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Good morning everyone. Thank you for taking the time to listen to the message this morning.

Kingdom Conference 2021! is less than a month away. We added a new family this week - but then had another room come available. So - if you want that room - please let us know as soon as possible. I'm sure it won't last long.

We will be meeting again at the Maranatha Bible Camp, Everton, Missouri - it's about 30 miles northwest of Springfield. Opening day is the 18th of what the world calls March. Checkin is any time after 1:00pm that day and the first event will be dinner at 5:00pm. We've got great preaching lined up - we've got a lot of special music lined up - this should really be a great four days of assembly for God's people.

This morning I received the latest Michael's Minute. I have not been able to read it yet - but I did receive a text message from Michael at 12:32am telling me it was coming and that he thought this was a really good one. Well, just as predicted - I got in trouble last week for saying too many kind things about Michael - so I'll just tell you it's up there - and if you feel like - some time - I mean only if you feel like it - go take a look. No, all kidding aside - knowing Michael - for him to even tell me that he thinks it's a good read - then I believe it's one you need to get to as quickly as possible.

I get great - really great emails every single week from people who are getting the message of Fulfilled Bible Prophecy and the present day reality of the King and His Kingdom. Some of those emails are in the Comments section of the website - and I encourage you to go there and read what's there. As isolated as we currently are - due to the fatally flawed Bible teaching we were pretty much all raised up in - we need to know there are others out there who believe the same way we do - and until we can get together as commanded - we should be able to get some encouragement at knowing there are other believers out there - they are getting and teaching King and Kingdom - and they are longing for Ecclesia.

That's why I encourage you to read Michael's Minutes, that's why I encourage you to read the Comments. I received an excellent email from Randy in Oklahoma this week - it's in the Comments section. I continue to get great info passed on from Chris in Wisconsin - Edward in Washington - Joan in the Philippines. The website is becoming a

reflection of those that have become a part of this ministry and we are seeing fruit for our efforts - all of us - not just Charlie - not just Teresa - and not just Michael - it's a reflection of all us.

Now is the time to put the foot to the pedal and not let up.

Friends, I want to talk to you a little this morning before we get into the message. Painfully, I want to remind us of where we are - but then get to the hope of where we could be.

We've all been raised - through our various forms of quote "education" - whether it was the government quote "school" - and I mean public or private - there's very little difference between the two - and I am going to tell you this - with the exception of true Israelites - there's very little difference between the home quote "schoolers" and the public quote "schoolers." In fact, I can tell you from experience - from being around lots and lots - and I mean that - lots and lots of quote "homeschoolers" - those people's ideology and practice of that ideology was ten times more fervent than those of the quote "public schoolers."

They are some of the most devout CONstitutionalist. Some of the most devout proponents of the quote "founding fathers" - the most proponents of the military and the police - most proponents of man's laws - and they are far more committed to their way of thinking and life than probably any government "schooler" I've ever known.

Now, don't get me wrong - I'm not trashing those people - I want to reach them - but - most - if not all - the quote "education" aside from true citizens of the commonwealth of Israel - is indoctrination into the despicable trap of quote "church and state." And the reality is - most of us have either been involved in it up to our necks - or have been touched by it.

So, yes, our quote "education" - which has produced our beliefs - which is faith - faith is a system of belief - is responsible for where each of us are today in our lives.

And, as I've said a thousand times before - everything that was going on in the day school from Moonday through Frigatt's day - was solidly reinforced at Sunday school. Anything that the weekday school could not get accomplished for the state - the Sunday school would clean up and make sure that all loose ends were wrapped up.

I think it's probably a given that most of us - and now I narrowing my scope to those of you who listen to me preach every week - it's probably a given that we have re-examined everything we were taught in the weekday schools. I hope we have or are going that now.

NASA showed images this week of it's tin-foil spacecraft that landed on Mars - after traveling through space at - I think they said 12,000 miles an hour - since last - what they call july - and then in a matter of a few minutes - 7 I think they said - it slowed down from 12,000 miles per hour - to 1 mile per hour and successfully landed on Mars and sent pictures of it all back to NASA.

I sure hope you sat there and laughed at that like we did if you saw that this week. They say Mars is at its closest 128 million miles away and at it's farthest 228 million miles away - and wow - those guys can hit that target and send pictures back to prove it. Wow are they great? We routinely drop phone calls from 10 miles away - our vehicles are lucky to get 20 miles to the gallon - but NASA can send a spaceship 228 million miles away and get pictures sent back within minutes - wow - that's pretty cool.

Of course, you can go all over YouTube and find their astronots - um - astronots - constantly saying that NASA has been unable to leave low earth orbit. I want you to listen to a couple clips for a minute. This is an Italian news agency called Euronews and the reporter is interviewing two of the three astronots - and I spell that - astroNOTS - and he asks them what's next after the international space station mission is complete. The astronot answering the question is Terry Virts who was - at that time - the commander of the international space station. Listen to what he says:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cBrnlYeEwI>

<https://terryvirt.com/about/>

What? We can only fly in earth orbit? Someday we hope to be able to get to the moon, to Mars? Wait a minute, I thought the moon thing was accomplished 51 years ago.

How about this astronot? This is Don Pettit.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16MMZJlp_0Y

<https://www.nasa.gov/astronauts/biographies/donald-r-pettit>

So they just went to Mars - but they lost the technology to go to the moon. Now, they say the moon is 238,000 miles away - and friends if you haven't questioned that - you need to. You can look at the sky and see something 238,000 miles away?

They said they went to Mars this week - 228 million miles away - but they can't go to the moon - 238,000 miles away. That's just a little odd to me.

How about this one? I have people tell me all the time - they can look at the night sky at certain times - and see the international space station flying by.

Ok. Walk this through with me. They say the iss is about 350 feet long by 240 feet.

<https://www.livescience.com/32583-how-big-is-the-international-space-station.html>

It is not much larger than a Boeing 747. It's bigger, they say, yes, but not that much bigger. They claim it is flying about 200 miles high and it is flying at about 17,000 miles per hour.

Now, I can go outside in the daytime and look up in the sky - and sometimes I can see an airplane - at least I'm pretty sure that's what it is - and I know they say that cruising altitude is about 35,000 feet. Now that's a little less than 7 miles - if my math is correct. And, they say those planes are flying at around 500 miles per hour, give or take - at those speeds - compared to 17,000 miles per hour - what's a hundred one way or the other.

And I'll look up at that plane - and literally within a minute or so - that plane has come and gone from view. And, at 35,000 feet - a little less than 7 miles - I can't anymore make out exactly what flew over than the man in the moon. It's tiny, it's microscopic at 7 miles away.

Yet, we are expected to believe that almost 30 times higher - and more than 30 times faster - we can see the international space station flying over us? We can see those DC powered, battery powered lights going by and we fall for this. I've seen people that absolutely should know better - get all giddy and smile and grin and really believe they've accomplished something by believing that someone told them there is an international space station up there - and - they saw it. With their own eyes.

I think I told you before how that I was in downtown Ozark Missouri one evening. And

this man - he was probably close to 80 or so - walked up to within a few feet of me and just stood there looking up. It was weird. Why me? Why did he have to walk up next to me? Anyway, I'm trying not to be disrespectful, but I had an idea what he thought he was doing - and he looked like an idiot standing there - so I said, "Ok, what are you looking at?" And he proceeded to tell me he was looking at the international space station flying by. Friends, that elderly man couldn't see the stop sign at the corner - but he was convinced he was seeing something roughly the same size as a 747 - but flying about 193 miles farther away - and flying 16,500 miles faster - and he was seeing that with his naked 80 year old eyes.

Good grief? Really? You can't see a 747 flying by at 7 miles away and 500 miles per hour. But you can see something a little bigger than a 747 flying by at 200 miles and 17,000 miles per hour? We humans are amazing when we've been braindirtied into believing lies. I know, I'll probably hear from someone and they'll just be adamant that they saw it. They went on NASA's website and saw what time to look up in the sky - and they saw that thing fly by. Well, friends, they probably did see something fly by. But if you can barely - just barely see an airplane flying at 35,000 feet - you aren't going to see something with the naked eye that's the approximately the same size - but is 193 miles further away. Come on, it's not happening.

"I'd go to the moon in a nanosecond - but we lost the technology to go there."
Translation: "We lost the ability to go 238,000 miles away - but instead - we DO have the technology to go 225 million miles away. And we fully expect you to believe us."

That's pretty interesting. Do a little research and find out how many astroNOTS and their leaders are Freemasons. Then spend some more time and research the astroNOTS that make their speaking circuits in the quote "churches" in the U.S. Listen to them quote Bible passages to bring in the gullible masses. See, in the quote "church" - all you have to do is say the words "Jesus" or "God" every now and then - and poof - you are one of the millions and millions of quote "christians" in the U.S. today.

We are - actually - we are long past the time - where we need to re-examine every single thing we have been "educated" with in and from the United States of America.

I'm telling you - we've been lied to about every single thing - every single subject - every single science - every single Bible subject - and we better make sure that our faith - our system of belief is based on the truths contained in the Word of God - and from the perspective that the King came in the first century - and the Kingdom was established in

the first century - the Messiah came - finished every single thing He was sent to do - He is and has been reigning as King of kings and Lord of lords - ever since - and it is and has been the responsibility of every living breathing creature to conform to His Kingdom and to His Kingdom exclusively.

We've been lied to about everything in our lives - because the kingdoms of this world - the governments of this world - are all - every single one of them - sadly - even the one in Madagascar - every single one of them is operating under the spirit of Satan - and I mean they are simply employing the same characteristics that whatever that entity was - whatever that entity represented in the Old Covenant World - that spirit of rebellion - that spirit of wanting to be like God - wanting to be a lawmaker - wanting to decide what is good and what is evil - then legislating men and women boys and girls into submission of their definitions - whatever that entity was - the great masses of people today are living in a world where that entity is constantly attempted to be brought back to life - resurrected if you will - all in defiance to the One True King and His Kingdom.

That Satan, that devil, whatever it was - was called the "Father of lies." One day Jesus said,

[42] If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

[43] Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

[44] Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

It should not be a mystery at all to any of us followers of Christ - that while being raised to accept "church and state" - every single aspect of both - has been a lie.

There is no devil in the New Covenant World. There is no Satan in the New Covenant World. But who in this world - has done everything it can possibly do to resurrect that entity? The state quote "church" has done everything in its power to keep people believing the lie - that the father of lies - is still alive and well today in the New Covenant World.

It's all been a lie - every single bit of it - because all that's in quote "power" today - and

in quote "power" ONLY because they have big guns and the braindirtied minds of the masses all function with concept that there is an entity still today - called the devil or satan. They walk in the tradition of, they walk in the spirit of that entity - who is the father of lies. It's no marvel at all - that they prefer lies to the truth. This should not be surprising or hard for us to see and understand.

As I was referring to their big guns a minute ago - I almost stopped myself - because I think I might have that order reversed. I think their perceived "power" probably has more to do with the braindirtied masses first - than their guns second.

This is why I believe there is always hope. If we can change the minds of people - starting with those of our own first - then maybe we can see great things begin to happen.

In their world, they are constantly at war with someone or some thing.

In my lifetime, from the 60s - I can recall some - it was the dirty Russians. And, of course, the communists in Vietnam. Then, they added to that war - beginning in the late 60s - and I really don't remember that part of it - I'm only going by hearsay now - but they started up the war on drugs which was actually a war against Americans on this soil. Of course, that quickly spread through other parts of the world as well - I believe Afghanistan was blamed for being a large grower and exporter of poppy and so Afghanistan became a major player in the war on drugs. The 70s and 80s greatly expanded the war on drugs which, through all sorts of quote "legislation" slowly - but greatly affected the lives of people living on this soil. The 80s began to ramp up the war on quote "viruses" - which - as we all know - has affected us maybe more than all those other quote "wars."

They have a war on everything. George Bush declared his war on the terrorists. I'd dare say that most people who heard this - cheered him on - as in their minds - they were thinking of those middle eastern muslims who hate quote "America's freedom" - but when I heard this many years ago - my heart did sink - because I knew he wasn't talking only about the muslims.

He was putting it out there - exactly the way I heard it - you are either with the U.S. - or you are with the terrorists.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qdv6h8WKg>

If you have been living as a citizen of the Commonwealth of Israel - and you have turned away from worldly citizenship - you would know - because it would have affected your life - you would have felt the tentacles of their legislation - you would have felt the tentacles of their wars against people are not with them. They have done a lot of things to make it very difficult on people to simply function - I mean just get through the basics of life - if you have not made a declaration of which side you are on.

Yeah, Bush tried to make people think it was a his war on Al Qaeda, his war against those who quote “attacked the world trade centers” - and I know it goes without saying today for those who are listening to me - we don't anymore believe those lies about what happened that day - than we believed they went to Mars. We don't know what happened on 9/11/2001. I know that. But I will tell you this - whatever we were told - was a lie. Because they are of their father the devil - yes - their father who has been dead and gone for 2,000 years - but they still carry on his spirit from the dead - we don't know what happened with Kennedy, we don't know what happened in 1969 with Neil Armstrong and those guys - we don't know - and we don't need to know - the simple thing to know is that they don't tell the truth - and we DO know that.

The war on terror was and is exactly as Bush said - *if you aren't with us - you are against us.*

As I have said many times before - the U.S. presidents - all they do - is pave the way for the next one. Trump was no different than any of them - all he did was provide the perfect transition between Obama and O'Biden. Each of them paves the way for the next one. Each of them makes the dirty work of the next one a little bit easier - that's what they do - because that's what their world is. The world that teaches the doctrine of quote “church and state” - that's what it does.

This war on quote “domestic terrorists” is going to affect us - those of us who call ourselves followers of Christ. That's the end game here - that's where all of these supposed “wars” are headed. All these little g men's governments are in place - in the spirit of their father the devil - to war against the King and His Kingdom. And I believe we are now seeing revealed - what their ultimate agenda is.

Listen to this for a minute. Forget all the CONstitution garbage. Disregard all the nationalistic rhetoric - read between the lines - and listen to what she says is going to be the definition of a domestic terrorist.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1lq8A_J2Nw

I said this a couple weeks ago - the people that were in Washington D.C. on the 6th were not Christians. Christians were at their homes tending to their families, tending to their flocks, minding their own business. It was "churchians" - and "churchians" and Christians are not the same thing. But the goal is to get to the real Christians.

They're going to lump everyone in to one giant lump.

It is the removal of true Christianity - not "churchianity" that is the end game. Their domestic terror war is not going to get rid of the "church buildings." Why would they ever get rid of the "church buildings?" The quote "churches" are the biggest friend and ally that the state has. Now sure, I realize that some of them are a little different. Some of them have even spoken out against the experimental gene therapy. Some of them have even spoken out against Joe Biden's false Catholicism. Some of those might be forced into being made more quiet - but the quote "church" in the U.S. for the most part will be unaffected by the war on domestic terrorism. Maybe some of the extremist "churchians" will be targeted - and - well - if we had an alternative available for those to see that there is an alternative - we might be able to reach some of them.

The target is those who are true, Biblical, Christians. Those who do not believe in "church and state." Those who do not believe in a future, antichrist king and a future antichrist kingdom. Rest assured, that's the target. While we are not "churchians" - because we are followers of Christ - we are still seen as being part of that network.

What can we do?

As I have said for more than 30 years now - the answer for all of us - is STILL Ecclesia.

The answer for us is to be the nation that God wants His people to be. That nation is not called the united states of america. I'm sorry - the united states of america - has never - not for a single day - it has never been the nation of God. It has been a nation of "We the people." We the people is not the nation of God.

The nation of God is a group of people who are called out from the world - they are called out from kingdoms of the world - who still function in the Old World system - the nation of God is a group of people who come out from the world to be the people of God so that He can be their God - their Lawmaker, their Magistrate, their King - and

they can be His people.

They are people who plainly declare they seek a country whose builder and maker is God. They are people who plainly declare that in the eyes of the world - they are strangers and pilgrims - and they are seeking a society - a nation - a group of people who will come together and be the called out Christian community of believers.

Listen now, if those people cannot find others to join themselves with - then they must - no matter their circumstance - whether one or two - or no others - they must still live as citizens of the commonwealth of Israel wherever they find themselves living at any given time and place.

Now here's the problem with that. While you are living as a citizen of the Commonwealth of Israel - all by yourself - or maybe with your own family - or maybe with even another family - the world is still going to think you belong to them.

They are going to think that simply because you live in the same neighborhood - or in the same quote "county" - you are still one of them. You are subject to their laws, their statues - their traditions - their customs. Even though you know you are not - they are going to look at you that way. When they figure out that you are not one of them - like George Bush said - "if you are not with us - you are with the terrorists" - I can tell you - by experience - they just might declare war on you.

You could be the most peaceful, mind your own business Israelite citizen around - but it's not going to be enough for them - if they are standing when the song is played - they want you standing, too. If they are wearing the face diaper - they want you wearing one, too. If they are participating in the experimental gene therapy program - they want you participating, too. They might even make it to where if you refuse to participate - they won't let you go to the grocery store.

Well, friends, if we were doing what we were supposed to be doing, we wouldn't even be having this discussion. We wouldn't need the grocery store. We wouldn't be affected by their quote "laws, their statues, etc.," they would no more apply to us - than would the quote "laws and statues" of Mexico or Canada. Nations quote "laws and statues" apply to their own people - the ones who have agreed to be a part of their society - the ones who have given their consent to be a part of their association. They don't apply to those who are not part of the club.

And yes, I get it. I've also seen this first-hand, by experience - we can win - all alone - we can win if we stand on our citizenship in the Commonwealth of Israel. But I do not believe that is the perfect Will of God for His people. I believe the Scriptures are quite clear that God wants His people to be together - in the same general area - living as His people - His nation - the Commonwealth of Israel.

I believe the Scriptures are clear - that there is strength in numbers. Gideon won a tremendous battle - with only 300 men. I believe we've got to get serious about coming together as God's people - to once again form the Commonwealth of Israel - God's people living as a body - in the same community - meeting each other's needs - bearing each other's burdens.

And with my citing Gideon - look - I'm not talking about going to battle with these people - I'm just talking about joining ourselves together to try to live as God commanded us.

I didn't watch or listen to Biden's inauguration speech - but I did listen to a couple minutes of a replay. When I hear him talk about "our nation, and our CONstitution, and our way of life, and our democracy" it's foreign to me. I'm not part of his understanding of our. I wasn't part of Reagan's, the Bush's, Clinton's, Obama's, Trump's and I'm not part of Biden's and Harris's and I don't want to be. I want to be Israel.

I don't want to be spiritual Israel - I don't want to be considered a physical citizen of the U.S. and a spiritual citizen of something called Israel.

I'm still trying to figure out how we - and I don't mean products of our quote "education" - I mean we - as in those of who are serious - extremist - followers of Yeshua, Jesus the Christ - how did we ever get the idea that God's people are supposed to be anything other than citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel?

You know, the most classic example of what I'm talking about is the letter to the Ephesians. Those first century saints were living in Ecclesia - I'm making my best guess here - in an area of the world that men had named Ephesus. But in that letter to the Ephesians - Paul explains to them how that when they were without Christ - they were strangers and aliens to the Commonwealth of Israel. But - when they came to Christ - they were no more strangers and aliens - but then become fellowcitizens with the saints.

When we come to Christ, we also, are no more strangers and aliens, but we become fellow citizens with the saints - the Commonwealth of Israel.

Why did he need to say that? Why couldn't they just be fellow citizens with the saints and citizens of Ephesus? What would be wrong with that? Why did he even need to specifically mention Israel? The Commonwealth of Israel?

It's because this book is about Israel. It was written by Israelites as the God of Israel told them what to write. It's a book about the people of God, to the people of God, for the people of God. It's a book about Israel. That's why it matters.

This week, as I was reading another critic of the Bible...this was someone who was acting like he knew something about the God of the Bible and he was mocking things about some of the Old Covenant Laws of God. And I just thought, "Who does this guy think he is? He doesn't have any business trying to tell someone else something about God's Word. This guy is a U.S. citizen, trying to act like he's an authority on citizenship in the Commonwealth of Israel. He doesn't know our God. He doesn't know how the Will of God for His Creation is shown in some of the Old Covenant Laws and Statutes.

This is our book. This is about our nation. This book is about Israel - so named in the Old World - and the Commonwealth of Israel - renamed in the New World. No where in this book does it tell followers of Christ to remain citizens of men's little g - lying governments. God's people are to gather together - we are to escape the nations - and be the people of God. That's what we are called to do.

The reason we are not doing so is because we have not understood that the King came, the King set up His Kingdom - the King fulfilled all the prophecies - and in the New World - men's little g governments operate in total rebellion to the King and His Kingdom - and because of the false teaching we almost all raised in - we don't realize that Israel is real. I-s-r-a-e-l is r-e-a-l.

This is why it is so vitally important that each and every one of us continues to wipe away "churchianity" from our minds - and replace it with true Christianity.

This is why understanding the book of Revelation - understanding that it is a history book - it is not unfulfilled Bible prophecy - but rather it is a more detailed explanation of Matthew 24 - that it is about the coming of Christ in power and glory to be Revealed as the King of kings and Lord of lords - it is vitally important for us to embrace them -

and the more real it becomes - the more it consumes our thoughts and our lives - it is eventually going to work a change in our lives that brings us to the point where we can no longer stand for others to think that we are part of the world and its little governments. It is going to drive us to following Christ to the point where we realize that Ecclesia - *the plan of God from before the foundation of the world* - is where we are supposed to be.

I would challenge you to do something that I did this week. I randomly opened my Bible to a chapter in the book of Revelation - to once again see if I could find reference to the things in that chapter to the words of Christ placing the fulfillment of the book of Revelation inside the generation to which Christ said, "This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be fulfilled."

I found it where we were in chapter 16. I found it in 15, 14, and on and on.

In our remaining time this morning, please turn to Revelation chapter 11. We'll begin in verse 1. Still looking for proof that the book of Revelation was for the first century. Things which must shortly come to pass.

[1] And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

[2] But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

Alright. I need someone to explain to me exactly what temple this is talking about. Clearly, just believe the Bible, friends just believe the Words of Christ, believe the simplicity of the Gospel - this temple that is being measured in Revelation 11, is the exact same temple that Christ walked in, taught in - in the first century - it's the same one.

If it isn't the same temple - someone needs to explain to me what temple this is. Well, the futurists have certainly come up with an answer. Despite the fact there is absolutely no Biblical support whatsoever - in fact - to teach a future rebuilding of a physical temple in Jerusalem - is absolute blasphemy - but that's what they teach. With no Biblical support whatsoever to do so - because they have completely missed it - at least the sincere ones - because they have completely missed it because they have listened

to people like C.I. Scofield and Hal Lindsey and Jack VanImpe - they believe that this temple of Revelation 11 is a rebuilt physical temple - complete with animal sacrifices - the Levitical priesthood - everything that Christ brought to an end - they believe this temple of Revelation 11 is a future temple.

Friends, in order to believe that - you have to completely through out the finished work of the Messiah. And that's exactly what they have done. Testament is the fact that the quote "church and churchmen" use the word judeo-christian in many of their explanations and teachings. They teach that the quote "jews" in the middle east - people that do not believe the Messiah came - for goodness sake - they teach that those people are God's chosen people.

John wrote that those who call themselves Judahites and are not of Christ - they are the synagogue of Satan. And that was when there was a quote "Satan."

If you do not believe that Jesus, that Yeshua came in the flesh - the Son of God - if you do not believe that - not only are you NOT God's chosen people - you are the synagogue of Satan. This goes hand in hand with what I keep saying over and over. They are of their father the devil - the father of lies.

Revelation chapter 11 is 100% consistent with everything else we have been teaching because the temple was still in existence when John was writing - and - when John was prophesying what was going to happen - in - the things which MUST shortly come to pass.

Verse 3.

[3] And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

[4] These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

[5] And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

[6] These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

[7] And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

[8] And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Ok. Where is the great city - where also our Lord was crucified? Jerusalem. The city was Jerusalem. Not a rebuilt city. Not a city that was rebuilt after annihilation in AD70. This says the city where our Lord was crucified. That city was first century Jerusalem.

For someone to believe otherwise, they have to twist the Scriptures into things they do not say - into things they were not intended to say, to mean, to understand. This is talking about the Jerusalem where our Lord was crucified because the book was written concerning THINGS WHICH MUST SHORTLY come to pass - and the people, the place, all of it - was to be fulfilled in that generation - in that time period.

The temple, the city - this is the same temple, the same city, the same people, all the same things that Christ was talking about in Matthew 24. Verse 9:

[9] And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

[10] And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another;

Oh boy - you don't want to know what thought just entered my mind after reading this again.

because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

[11] And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

Friends, these are the types of things that the Bible talks about - with regularity - concerning the first century. There were miracles performed. There was the raising of the dead. There was walking on the water, turning water into wine, feeding five thousand men and women with two fish and five loaves of bread. There was disciples getting bit by vipers and not being harmed. There were all kinds of miracles and wonders taking place in the first century. None of this was uncommon for the follower of Christ in the first century.

I would remind you again, if you want even more detail than what I'm talking about here - it's fascinating reading - and I've told you before - it's not that I am in agreement necessarily - but J. Stuart Russell - in his book from the 1800s - The Parousia - shares his

thoughts on the two witnesses and it's fantastic reading. Go look at it. The book is a free download on the website. I'm not going into a lot of detail today because there's something else I want to get to. But if you want me detail on this, go look at Russell's book. Verse 12.

[12] And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

[13] 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.

This isn't anything shocking. This is exactly what Christ said concerning these events from Matthew 24. This is what Christ said was going to happen to His generation.

[14] The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

[15] And the seventh angel sounded; and there were 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.

This is the conclusion. Right in the middle of the book of Revelation, this is what it all means. The days of the Old Covenant World - where God allowed the people to have kings like all the other nations, the days where God allowed men to walk after their own ways - those days are over. They ended right here. Again, this is why the entire world - everyone in the world - restarts their calendar in the first century. The events described in the book of Revelation brought an end to the Old World - and they ushered in the New World. It's a whole new world. It's a world where Christ is King and His Kingdom has taken all the kingdoms back. The time where God allowed men to have their own kingdoms - as an experiment - as a testimony that man is not capable of self-rule - that man is not capable - not allowed to make their own laws, their own statues - it was all written for our learning - those days ended - and we should not be trying to resurrect those days. Let them go.

Arise, take the Kingdom that God has prepared for His people from before the foundations of the world.

Why? Why? Do we want to hang onto the "We the people" little g government that has wrecked and ruined everything it's had its hand to - why - clearly it's a system that has declared open war against true Christianity - it allows and promotes sodomy - it allows and promotes the slaughter of babies - it taxes labor - it has developed an ungodly wicked Ponzi scheme called social security - it uses an ignorant citizenry to carry out

experimental gene therapies on them. Good grief - it creates all sorts of wicked imaginations and schemes and has carried on one war after another - not just on other people around the world - but on people sharing the same soil. It's incredible - and why God's people prefer that - to being the people of God is totally beyond me.

I know people are scared. It has to be. We're sheep - myself included. Sure - if you sit there and dwell on coming out of the U.S. - it can be intimidating.

But is it anymore intimidating than the Israelites leaving Egypt? Or is that just a story we like to talk about - but not really believing that the same God that called His people out of Egypt and protected and provided for them - is the same God for us today?

We love those Bible stories don't we? Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? Great stuff to read to the kids before bedtime. Daniel and the lions den. Oh yeah, read more to me. But nah, that's not the same God. He wouldn't protect and provide for us -- would He? Friends, if we don't take the steps necessary to join ourselves together with other believers - we will never know. We will never know whether we serve the same God or not. Verse 16.

[16] And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

[17] Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

[18] And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

[19] And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Please turn to Luke chapter 23 this morning and let's read beginning in verse 1. We'll read here, then we'll go to another chapter in Revelation in see its fulfillment in the first century.

[1] And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.

[2] And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.

I would be remiss this morning to read this without reminding you again - that these were the official charges on the docket in the court that tried Christ. Christ was on trial

for tax charges. To deny this, is again, to twist the Scriptures. To make them say something they do not say.

We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.

Those are the charges because every single one of them knew that when Christ said - just a few days prior - "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things which are God's" - every single one of them knew that Christ was forbidding to give tribute to Caesar. That's another reason why he told Matthew to get up from Caesar's tax table - and follow Him. It is sin - grievous - wicked sin - for followers of Christ to pay tribute to any King - not named Jesus. Verse 3.

[3] And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it.

[4] Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

[5] And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

Really? Stirreth up the people, huh? You mean the religious leaders? It was the religious leaders who said, "If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." It was the religious leaders who were so offended at Christ forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ a King.

[6] When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean.

[7] And as soon as he knew that He belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

For our understanding of things today, this is not a good English translation. Jurisdiction is a legal argument that most people today do not understand. Wycliffe, I think is better than this - it says "of the power of Herod" - which is better because power means force. Christ was not under Herod's jurisdiction - not in a lawful sense. It is better understand as Herod's power.

Today - listen now - no man is born under someone's quote "jurisdiction" simply because they were born in one place or another. A man is not bound to the courts of a quote "state" because he was born there - or happens to quote "live" there. A man must give his consent to be bound to another man's quote "laws or statues." It's consent. Any other than that is pure tyranny. Verse 8.

[8] And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of Him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by Him.

[9] Then he questioned with Him in many words; but He answered him nothing.

[10] And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him.

[11] And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked Him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him again to Pilate.

[12] And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

[13] And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

[14] Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

[15] No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

[16] I will therefore chastise him, and release him.

[17] (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

[18] And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:

[19] (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

[20] Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.

[21] But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

[22] And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go.

[23] And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

[24] And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.

[25] And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

[26] And as they led Him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

[27] And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.

Friends, we've got to see what's going on here. This is the very Son of God, mocked and ridiculed, belittled, beaten - and now crucified. These people were in the process of killing the Son of God. I know it was prophesied. I know it had to be done. But this was the Son of God that these people had murdered - executed by the state - because the religious leaders demanded it. Watch this now, verse 28:

[28] But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

[29] For, behold, the days are coming,

Why not, "For behold, thousands of years from now?" Why not, many years from now - a long time from now - many generations from now? To take verse 29, and try to place it thousands of years in the future is to take the Scripture and twist it into something it does not say - nor was it ever intended to say. The days coming - to the people He said that to - means the same thing if we were using that phrase in talking to someone today. The days are coming - means soon. It means presently. It means in our generation - just like Christ said - over and over.

[29] For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.

[30] Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

[31] For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

[32] And there were also two other, malefactors, led with Him to be put to death.

[33] And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

[34] Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

[35] And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God.

[36] And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar,

[37] And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

[38] And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Before we leave Luke 23, go back to verses 29-30

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Now, go to Revelation chapter 6. We are going to very quickly read the entire chapter, verse 1.

[1] 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 and see.

[2] 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.

[3] And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

[4] And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

[5] And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

[6] And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

[7] And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

[8] And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

[9] And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

[10] And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

[11] And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

[12] And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

[13] And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Matthew 24. Clear as can be. This is Matthew 24.

[14] And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

[15] And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

[16] And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

[17] For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Friends, the book of Revelation is a history book. It is a more thorough, more detailed explanation of Matthew 24 and Luke 21-23. It is a book about the Revealing of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. They mocked Him. They laughed at him, they ridiculed Him. They derided Him saying - "This is the King of the Jews." They murdered Him. Now they are trying to hide from Him. Now they are not wanting to be found by Him Whom they mocked and belittled and murdered.

But He arose from the dead. Then He ascended into the Heavens so that more could be written about His followers who obeyed Him and turned their worlds upside down - even if just for a short while - then He came back to that generation - to those people who had mocked Him and murdered Him - and He was revealed as King of kings and Lord of lords - taking flaming vengeance on all those who had refused to accept Him.

He brought down all principalities and powers - He took it all back and from that time to this and forevermore - He is King and it is the responsibility of every living, breathing creature to conform to His Kingdom - right now.

Luke 23 - on the day they murdered Him - Christ prophesied that in the days coming - not the millenia, not the generations, not hundreds of years later - He said these people who were doing these things to Him - would beg for the Rocks to fall on them. Now, in Revelation chapter 6 - in the things which must shortly come to pass - we read that these men were in fact doing - exactly - word for word - what Christ said they were going to do.