL be "poured out on all flesh."

This will be the WONDERFUL NEW TRUTH you will read in Part II.

The Deep Things Of God

Part II

THE LAST GREAT DAY!

Part II

Chapter One

After the Millennium: The Nations Deceived by Satan...?

I was reared in a very fine, average American family. My dad was brought up on a farm and he learned the value of hard work. He loved the outdoors. He loved to hunt, to fish, and he loved to play baseball. But most of all Dad loved God. He was ordained as a Christian minister when he was around 40 years old. Therefore in our family we were taught the ways of God or, at least, the ways my Dad and Mother understood about God. However, we, like so many others, had some strange ideas and beliefs. Some of these ideas that we had preached to us on Sundays at church were really frightening. Stories about an ever-burning hell---hell fire and brimstone! We were taught and believed that the wicked, those “evil people” that drank whiskey, who went to dances, who gambled or attended movies on Sunday, were headed straight for HELL, to burn and burn and burn! Our minister could vividly describe how those who were plunged into *HELLFIRE* would be burning and screaming forever and ever and ever!

On the other hand, we were taught that those who were good, who went to church every Sunday, at their death would go straight to HEAVEN. They would be given wings, a white cloud to sit on, a harp to play, and they could look into the face of God forever and ever and ever. I thought about that and wondered if it would get boring, but I did want to see the streets and everything else in heaven that was made out of pure gold.

That is what we were taught. That is part of what we sincerely BELIEVED! I continued to believe this, even after I was married. However, God has a Plan and, in His Mercy, brought me to repentance! Then one day I was thrust into a conversation with a Seventh Day Adventist lady that my wife had hired in her business. She asked me questions about the Sabbath Day! The SABBATH DAY! WHAT and WHEN is the SABBATH DAY, I wondered? I began to study God’s Word.

The State of the Dead

After nearly two years of studying the Bible and Seventh-Day Adventist literature, God led me to the World Tomorrow radio broadcast. On those broadcasts I was astonished and fascinated as Herbert W. Armstrong and his son, Garner Ted Armstrong thundered forth the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. They had been given the Truth of God. They taught the Holy Scriptures and made them so very plain and understandable. The actual STATE of the DEAD was wonderful knowledge I had never known. Mr. Armstrong’s writings showed plainly from the Word of God that the "wicked" were not burning in an ever-burning HELLFIRE, nor were the "righteous" plucking on a harp in HEAVEN. The Bible revealed these groups of people were NOT in heaven or hell; they were DEAD. They know nothing at all. They feel nothing at all. The word rendered "hell" in the King James Version of the Bible is from the Greek word *hades* and the Hebrew

word *sheol*. The meaning is a *pit*, or a *grave*. That is all! Just a hole in the ground! The Translators of the different versions of the Bible tried to make a connection between the words *sheol* and *hades* with another Greek word *gehenna*. This word was taken from the Hebrew words, *ge-ben-hennom*, interpreted as, the Valley of the Son of Hinnom (Joshua 15:8; 18:16) or later historically, the Valley of Hinnom and Gehenna Fire! We will come back to this subject later in this presentation.

It was wonderful Truth to learn. People that I had known who had done "bad things" during their lives are not in an ever-burning hell with the devil poking them with a pitchfork, they are just---DEAD!

Mr. Armstrong taught us that man does NOT have an immortal soul. Man IS a soul. When a man dies, his soul does not live on in hell or heaven, the man just dies! God is not a harsh, sadistic, cruel monster. He is the Merciful God---and He has a Great Plan.

We also learned that man has a spirit. The Bible says: "There is a spirit in man" (I Corinthians 2:11). This Spirit is the mind with which we reason, think, love and appreciate. It's the personality, the developing character of each individual person. It is this spirit essence that is retained by God at our death. Jesus Christ said: "Into your hands I commit my spirit...(Luke 23:46)." Steven said the same thing (Acts 7:59). This spirit in man can be imbued with the Spirit of God when God, Himself, determines to call an individual to repentance, to be baptized and to receive this GIFT of His Spirit.

That person then must grow spiritually, striving to overcome, to grow up into Christ in all things (Ephesians 4:13-15). He or she who has been called and chosen of God must remain faithful to the end. At the Return of Jesus Christ, the Resurrection of the Firstfruits occurs. Those resurrected are the truly righteous DEAD, which will be raised to God-life forevermore. As they arise from their graves and ascend to meet Christ in the air, those who have been given God's Spirit, who have been called and chosen and have remained faithful, who are "alive and remain," will be changed in an instant to Spirit and follow them to meet Christ in the clouds of heaven. (See I Cor. 15:51-52).

This is the FIRST RESURRECTION!

The Second Resurrection IS the Last Great Day

Revelation 20:6 states: "Blessed and holy is he that has part in the First Resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years." Verse 5 declares: "But the rest of the DEAD lived not again until the Thousand years were finished..." Isn't it very plainly implied that after the Millennium there will then be another Resurrection, a SECOND RESURRECTION, also!

Let us now carefully focus on that SECOND RESURRECTION which we of the Church of God have related with the Seventh Holy Day of the year known as the Last Great Day. John 7:37 in the New Testament provides the title of this important Holy Day: "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink..."

Referring to John 7:37, the marginal reference in the Bible I am using calls attention to Leviticus 23 in the Old Testament. Leviticus 23:33-36 states: "Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, speak to the children of Israel, saying: "The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord. On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it. For seven days

you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. On the eighth day (the Last Great Day) you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. It is a solemn assembly. You shall do no customary work on it."

During Jesus' days on the earth in the flesh, He kept the Holy Days of God. Of course we realize He was the "Lord" who instructed Moses to record the "Feasts of the Lord" in the Books of the Law in the Bible. These are the Lord's Feasts, as we shall see! But first read the following in John 7:1-10: "After these things Jesus walked in Galilee, for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. His brothers therefore said to Him, Depart from here and go into Judea, that your disciples also may see the works that you are doing. For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world. For even His brothers did not believe in Him. Then Jesus said to them, my time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify of it that its works are evil. You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come. When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee. But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret."

Jesus attended at least the first part of that Feast in secret. It was in the year 30AD and a price was on His head. As the sun set on the final day of the Feast of Tabernacles, which was on a Friday that year, the Seventh Holy Day, an annual Sabbath, commenced as the weekly Sabbath also began (John 9:14). It was a dual Sabbath that year---the Last Great Day and the weekly Sabbath!

There was a death threat hanging over Jesus, however He had a mighty message to deliver as we continue in verses 37-39 of John 7: "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive, for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

Notice carefully, The Last Great Day pictures *rivers of living waters*--- the pouring out of God's Spirit.

Satan Released!

Revelation 20:1-3 declares: "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; And he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while." WHY?

At the end of the Millennium, Satan will be released for a little season. How long is that season? We aren't sure, but it is long enough for him to deceive Millions of people!

As the sun sets on the last evening of the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day begins, it portrays the point of time in the future when Satan is released from his prison. There would be no way to describe the pent-up hatred and insane rage that this wicked being would have boiling inside him. But he is released and goes forth to deceive the nations, as we read in verses 7 & 8: "Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison, and will go out to deceive the nations, which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea."

This transition period of great deception happens after the close of the Millennium, but before the Last Great Day begins. It will take time for Satan to go forth and deceive the nations. How long will it take? I repeat, we don't know! However we do know WHY they can be deceived. They do NOT have God's Spirit!

We had thought in the past that during the Millennium the Spirit of God would be poured out on everyone! We thought Gog and Magog would receive of God's Spirit and yet rebel against their Creator. We thought they would have been given their opportunity for salvation but failed miserably. The Lake of Fire would await them

Yet, now we can see the mercy of God. Israel only is given the Spirit of God during the Millennium! The rest of the world will be given the knowledge of God only, not the Spirit of God. Satan can deceive those who do NOT have the Spirit of God. However, if we are not careful, he can deceive those who DO have the Spirit of God. All we need to do is to look around to believe that statement!

Continue with Rev. 20:9: "They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them." Get this picture in your mind from the Word of God. At the end of the Millennium, Satan is released and, after a time, deceives these Millions of people. They will be deceived and completely destroyed. This is only a thumbnail sketch of a very important occurrence. We must go to other scriptures to get a much more detailed description of the results of this rebellion against God. For now, remember this is the situation that exists at the end of the Millennium recorded in the pages of the Holy Bible, as the SECOND RESURRECTION---THE LAST GREAT DAY---is about to begin!

The Rest of the Dead

We have read Revelation 20:6 concerning those of the FIRST RESURRECTION who reign with Christ during the 1000 years. Verse 5 states: "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the 1000 years were finished." They are not alive in HELL or HEAVEN, THEY ARE DEAD! However, after the 1000 years, after the release of Satan and the deception and destruction of the nations, Satan is cast into the "*lake of fire*" (v.10). THEN verse 12: "And I saw the DEAD, small and great, stand before God..." This is the SECOND RESURRECTION---THE LAST GREAT DAY!

The entire Earth will have benefited from the Laws of God through the enforcement of the "rod of iron" during the Millennium. Comparatively speaking, the productivity and riches of the earth at that time are unimaginable to us living in this day. The Earth will have been prepared for the BILLIONS that will be raised up in the SECOND RESURRECTION. The entire Earth will be as the Garden of Eden---EXCEPT for the LAND OF ISRAEL!

As the SECOND RESURRECTION occurs, the Land of Israel will be littered with MILLIONS of dead bodies! God Almighty has demonstrated His awesome power and HOW He will deal with rebellion. This gruesome scene and the dramatic reason for it await all of humanity.

Among those who "stand before God" are those who had recently rebelled against their Maker and whose own fleshly bodies litter the land of Israel. Read this from your Bible in Ezekiel 38 & 39.

Ezekiel 38:1-8 states: "And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal,

and prophesy against him. And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn you back, and put hooks in your jaws, and I will bring you forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarter, and all his bands: and many people with thee....After many days you shalt be visited: in the LATTER years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.”

Continue with verses 10-11: “Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time **shall things come into thy mind**, (from Satan loosed from his prison) and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them without walls, and having neither bars or gates.”

EVIL THOUGHTS will come into their minds! WHY? Because this is the fulfillment of Revelation.20:8. Satan deceives the nations! This is the only reason WHY! He goes to Gog, in the land of Magog, and also to the four corners of the earth, to put evil thoughts in their minds. Satan will have planned and plotted to do this for 1000 years. He will deceive them with thoughts such as; “God is not fair. Why should Israel be the leading nation of the world? Why should OUR wealth be sent to them? Why should we take orders from them, and do their manual labor? Aren’t we just as good as they are? Israel needs to be taught a lesson. It would be so easy. They have no walls. They have no weapons. Let us take back all of the great wealth which really belongs to us!”

Again we need to ask; WHY is God allowing this to happen? How is this preparing for the Second Resurrection?

Remember again, these Gentile nations, who will be deceived by Satan, DO NOT HAVE GOD’S SPIRIT! This great act of rebellion will be dealt with as only God can do! They will be utterly annihilated! Nevertheless, it will not prevent these people from having an opportunity to repent when they too are raised up.

Deterrent to Sin

Think about this. WHO will be in the Second Resurrection? Answer, EVERY HUMAN BEING WHO HAS EVER LIVED, except for the comparatively few of the First Resurrection! Now imagine all of the sins and every crime committed by this mass of humanity, ALL of the murder, rape, war and destruction. Thankfully, our minds cannot imagine the magnitude of all the EVIL that will be raised up---brought back to life. They will all be raised up at the same time---with the same mind, personality, and character they died with.

Think of ALL of the (so-called) great men of war; Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander, Caesar, Genghis Khan, Charlemagne, Napoleon, Hitler, and on and on, who spent their whole violent lives killing, looting, and destroying. These men know nothing but WAR and the personal power and “glory” it brings to their carnal minds. They will be raised with the SAME personalities they died with!

If these men (and women) of war were brought back to life to view only the millennial setting of the Earth, with its peace and unprotected wealth, what would prevent them

from following their own natural instinct to take what they wanted and attempt to conquer the world? The answer is; they WILL NOT be resurrected to view the beauty and wealth of this Earth, BUT will be raised up to view the results of the GREATEST SLAUGHTER ever known to man!

Return to Ezekiel 38 and verse 16: “And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land, it shall be in the LATTER DAYS, and I will bring you against my land, that the heathen (nations, peoples) may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.”

This “great slaughter” takes place after Satan is released.

All of the Israelite nations have received the SPIRIT of God and have been the “model nations” living by the Spirit of the Law. All of the Gentile nations living during the Millennial Rule of Christ already have the KNOWLEDGE of God and have come under His government, by the use of the “rod of iron.” They are NOT the HEATHEN, the nations or peoples, Ezekiel is writing about. The HEATHEN Ezekiel mentions in verse 16 are those resurrected Billions who have never KNOWN the TRUE GOD and His WAYS. They will be raised in the Second Resurrection at the LAST GREAT DAY.

God allows Satan to be released to bring about this rebellion and resultant SLAUGHTER. These millions will not be lost eternally, as we have thought in the past. Until the time of the Second Resurrection, they will have never had their opportunity to know God or receive the Holy Spirit. However, they shall be given their chance when they are raised at the LAST GREAT DAY. It would have been a great victory for Satan if these people would be lost forever, but it doesn't work that way. These people did not have the Spirit of God.

Everyone seeing the results of the Great Slaughter will understand instantly how the Almighty God will deal with rebellion.

Part II

Chapter Two:

Preconceived Ideas

We have never considered the Great Slaughter of Gog, Magog and the Nations who rebel against the Government of God in relation to the Second Resurrection. This is a new concept in our minds. Consequently, we need to have established in our minds the biblical fact that, (1) only Israel is given the Spirit of God during the Millennium and (2) the Gentiles and all of Israel from throughout all ages, who were never given God's Spirit, will be given access to the Spirit of God when they are resurrected at the Last Great Day.

How Many Resurrections Does the Bible Teach?

At this time we need to carefully investigate how many Resurrections the Bible teaches? So far in our study in this paper, two Resurrections are very apparent. How did we come up with the idea of a third Resurrection? We must go to God's Word to answer this question. Then we will explore another preconceived idea. We will closely examine the scriptures that reveal the fate of Satan and the Demons. These subjects are ALL vital subjects of the PLAN revealed by The Last Great Day.

First, is there really a THIRD RESURRECTION? Could this be a preconceived idea similar to the weird ideas of "heaven and hell" that I had as a boy? What does the Bible say? You will NOT find one scripture where the terms "third resurrection" or "White Throne Judgment" is used! Does this surprise you?

Beginning in I Corinthians 15, we read of God's Plan for the Resurrection of the dead. Verses 12-14 and 20-23 explain: "Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is vain, and your faith is also vain... But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming."

The Apostle Paul is emphasizing the resurrection of the dead. Everyone who has ever lived shall be resurrected, but in God's time order. Continue in Revelation 20:4: "And I saw thrones and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded (killed, dead) for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."

These people will be witnesses who give their lives for the word of God. They are the Laodiceans and those of the Outer Court who will die in the tribulation, but they will overcome through the Spirit of God. They will be raised up in the First Resurrection with

the other righteous dead. Continuing in verse 5: “But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.” This says that the **rest of the dead** lived not again until the thousand years were finished! Doesn’t this imply that, after the 1000 years, ALL of the DEAD will be raised up in the Second Resurrection? Verse 6 declares: “Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years.” This is the First Resurrection, the resurrection of the Firstfruits who will reign with Christ a thousand years. Very plainly stated is the fact that the rest of the dead lived not again until the 1000 years were finished; then there will be a Second Resurrection. Is there a Third Resurrection mentioned anywhere?

No Third Resurrection

How many Resurrections are mentioned in Daniel 12:1-2: “At that time (time of the end) Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time, and at that time your people shall be delivered. Everyone who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life (which resurrection is that?), some to shame and everlasting contempt (which resurrection is that?).”

Only TWO Resurrections are mentioned here, one to everlasting life and one to everlasting contempt. We understand the meaning of *everlasting life*, but what is *everlasting contempt*? Jesus Christ defines exactly what these conditions are in John 5:28-29 (RSV): “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which **ALL** who are in the graves will hear His voice...” At the First Resurrection **all** are not going to hear His voice are they? No, no! Only a tiny, tiny fraction of humanity, that has ever lived, are those called to be the Firstfruits. This scripture is speaking of a time when ALL THAT ARE IN THE GRAVE WILL HEAR! Clearly, these are the *rest of the dead* written about in Revelation 20:5. Read John 5:28-29 again: “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which **all** that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation (judgment).” Yes, the hour is coming when ALL are going to hear His voice, ALL of the REST of the DEAD, those who had done GOOD and those who had done EVIL. Are ALL of the REST of the DEAD raised at ONE MOMENT IN TIME? Are the GOOD and the EVIL raised together, simultaneously?

Let God’s WORD give us the PLAIN TRUTH of this question. We read about a singular (ONLY ONE) Resurrection in Acts 24:15: “And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.”

Notice carefully, it is only ONE Resurrection---of the just and the unjust---the good and the bad, both raised up together. Isn’t that very clear? Paul does not say there will be “resurrections,” plural. No! He says “A Resurrection,” singular. So, who are the GOOD and the JUST that will come forth with the EVIL and the UNJUST?

The Bible is very clear that the First Resurrection occurs at the Return of Jesus Christ. At His Return He establishes the Kingdom of God over all the earth---then what happens? The 144,000 Israelites, sealed by God’s Spirit immediately before the Seventh Seal is opened, will be protected from the horrors of the Day of the Lord’s Wrath (Rev. 6:17;

7:1-8; and 9:4). They will enter the World Tomorrow, the Kingdom of God, as physical human beings, as its first citizens. They will be the “organized beginning” of the model nation of Israel. ALL of Israel will have access to God’s Spirit as they live their lives during the Millennium.

ALL Israelites who live during the Millennium will have the opportunity to become converted in the same manner as those called into the Church at this time. They will live, work and have families. They will live, and they will die. When they die, they will “sleep” in their GRAVES until the Second Resurrection just as the Firstfruits are waiting in their graves today, for the First Resurrection! Doesn’t that make perfect sense?

The MILLIONS of converted Israelites, who will live and die during the Millennium, are the GOOD and the JUST that will be raised to eternal Spirit Life, as children of God, at the Second Resurrection. They will be resurrected along with the EVIL and the UNJUST. Acts 24:15 has reference to ONE singular resurrection, at the beginning of the Last Great Day.

Revelation 20:4-6 states: “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them... and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.” These verses describe the First Resurrection and are more easily understood if the phrase, (But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.) were placed in brackets as I have done here.

The First Resurrection involves those called to be Firstfruits, before the Return of Jesus Christ. The Firstfruits reign as the Wife of Christ for 1000 years. However, after the 1000 years, there is a Second Resurrection---of the JUST and UNJUST. The JUST are the GOOD, the converted Israelites of the World Tomorrow, who will receive eternal life at the Second Resurrection. The UNJUST are the BAD, those BILLIONS from all ages of time who never had their calling or opportunity for God’s Holy Spirit! Also, included among these BILLIONS are the comparatively few who did have their calling and opportunity for God’s Spirit but rejected their calling. Woe be to them!

The Second Resurrection is a resurrection to LIFE EVERLASTING or to JUDGMENT! That is what the Holy Bible plainly states!

Now this brings us to another very important, but misunderstood issue about the resurrections. It was stated previously, “There is not one place in the Bible where you find the terms ‘Third Resurrection,’ or ‘White Throne Judgment.’”

Let’s notice what is stated in Revelation 20:11-15: “Then I saw a great white throne...” That was the color of it, a Great White Throne! This is simply the color of Christ’s Throne, not the name of an event or a space of time. Continue reading: “... and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great standing before God, and the books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works by the things, which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Now are we supposed to read those scriptures straight through or are we supposed to stop at the beginning of verse 13? Do verses 11 and 12 describe the Second Resurrection and verses 13 and 14 depict a Third Resurrection? Are TWO Resurrections depicted in verses 11-15---or only ONE?

Recall, again, that which we have already seen in the Scriptures:

The First Resurrection

I Corinthians 15: 22-23: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

Revelation 20: portions of verses 4, 5 & 6: "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them...and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years...This is **the first resurrection**. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in **the first resurrection**: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

The Second Resurrection

John 5:28-29: "Marvel not at this: for **the hour** is coming, in the which **all** that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And **shall come forth**; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation (judgment)."

Acts 24:15: "And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be **a resurrection of the dead**, both of the **just** and **unjust**."

Revelation 20: portions of verses 5 and 12: "But **the rest of the dead** lived not again until the thousand years were finished...and I saw **the dead, small and great**, stand before God..."

Observe carefully that the scripture does not say, "some of the dead" stand before God! No! It emphatically declares, "the dead, small and great," clearly indicating ALL of the DEAD stand before God at ONE point in time. If the "dead small and great stand before God," surely this includes ALL of the DEAD, those who perished in the sea (even Noah's Flood) and those buried in their graves. Verse 13: And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell (#86 *hades*, the grave) delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."

Let me repeat, the Second Resurrection is "A" (singular) Resurrection of ALL THE DEAD! The Just and the Unjust are raised in the **Second Resurrection**; consequently, there would be no more **DEAD** to be raised up in a **Third Resurrection!**

We have explained previously that the Just that are raised to Everlasting Spirit Life at the Second Resurrection are (1) the 144000 Israelites who will receive the Spirit of God immediately before the Seventh Seal is opened and (2) all of the Israelites who receive God's Spirit and overcome during the Millennium. They are not raised to Judgment, they are raised to **ETERNAL LIFE**---they had already been judged. I Peter 4:17 shows us that all those called by God are being judged from the time of their calling: "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God..."

Also, the vast majority of all people who have ever lived are the UNJUST, and they, too, will be raised at the Second Resurrection. They have never had an opportunity for Salvation---and they have never been judged. They are raised to **JUDGMENT!**

Read Revelation 20:12 and 13 again: “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; 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. 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 work.” The Word of God, the Holy Books, the Bible will be opened to the mind of these Billions of persons by the Spirit that they shall receive from God. They will be judged by how they live according to the scriptures, in the same manner as we are judged today.

The GOOD and the BAD, JUST and UNJUST are resurrected at the Second Resurrection. All who have ever lived will be raised in this resurrection. Consequently, all the “GRAVES” on land or sea will be empty. The “rest of the dead” (Rev. 20:5 & 12) will have been raised at the Second Resurrection. DEATH from that point on is ETERNAL DEATH---the LAKE of FIRE! There will be some of the “rest of the dead” who had received their calling, but did not overcome. They have already been judged and found wanting! The Lake of Fire awaits them!

The Apostle Paul brings out an interesting point about “death and the grave” in I Corinthians 15:26 and 54-55: “The last enemy that will be destroyed is death...So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O grave (Strong’s #86), where is your victory?’”

As former members of the Worldwide Church of God, we had been taught that a Second and a Third Resurrection were described in Revelation 20:11-15! Now, it should be very obvious all “the rest of the dead” are raised at the Second Resurrection. There is no need for a Third Resurrection! We were also taught that in the midst of these verses was a 100-year span of time that we formerly called the “Great White Throne Judgment.” We believed this!

A New Heaven and Earth

Prior to our calling into God’s Church, we believed all sorts of weird doctrines of the world, but then God brought us to His truth through Herbert W. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong built the framework of the Restored Truths that were laid on the sure foundation of the Word of God. So let's examine the scriptures describing the “100-year” period that is supposed to take place somewhere between verses 12-13 of Revelation 20. Is this really correct?

The 100-year period comes from the WCG teaching of Isaiah 65:20: “There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.” But to really understand Isaiah 65 it is imperative that we understand verse 17: “For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.”

The Earth will be totally destroyed by the greatest “time of trouble” ever to come upon this planet and will need to be re-created before any consideration of verse 20. The ghastly “ride” of the Four Horsemen, the Great Tribulation and the one-year period of the Day of the Lord’s Wrath will cause Planet Earth to be wobbling through the solar system. Jeremiah 4:19-28 records this time of great calamity: “My bowels, my bowels! I am

pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet ..." (The Seventh Seal--- The Trumpet Plagues), "... the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment. How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was **without form, and void...**" (Strong's #814 *toho* and #922 *bohoo*---the same words used to describe the destroyed earth in Genesis 1:2); "... and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger."

Now read Isaiah's description of this same most terrible time to come upon the earth: chapter 24: verse 17-23: "Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake. The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited. Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously."

Please realize that Matthew 24:21 means exactly what it declares: "**For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**"

Re-creation!

After the Great Tribulation the Earth must be "created" once again to allow the Millennium to take place. The prophecies and promises of II Peter 3:5-7 and 13 will be fulfilled before the Millennium can commence: "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men ... Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (v.13).

Verse 13 above appears to have a dual application. The scriptures we have just reviewed in Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Matthew are very obviously concerned with the horrendous events, which shall render the Earth to the condition of utter destruction, prior to and at the Return of Christ and the establishment of the World Tomorrow. A New Heaven and a New Earth will be a necessity! The second application of II Peter 3:13 will be AFTER THE LAST GREAT DAY immediately preceding the arrival of God the Father to the earth in the time of Revelation 21:1-3. We will examine that shortly.

However, at this point we are considering the conditions of the earth at Christ's Return. The Apostle Paul, writing in II Thessalonians 1:6-10, makes it apparent as to when these awesome events occur: "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints..." At His Return at the First Resurrection!

Yes! The earth will be destroyed, but we, as Firstfruits, will have the privilege of beholding the Mighty Christ re-create Planet Earth! Read this declaration again in Isaiah 65:17: "For behold I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former shall not be remembered nor come into mind." This is the scripture Peter quotes in II Peter 3:13.

Lets read the entire section of Isaiah 65:17-28: "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD."

Notice carefully that these verses portray life during the Millennium, not the Last Great Day. As Israel follows God's laws, they will not have their lives cut short by sickness or accidents. Babies will not be killed by abortions (Moffatt says: "Children will not die suddenly, for they are a race that the Eternal blesses"). The life span of humanity will be extended in the Millennium due to the observing of the Laws of Health. People will be wonderfully healthy. However, the habitual sinner will bring curses upon himself, as always, and he will die.

Realize what is being stated in verse 23: "They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble..." Or "**bare children for calamity**," as the Revised Standard Version renders that phrase. This clearly means that **CHILDREN ARE BEING BORN** during this time described. This cannot be picturing the Last Great Day for that simple reason! Children will be born in the Wonderful World Tomorrow, generation after generation, but not during the Last Great Day: "... for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat..." (Plainly, these are MILLENNIAL scriptures) "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord."

Isaiah 65:17-28 involves the Millennium, not the Last Great Day! For the Millennium to begin the earth must first be re-created. We have stated previously that II Peter 3:13 applies definitely to this time before the World Tomorrow---and apparently to the time prior to the coming of God the Father to Planet Earth.

Revelation 21:1-4 is very interesting. There it declares: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first (#4413, protos) heaven and the first (#4413, protos) earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God 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 (#4413, protos) are passed away."

Notice carefully that **first** and **former things** are the same Greek word (#4413 *protos*). Therefore, this scripture is NOT stating that the **first** *heaven and earth* of Genesis One was *passed away*, but the **former** *heaven and earth* of Isaiah 65:17 are *passed away* in preparation for the New Jerusalem AND the coming of God the Father! Study this vigilantly! The scriptures are correctly connected here for the first time that I am aware of---according to Isaiah 28:10: "For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; **here a little, and there a little.**"

This is New Truth!

How Long is the Last Great Day?

I don't remember when Mr. Armstrong began to teach that Revelation 20:11-15 contained a SECOND and a THIRD Resurrection and that a "100-year" period of Judgment existed between these Resurrections. The Second Resurrection and the "100-year" period of Judgment is one of the 18 Restored Truths. The Second Resurrection is fantastic, easily seen TRUTH from the Word of God that many of the world's churches still do not teach. Mr. Armstrong was not given the full understanding of the Second Resurrection, but he gave us that which he understood. Now as we "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" we can look much deeper into the overall TRUTH, that was revealed to Herbert Armstrong, as portrayed in the Seventh Holy Day of the year---the Last Great Day. We can view the Framework of the Restored Truths attached firmly to the Word of God, and through growth in the knowledge of Christ, we can build upon them.

Mr. Armstrong gave us ALL he could see as he peered into the *Deep Things of God*. Yet, we can now peer much more deeply into this TRUTH. As we do, we begin to see there is much more to be considered. We must build upon that which Jesus Christ has already given and build upon it as more TRUTH is revealed. God commands that we **prove all things** and you must prove these **deep things** you are studying in this presentation.

The Last Great Day is the "white throne" (if you want to use that term) Judgment Day. It begins with the Second Resurrection. Does the BIBLE tell us HOW LONG this "DAY" will be? We had thought that this was a 100-year period, but upon close scrutiny we see this is not the case. The 100 years mentioned in Isaiah 65 refers only to minimum average life spans during the Millennium! Isaiah 65 is not concerned with the Last Great Day whatsoever! Therefore, does the Bible tell us how long the period of time allotted for the

Last Great Day really will be? Understand; this period of JUDGMENT is called the Last Great DAY! Again, the name comes from John 7:37: “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.”

Observe the PLAIN statement of II Peter 3:8: “But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a **THOUSAND YEARS**, and a **THOUSAND YEARS as ONE DAY**.” Is this the Bible definition of the duration of the Last Great DAY--- A THOUSAND YEARS? Think about this question as we continue.

A Seven Thousand Year Plan OR an Eight Thousand Year Plan?

Why would a thousand years be required for the JUDGMENT of the majority of humanity? Does this mean that those brought up in the Second Resurrection would have a thousand years to live and overcome? Does this seem too long? Perhaps it does from our narrow viewpoint. For us today, a person is fortunate to live 70 years. So WHY would God assign a thousand years to this important period?

Mr. Armstrong frequently referred to God’s “7000-year plan”. However, Mr. Armstrong believed there was at least a 100-year period of time for the JUDGMENT. So, in reality he expected a 7100-year duration in God’s Plan. However, God has revealed to us that the 100-year period of Isaiah 65:20 applies to the minimum life span in the Millennium. Therefore, are we actually looking at an overall 8000-year Plan of God for the Creation of BILLIONS of God-Beings? Is this WHY we observe the Last Great Day as the EIGHTH Day during the Feast season (see Leviticus 23:39 and Numbers 29:35)?

We as humans generally tend to think in very narrow terms dealing with life span---70, 80, or maybe 90 years. Very soon, in the Family of God, we will begin to think in terms of ETERNITY. It is very difficult for human beings today to believe the very long life spans man had in the beginning.

We see in chapter five of Genesis how God created the human body to last. It is recorded that many lived for nearly 1000 years, some probably longer! The Bible tells us Adam lived 930 years. Seth lived 912 years. Enos lived 905 years; Cainan 910 years; Mahaleel 895 years; Methusalah lived 969 years, and Noah lived 950 years. We tend to think that our own life span, in this day and time, is the correct and normal length of life. We think God did something special to lengthen the lives of mankind before the Flood. However, this is incorrect. In reality just the opposite is true. Look at Genesis 6:3. Here we see God actually performs a miracle to shorten man’s life because of SIN: “And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh; yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”

In Acts 3:20-21 we are told that after Christ returns and sets up the Kingdom, there will be a restitution of all things: “And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heavens must receive until the times of the restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.” Not some things, or most things, but ALL things will be restored. Would this not also include the life span originally created for mankind? Look again at the curse pronounced in Genesis 6:3. This was made at the approximate time God told Noah to construct the ark. At that time Noah was 500 years old. One hundred years later Noah and his family entered the ark, and the Flood began (Gen.7: 11). Three hundred and fifty years later Noah died, at the age of 950 years.

Noah’s son Shem lived to be 600 years old.

Shem's son Arphaxhad lived only 438 years.

Arphaxhad's son Salah lived 433 years.

Salah's son Eber lived 464 years.

Eber's son Peleg lived 239 years.

Peleg's son Reu lived 239 years.

Reu's son Serug lived 230 years.

Serug's son Nahor lived 148 years.

Nahor's son Terah lived 235 years.

Terah's son Abraham lived 175 years.

Abraham's son Isaac lived 180 years.

Isaac's son Jacob lived 147 years.

Jacob's son Joseph was the first man recorded in the Bible to live LESS than 120 years. He died at the age of 110.

The point of all of this is the fact that God created the human body to endure. For the first 1600 years, before the Flood, it is recorded that man's life span was nearly 1000 years. God told Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil: "... *for in **the day** that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die* (Genesis 2:17). This scripture substantiates II Peter 3:8: "... *that one **day** is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one **day**.*" Adam died at the age 930 years---within the 1000 year "**DAY**" that he did *eat thereof*. Eight hundred more years passed, AFTER the Flood, before we read of a man, the patriarch Joseph, living LESS than 120 years. The human body is wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). It was originally made to last much, much longer than Moses' 120 years (Psalm 90:10) or our expected 70 years of today.

We must expand our way of thinking and look at life span as God does. These multitudes of long-lived, pre-flood people will be raised, at the Second Resurrection, with ALL the others who have ever lived. Except for a very few pre-flood righteous men and women, all of them led their long lives steeped in SIN. The effects this habitual sin had upon them is unimaginable for us comprehend.

Consider your own habitual sin that you continually battle---with the power of God's Holy Spirit. We still struggle as the Apostle Paul admits he did in Romans 7:18-19: "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do." Aren't we just like Paul? Don't we often cry out in the same manner as Paul did? "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from this body of death?" We can be very thankful because the answer is given in verse 25: "I thank God (it is) through Jesus Christ..."

Through an average of around 30, 40, or 50 years of the Christian life, we struggle to overcome. How if you had spent over 900 years wallowing in every sin imaginable with no thought of right or wrong? The pre-flood multitude of people's every thought, deed, and action was continually evil. Genesis 6:5-6 states: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."

In Matthew 24:37-39 we read: "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered

into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Look at our world today! We read in our newspapers and see on television the evils of this world. Some of us have suffered violent evils thrust upon us by the wickedness of the society we must live in.

Consider the societal evils that are becoming commonplace, divorce and the break down of the family, child abuse, murders, thefts, lies, rape, incest, homosexuality and now same-sex marriages and on and on and on. Now, realize that these actions were the norm in the generations before the Flood. All were guilty of evil behavior. The Bible records that every thought of their mind was EVIL continually for HUNDREDS of YEARS.

God sent the murderer, Cain, away to live in isolation. Cain soon lost any knowledge of God's ways, which had been taught him by his parents. Generation after generation of his descendants grew up to think that evil was natural and right. If you wanted something, take it! If a man got in your way, kill him! If a woman appealed to you, take her! When finished with her, throw her away and get another! This behavior was not the exception it was the rule. This WAY of life was taught from early childhood and practiced by these long-lived people for over 900 years. They were MONSTERS that will be resurrected at the Last Great Day.

We cannot grasp the enormity of the task involved in converting these people into SONS of GOD. If Christ were to give these people only 100 years to grow and overcome their sins, can't you hear their cries of protest? Wouldn't some say God was unfair! Wouldn't they say, "You gave me 1000 years to develop these sins but have given me only 100 years to overcome them!"

Remember II Peter 3:8 where it is written that a thousand years is as a day and a day is as a thousand years. Mr. Armstrong applied this scripture to compare a week of seven days to the Plan of God. He observed that the first 6000 years of God's Plan was to allow man to go his own way and do his own thing, as is done in the SIX working days of each week. However, the SEVENTH day is the Lord's Day, the Holy Sabbath Day, on which man is commanded to rest. Mr. Armstrong could see the pattern of a seven-day week as applying to 7000 years, although it did not quite fit with the "100-year period" of the Judgment added on. The "100-year period" would create the necessity of having seven and one tenth days to represent God's Plan. However, that just did not fit!

But now we can understand!

The TRUTH of the Lord's Day has now been revealed! The Lord's Day--- or the Day of the Lord---is the SEVENTH DAY, but its duration is not just 1000 years! The Day of the Lord continues throughout Eternity. Within the Day of the Lord is the 1000-year period of the World Tomorrow or the MILLENNIUM. The MULTITUDES in the Second Resurrection, from the World that was before the Flood and the Present Evil World of Today, will be forced to compare their Worlds with the World Tomorrow during the 1000-year era of the Last Great Day. The Last Great Day is a full 1000 year Day, not 1/10th of a Day. Certainly, if God gives Israel 1000 years with His Spirit during the Millennium, He will give 1000 years to the Gentiles and any Israelites who did not receive of the Spirit of God in their lifetime---during the Last Great Day.

Time for a Review

We have covered quite a bit and now would be a good point to review that which we have learned. Let's begin this review with the spectacular return of Jesus Christ and the Resurrection of the 144,000 Firstfruits (Rev. 14: 1-5) which will include those who are "alive and remain" in the Place of Safety. As born Sons of God we will reign with Christ for a thousand years---THE MILLENNIUM. Satan and the demons will be "imprisoned" during the 1000 years. The 144,000 (Rev. 7:1-8) physical Israelite survivors of the Great Tribulation, who were protected from the Day of the Lord's Wrath, will be returned to the land of Israel. The "re-creation" of the earth will take place (Isa. 65: 17-18). The nations left alive will be separated geographically and located in the areas that God intended for them. All of Israel will have access to God's Spirit. They will live and give birth to children during the Millennium (Isa. 65: 23). (During the Last Great Day children will NOT be born.) The racial Israelites possessing God's Spirit will live during the Millennium and eventually die, just as people do today. They will not have Satan and the demons to contend with as we do today. But they must use God's Spirit to grow and overcome their human nature. These racial Israelites of the World Tomorrow will be the Good and the Just that will be born into the Family of God at the SECOND Resurrection!

In the same manner as the Church today is being trained to be ISRAEL'S TEACHERS, so ISRAEL will be TEACHERS of ALL humanity in the Last Great Day. Israel will receive their training as God's model nation during the Millennium. Ancient physical Israel had that opportunity but failed to fulfill their role. They were not given the Spirit of God at that time. But the Will of God shall be done---step-by-step! There will be Millions of Spirit-born Israelites resurrected to train Billions of those of ALL ages of time, from all nations, kindred, peoples, and tongues that also will be raised up. They will be resurrected as LIVE HUMAN BEINGS---IN THE FLESH---at the SECOND Resurrection. And they will be raised with the same mind, personality, and character they possessed at the time of their death!

God does not discriminate against the Gentiles or anyone. God is Love! He has a wonderful PLAN thought out by the two GREATEST MINDS in the Universe. He knows what He is doing. God Almighty will bring about the fulfillment of His Master Plan one step at a time.

The GOOD or JUST in John 5:28 and Acts 24:15 are simply those Israelites who used God's Spirit to overcome during the Millennium. They will make up the field staff needed to rule and teach the newly resurrected Billions! Those of us called to be Firstfruits in the First Resurrection will guide, teach, and influence the Israelites during the Millennium. Under the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we will rule in love over them, teaching them to rule in love and righteousness over the Billions when they are raised up in the flesh at the Second Resurrection.

The WICKED, BAD, or UNJUST will include every human that has ever lived during all the ages of man, but never had access to God's Spirit. The predominant majority of all these people will be given their first chance for salvation at the Second Resurrection.

Within this group of the WICKED, will also be those who within their lifetime did receive God's Spirit or was offered the Spirit, but failed to use it to overcome and develop God's character (see Mark 3:28-30). They will be judged guilty and **immediately** be cast into the Lake of Fire. Others will be tossed into this fire as time goes on and Christ determines that they will not repent.

Isaiah 66: 22-24 describes this: “For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.”

The Lake of Fire is ignited (Rev. 20:9) as Gog and Magog are destroyed prior to the beginning of the Last Great Day. Remember, the REST OF THE DEAD, are raised up at the Second Resurrection---all of them. There is no need for a Third Resurrection. The raging Lake of Fire that shall not be quenched is Gehenna Fire, the Second Death. This is where Satan and the demons will be cast: “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are (were cast), and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever (Revelation 20:10).

Part II

Chapter Three

Hellfire and Satan's Fate

Our minds are being opened to some of the really “Deep Things of God.” What effect does the Lake of Fire have on Satan and the demons? Fire cannot hurt a spirit! This FIRE is the second DEATH that shall consume all unrepentant human beings---those who were given their chance for salvation---and rejected it! However, a spirit is immortal and cannot die! Is that really a true statement? Or is this supposition another “preconceived idea”?

Before we explore the answer to this question, let's return to the point of time, at the end of the Millennium, when Satan will be released from his prison. He will go forth and deceive Gog, Magog and the nations in the four quarters of the earth (Rev. 20:8). This is an utterly astounding biblical statement! Through his cunning powers Satan will be able to deceive MULTITUDES of people from all over the face of the earth. He will so completely deceive them that they will go forth to do BATTLE with the KING of the EARTH---the Mighty Jesus Christ---who has been RULER over all the earth for a thousand years.

Please recall too, that all of Israel will have access to God's Spirit being poured upon them during the Millennium. These converted Israelites, as Priests of God living at the end of the Millennium, would number in the multiple millions (Isaiah 61:6). The release of Satan and the resulting deception of the Gentile nations living at that time will be the subject of many, many warning sermons. Warning sermons will be preached to the last generation of Gentiles living at the end of the Millennium all their lives. They should be expecting and preparing for this evil deception to come!

How long will it take for Satan and the demons to deceive the nations to the point they will rise up and ATTACK the ONLY GOD they have ever known? Even with the influence and admonishments of Christian Israelite Leaders, they will still rebel against God.

Wouldn't you think such deception would require, at the very least, a couple of generations to pass under the evil influence of Satan and the demons? I would think this would be very likely. What other conditions and circumstances would happen in the environment of a society that succumbs to the evil devices of Satan? We will bring this up again a little later in this presentation.

A Place of Burial for Gog and Magog

Return now to the 38th chapter of Ezekiel beginning verses 18 – 23: “And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face, For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken. Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; so that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. And

I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, and overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord."

Continue next in Ezekiel 39:4-10: "*Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.*" (This does not conflict with the picture presented in Isaiah 11, of the tame beasts. These ravenous birds and animals, such as buzzards and opossums are just performing as they have always done; devouring carrion and cleansing the land.) "Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God. And I will send a fire on Ma-gog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the Lord. And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:" (notice the weapons are primitive, made of wood, because "modern" weapons will not have been produced for a thousand years) So that they shall take no wood out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoil them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord God."

Is it possible to picture this ghastly scene in our minds? Littering the face of the land of Israel, will be MILLIONS of dead, decaying, stinking bodies. It is at this precise moment in time that the Second Resurrection occurs! This is the scene that will greet ALL of these as they are raised from the DEAD. God has demonstrated His great power and HOW He will deal with any further rebellion. Total ANNIHILATION! But how can billions of those just resurrected be brought to this area to view this carnage? HOW will every one of these Billions be brought before Christ for Judgment? What role will this great slaughter play?

First let us look at Ezekiel 39:11-15 in the NRSV "On that day I will give Gog a place for burial in Israel, the Valley of the Travelers..." (or the 'Valley of Those Who Pass By,' NKJ. God will provide the TIME for them to walk there and to see---HELL.) "...east of the sea: and it shall block the path of the travelers, for there Gog and all his horde will be buried; it shall be called the Valley of Hammon-gog. Seven months the house of Israel shall spend burying them, in order to cleanse the land. All the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall bring them honor on the day that I show my glory, says the Lord God." (How will Israel accomplish this gory task of burying this great number of corpses?) "They will set apart men (What men?) to pass through the land regularly and bury any invaders who remain on the face of the land, so as to cleanse it; for seven months they shall make their search. As the searchers pass through the land, anyone who sees a human bone shall set up a sign by it, until the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hammon-gog."

Those Who Have Earned the Job

So, WHO will be those that Israel will give this gruesome assignment? WHO will be required to gather and bury these millions of revolting, half rotted bodies, and WHAT does this have to do with the Second Resurrection? This is a totally NEW concept associated with the Second Resurrection---the Last Great Day. Prior to this, which is now

being revealed, there were many scriptures we could not understand, but will become perfectly clear as we proceed.

Observe what our Lord Jesus Christ had to say about certain ones that would come up in the Second Resurrection: “And that servant, which knew his lord’s will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they shall ask the more.” (Luke 12:47-48). This parable shows that there will be different levels of punishment and reward.

Look also at Luke 11:29-32: “And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, this is an evil an adulterous generation: they seek after a sign and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonah the prophet. For as Jonah was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. The Queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the uttermost of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here. The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and, behold, a greater than Jonah is here.”

The individuals who are given the disgusting and frightening job of gathering and disposing of the dead and rotting bodies into the *Valley of the Travelers* will be those who, by their works in this lifetime, EARNED the job. The generation that lived during Christ’s ministry will certainly be judged sternly. Perhaps, all of Israel that had been given the KNOWLEDGE of God down through the years and rejected it (see Mat. 23:37) will have their part in this massive clean-up when they are raised in the Second Resurrection. Surely, the list of the so-called great men of war, who have caused so much death and destruction in the past, will also be assigned to this task.

Spoken by the Prophets of Old

At this point we also need to look at Ezekiel 38:17: “Are you he, (Gog), of whom I have spoken in FORMER days by MY servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I should bring you against them?” This verse plainly shows there should be other scriptures written by the other prophets that will shed more light on the rebellion of Gog, Magog, and the other nations, the results of the rebellion, and its effect on people. One of these writers was the royal prophet, Isaiah.

Turn to Isaiah 66, beginning in verses 16-18: “For by fire and by the sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many (they will be as the sand of the sea shore). They that sanctify themselves and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine’s flesh and the abomination, and the mouse, (what race of people does this sound like?) shall be consumed together, saith the Lord. For I know their works and their thoughts: It shall come that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.”

Think again, what does the Great Slaughter have to do with the Second Resurrection? People will be raised to life all over this round Earth. Israelites and Gentiles have lived in and died in every habitable part of the planet. Observe what God will cause to happen next: “And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory: and they shall

declare my glory among the Gentiles.” (verse 19). God will send “survivors” of this great “Battle” to all of their different homelands; the nations, and islands afar off. All over this round Earth the Second Resurrection will have occurred. These “survivors of the Slaughter” will be used as messengers to declare God’s Glory to their homelands and to those people just resurrected---that have never known God or never heard of the name of Jesus Christ!

These survivors will proclaim that the Almighty God is gathering all the resurrected descendants of Jacob back to the land of Israel. The time has come for their JUDGMENT. The Gentiles will escort them to Jerusalem and also present themselves before God for JUDGMENT (verses 20-22): “And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And I will also take of them (Israel) for priests and for Levites, saith the LORD. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.”

Now carefully read verses 23 and 24: “And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall ALL FLESH, (everyone who has been raised up in the flesh at the Second Resurrected) will come to worship before me, saith the Lord. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: **FOR THEIR WORM SHALL NOT DIE, NEITHER SHALL THEIR FIRE BE QUENCHED**; and they shall be an abhorring unto **ALL FLESH.**”

In Mark 4:22 Jesus tells us (paraphrased) that there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed and nothing secret that will not be made known. As you continue reading this booklet, God will make known to you one of the greatest secrets ever kept; more of the truly Deep Things of God!

HELL---Gehenna Fire!

In another of the very early writers, the prophet Joel, we learn more about the Valley of the Travelers. Joel 3:2 reads: “I will also gather all nations (at the Second Resurrection) and bring them down into the Valley of Jehosaphat, and will plead (#8199; to judge, i.e. pronounce sentence) with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.” Continue in verses 11-14: “Let the heathen (Gentiles or Nations) *be wakened* (#5782, ‘to open the eyes, raise up’ [be resurrected, see Job 14;10-12]), and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the HEATHEN round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow: for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, Multitudes in the Valley of Decision: for “**the**” day of the Lord is near in the Valley of Decision.”

A point to bring up at this juncture is the fact that the article “the” in the last sentence above, clouds the meaning of this verse. As we read here, the Second Resurrection has just occurred! The LAST GREAT DAY has begun! Now understand this; The Last Great Day is “**a day**” in the Day of the Lord! Also, remember, the Day of the Lord continues throughout ETERNITY. Instead of using the definite article, “**the**”, the translators should have used the indefinite article, “**a**”. Here is an example of this misuse from Isaiah 49:8 compared to II Corinthians 2:6 as Mr. Armstrong often used in proving the point that

“today” is not the only day of salvation. Isaiah 49:8 states: “Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in **“a” day of salvation** have I helped thee...” Now compare the New Testament rendering of the same scripture. II Corinthians 6:2 reads: “For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in **“the” day of salvation** I have I succored thee...”

Therefore as Joel writes: “...for “the” day of the Lord is near in the Valley of Decision.” He does not mean “the” overall DAY OF THE LORD or “the” Day of the Lord’s Wrath; No, this simply means **“a”** day of the Lord, namely “the” Last Great Day. The book of Joel is written plainly in chronological order. The subject from verse 28 of chapter two until the end of the book is concerned with the events after the Millennium and into “a” very important Day of the Lord---the Last Great Day.

The Valley of Decision...?

Where exactly is the Valley of the Travelers that is to be filled with dead bodies? Where is this Valley of Decision---the Valley of Jehosaphat? Another of God’s prophets and writers of scripture, Jeremiah, records the following in verses 38 - 40 of chapter 31: “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the city shall be built to the Lord from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner... And the whole Valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate towards the east, shall be holy unto the Lord; it shall not be plucked up or thrown down forever.” All of this carefully described area is pronounced HOLY.

With the aid of a good map of the ancient area of Jerusalem, this Valley is easily located. There can be only one area designated for this purpose of collecting dead bodies. This is the Valley of the Son of Hinnom. It is located on the west side of Jerusalem. It runs south from that point then circles east below the city until it is joined to the brook Kidron. WHY has God chosen this Valley to use in His judgment upon mankind?

God has a Great Purpose and a Great Plan! God gives us understanding of His Purpose and Plan regarding the Valley of Decision from His Holy Word. Let’s read first from Jeremiah 7:30 –33: “For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the Lord: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it. And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the Valley of the Son Of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in fire: which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the Valley of the Sons of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, until there be no place (no more room). And the carcasses of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray them away.”

Isaiah 30:33 adds this: “For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king”... (the word “king” is Strong’s #4428, *melek*. The chief deity of the Ammonites was Molech, Strong’s #4432, *Molek*. Both words come from #4427, *malak*)... “it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood: the breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.”

Another Review

Before we continue we need to recap that which we have just dealt with. First, after one thousand years of confinement in the bottomless pit, Satan is released. He goes to Gog and all Gentiles and deceives them into attacking Israel. God fights them to a

complete an utter destruction. Millions of dead bodies litter the land of Israel. At this point the Second Resurrection happens. Billions of people from all over the earth are resurrected. A punishment of many of those resurrected will be to gather all the rotting bodies littering the land and to throw them into the Valley of Hinnom.

The survivors of this massacre will be sent back to their own countries, spreading the word that ALL flesh, including all who have just been resurrected, are to come to the land of Israel, to worship before the Living God. They are to bring every son of Jacob with them as an offering to the Lord. Then, after bowing before the TRUE GOD, JUDGMENT will be pronounced upon these MULTITUDES of people from all ages of time. They will be pronounced GUILTY and sentenced to DEATH. However, at that time they will learn that the PENALTY they earned has already been paid. **Jesus Christ has paid the price for their past sins.** They will be given their first opportunity for salvation by the receiving of the Spirit of God.

On their way into and out of Jerusalem, the MULTITUDES of humanity will be made to walk pass the Valley of Hinnom and behold the results of rebelling against God. They will vividly understand this is their fate, if they fail to overcome and change their past behavior.

Again, in Isaiah 66:24 it reads: "And they shall go forth and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for THEIR WORM SHALL NOT DIE, NEITHER SHALL THEIR FIRE BE QUENCHED; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh."

In the New Testament we read very similar words from our Lord himself: "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into HELL (#1067- the Valley of the Son of Hinnom), into the fire that never shall be quenched: WHERE THEIR WORM DIETH NOT, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED." Then, as if for emphasis, He repeats this phrase twice more (Mark 9:43-48)! God is making this subject very clear, as I hope you have already grasped. The Valley of Decision, the Valley of Slaughter, the Valley of the Son of Hinnom is the real HELL of the New Testament. This is GEHENNA! When Jesus is relating that it is better to enter "into *life*" maimed, or as verse 47 says, "into the kingdom of God." He is referring to those of the Second Resurrection, raised in bodies of flesh, to live in the Kingdom of God during the Last Great Day. He is emphasizing the importance of obeying His government, compared to being thrown into HELL, the Gehenna Valley.

There is yet much more God has revealed about the Valley of the Son of Hinnom. John 16:11 states: "...because the prince of this world is judged (#2919)... " Satan's judgment is that he is CONDEMNED. In verses 12 and 13 Christ says: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear (grasp) them now. Howbeit, when it, the Spirit of Truth is come, it will guide you into all truth: for it shall not speak of itself; but whatsoever it shall hear that shall it speak: and it will show you things to come."

Yes, the Deep Things of God!

In Matthew 25:41, Jesus says: "Then shall he say also to them on his left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting (#166) fire, PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS..." This is the same completely destroying, ETERNAL (#166) FIRE that fell upon the cities of Sodom and Gomorra (see Jude:7). This ETERNALLY destroying fire is for those humans who have cursed themselves by rejecting their opportunity to overcome and enter the God-Family. Furthermore, it is especially created for the devil and his demons.

In Mark 1:24 our Lord encounters an evil spirit who cries out: "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? ART THOU COME TO DESTROY US? I know who you are, the HOLY ONE of God." The word rendered "destroy" is Strong's #622 and is used also as "perish" as in John 3:15: "That whosoever believeth in him should not PERISH, but have everlasting life. We of the Church of God, have long known in light of this well known scripture that "to perish" means the opposite of "to have eternal life." Simply stated, "to perish" would be "to have eternal death." Romans 6:23 makes it plain--- "For the wages of sin is DEATH, but the gift of God is ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord." It is apparent that the evil spirit knew exactly what was in store for him.

Can Spirits Die?

Finally, we come back to the question: CAN SPIRIT BEINGS DIE? Or let us state it this way: CAN A SPIRIT BEING BE PUT TO DEATH?

Jesus Christ, as the Living Word of God, created ALL THINGS (Colossians 1:16). In Him was Life (John 1:4). He was the great I AM, or the SELF-EXISTANT ONE (Exodus 3:13-14 and John 18:6 & 8). Jesus Christ was the LORD or ETERNAL of the Old Testament. He created ALL of the Angelic Beings. HE WAS GOD (Heb.1:4)! Nevertheless, He became FLESH and was brutally put to death---He **DIED!** If God The Father had not Resurrected Jesus, He would still be DEAD! Consequently, this fact, that the ETERNAL GOD was able to give up His LIFE, is proof that ANY of His created beings could also have their lives taken away by Him. Luke 1:37 declares: "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Hebrews 2:14 states: "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might DESTROY (the word "destroy" is Strong's #2673; *to make void, abolish, bring to nought, vanish away, destroy*) him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." See John 1:14, also. Therefore, the Eternal became MORTAL and DIED in order to DESTROY Satan. Is there a scripture in the Holy Bible that declares Satan will become MORTAL in order to be put to DEATH? Yes, there most certainly is---Isaiah 14:16! We will look at that scripture shortly. But first let us read Romans 16:20: "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly..." The word "bruise" is Strong's # 4937 meaning---*to crush completely, to shatter, to break in pieces.*

But doesn't Luke 20:35-36 tell us that angels do not die? Aren't they immortal spirit creatures that never grow old or become ill or die? "But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world (the World Tomorrow), and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: **Neither can they die any more:** for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection." This verse certainly gives evidence that those born into the Kingdom of God will be like the angels and never die! Nevertheless, we must not allow preconceived ideas to hide the TRUTH! In our Bible studies we must not fail to put all of the scriptures on a particular subject together to reach the TRUE MEANING (Isaiah 28:10 & 13).

Mark 12:24-25 presents the simple Bible answer: "And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as **the angels which are in heaven.**" Please understand: the righteous

angels of heaven have not sinned and will live forever! The Sons of God born into the Family of God are given the gift of eternal life, just as the righteous Angels possess. The wicked angels (demons) that have grievously sinned will die, just as the incorrigibly wicked of mankind will die in the Lake of Fire. God's Word plainly declares: "**For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord!**" (Rom. 6:23)

Satan's Fate

Zechariah 13:2 asserts that God will rid the land of unclean spirits. In Matthew 8:29, an evil spirit cries out to Jesus: "...art thou come to torment us before the time?" What form of torment was it speaking of? How will God punish or torment Satan and the demons? How do you punish a being whose VANITY is so great, his EGO so incredible, that he could look his Creator in the eye and ask Him to fall down and worship him, as recorded in Luke 4:7. To TORMENT a being, such as this, could only be through HUMILIATION!

This Humiliation only begins in Revelation 20:10: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone... and will be tormented day and night forever and ever." We have read the plain scriptures that the fate of the wicked, unrepentant humanity is the Lake of Fire that "was prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). Christ tells us the Lake of Fire is Gehenna Fire or HELL FIRE (the Valley of the Son of Hinnom) "where the fire is not quenched and their worm dies not" (Mark 9:43-47).

Satan will deceive Gog, Magog and the nations in the four quarters of the earth. God will then destroy this huge mass of humanity that come up to fight against their Creator! He will destroy them with the sword, pestilence and blood, an overflowing rain, great hailstones, fire and brimstone (Ezekiel 38:21-22). Hundreds, or perhaps thousands, die there in the geographical location of the Valley of Hinnom---and the fire and brimstone ignites and begins to consume the fallen bodies that litter the area. Satan and the demons will be cast into the raging fire that will be kept burning as Jesus Christ directs. These evil creatures will still be SPIRIT, but will be plainly VISIBLE, completely subdued and confined in this HELL. For seven months, millions of partially devoured and rotted bodies of Gog, Magog and the rebellious hordes will be cast into that horrifying place.

For SEVEN months also, ALL FLESH from every place on earth where they will be resurrected, will be compelled to come to Jerusalem. Remember too, there will be MILLIONS of Sons of God, Israelites that qualified during the Millennium and resurrected at the Second Resurrection. They will compel ALL FLESH to come to Jerusalem to be judged and to observe the activity at the Valley of Hinnom. EVERYONE will behold this ghastly sight! They will see the conquered Satan and his demons among the maggots and fire of their prison: among the DEAD for whose death they are responsible. Their humiliation will be TORMENT for Satan and the demons.

In Isaiah 14:4 a taunt is directed at the king of Babylon, who is possessed by Satan. Now read verse 9: "Hell (#7585 Sheol, the grave, pit) from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations." Now for clarity read from the NRSV beginning verse 10-22: "All of them speak and say to you; You too have become as weak as we. You have become like us, (#4911)..." This word *mashal*

#4911 means; *to liken or to resemble*. Satan appears here as a human being, or mortal, just as we are. Evidently, he must still be spirit, but he appears as a man wallowing around in the filth as described next.) "...Your pomp has been brought down to Sheol (#7585), and the sound of your harps; **MAGGOTS ARE THE BED BENEATH YOU, AND WORMS ARE YOUR COVERING.** How are you fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God. I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the heights of Zaphon; I will make myself like the Most High. But you are brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the pit. Those who see you will stare at you, and ponder over you: Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a desert and overthrew its cities, who would not let his prisoners go home? All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb; but you are cast out away from your grave..." (*grave here is #6913, a sepulchre, grave. Zodhiates defines the meaning as a burial place, an open pit...*In Satan's case, perhaps, this was the bottomless pit where he had spent a thousand years.) "...like loathsome carrion, **CLOTHED WITH THE DEAD**, like a corpse trampled underfoot. You will not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, you have killed your people. May the descendants of evildoers nevermore be named! Prepare slaughter for his sons because of the guilt of their father, (see John 8:44). Let them never rise to possess the earth or cover the face of the world with cities."

In the past, we have taken these scriptures in Isaiah and split them up to mean they were discussing the human king in one verse and the devil in the next verse. This is not true or correct! There is nothing in the style of writing or the structure of the paragraph to indicate this should be done. We have done this also in the writings of Ezekiel 28:12-19, however these scriptures are not written for us to interpret with our own reasoning from preconceived ideas. They are written in such a way as to tell their own story and we are to simply believe God and His Word.

Now let's read verses 12-19 in Ezekiel 28 just as they are written: "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the prince of Tyrus..." (Satan possessed this man as he did the King of Babylon! As we read it becomes very obvious God is speaking directly about Satan, himself.) "...and say unto him, thus saith the Lord god; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering...The workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art **the anointed cherub** that covereth; and I have set thee so; thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. THOU WAST PERFECT in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast SINNED: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: **AND I WILL DESTROY THEE ...**" ("Destroy" here in Hebrew is #6 in Strong's and means; *to perish, to be made void, DESTROY*) "... O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire."

This is Plain Truth directly from the Word of God! It clearly states that Satan, the former anointed Cherub, will perish; he will be DESTROYED!

"Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I WILL CAST YOU TO THE GROUND, I WILL LAY YOU BEFORE KINGS, **THAT THEY MAY BEHOLD THEE**. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore WILL I BRING

FORTH A FIRE FROM THE MIDST OF THEE, **IT SHALL DEVOUR THEE, AND I WILL BRING THEE TO ASHES** UPON THE EARTH IN THE SIGHT OF ALL THEM THAT BEHOLD THEE. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, **AND NEVER SHALT THOU BE ANY MORE!**"

You should underline or highlight verses 17-19 in your Bible. This is Satan's fate vividly described in the Word of God! Stripped of his power and glorious appearance, Satan and his demons will be a gazing-stock for all flesh to see as they are confined to HELL for the duration of the Last Great Day. They will be an example of TERROR to ALL who behold them. They will be TORMENTED and HUMILIATED! They will be stared at by the masses of humanity who pass by the Lake of Fire. "And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord. And they shall go forth and LOOK upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an ABHORRING unto all flesh." (Isaiah 66: 23-24).

However, the Last Great Day will finally come to an end. Satan and the demons, just like all the unrepentant humans who have perished forever in the flames of the Lake of Fire, will come to their end. Satan and his demons are IMMORTAL creatures, but will become MORTAL. Read again Isaiah 14:10. As their ETERNAL CREATOR had become material flesh to overcome Satan, who had the power of DEATH, they will be changed from SPIRIT to FLESH and will be put to DEATH---FOREVER!

The Beast and The False Prophet

Before we conclude this section, we need to clear up a few more scriptures relating to Satan and the demons. First, read Revelation 19:20: "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 they that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." This verse has caused us to believe the Lake of Fire created for Satan and the demons is burning when Christ returns at the First Resurrection. But that is not the case! The *lake of fire* mentioned in verse 20 is a type of the Second Death where the Beast and the False Prophet meet their first death. This verse is also telling us WHAT the ultimate fate of the Beast and the False Prophet will be, not WHEN it will happen.

If the Lake of Fire begins burning when Christ returns at the First Resurrection, who besides these two, will be thrown into the fire? We fully understand that the Second Resurrection will not occur until over a thousand years later. We understand too, that any one throughout the ages, who has earned the Lake of Fire, will not be cast into it until the Last Great Day.

Revelation 19:21 declares the armies that fight Christ at his Return will be destroyed with the sword and the vultures will consume their flesh. It says nothing about these armies in relation to a lake of fire. In fact, in Jeremiah 25:33, the Bible states: "And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth, even to the other end of the earth: They shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; THEY SHALL BE DUNG UPON THE GROUND."

Revelation 19:20 is telling us WHAT will happen ultimately to the Beast and False prophet, not WHEN! Very possibly, this is not even speaking of these two individuals, but

perhaps the evil demons that possess these men (Rev. 16:13). Furthermore, where will the demons be imprisoned during the Millennium while Satan is in solitary confinement? Revelation 18:2 gives part of the answer: "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 (#5438, the place or condition of being guarded, cage, hold, imprisonment) of every foul spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." See also II Peter 2:4 and Jude 6.

Therefore during the Millennium, the demons are kept in prison at the location where Babylon or Rome once stood before being destroyed---NOT in a Lake of Fire. These evil spirits are held there only to the time of their judgment and punishment. Their future doom is in the Valley of Gehenna, in the fire prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41).

Day and Night Forever and Ever

How long is forever and ever? Well, the Bible reveals it is a long time, but it is not ETERNITY! Look at Revelation 20:10: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are (cast), and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever." If Satan is to be put to death HOW can he be tormented forever and forever? The combination of words rendered for "forever and ever" is Strong's #1519 and #165 and means: *age, perpetuity, or world*. It is translated as "world" in many places in the Bible; such as II Cor. 4:4, where it states Satan is the god of this "world."

The statement in Revelation 20:10 simply means Satan shall be tormented day and night from age to age! He will be tormented from the *age* that he spends in the bottomless pit, during the Millennium, to the *age* he will spend in the Valley of Hinnom, during the Last Great Day. This scripture also says that as long as there is day and night Satan will be tormented. Now read Rev.21:23 & 25 where God is describing the New Jerusalem: "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamb is the Light thereof... And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there."

I am sure the full meaning of that scripture cannot be completely understood today. Nevertheless, the Bible says that in the New Jerusalem, there will no longer be Day or Night! The BRIGHTNESS of the FATHER and CHRIST will completely outshine the sun and make it of no effect---and Satan will be gone forever!

Leviticus 16 and the "SCAPE" Goat

In Leviticus 16, God is explaining how He wanted the Day of Atonement (the Fifth Holy Day of the year) to be kept in ancient Israel. Verses 21 and 22 state: "And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat (representing Satan) and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness." It was believed in the past that the "scapegoat" was taken alive into the wilderness and set free because it represented the spirit-being, Satan, who could not die. But we know NOW that Satan can---and will be---put to death. What happened to the goat after he was set free? Did it live for one day or ten years? Did it fall into a pit or did wild animals eat it? Was the goat found by another herder and taken

home with him? Of course, no one knows! Leviticus 16 is a perfect symbolism of Satan's banishment during the Millennium. No one knew the fate of the live goat as the ceremony was enacted year after year anciently; just as we did not know the fate of Satan---until now!

Part II

Chapter Four

God's Great Harvest

Everything written about in Part II of this paper involves the Last Great Day! There is a very powerful reason WHY God is focusing our attention on this VERY IMPORTANT DAY. Let's understand WHY! First, look at I Corinthians 15:51-52: "Behold I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep but we all shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, AT THE LAST TRUMP: FOR THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND, AND THE DEAD SHALL BE RAISED INCORRUPTIBLE, and we shall all be changed." Next we read Matthew 24:31: "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to another."

These two verses show us how the FIRSTFRUITS are to be gathered on the day that Christ returns in his Glory. However, we are ONLY the Firstfruits of the EARLY harvest. The GREAT HARVEST occurs later. Why does God need an EARLY HARVEST? When does the GREAT, LATER HARVEST take place? Luke 10:2 states: "Therefore said he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that he would send forth labourers into the harvest."

The Firstfruits of the FIRST Resurrection AND the Israelites who receive God's Spirit and overcome during the Millennium, ARE THE LABORERS for the great harvest, which takes place during the LAST GREAT DAY. In a very real way, EVERYTHING that God has been doing on this earth is in preparation for the Last Great Day!

The time period after the Second Resurrection is the Judgment period we have formerly called "The Great White Throne Judgment." Judgment will be an on going event, throughout the duration of the Last Great Day. Each person will be taught and trained, watched and evaluated. God will bring all to repentance, (Rom. 2:4) and they will be given His Spirit. Most will come to love God and His laws, but some will not. Christ will know when each person has hardened himself to the point that they will not repent. He will not need another special resurrection to put them out of their misery but will condemn them to the fire at whatever time He knows them to be beyond hope. The Lake of Fire and its ETERNAL results will be a great deterrent to sin!

The tragedy here is that those who have misused God's Holy Spirit and contemptuously turned their backs on God Ways during their lifetime, will be thrown into the Lake of Fire at the BEGINNING of the Last Great Day! This presents an even more frightening scenario than that we had assumed in the past involving a THIRD RESURRECTION. They too will be forced to bow before Jesus Christ and then be put out of their misery. This fire will continue to consume unrepentant sinners throughout this judgment period.

God will also know when overcomers have reached their maximum potential and developed their talents to the full.

The apostle Peter connects the Last Great Day and the 1000 Year-Day principle to those who lived before the flood. This time let's read II Peter 3:3-8: "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But beloved be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

Judging from the context from which verse 8 is spoken, it appears that the Last Great Day will last 1000 years. Why? Read verse 9: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

The billions of people resurrected at the Last Great Day, let me repeat, will be raised up with the same mind, personality, and character they died with. The magnitude of the effort and energy to convert these deceived, twisted and satanic personalities into sons of Almighty God will be a fantastic undertaking, possibly, not equaled even by the creation of the Universe itself. IT WILL TAKE TIME to accomplish this great task! Does it really seem unreasonable for God, in order to accomplish His great purpose, give them the same general life span that He created man to have in the first place---which was already given to millions who lived before the flood?

Again, step-by-step, God is RIGHTEOUS! He does NOT discriminate! Our God is mighty in WISDOM! He will give this incredible multitude of people (the last of all called) every advantage and opportunity to be born into His Kingdom. They will be given the TIME necessary to grow and overcome. It will be a time of learning and changing, judgment and evaluation. Just as God always judges and evaluates those He calls, it will be a process of character development for them as it is for us now. Hopefully, most will be successful, but some will not. Those who are unsuccessful will feed the continually burning fire of the Gehenna Valley. At the end of this Last Great Day, every human who has ever lived will either be a son of God---or ashes.

That is what Satan, the devil, and all of his wretched demons will have become---ASHES under the feet of the Saints (Malachi 4:3)

Now read II Peter 3:11-13: "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."

Yes! Christ will have prepared all things for the Father to come to the Earth! The GREAT HARVEST will be completed. Multiple billions of Sons of God will greet HIM as HE arrives and takes HIS place on HIS throne. Read this in Revelation 7:9 –10, 13 & 14: “After this I beheld, and lo, a great MULTITUDE, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the Throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb... 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.” However, only a comparative few of that great Multitude will have come through the Great Tribulation of Matthew 24:21, so what does this mean?

The Greek word for *great* is *me-gas*, Strong’s #3173, defined as: *exceedingly, great, high, large. Loud...* The Greek word for *tribulation* is *thlipsisi*, Strong’s #2347 meaning: *pressure, afflicted [-tion], anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.*

Now observe how these words are used in several other scriptures:

- Matthew 24:21: “For then shall be great (3173) tribulation (2347), such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”
- Mark 13:19: “For in those days shall be affliction (2347), such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.”
- Acts 7:11: “Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great (3173) affliction (2347): and our fathers found no sustenance.”
- II Corinthians 8:2: “How that in a great (3173) trial of affliction (2347), the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.”
- Revelation 2:22: “Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great (3173) tribulation (2347), except they repent of their deeds.”
- John 16:33: “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation (2347)....”
- Acts 14:22: “Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation (2347) enter into the kingdom of God.”

Matthew 24:21 and Mark 13:19 are unmistakably referring to the most awful time of trouble ever to come upon mankind: the ONE and ONLY Great Tribulation! However, Acts 7:11 makes it very obvious that the same expression, *great tribulation*, is used to vividly portray conditions in the Patriarch Joseph’s day over 35 centuries ago! In the Apostle Paul’s day, 1900 years ago, the Corinthian Christians were experiencing *great tribulation*. Also, Revelation 2:22 shows that the condition of *great tribulation* was manifested in the time of the Thyatira era approximately five centuries ago. Our Lord was emphatic in His statement in John 16:33 that Christians will have *tribulation!* Acts 14:22 declares that Christ’s disciples enter the Kingdom of God through MUCH *tribulation!* Therefore, when we read Revelation 7:14, it is same Plain Truth stated by the scriptures we have just reviewed. The Elder who is speaking to John is saying, (paraphrased): “This INNUMERABLE MULTITUDE has entered into the Kingdom of God through much trial and affliction.” From righteous Abel to the last person qualifying during the Last Great Day:

everyone will suffer trial, affliction, tribulation, persecution, and trouble in their efforts to be born into the God-Family. Plain and simple!

Revelation 7:9-17 is a **PREVIEW OF THE SUCCESSFUL CREATION OF AN INNUMERABLE MULTITUDE OF GOD-BEINGS!**

God our Father is coming to make His abode on Planet Earth after the Last Great Day when Jesus Christ has everything in readiness for Him. It is during this Last Great Day that the King of Kings and Lord of Lords shall proclaim, on behalf of God Almighty, the words of Isaiah 45:22-24: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed."

Every knee will bow, and everyone who has ever lived will be given his or her opportunity to become God---as God is God! When Christ is satisfied that all has been done, that every detail has been successfully accomplished, then God's Great Plan will be completed. Or as the Apostle Paul writes in I Corinthians 15:53-57: "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. **But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

What a wonderful, vital part the LAST GREAT DAY plays in the Plan of God. It pictures GOD'S GREAT LOVE AND MERCY and the fulfillment of His Will---His determination to bring Billions of Sons into His Family, the successful completion of the CREATION of BILLIONS of GOD-BEINGS!

The Last Great Day truly is---a Great Day!

Beyond the Last Great Day, then comes our part in the completion of the Awesome Universe...

Concluding Statement:

In this booklet you have read astounding New Truth taken directly from the Word of God. Most likely, you will need to go back and read this presentation all the way through again---and you need to study diligently every scripture reference. Truly, we have examined many of the Deep Things of God! Be sure you understand all we have stated. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong exhorted us: "Don't believe any man, believe your Bible." You must prove what we have written! When you prove it, realize that New Truth comes from Jesus Christ---and He has only one True Church.

ADDITIONAL READING

The Day of the Lord 6000 Years Have Ended!

Where are we in God's Master Plan? 6000 years HAVE ended! What is the Day of the Lord? Are you sure you know? Are the Day of the Lord and the Day of the Lord's Wrath the same occurrence? The Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, according to I Thess. 5:2 and II Peter 3:10. Christ says he will come as a thief; unexpectedly (Rev. 3:3 and Luke 12:39-40).

However, we read in Rev. 1:7, Behold, he comes with clouds and every eye shall see him... How do you reconcile these scriptures? Can it be that the Day of the Lord and the Day of the Lord's Wrath are not the same event?

Yes! The Day of the Lord's Wrath is only a ONE-Year period of time within the Day of the Lord. The Day of the Lord HAS COME as a "thief in the night" and YOU did NOT know it! What happens NOW?

You can read all about it in our free booklet: *The Day of the Lord*.

Feast of Trumpets or Pentecost

God's Holy Days reveal His Plan of SALVATION. Mr. Herbert Armstrong kept these Holy Days for years without understanding their full meaning. Nevertheless, as he continued to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," he understood more and more of God's overall master plan. As God's Faithful carries on in this way of growth and knowledge of Christ, New Truth is given for anyone with the Spirit of God to see that this tiny church is God's True Church.

New Truth such as answers to the following:

1. Does the First Resurrection occur on the Feast of Trumpets or the Day of Pentecost?
2. Where and when does the Marriage of the Lamb take place?
3. Do the 3½ years of the Church's protection in the Place of Safety, the 42 month rule of the Beast Power, and the 1260 day ministry of the Two Witnesses all begin and end at the same time?

This NEW TRUTH is being given, not only for our inspiration and encouragement, but to show that Christ is here in the Church of God's Faithful. Request our free booklet: *The Feast of Trumpets or Pentecost*.

Elijah's Message to the Philadelphia Church of God

Herbert W. Armstrong was the end time Eligah and a type of Zerubbabel. What was finished at Mr. Armstrong's death? Do you really know? When Mr. Armstrong died did the 6th Candlestick cease to burn? No! It continued to burn brightly in the Inner Court. However, the WCG Leaders began to dismantle the doctrine of God and they drifted into the outer Court as the Synagogue of Satan. Only those faithful few of the 6th Candlestick stayed with Christ in the Inner Court. After four years of the systematic destruction of the WCG, God ignited the 7th

Candlestick and gave it to Gerald Flurry. The Laodicean Work of God began. The 6th and the 7th Candlesticks began to work together as the Philadelphia Church of God to warn those of the Outer Court to return to the truth. Now, true to the prophetic description of the Laodicea Church, that Candlestick/Church has become lukewarm to the Law of God (Rom. 13, I Cor. 6, Mat. 5:19) The Faithful of the Church of God, the 6th Candlestick have had to separate from Laodicean 7th Candlestick. Our free booklet explains this separation and what you must do to come out of the Laodicean Church. Write for your free copy.

Petra Place of Safety or Place of Slaughter?

As a member of the PCG, where do you think the Place of Safety might be? Where does Gerald Flurry strongly imply the place of safety is? In the Nov./Dec. 1998 issue of *Royal Vision* magazine, Gerald Flurry and Stephen Flurry leave no doubt as to where they assume the Place of Safety is. Of course, you know, and I know, that these men believe Petra is the Place of Safety. This is what is being plainly stated in these articles as well as in sermons on the subject. Gerald Flurry says Petra is the Place of Safety! But is that what God says about Petra? Absolutely not! God says this area of the world will suffer destruction so complete that it will be utter devastation! Just like Sodom and Gomorrah! Read this in Jer. 49:17-18 and in Isa. 34:5:6. Mr. Flurry says Petra is the Place of Safety! God says Petra is a place of Slaughter! Who Do You Believe? The Plain Truth concerning this subject is given in our free booklet, *Petra, Place of Safety? Or Place of Slaughter?*

The Little Book - Unveiled at Last!

Malachi's Message to the Church of God Today is claimed by it's author, Gerald Flurry, to be the Little Book of Revelation 10! He also claims the Mighty Angel who has the Little Book open in His hand and the 7th Angel (Laodicea) of verse 7, is the same being. However, by a careful reading of this section of scripture it is evident that Mr. Flurry's claim is not true!

The Mighty Angel is easily identified by the Holy scriptures, not erroneous ideas of a man. The days of the 7th Angel (Laodicea) and the sounding of the Angel is also clearly revealed in light of recent history. Malachi's Message is just that! It is the vitally necessary message of the book of Malachi, but has NOTHING to do with the LITTLE BOOK of Revelation 10. Mr. Flurry has no understanding of the 7 Thunders of Revelation 10. Unaware of the true significance of these thunders, he minimizes their meanings with his own interpretations. His "seven thunders" are actually blunders away from the TRUTH of God!

When Malachi's Message was first written in 1989, it was not the TIME for the LITTLE BOOK to be UNVEILED, BUT IT IS NOW! Request your free booklet and prove these statements for yourself.

Set Apart by Truth

How can you recognize God's One True Church today? Is there such a thing as ONE TRUE CHURCH? If there is ONLY ONE TRUE CHURCH, how can a sincere person determine the location of that CHURCH?

This is a question that should be uppermost in the mind of every former member of the Worldwide Church of

God! The Bible answer to this vitally important question and other related questions that you have probably wondered about, will be covered in the pages of this booklet!

Holding Fast...God's Way!

Only a few of the nearly 100,000 former members of the Worldwide Church of God have remained Faithful to the doctrines taught by Mr. Armstrong. Then there are others who "Hold Fast" to the Elijah's teachings, but refuse to grow in new Truth.

Did Mr. Armstrong RESTORE ALL THINGS? Can NEW TRUTH be received at this present time?

II Peter 3:18 tells us to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Growth in the knowledge of Christ IS NEW TRUTH! So, can you GROW in knowledge of Christ (NEW TRUTH) and still Hold Fast to that which Herbert Armstrong taught 18 years ago? You can if you are *Holding Fast - God's Way!*

Bloody Jezreel

In his Hosea booklet Gerald Flurry states on page 5, "We are typed by Jezreel. The same message taught in the PCG, or Jezreel, today is going to fill the earth."

Mr. Flurry says the Book of Hosea is an end-time book, and that is true. But, If the PCG is JEZREEL, what does it mean in Hosea 1:4 where it states: "And the Lord a said unto him, Call his name Jezreel, and I will avenge the Blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu..." Think about what this is saying; the Blood of Jezreel! Jezreel's Blood!

If you are a member of the PCG and the PCG is Jezreel and these scriptures are for the end-time, isn't this speaking about Your Blood? Shouldn't this give you an uneasy feeling? And who is Jehu? You very much need to read the explanation of this in our free booklet Bloody Jezreel. It is a matter of Life and Death!

Whoso Reads, Let Him Understand!

We Live In A Violent World!

Wars and rumors of wars everywhere are the news of the day. International Terrorism plagues the earth. Yet Life goes on! Especially here in the Western World, eating, drinking, living it up, marrying, starting families...just as it was in the Days of Noah!

Violence and wickedness is everywhere, but Life goes on.

But how long can Life continue on as usual? Where are we in Bible prophecy? Can we really know?

Matthew 24:15 states: "*When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso reads, let him understand).*"

Today many understand that the amazing prophecy of the "*man of sin sitting in the Temple of God*" has already been fulfilled. But do you realize "*the abomination standing in the Holy Place*" has also been fulfilled---NOW!

Do you understand? And do you understand what happens next in prophecy? Do you understand the prophecies of the 1335, 1290, and 1260 days?

These are the urgent subjects of this booklet!

Please write for your copy, then read carefully and UNDERSTAND.

I'll See You in Galilee

Why was it necessary for the Prophet Jonah to remain three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish? Did it require 72 hours for him to repent of refusing to follow God's instructions? Couldn't he have repented after one day---or one hour---or one minute? Why three days and three nights? What about our Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead! Didn't He declare He would be in his grave three days and three nights just as Jonah was in the fish's belly? But most "Christians" believe He was in the grave only one day and two nights---from Good Friday to Easter Sunday! What do you believe---and why do you believe what you believe? Why would our Lord claim He would be entombed three days and three nights if it were not true? What is the significance of three days and three nights? Neither the Church of God nor the World has understood that World history has been seriously altered for not knowing the real meaning of why three days and three nights were necessary. In this booklet you will read the fantastic story and the all-important lesson of paying close attention to the Words of God as revealed in the answer to the question: WHY THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS?

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