

**UNDERSTANDING
THE TIMES**

PART I

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INTRODUCTION

We want to lay down some principles to understanding the things that God is saying to us at this hour, which principles we will be elaborating upon in subsequent discussions on this topic of understanding the times.

We will take our first scriptural reference from Revelation 4: 1.

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were a voice of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

Something of note here related to our discussion is the phrase *"...Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter"*. We also see part of the same phrase in Revelation 1: 19, *"Write the things*

which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.”

In the latter reference (Revelation 1:19), John was commanded to write the vision of the son of God (chapter 1), the vision of the churches (chapters 2 and 3), and the things which were to happen from that time onward until the end of the Kingdom age (chapters 4 through 22) in a book. The vision of the son of God were the things that was...what John had seen while the vision of the churches was a revelation of the congregations of God's people as at that time, the things that existed then...the things which was relative to the time John was receiving the vision.

That is, though the messages concerning the churches was prophetically given to show the conditions of things throughout the church age with each church typically representing each phase of the church age (the 'Laodicean church' being the church whose characteristic features describe the general condition among God's people at the last phase of the church age), they were revelatory of conditions that existed among God's people at that time. This is shown clearly to us by one common phrase that ended all of God's messages through His son Jesus Christ to each church "*...whosoever hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches*". So all the things given

to us in Revelation 2 and 3 were the things that were at the time John was receiving the revelation (AD 96).

When we come to the first verse of the chapter 4 however, John was asked to come up hither to be shown 'the things which *must* be *hereafter*, i.e. the things that were to happen from AD 96 until the end of the millennial age.

But then, something was introduced before Christ began to reveal to John what was to take from AD 96, and, that is a revelation of the heavenly arrangement by means of which the things that are to happen thereafter are to come to pass. This is given to us in Revelation 4 and Revelation 5. The first part shows us all the spiritual energies and agencies available to God and to God's people by means of which they win the victory. Chapter 5 then shows us among others, the finished picture of things when the plan of redemption would have been fully fulfilled i.e. the outcome of the activities of God in the earth by means of the agencies revealed.

Verses 11 through 14 says,

“...And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders: and the

number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.”

The closing part of chapter 5 thus reveals a situation that goes beyond that given in chapter 22. It is the condition of things when all things are fulfilled.

Chapter 6 then begins to discuss the things which must be hereafter. And because these things are revelatory, they are first of all shown us as the opening of seals. This is so

we can easily deduct from verse 1 of chapter 6. Before then however, let us take a relevant verse from chapter 5. Revelation 5: 1-5,

“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.”

Thus, we find that the matters referred to as being hereafter are locked up in a book, and, it require the ministry of Christ Himself to make it known.

But when we come to chapter 6, we find the matters being opened to us by the loosing of the seals. In verse 2, we meet something of importance which is a key to enabling us understand the times that we are in. This is very essential because spiritual knowledge aids faith; for faith is spiritual understanding received and responded to. If we must have faith to go all the way with God, then our understanding must be fruitful.

Revelation 6:1-2.

“And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come!” (that “and see” as observed is only an insertion, it is not in the original nor in any modern translation. The true word is ‘Come!’, and, it means, “let the event take place, let the seal be opened and the contents to the fulfillment of some events take place. So, it is an intercessory prayer by these living creatures).

“And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer And.”

The phrase of interest to us is “*conquering and to conquer*”. The first thing we are to note is that this Rider upon the white horse is no one but Jesus Christ. And here, He is said to be going forth conquering and to conquer.

That is, the things which are to be hereafter are to be divided into two — that which comes under the “*conquering*” and that which comes under the “*and to conquer*”.

In other words, though the events relayed from chapter 6 were to be futuristic from the stand point of John who was receiving this vision in the Island of Patmos, these futuristic events were to be divided into two — the ones that come under the activities of Jesus Christ and the other coming under the activities of Christ in the which he is to accomplish the final conquest. Thus it is said that Christ went forth conquering in order to conquer.

Those activities of Christ in which He is to accomplish the final conquest (i.e. ‘*to conquer*’) as described as being fulfilled in the time of the end.

Thus, a proper understanding of this division between the activities of Christ towards the earth before the time of the end and His activities in the earth at the time of the end, gives us a key to understanding the time that we are in. What we are interested in in this introductory aspect of our discussion on this subject therefore is to know the time of the end, to find out in the scriptures where we can say 'these activities' are the things that are not yet fulfilled and 'these activities' are the things that have been fulfilled.

Let us consider Revelation 8:1-2, 6-7.

“And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.”

These seven trumpets refer to the teaching and preaching that is fulfilled by men, called of God, giving witness to the events God wants to fulfill. So, they necessarily come before the event, such as, they come as a testimony to that which God wants to fulfill.

“And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

The first angel sounded, there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.”

We shall not attempt an interpretation of verse 7 but only observe the fact that what is characteristic of this first trumpet is the same for all the other trumpets. When the trumpet goes forth, then, there is a righteous judgement that follows as it prepares the whole creation to a return back to God.

Thus, associated with the sounding of the trumpets are certain judgements. The sound of the trumpets prepares and protects the church but releases certain judgements for subduing certain aspects of the rebellion of the human race with a view of preparing to a return to a worship of Jehovah.

Now, of course, each angel refers to a body of people and is not necessarily an angelic spirit. The word ‘*angel*’ comes from the Greek word “*Angelo*” and it means ‘messenger’. The messenger may be a spirit messenger or a human

messenger but in this context as it is throughout the book of Revelation, it is human angels that are being referred to. For example, when it says when it says “*write the vision of the seven churches and send them to the angels of the seven churches*”, it does not mean that there is a spirit angel that is in charge of each of the seven churches who are to read letters, but, the angels there are the leadership of the seven churches. Thus, it is the ministry of God’s Word that is being referred to.

That is, within the overall church age, in each dispensation of time, there had been a message due for the hour which in the language of scripture is given as meat in due seasons, and God had given it to a waiting people who love His name, and they had proclaimed it in their time.

For example, Martin Luther had this word which was due for his day — ‘the just shall live by faith’. So, he was one of such angels that sounded the trumpet in that dispensation of the church. But, he was not the only one, there were other people who knew God better than him in the land whose preparatory work helped him to see light, people like Salvon Jerome and many others who even though were not known in the pages of newspapers nor had their names written in the annals of history are nevertheless known of God.

Coming back to the focus of our discussion, we will note that verse 7 through 12 gives four angels sounding their trumpets. Thereafter, we observe a division in the prophetic time element, a division that is foundational to understanding the times that we are in.

Revelation 8: 12-13,

“and the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!”

Here, we find a two-fold division, verse 13 of chapter 8 gives a division in the prophetic time period by grouping the ministry of the trumpets into two — the first four trumpets which are fulfilled before the time of the end under the conquering activities of Jesus, and the last three

trumpets associated with the time of the end, a time He accomplishes the conquest.

At the time of the end, the substance of the first four trumpets is almost entirely exhausted, and, the beginning of the time of the end is marked by the proclamation of the fifth angel with the trumpet.

And as we have noticed earlier (please see the descent of the Lord: Chapter six of Christ's death the divine touchstone), the phrase "*woe, woe, woe*" means that in the course of the time of the end, there will be three calamities that will visit the earth which are designed to complete the work of bringing the nations back unto God. In Revelation 11: 14-15 we read,

"The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there was great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

Thus, the sounding of the seventh trumpet brings the age of the church to a close and brings to finish the rebellion

of the human race. The fifth, sixth and seventh trumpets therefore principally discusses the time of the end.

If we go to chapter 10, we will be able to reinforce a point already made. In Revelation 10: 5-7, especially the seventh verse, we meet a phrase which enables us to understand how the trumpet ministry is accomplished. Revelation 10: 5-7,

“And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

But in the days of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”

So we find that each of the angels have a time period of fulfilling their ministry. It says in the ‘but in days’...’ so, it

is not a trumpet sounded just once but something that is taught. Another phrase there which shows that a time period is required for the fulfillment of the sounding of a trumpet is the phrase “...when he shall begin to sound”.

So, there is a beginning point and there is a terminal point. Thus, very obviously, each of the trumpets is fulfilled over a period of time.

Now let us return to chapter 8. Revelation 8: 13,

“and I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!”

This ministry of the angel that flies in midair given to us in verse 13 is revisited in chapter 14.

Revelation 14:1-5 discusses the overcomers of the church age and certain things that must be fulfilled in them. But, from verse 6, we see something which is only an enlargement of the ministry of that angel flying in midair given to us in Revelation 8: 13.

Revelation 14: 6, 7

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven (or midair), having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgement is come...

Now, if we look again at this phrase in the above verse “...for the hour of His judgement is come”, we will be better able to understand what is given in Revelation 8: 13... “And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!”

So, although the first four trumpets carried the judgement of God and the conquering activities of Christ over the rebellion of the human race, viewed side by side with the last move of God to crush the rebellion of man, those

activities of Christ in the which He is to carry out the final conquest, the three woes are specifically called the judgements of God. Thus, the time of the end in which these activities are to be fulfilled is called the time of God's judgement or the "*hour of His judgement*".

In Revelation 14:10, the three woes given in Revelation 8:13, are described as the wrath of God poured out without mixture.

But when we go to verse 14 of Revelation 14, we see something else which is fulfilled at the time when the judgement of God is being revealed upon the earth. Revelation 14:14, 15

"And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

The harvest there referred to is the harvest of the church, the harvest of believers, and, that harvest is fulfilled by the Son of Man sitting upon a white cloud. Of course, that Son of Man is the Lord Jesus Christ. And, we know that the harvest is a characteristic feature of the time of the end. Matthew 13:39 says the harvest is at the end of the church age or the close of the church world. Thus, associated with the time of the end are the following activities — it is a time of judgement and it is also a time of harvest — and both requires Christ to be present among His people.

Revelation 9 through chapter 11:15 tell us the activities of Christ at the time of the end. It will include building up the church, raising up the church to be a worthy army to tribulate the world and bring judgement of God to pass. Because chapter 15 of the book of Revelation teaches us that these judgements of God are executed by men. These men however must first be built and these include harvesting them from the Babylonish religious systems of men, purging and cleansing them, teaching and bringing them under discipline, training them in the principles of spiritual and divine warfare and finally, filling them with the power of God after which they will now carry out the judgements of God and execute it.

Revelation 9: 1,

“AND THE fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.”

This is the beginning message that must be properly understood by God’s people at the time of the end. In subsequent discussions on this topic, we shall go into it.

The matter we want to bring into this introductory aspect is this, the first four trumpets deals with the situation of things from AD 96, when John began to receive this vision to a particular point in time when the woe started. And, First World War was a physical event that pointed to the time of the end. It is an integral part of the first woe though it is not all that is contained in that woe. There is an aspect of the first two woes that are not yet fulfilled. Thus, from the time of the First World War to the time the fullness of the gentiles set in is generally called the time of the end.

And, as we are studying the book of Revelation, we will find that sometimes, a present tense is used to describe certain events and, what that means is that those events are to take place at the time of the end.

That is, the Holy Spirit stands at the time of the end and speaks of the time that is past and of the time that is future. But when he speaks of the time of the end, He does so using a present tense showing that divine attention is concentrated upon the time of the end above any other period in the dispensation of the ages and of the redemptive plan. So, the Holy Spirit ministers from the viewpoint of the time of the end. He stays at the end to minister to those who are at the beginning.

Thus, two great delineations are made — the first four trumpets concerned themselves with events that have happened in a primary sense while the last three concerns themselves with things that began to happen in the earth from the turn of the present century.

We do not know when the time of the end began. It might have been before or after 1914. But Ezekiel 21 helps us to understand it could be before, it will require for the chief Judge to be present for the last three calamities to take place. We are not concerned about time but to say that as we read the fifth, sixth and seventh trumpets, we are to know and understand that they are things that pertain to us. They are the last and final preparations the church must receive before she can become full grown, and, our prayers must be that God should open the book to us.

What are given to us pertaining to these last three trumpets from chapter 9:1, through 11 are revisited from chapter 12 to the end, the details that are missing being supplied in these other chapters.

In closing, let's observe this important thing. There is the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the early rain, and, there is the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain.

How does a man know that he is already experiencing the latter rain? If the Holy Spirit ministering as it pertains to the latter rain is understood by him. If the Holy Spirit says a word that belongs to this time and you do not understand it, you have not yet had a share in the latter rain and you must pray. When we received the Holy Spirit, we did not receive a part of Him, we received all of Him. But, that ministry of the Holy Spirit is exercised in degrees, there is what is called the earnest of our inheritance and when a man is sharing in that, when the teachings that pertain to the early rain is given, he is able to understand it.

In the same vein, how does a man know that he has a share in the vision of the end time, that there is a place for him among them that make it to the heavenly class? If is understanding what God is saying to His people today, if the vision is being made clear to you bit by bit, then, you

know that you have a place on the throne. The only thing to do after, is through faithfulness, labour on your own.

Whilst an understanding of what God is doing at this close of the age does not confirm that a man is going to the throne, it does mean a place is reserved for the individual on the throne if be faithful. It is in this wise we are to understand the Word of Christ in Revelation 3: 11.

“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”

Immediately you understand the things of the end time and you are able to consecrate yourself and receive strength to live a holy and disciplined life, you know that there is already reserved for you a crown, and all that is required for you to make it to the throne is faithfulness.

May the Lord bless you, may the Lord cause you to be hungry for Him. May you partake of the fifth, sixth and seventh trumpets in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PART II

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What we have been seeking to do is to lay out as much as possible from the Word of God, the Spirit of God helping us, those things which completes this age, and to see them in relation to our life and service now so that we will be able to know how to respond to God in this last hour.

We found in the last discussion that the sons of God will enter into the fullness of life before the Prince of the power of the air is cast down from heaven.

Revelation 12:7 says “... *And there was war in heaven...*”

What is heaven? The same heaven wherein Satan dwelleth, the heaven of control of the human race.

The heaven is a realm of spiritual control presently being usurped by the dragon and his angels. But, when a many-membered body of people has been birthed into fullness of life, there shall be war in that heaven.

Now, there is something we should understand about Revelation 12. Verses 1 – 6 of the chapter suffice to sum up events contained in verses 1 – 14. In other words, the

events shown in 7 – 14 are already contained in verses 1 – 6. But, verses 7 – 14 comes to give additional information to understanding verses 1 – 6, especially verses 5 and 6. Particularly, verses 5 and 11 are related. As a point of fact, verse 11 is a key to understanding verse 5. For, verse 5 shows the entrance of the sons of God into the fullness of life in God and their onward growth into divinity. Implied in it is their going forth in a spiritual battle to overthrow the dominion of darkness represented in the dragon and to after that, overthrow the kingdoms of this world thus establishing upon the human race, the kingdoms of their God and of His Christ.

But, verse 11 shows the preparation of the saints for that battle, i.e. what is to give them victory enabling them to break forth into the fullness of God's life. It says "*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*"

As the saints overcome the totality of the sin nature in them, coming to perfection of life by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony working effectually in the environment of a consecrated living, the authority of Satan to hold them bound is broken and, in a battle, Satan is literally cast down from that realm where he has been exercising dominion over men.

The saints must be perfected and come to fullness of life in God before they can have the full authority and power that is able to cast down Satan from the heaven.

Let's take verses 7 and 8 again,

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.”

So, we saw that the sons of God will enter into the fullness of life before there can be a world empire at this time of the end. They shall be birthed into that realm as manchild, caught up unto God.

Then, we touched another thing. We said the phrase “*And I stood upon the sand of the sea...*” in Revelation 13: 1 is a misnomer that it ought to read “*And the dragon stood upon the sand of the sea...*”

We saw that the dragon cast down from the heavenlies as it were, stripped off his powers unable to do anything in the earth, for in that advantageous position of the heaven, he could control the whole human race. But, having been cast down, he cannot exercise himself in any reasonable

control over the world of men and so, he seeks a fresh expression of his power. He therefore begins to labour on the earth, and, that is the meaning of the dragon standing upon the sand of the sea.

Of course, we saw the meaning of that expression "*the sand of the sea*". We saw that the sea refers to the human race in their restless condition and distinguished between the sand that is not in the deep of the sea though upon the seashore and the sand which is in the deep of the sea. While the former (the sand upon the seashore) refer to a people who have been exposed to the light of religion and are struggling under the law to overcome their human weaknesses, we observed that the latter (the sand of the sea) refer to those who are not making any effort to shape their moral conduct, who are giving themselves over to iniquity and wickedness and all kinds of vices...a people who are no longer restraining their passions. These will be the first candidates to follow the dragon that has been cast down from the heaven to the earth.

And, we noticed that, in the passage of time when that is being fulfilled, we see the second part of verse 1 of chapter 3 come into existence as it is written "*...and I saw a beast rise up out of the sea...*"

Now, this rising up of a beast out of the sea, is the

emergence of a world empire. And, we are told that this beast has seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns, ten crowns, and upon his heads, names of blasphemy.

We identified this beast to having something to do with the beast in Revelation 17. But in Revelation 17, we are told the ten horns have no crowns. So, the beginning of the emergence of this beast refers to European Economic union represented in Revelation 17 taking on a world empire status. That is the ten horns receiving the crown. In Revelation 17: 12, we are told "*And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power (i.e. they receive crowns or authority and might to exercise themselves in a political dominion over the whole earth) as kings one hour with the beast.*"

Thus, the ten horns will not receive strength to become a world empire unless the manifestation of the sons of God has set in and Satan has been cast down from heaven. There is a casting down that must be accomplished by the sons of God.

Now, let us assume the description of the beast that is to ascend from the bottomless pit. Revelation 13: 2,

“And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion...”

The leopard is one of the symbols of the former world empire (the Mede-Persian Empire) and the bear, the symbol of the Grecian Empire while the lion represents the former Babylonian empire. Now, that all these are represented in this beast, it show that this coming Roman empire — because it is going to be a Roman empire, a revived Roman empire — that shall emerge shall have all the cruelty of the former empires. It shall be the most vicious empire that has ever existed, every other one will be child’s play because, it shall combine in itself the wickedness and traits of all the past empires. And the reason for this is what is given the next sentence...

“...: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”

The dragon shall give to the beast that shall ascend out of the bottomless pit his power, and his seat, and great authority, that has never been known before.

The power of the dragon speaks of his inward qualities. The inward qualities of Satan will be passed unto the leadership of the beast. Men will have in them the

reasoning power of Satan, his infernal wisdom and ruthless energy will be transferred into men.

Everybody knows that there was an incursion of Satan into the world in Hitler and there was an incursion of Satan into the world in Nero. But those were partial incursions, there shall be a total and full incursion of Satan into this leadership of the beast, they shall be most cruel.

You see, almost all the leaders of the nations of this world are in a cult and in a bond of friendship. Certain wicked spirits are binding them together, and, their unity and their sending solidarity to one another is based on where they meet in the night. Almost all world leaders are either a witch or a wizard, killing and destroying to secure political power.

Yet, the dragon will give power to these world rulers of the beast; he will give them his nature, his intrinsic nature so that they are now capable of extreme cruelty. You know, when they torture people, sometimes, they begin to cut the finger or the toes, inch by inch until they reach the armpit or the pelvis. Imagine a human mind able to enter into that thought pattern and reproduce it. But, the wickedness of men at this time of the end shall know no bound. The Bible says that they will be marked with the mark of the beast which means extreme wickedness: 666,

the number of man, the evil nature of man taking on triple emphasis. That is the power, the inward ability of Satan causing them to take certain decisions and enter into certain wicked acts.

The next is that the dragon will give the beast its seat. Now, Satan is the god of this world, but in that day, the man that shall be there shall be the god of this world; he shall be the king of kings and the lord of lords. That will happen in the Vatican state, in the person of the pope. But the true King of kings and Lord of lords will come and destroy that order of things.

Then the third is great authority. Anytime in averse power and great authority are distinguished, then most probably, the word authority means influence. What that means is that the rule and influence of that beast shall extend to the four quarters of the earth. It shall rule over the entire world of men.

Let us conclude our reading in Revelation 13 taking it from the third verse,

“And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"

Notice that phrase "...Who is like unto the beast..." It means that the pope shall take on the name of Christ and shall be worshipped. Michael which is the prophetic name of the Lord Jesus Christ means "who is like unto God".

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

If any man have an ear, let him hear.

He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.”

Now, we have said in our first discussion that the period of the time in which the European nations shall exist in a confederacy with the pope or the Vatican state will not be up to four years.

Our purpose in this second part of the message is to show the events from the time the sons of God become fully grown until the millennium sets in.

When the sons of God enter into the fullness of life, they will begin to minister, to teach and to preach. Their emphasis will be to call the attention of the world of men to the fact that the kingdom of God is about being established, and, at the same time, they will begin to speak of many things to expose the evils in the ecumenical religious system of the world.

And as they do this, they shall be a great stir all over the world. This shall take place before the ten nations become a world empire.

The Bible teaches plainly that as the sons of God begin to minister and proclaim the word of life and the establishment of the kingdom, persecution will begin against the true church of Jesus Christ. Now, that persecution which in the divine plan is meant to accomplish a purpose, cannot touch the manchild and the woman, but begins to touch another class of saints.

When we go to Revelation 13: 7, we read, “...And it was given unto him (the beast) to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations”. But in Revelation 17: 14, we are told “...These (the ten horns and the beast) shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”

Thus, there is a particular group among the saints which the Beast is able to overcome and another which he is not. When we go to Revelation 12, we are told that a woman gave birth to a manchild who was caught up unto God and to His throne. And, we said that it signifies the entrance of believers into a realm of life in God that is above the power of the dragon. But when the sons of God come into

that realm of fullness and begin to manifest, there will be some that have associated themselves with them but who will not have come into that same estate. This group is represented as the woman that gave birth to the manchild. Now these ones that have not come into the fullness of life at the beginning of the manifestation of the sons of God but have nonetheless associated themselves with the ministry of Christ at this last hour and sustained a faithful disposition to the same are to be nourished, preserved and enabled to carry their consecration unto the fullness by the ministry of the manchild.

Revelation 12:6 says when the woman brought forth a manchild who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron, she...

“...fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.”

Now, there is a mistranslation in verse 13 of verse 12, and, the word mistranslated is *‘persecuted’*. The Greek word ought to have been rendered *‘pursued after’* rather than *persecuted*. The dragon having been cast down from the heaven did not persecute the woman but pursued after her. But *“there was given to the woman two wings of a*

great eagle (i.e. the enabling prophetic ministry of the manchild), that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

Now, when the dragon sees that he cannot do anything regarding the manchild and the woman, he then goes to make war with a third category of saints, the remnant of the woman's seed.

Of course, we all know that the woman given in Revelation 12 signifies the emergent church that has come out of the Babylonish church systems of our day and are being exposed to the ministry of Christ at this last hour.

But then, the woman has at a time been the general house of believers, and, at the time when she was thus, she had begotten many seeds.

That is an important thing to note, for it helps us to draw a line of demarcation between the denominational church systems and Babylon.

When, we talk of the denominations or church systems, we are obviously referring to the various Christian bodies that have taken on organizational forms which form is fully developed in Roman Catholicism. That is the

denominations, the various religious tribes that exist in Christendom.

Now, these all began as good spiritual movements, but, along the line, there was unfaithfulness and deviation, the denominations therefore as they now exist are such religious movements that are departing from the ways of God both in their organization and teachings and practices.

Now, Babylon simply means confusion, when that which is supposed to represent the interest of God is now opposing same.

Now, because Egypt is sometimes (not at all times) used to represent the world ignorant of the ways of God, Babylon is used to represent a people or bodies who once received the will of God but have departed from it, replacing the principles and teachings of the Word of God by their own acts.

Moreover, the direction of flow of denominations is towards having a federated body of churches, a fully developed form of Babylon.

So, we are seeing that each denomination is losing more and more of the Spirit of the life of God that is in them and

taking more and more of the spirit and life of error. That is the general trend. Ten, fifteen years ago, we may not have been able to see it clearly but now, every blessed day reveals the denominations going into things that contradict the ways and worship of God, so much so that even unbelievers wonder in amazement.

When we talk about the church systems therefore, we are referring to the denominations as they exist as individual groups, even though we know that there is a movement towards the marriage of all of these denominations into ecumenism.

But, while although there is a mad rush of all these systems into becoming full Babylon, if you go to any assembly of God's people, you will still find something of the life and ways of God in it. The Word of God is still being preached. Moreover, there are many covenant children of God in the systems, very many who love God passionately serving God in the systems believing they are ministering to the interest of God and to their spiritual wellbeing but not knowing that they are keeping a system alive that ought to have died a long time ago.

In the passage of time however, when the sons of God have entered into fullness and begin to testify, certain things will become clear and these ones will at that time

begin to see that they are in a wrong ship and will begin to go out.

But coming out of Babylon at that time will be at a cost. And, majority of people in the denomination who all along have not had spiritual root — so many are not born again who are leaders of activity groups in the church systems, the greater majority of the children of the denominations are not real seed of Christ but spurious children — these will be the first to turn their backs to God. Others however who as we have said are real covenant children of God but have eaten so much from the tables of Babylon that they cannot be divorced from it without the real tribulation will upon realization of the truth, desire to side with the truth than to follow the path of error. And the Roman Catholic system in the federal strength of all her daughters or the federal strength of ecumenism — what is meant by this is the aggregation of churches and of the other religions of the world under Roman Catholicism — will stir up and lead the nations in a persecution against them. Of course, the real people causing the problem are the sons of God, because, it is their lives and their truth that is provoking the persecution. And, the only reason why the nations will give support to Babylon to persecute the Christians is because the testimony of the sons of God that God is about to establish the kingdom and the nations are to be overthrown not only touches Babylon, but

affects them too.

And, Babylon and the nations (the beast with ten horns) ought to attack the sons of God but these people are not accessible, you cannot touch them, the glory of their lives makes them invincible. And so, they now pounce upon these ones that have forsaken Babylon and have begun to hear and proclaim the message of the sons of God but nonetheless do not have the clothing which the sons of God have i.e. have not come to the estate of life which makes them incorruptible.

With time, as they persecute these people, God will continue to help them until they break loose into fullness of life. It is these ones that come out of Babylon at the manifestation of the sons of God, receive, submit to and begin to proclaim the testimony of the sons of God regarding the establishment of the kingdom that as regarded as 'the remnant of the woman's seed'. Revelation 11 which we shall reproduce below with little comments show us God's present judgement on the denominational systems, the deliverance of the seed company in the manifestation and how they are enabled by the sons of God to fulfill the same ministry of witnessing to the nations of the rights of God over the earth, their overthrow by the nations and their eventual victory and entrance into the fullness of life.

Revelation 11: 1 - 2, we shall take it from the Darby translation,

“And there was given me a reed like a staff, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship in it.

And the court which is without the temple (the outer court) cast out, and measure it not; because it has been given up to the nations, and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty-two months.”

Here is revealed the present judgement activities of God in the midst of his people. While he is measuring for approval the faithful i.e. the manchild and the woman class, he is casting out into outer darkness of the denominational church systems the unfaithful, where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth...

“And I will give power to my two witnesses...” that is God’s will through the ministry of His sons (the manchild) to give grace (anointing) to those who at the manifestation come out of the denominational church systems and receive his testimony from the mouth of the manchild. These will be His witnesses *“...and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth*

(to say these ones are clothed in sackcloth means that their consecration has just began, they have not carry it through to fullness, and they will be required to prove faithfulness to the Lord they have hitherto been unfaithful to even though this will be at the cost of their pleasure and their testimony and their lives. Sackcloth is a garment of mourning).

“These are the two olive trees and the two lamps which stand before the Lord on the earth;

And if anyone wills to injure them, fire goes out of their mouth, devours their enemies. And if anyone wills to injure them, thus must he be killed.

These have power to shut the heaven that no rain may fall during the days of their prophecy: and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to as smite the earth as often as they will with every plague.

And when they shall have finished completed their testimony, the beast who comes up out of the abyss shall make war with them, and

shall conquer them, and shall kill them:

And their bodies shall be on the street of the great city, which is called spiritually Sodom and Egypt, where also the Lord was crucified.

And men of the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations see their body three days and a half, and they do not suffer their bodies to be put into a sepulchre.

And they that dwell upon the earth rejoice over them, and are full of delight, and shall send gifts one to another, because these, the two prophets, tormented them that dwell upon the earth.

And after three days and a half the spirit of life from God came into them and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon those beholding them.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying to them, Come up here; and they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies beheld them.”

Thus, as the sons of God begin to minister in the manifestation, there will be the deliverance of the willing-hearted among the children of God who are still in the systems. And, as they open up to the truth and life, they begin to testify of the things that are being ministered unto them. But then, they must wash their robes and make certain things they have allowed in themselves in the systems of men. It is tribulation that will finish their preparation and will make them of the kingdom of heaven (the seed) class.

Now, we notice that the period of time for that tribulation shall be forty-two months or three and a half years.

That is after 1993 when the European Economic body comes up, a time when the sons of God have entered into the fullness of life and begin to testify of the establishment of the Kingdom of God, there shall occur across the face of the earth a great tribulation against the saints. European nations are about becoming a world empire.

Reading from the KJV, Revelation 11: 7 says, *“And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the abyss shall make war against them and shall overcome them and kill them.”*

The phrase we want here is *‘the beast that ascendeth out*

of the bottomless pit. It can be rendered differently thus, “*the beast that is ascending out of the bottomless pit*”. That describes the European nations in the process of becoming a world empire (while they are still ascending unto the world empire status). Thus, while the Bible tells us the duration of time which the European nations receive power with the beast and give it to us as one hour, it does not tell us when the one hour shall begin. Of the hour knoweth no man, not even the angels save the Father. But even before the ten nations become a world empire, there will be a great persecution that shall spread over the face of the earth.

Now, there have been local expressions of this satanic malice in time past. There have been times when the Roman Catholic Church has single-handedly motivated the killing of millions of Christians. There was one occasion in France when they visited the Protestants feigning friendship, ate and drank with them having planned to attack them in the middle of the night. They later positioned themselves in strategic places throughout the night, then at the midnight, broke open the door and began to slay with knives and machetes and guns. Those of the Protestants who were in the story buildings were thrown down from the top floor headlong down to the ground, pregnant women had their wombs ripped open with knives and the fetus fed to the dogs in the street. All

kind of evil was accomplished and, there was such destruction that in the morning hours, almost all persons that was a Protestant laid in a pool of his own blood. Another is the Bartholomew massacre and many others, not once, not twice, not trice, in various areas of this world, satanic malice had been manifested against a seed company. But, all that will be like a child's play. There will come a terrible time of persecution across the face of the earth, but, the sons of God shall stem that tide, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So, before the European nations fully take on a world empire status, the persecution shall begin. Why the persecution? The persecution is caused by the ministry of the sons of God. As they begin to testify and minister, because of hatred for them, they shall seek to destroy anything that is related to them. And since they cannot touch them and cannot do anything regarding the woman, they now pounce upon the denominations and begin to waste it.

The Bible shows us the principles concerning this thing in Revelation 12. There, it is said if a woman gives birth to a malechild, she shall be unclean for forty days. And, in the time of her uncleanness, the treatment that shall be given to her shall be as the treatment of a monstrous clothe. God by this was showing ahead of time the kind of hatred the

nations, particularly Babylon, shall have for the church of Jesus Christ when the manchild has been birthed.

When the Lord said, "*shut the woman away for forty days*", God has no hatred for the female folk, but was prophetically showing us how the birth of the manchild will cause the evil systems of the world to attack the one who gave birth to the child. Thus, the uncleanness of the Israel woman which gives birth to a malechild which period lasts for forty days is a prophetic symbol, not that God will treat the woman in that way, for, we are shown that the woman is carried into the wilderness where God hath prepared a place for her that she may be nourished for three and a half years. The attitude of God towards that woman is one of favour and blessing, but the attitude of the nations is as one shown to a monstrous clothe, and that's why the persecution and the attack. And, as we have said, it is the ministry of the sons of God that provokes the persecution that the careless people in the denominations may be awakened out of sleep. The Bible says many of them shall be tried and purified and made white and shall come to understanding, but majority of them will just deflect and turn away from the knowledge of God to follow Satan. "*The wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand*".

So, it shall be a situation that shall divide the line between

those in the systems who love God though are presently being unfaithful to Him and those who do not have any love for God at all.

Now, we have shown that the period of time in which the persecution will take place is forty-two months or three and a half years. But, these three and a half years will towards its end, overlap with the period of time the ten nations will exist as a world empire.

Now, let us take some few verses of scripture to see the next thought. Revelation 11: 13, 14 read side by side with Revelation 16: 10, 11.

“And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.” (Rev 11: 13, 14)

“And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.” (Rev 16: 10, 11)

Now, as the persecution continues, towards the end of the appointed time that God has given it, the sons of God will begin to direct their ministry towards exposing the wickedness of the ecumenical movement (i.e. the Roman Catholic system and all those associated with it) that is religious Babylon. And, as they do this, they shall also do something concerning the European nation, i.e. they will attack the unity of the nations.

Revelation 16:10 show us that the first thing the sons of God does in ministry at the time of the end is to begin to cause tumults and disharmony among the European nations. It says and the fifth angel (the sons of God), poured out their vials upon the seat of the beast, and his kingdom was full of darkness. The darkness there means confusion, disagreement.

And, as they do this, they begin also to expose the wickedness of religious Babylon. This is shown in the next verse. Revelation 16: 12,

“And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water

thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.”

Now, the fifth and sixth vials take place at the same time, and the drying up of the river Euphrates in the above verse is a graphical illustration of the exposure of the wickedness of the Roman Catholic confederacy or Babylon, before the nations.

Initially, as we have noted, when the time of persecution begins in the earth, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit (i.e. the European nations in the process of becoming a world empire) will support the Roman Catholic system to persecute the Christians because of their testimony. And as they do this, they come to an agreement and say, *“okay, for us to be able to stem this great uprising over the earth in the which some people will be overthrown and the kingdom of God established, let us make the Pope our head, and, he will instruct us concerning this religious body and we shall know how to deal with them”*. So, first of all, there is a romance, because, there is now one common enemy — the church. But when the purpose of the persecution has been fulfilled, the romance between the Babylonish systems (the harlot woman) and the nations (the beast) will be broken by the ministry of the sons of God. That is the voice that comes in verse 13 of Revelation 11.

“And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.”

Now, what is meant by **“the tenth part of the city”**? The city here is religious Babylon, and, the tenth part of the city is the headquarters of religious Babylon, that is, the Vatican state (Rome).

For a scriptural proof, let us go to Nehemiah 11:1.

“And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten (or one-tenth) to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.”

From the above scripture, we are told that, all rulers of the people must dwell in Jerusalem, then the rest of the people will bring one out of every ten that dwell in Jerusalem. Jerusalem thus is a tithe or the tenth part of the whole nation of Israel, and, it also speaks of the rulership of the nation.

So when in Revelation 11 it is said, the tenth part of the city fell, the city is religious Babylon, and the tenth part is where the rulership is, that is the Vatican state. The Vatican state will first of all fall, and then the rest of the Roman Catholic confederacy will fall. Every other thing in that verse speaks of the destruction that accompanies that work.

Immediately the nations began to see that it is religion that is causing their problems...because when the vials are poured upon the seat of the beast, there will be confusion. And, as they meet and try to resolve it, they will begin to see that their problem is religion, that, it is because they have exposed themselves to religion that there is disunity among them. Moreover, they will begin to hear and see some evils of the Roman Catholic systems. So, what they will do is to attack that religious system that for the pursuance of its own evil motive, exposed them to such disunity.

Now, let us go back to Revelation 17.

Revelation 17: 16, 17.

**“And the ten horns which thou sawest upon
the beast, these shall hate the whore...”
Why the sudden hatred when it has helped**

her to persecute Christians...remember Revelation 11: 17 that says the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall persecute the candlestick class or those people that turn to the testimony of the kingdom at that late hour. So, why this sudden twist? Why turn from helping the Roman Catholicism to persecute the church and turn to persecute and destroy the Roman Catholic system? It is because the vials judgements have been poured upon the seat of those ten horns kingdom, there has been disunity and disharmony among them so that rather than allow a breakdown of their kingdom, they decided to attack the Babylonish woman.

...And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore...

“... and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.”

That is, as these nations are destroying the Catholic system, they will do it with great joy, they will be happy, that is the meaning of eating her flesh, taking pleasure in

her destruction. The more they destroy, the happier they will be. Notice that Satan has already given them his intrinsic qualities and power.

Brethren! There is no need at this point to deviate into some serious things, but, the world council of churches in their prostituted condition will see such a terrible judgement that no group of people has ever experienced on the earth. The Bible says '*so that the blood of the righteous that has been slain*'... if you read the opening verses of Revelation 18, it says the blood of all those that has been slain on the earth can be traced to Babylon, this Roman Catholic system, a wicked vicious system.

Now, do you think of the ordinary people that go there to worship, many of them are innocent and ignorant not knowing what is happening save that they have a desire to worship God. We are talking about leadership. These are very vicious; they know what goal they have in mind. They are working in every political situation in the earth, working behind it like secret agents, planting their people into the systems wanting to restore Roman Catholicism to that glory which it had during the dark ages. But the Lord shall smite it, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are told in Revelation 18:11, 17, that within space of one prophetic hour, the nations would have completely

destroyed the Babylonish system. And, one hour in prophetic scriptures is used to mean a period of time less than four years. Thus, we are told very clearly that within four years, that order of things would have been completely destroyed.

After that, the sons of God will now pour another vial in ministry into the atmosphere, and, the nations will turn to destroy themselves in a bloody and final world war.

Let us see that in Revelation 16:17-21,

“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

And there were voices [these voices are nothing but believers in their fullness of life wherever they are prophesying the destruction of the ten-horns kingdom. A servant of Jehovah in his ministerial capacity is usually referred to as a voice (Revelation 1: 10 - 12)] and thunders, and lightnings (all these are things that shall come out of our mouths); and there was a great earthquake (that speaks of the desolation of that political kingdom i.e. political Babylon. The collapse

of men's systems is usually referred to as an earthquake), such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great (that will be the magnitude of the final world war).

And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

And every island (that speaks of minor powers that within villages and cities, bearing their rule of terror over men within these boundaries) fled away, and the mountains (major powers within nations) were not found.

And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great."

Haggai 2: 20 – 22,

“And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations (that is the meaning of the kingdoms of the heathen); and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.”

In the first and second world wars, the earth was shaken twice; the throne of kingdoms and the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen were destroyed respectively. And, here, the manner of the final war that shall bring about the total collapse of the kingdoms of this world is shown. It is said the chariots, horses and their riders shall be brought down, everyman by the sword of his brother.

Thus, the nations will in the bid to promote the unity and stability of their kingdom, destroy religious Babylon, they will seek to blot out all things that have to do with religion when they come into world empire status.

But, that will not end their trouble, because God put it in their minds to do that, and, even they themselves must receive their judgement, because they are of the 'sand of the sea' company, they opened up to receive the nature of Satan. So, while suspecting one another of treachery, they will now fall upon one another to destroy each other. Here it says every man's sword shall be against his brother.

Of course, the believers will not carry guns, sword or all those things, but as they prophesy with the sword of the spirit which is the *Word of God* and decree in the manner that God shall teach us, all these things shall be accomplished.

Now, there are some gaps in what has been said and that is deliberate. We are combing a whole wide region of subject and what suffice are the keys that will provoke us into a more detailed personal study of the scriptures of truth.

Let us apply this message to our present situation. The little part that concerns us is that how do these things

relate to us today? Looking at things, I believe that we are in a crucial period in which we are to take every advantage of this time of peace to open up to the work that the Lord wants to do in us. The Bible says "*the night cometh when no man can work*".

Three time periods are given to us in scriptures. The first is the period of persecution being three and a half years, the second, the period in which Babylon is smitten and desolated being less than four years and the third is the period of the third world war which scriptures did not define.

We do not know when all these will end and the millennial age will be established but, we do know from the testimony of the scriptures that everything will not take more than forty years from the time the signal for the conclusion of this church age was given in heaven. That is, just like it took forty literal years for the old testament Jewish age to be wiped out and the church age fully established which forty years began when Jesus appeared in human history to inaugurate the church age until the time the Jewish nation of Israel was overthrown in a tribulation, it shall also take a period of forty years for this church age to be overthrown and the kingdom age established.

And, if 1993 see the formation of these nations in preparing to become a world empire, then the forty years have already began and the Lord Jesus is already come in His second advent to conclude this age and establish the kingdom. When it began nobody knows nor do we need to.

Our best guide in a natural way, although there are other spiritual indices, is to watch for that year 1993. If those nations are coming together in 1993, then, it is the time for the fullness of the latter rain to be poured on a waiting people. For, as the nations of the world are heading on unto becoming a world empire, there must be a people that arise and cast down the enemy, entering into fullness of life and be witnesses unto God. Seeing these things in the physical thus, we ought to be more sensitive in the spirit, sensitive to the move of God among His own.

Three hundred and eighty (380) missed the ministration at the upper room; they had to wait for the laying on of hands to receive their own baptism. It did not come straight from heaven. And in our age, these are the two witnesses in Revelation 11 who receive power from the manchild class.

Five hundred people were told in Acts 1, three hundred and eighty went away, only one hundred and twenty

gathered. The three hundred and eighty came in and said *“oh this place is too stuffy and the brethren are one kind”*, and they did not remain. But, some people remained and endured various unpleasantness and contradictions and obtained the promised Spirit.

Our prayer is not only that all of us should follow God as a body, but that individually, the desire for God will be great upon us so that our meeting together as a body will profit us.

Remember, Peter was still afraid and so were the others who gathered unto the Lord, hiding themselves in the upper room for fear of the Jews. But they had a perfect disposition and they had faith in the promise of the Master, our Lord Jesus Christ, who had said to them — tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high. Because of that circumstance, though they were not perfect but crying to the Perfect One to visit them, they were visited with His power.

It is too very late in the day to be engaged in folly, or to play church, because, when the manifestation of the sons of God starts, everything will be manifested, both good and evil. The real picture in a man’s soul is made manifest so that there is no hiding.

Every period of waiting on the Lord at this hour can be extremely fruitful. May we be part of the waiting ones, in Jesus Name.