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Good morning everyone. Thank you for taking the time to listen in this morning on Missouri Liberty Radio - or wherever you may be listening. Many of you have written in asking how you can help this ministry and we appreciate that more than you know. As most of you would know - we are very small - we support our ministry mainly with our own outside work - we have a few financial supporters - but for the most part we support our ministry with other work. I don't ask for financial support, never have, and Lord willing, never will. I do ask for support in other ways. For instance, Michael has been a big part of our ministry - with Michael's Minutes which I know have been a blessing to so many of you and then additionally now as I have asked him to continue writing and contributing on the subject of Creation.

There's not enough hours in the daytime for me to expose all the deception that surrounds us - let alone present the necessary Bible support to lead us into the truth. Michael is helping in a great way in alleviating some of that burden and I appreciate it. I know you do too, those of you who are following his work on Michael's Minutes. I posted part three of his work on the Firmament this week. You can find it on the website at godsendsmen.com and then click on Michael's Minutes.

So Michael is a big big help in taking on the Creation part of this ministry. I hope that when the Firmament series is complete, God will lay it upon his heart - well, Michael - I'm laying it on your heart too, to move on to another series on the subject of Biblical Creation after you finish the subject on The Firmament.

There is a reason why the youth in the world are choosing paths differently than the path of true Christianity. And let me tell you why. At least one reason, among several reasons, they have the idea that this thing called "church" is the representative of something called "God" in the Universe. And, as mildly as I can put it - I will tell you that if that thing called "church" were truly the representative of God in the quote "universe" today - I WOULD OPT OUT. The double-mindedness, the self-serving, the contradictory messages - look - a lie can only hold on for so long before people start to question - then when they do not get solid foundational answers to their questions - they go look elsewhere. For instance, science as opposed to quote "church."

"Church" does not have answers that fulfill the questions for most seeking people.

That's why an article came out this week from the Los Angeles Times, titled

“Why America's record godlessness is good news for the nation”.

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-04-02/godlessness-america-religion-secularization>

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The article starts this way, quote:

The secularization of U.S. society — the waning of religious faith, practice and affiliation — is continuing at a dramatic and historically unprecedented pace. While many may consider such a development as cause for concern, such a worry is not warranted. This increasing godlessness in America is actually a good thing, to be welcomed and embraced.

For the first time since Gallup began tracking the numbers in 1937, Americans who are members of a church, synagogue or mosque are not in the majority, according to a Gallup report released this week. Compare today's 47% to 1945, when more than 75% of Americans belonged to a religious congregation.

This decline in religious affiliation aligns closely with many similar secularizing trends. For example, in the early 1970s, only one in 20 Americans claimed “none” as their religion, but today it is closer to one in three. Over this same time period, weekly church attendance has decreased, and the percentage of Americans who never attend religious services has increased from 9% to 30%.

Alright stop here for a minute. Part of me says “Hallelujah, praise God. People are stopping “church” they are stopping “synagogue.” Yes. That part is great. But here's where it gets disturbing. Continuing, quote:

In 1976, nearly 40% of Americans said they believed that the Bible was the actual word of God, to be taken literally. Today only about a quarter of Americans believe that, with slightly more decreeing the Bible is simply a collection of fables, history and morality tales written by men. And the percentage of Americans who confidently believe in God's existence, without a doubt, has declined from 63% in 1990 to 53% today.

End quote. And this is the huge problem and this is where we need to get involved.

The “churches” are failing. The “synagogues” are failing. Sure. They should be. But, when the people who go to or have been going to those places realize there is something fatally flawed with the organizations - the problem is - they are throwing any truth of God and the Bible out the door when they leave those organizations. We've got to find a way to reach people - and it would be great to reach them even when they are still inside those places - we need to reach them with the truth that quote “church” is not what the plan of God was or is. The word “church” should not even be in our English Bibles and in the first fully completed English Bible - the word was not there.

The Greek word for “church” is kuriakos or kuriakon. The Greek word in the Bible that has been falsely, purposely, wickedly translated as “church” is Ecclesia and the two Greek words not only do not mean the same thing - but they are as far apart from each other as they can get. It was / is pure deception to have the English word “church” in our Bibles.

The foundation has been destroyed.

And if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

I have said this a thousand times before, I took Greek in Bible college. I had to learn Greek in my major which was pastoral theology. Not once - not one time - ever - in any Greek class - in any pastoral theology class - in any other class in Bible college - did anyone take me through a study of the Greek word Ecclesia. Not one time - ever.

How can that be? The whole concept - the whole mission - the whole thing about going to quote “Bible” college was to learn how to “do church” and not one time did anyone ever have a class or a study or even a casual reference to the origins of the word “church.” Let alone - tell us that the word comes from kuriakos or kuriakon and the word is not in the Greek text. Friends, there's just not a word to describe this. Deception doesn't even come close. You'd have to add gross deception, vile deception, unbelievable deception, inexcusable deception - fill in the blank - it's inexcusable.

So if the word shouldn't even be in our English Bibles - what does that tell us about an organization that has been the leading force for quote “religion” in this world for hundreds and hundreds of years? Would you just stop and think about the ramifications of this for a minute?

Listen to me, please, if what you think you know about God, Yahweh, Jesus, Yeshua, the Kingdom, etc., if you what you think you know about those things - or anything else related to the Bible - has been shaped or molded by anyone or anything who uses the word "church" in their vocabulary - in a positive way - I'm telling you - you better reevaluate every single thing you believe.

Go through the books on your book shelf. Do they contain the word "church?" Is the author a quote "pastor or teacher" in a quote "church?" What about the people you listen to on the radio? Do they pastor a quote "church?" I'm telling you - if they have not uncovered that most essential, most foundational truth - I mean - that's about as milk of the Word as you can possibly get. That's Christianity 101 - that's Christianity 01 - if they have are not approaching Scripture from that most basic understanding of all - how do you think they can begin to teach you or anyone else anything that is true from God's Word. If the foundation is off - the entire building will be off.

"But he's so nice. He seems so sincere." Yeah, I get that. But you have to remember that these things are not new.

"No marvel - for even Satan himself was transformed into an angel of light."

So, getting back to how you can support this ministry. I do not have the time, there's just not enough hours in the day, to contact other radio stations, other streaming resources, and see how we can get these messages in other places besides just Missouri Liberty Radio. Missouri Liberty Radio, I am just amazed at how many people it reaches - multiply that times two - one more radio station - one more streaming service. Three more, four more.

Some of our faithful Israelite brethren and sisters are reposting the messages on Facebook and other places. That's great. Let's post and repost as much as we can so that we can catch these people that are disillusioned by "church" before they go on and take the next step of throwing all the Bible out with the quote "church."

And, I want to encourage you to continue talking one on one with people. Engage them. Especially the ones who you know that are still deeply entrenched in quote "church." Through the years, we've seen many people come to the truth and some of the most fervent, ardent defenders of the faith now - are those who were ardent defenders of church and futurism.

If you are not totally confident at this point in dealing with people - when they ask you a question - and you aren't sure how to respond - I have no problem whatsoever with you doing just like the quote "church people" do - when they go to their quote "pastor" - write to me. So many of you do already and that's great. I'll help you. And before you know it - you won't need my help.

This week, I answered an email and again, it was in regards to the heaven and the earth passing away. In fact, I had more than one email this week with basically the same subject line.

I answered this way. There are several things that we have absolutely got to understand - and keep going back to - they are the basics - they are foundational - and every time we open the Book to read or study - we need to have these things in mind.

1) The phrase the end of the world. The end of the world means the end of the Old Covenant Age. There is nothing in the Bible that talks about the end of the cosmos. It is not there. In fact, what IS there, is that the earth - the thing we walk on - is said to be from generation to generation - and shall never pass away. The end of the world - as it is found in the Bible - from the Words of Christ and other places - means - the end of the Old Covenant World. The end of the Old Covenant Age.

2) The end of the Old Covenant Age was such a monumental occurrence in the nation of Israel - in Israel's history - that the symbolic, descriptive language God spoke to the writers - is described as the passing of the heavens and the earth. For hundreds, thousands of years, the Israelites of old were living under a completely different way than you and I do. They were required to do things that we know nothing about. And one day, a man came into their world and told them that Yahweh had changed His mind about the way He wanted them to live and this way was so dramatically different - the best way to describe it was that the world as they knew it - was coming to an end.

Their heavens and the earth - as they knew it - were being replaced. They were being replaced with a New Heaven, replaced with a New Earth, a New Jerusalem, a New Temple. This was huge, mammoth. And it was best described in such terms as heaven and earth passing away.

This is what occurred in the first century. These were such dramatic events - dramatic - symbolic language was used to try to convey the magnitude of what took place.

For those who are coming into the Fulfilled Bible Prophecy understanding, it is best for you to constantly remind yourselves of those two things. It will help you tremendously.

When you understand those things and have a rock solid faith built - then - you will begin to be able to minister to those who have questions for you. And ultimately, because OUR faith - the faith that is built on Fulfilled Bible Prophecy and the present day reality of the King and Kingdom - is the ONLY faith that is built on the truth of God's Word - we will begin to see lives changed. And that's the purpose. That's the object, the goal. Proper Biblical faith - changes people's lives. And I don't apologize for that statement. OUR FAITH is the only one built on the truth of God's Word.

Alright, let's see if there's any way we can pick up where we left off several weeks ago and that was in Revelation 22. I think we might have gotten through verse 1, but let's just go ahead and start there with verse 1.

[1] And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

[2] In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

When we started into this Revisiting Revelation series - and I did so mainly to reiterate the time-stamp for the events of the book, when we got here - I made the statement that we just couldn't read the first couple verses without a full understanding of how we got here. And that's when I closed the chapter and said, "We really need chapter 21 before we get into this" and that's what we did. If any place in our Bible should not have a chapter division, this is one of the most glaring examples. Revelation 22:1 - really should be Revelation 21:27. Verse 27 of chapter 21 just flows right into verse 1 of chapter 22. This is John's continuing description of the New Heavens and the New Earth, the holy Jerusalem described in chapter 21.

Again, this is one of the most foundational truths that must be in our faith - our system of belief - based on the truth of God's Word.

The New Heaven, the New Earth, the holy Jerusalem - those are descriptive terms for the New Covenant. If people believe the New Heaven and the New Earth, and the holy Jerusalem to be future - then - think about it - if the New Heaven and the New Earth and the holy Jerusalem are future - then the New Covenant has not come. If the New

Covenant has not come - men are lost. They have no hope. There is no means of reconciling to God in our present time.

This is why it is so vitally important to understand these things. This is why Fulfilled Bible Prophecy makes all the difference in the world. This is why you have had people say that the quote "jews" the people in the middle east - who do not believe the Messiah has come - this is why people think they have Biblical authority to call those people - God's Chosen People. And - even worse - this is why the quote "jews" themselves do not believe that Jesus, that Yeshua was the Christ. Why? Because heaven and earth have not passed away. Because the holy Jerusalem has not been revealed. And if heaven and earth have not passed, if the holy Jerusalem has not been revealed - then the Messiah has not come.

But the heaven and the earth has passed. Because the passing of the heaven and the earth means the passing of the Old Covenant age.

This question came in this week from a new listener. The question is not new and I address it with nearly every one who has come or is coming to this understanding.

Turn with me this morning to Matthew 5. Believe it or not, we're not going to read the whole chapter. We'll begin with verse 17:

[17] Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

[18] For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

[19] Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Will you think about this for a minute? This is the only time the Word jot is used in the Bible. It means the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet and it is also used to describe something very very small - it's iota. A tittle, used only twice in the Bible, it's the apex of a Hebrew letter - just a small little part of a Hebrew letter. So Christ is saying that He did not come to destroy the law - or the prophets. And, until heaven and earth pass - not even the tiniest part of the law would pass, till all be fulfilled.

Would we ever think, while reading through the history of Old World Israel, that the sacrificial system was a small, tiny, insignificant part of the Law of God? I certainly don't know how we could. It was quite possibly, the most significant part of the Law of God in the Old World. I can't imagine for a second that we could get away with equating that aspect of the Law of God with a jot or a tittle. So then how could we ever reconcile the Words of Christ as found in Matthew 5:18 for us in the New World, or us in our lifetime - or after the Christ - for us to stop sacrificing lambs?

The answer is simple. Heaven and earth have passed away. That's because the passing of the heaven and the earth is synonymous with the passing of the Old Covenant World - that's what it means in Scripture. It becomes so simple when we understand that Revelation 21 and 22 is beautiful, symbolic language describing the awesomeness of the New Covenant. This is why the sacrificial system of the Old Covenant World has passed away - because the heaven and the earth have passed away. The phrase means the passing of the Old Covenant World.

And again, when the time-stamp for the book of Revelation - which begins with "things which must shortly come to pass" then we see Revelation 21 and 22 have to be inside the "things which must shortly come to pass" then we can see it. It's the only thing that makes sense.

Listen friends, if heaven and earth have not passed away - then the Old Covenant World and everything that goes with it - because not one jot or one tittle would not pass away until heaven and earth passed away - is still in existence. If the Old Covenant World is still in existence - then the quote "jews" have it right - and we have it wrong. If the heaven and earth have not passed - if the New Heaven and the New Earth and the holy Jerusalem are future - then we have no hope if we have placed our trust in Jesus Christ, Yeshua was not the Christ.

If we cannot see how vitally important this is - then our faith is empty - it's baseless - it is not based on the truth. It would be faith alright - but it would be worthless faith. This is why understanding Fulfilled Bible Prophecy makes all the difference in the world.

Turn again to Hebrews chapter 9. I know that for those of you who have been on board for a long time - you know right where we are going - and you could - or should be able to quote the verse we're going to look at. If the end of the world - the end of the Old Covenant age - has not taken place - if the heaven and the earth have not passed away - then the Messiah has not come. Plain and simple. If the prophecies were not fulfilled in

Jesus, Yeshua the Christ - ALL OF THEM - every single one of them - hey - I played for you the Jewish rabbi who said that if there was just one prophecy not fulfilled by Jesus - then He was not the Messiah. The truth is He did fulfill the prophecies - every single one of them. And He did it in the first century when He said,

“For these be the days of vengeance when all things which are written are fulfilled.”

If He didn't fulfill them in His day - then we are lost. Hebrews 9:24. It makes all the difference in the world that we understand this. Let's begin in verse 23.

[23] It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Wait just a minute here.

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Well what does that mean? The patterns of things in the heavens needed to be purified? They needed to be cleansed? Other usages of this Word purified are used in reference to lepers cleansing themselves. The heavens, the patterns of things in the heavens needed to be purified like lepers cleansing themselves? There were things in the heavenlies that could be improved upon? Made better? Purified? Absolutely. The Old Covenant World - the spiritual aspects of the Old Covenant World are described symbolically as the heavens. Just like the physical aspects of the Old Covenant World, the mountain, the temple, things that could be touched - they are the same as the earth - the spiritual things which needed to be purified were the heavens - the physical things of the Old Covenant World which were done away with - are called earth. And once again you can see this very clearly in Hebrews chapter 12. Verse 24. And by the way - not only does water purify - but what else purifies? Fire. That's why the elements melting with a fervent heat are described that way. This was the purification, the removal of the Old - and the bringing in of the New - and when did this happen? Verse 24.

[24] For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God

for us:

[25] Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

Now watch this. Especially you new listeners. This is really big.

[26] For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the **end of the world** hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

This most important verse includes the time-stamp for the event - NOW - ONCE - IN THE END OF THE WORLD - hath HE appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

Again, if the end of the world - if the purifying of the heavens has not taken place - then Jesus, Yeshua was not the Messiah. And this is one of the biggest reasons why the quote "jews" do not accept Jesus as Messiah. They do not understand the phrase the "end of the world." They do not understand the passing of the heavens and the earth. And this is why the "church" and the "churchmen" are missing it so badly, too. The time-stamp here is indisputable. If a man or woman believes the end of the world has not taken place - then Jesus, Yeshua COULD NOT BE THE MESSIAH. You can't have it both ways.

This is another reason why "church" is so wrong. This is also a consequence for not understanding the Greek word Ecclesia. If they understood Ecclesia - as in the present day reality of the King and His Kingdom - then they would understand the prophecies, also.

"Church" is the modern day equivalent of the synagogue. If you are still advocating for "church" - you are still in the Old Covenant World - Christ profits you nothing. I know that's hard to hear. But it's the truth. And it's the reason we are in the shape we are in today. Our generation is on the brink of destruction and I'm telling you today - it is not the "jew's fault." It is not the corrupt politicians fault. It's not the Edomites fault. It is not the bankers fault. It's not the Rothschild's fault or the Illuminati. It is the people who claim to be the ones holding the Word of God - who have failed to understand the most basic of truths - and if you don't have truth - you don't have saving faith. If you don't have saving faith - you have no power to do anything for God in your generation. That's the problem. It's the people who claim to be God's people who hold the Bible in untruth.

I can't understand - for as long as I've tried to figure it out - almost 40 years now - how people cannot just stumble onto Hebrews 9:26 and say, "Huh? What does that mean?"

But I've told you before, I literally have asked hundreds of quote "church people" to tell me what the means -

but now once in the **end of the world** hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

And I am yet to get a single response. Not one. Not ever, has a "church man or church woman" given me an answer for something so ridiculously simple. Simple, basic truths of Scripture - are left unanswered and ignored. It's no wonder barely 25% of the people currently living in America today believe the Bible to be anything other than a superman comic book. The LA Times writer didn't even give the Bible that much credit. "A collection of fables." Verse 27.

[27] And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Little side note. That's take care of people who say, "I was in the hospital, and I died and came back." No you didn't. The Bible says, "Once to die."

[28] So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

There is only ONE generation ever to live on this earth that had the 2+2 simple, basic, first grade intellect to understand who could have seen Christ two times - and that was the people He came to in the first century. Simple. That generation. The generation to whom He said - as clearly - as plainly as anything that's ever been said,

"This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be fulfilled."

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"Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here which not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom."

“Oh, Charlie, it just can't be. There's no way those things are true.” Yeah, yeah, I've heard it a thousand times. It can't be true because then - for one reason - and one reason only - men's little g governments would have no place in this world.

God forbid that we should understand that All Bible Prophecy was Fulfilled in Christ - in the first century - so that days where God allowed the nations to walk according to their own ways - the days where God allowed Israel to have a king like all the other nations - God forbid that those days should come to an end - and we would be required to live according to the Kingship of Christ in our generation - from generation to generation.

“Nay, but knowing everything you said would happen to people who desire a king like all the other nations, we think we can do it better, we think we can improve on the plan of God, we think we can do it better because we won't have a king - we'll set up a CONstitutional democratic-republic based on the judeo-christian ethic.”

Wow, are we deceived. We've deceived everyone and everything - but the One that matters. God is sitting in His heavens laughing in derision. While mere men have made such a wonderful world to live in in our generation, we've completely lost what we could have. Go back to Revelation chapter 22, verse 3.

[3] And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Really? This is a description of what could be in the New Covenant World? Absolutely it is. How? How can this be? You mean this is available in our generation? Again. Absolutely. For those who would embrace His Kingdom, His Ecclesia, His New Heaven, New Earth and holy Jerusalem, this is what is available.

We can have a life so blissful, so wonderful, that descriptive terms such as streets of gold, pure water flowing like a crystal river - can be had today - in our generation - when people choose to embrace His New World, His New Earth, His holy Jerusalem - and choose to serve Him.

And in that New World - His servants shall serve Him.

Uh oh. Well, then if that's the case, that's going to be too hard. That's going to be too much to ask. I just don't see it that way. From where I sit, and from where I've sat for a

long time - I can assure you that it's way easier to serve God than it is to serve men.

For instance, God's Law Book. We've all got one. When mine is closed, it's about two inches thick. I've heard it said - particularly by men who have chosen to serve other gods - man's quote "laws" can reach to the moon and back. Man's quote "laws" are too numerous to count. For the life of me I don't understand why some people prefer to serve a god that lays so many burdens on people. Taxes every single thing they have. Tells them what they can and can't do nearly every waking hour. Even tells them how to breathe. Just amazing that men and women - sad that most the little boys and girls have never been told they have a choice - but just sad how many people think it's better to have a king like all the other nations instead of the King and the Kingdom that God wants for His people.

No one can tell me - not with a straight face - that you could have a heart to heart conversation with a little boy - or even with a young man getting ready to start out in life with his own family - no one could tell me that if a young person was told - "Now, when you start out, you are already going to be over 200,000 dollars in debt - and you will be subject to thousands, maybe millions of statues telling you what you can and cannot do" I refuse to believe that if these things were taught to young people - they'd just happily say, "Well, just give me all that debt. Give me all those restrictions and entanglements." I can't imagine.

So, in the New Covenant World, a generation is offered all the wonderful things from Revelation 21 and 22 if they'll just serve Yahweh. Then verse 4,

[4] And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads.

When His name is in our foreheads - there's no room for any other names. There's no room for the names of other gods. This is total commitment. Totally sold out. Totally immersed into Christ - but friends - great, great, great is the reward. I'll trade potholes and dirty country roads for streets of gold any day. Verse 5:

[5] And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

[6] And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things **which must shortly be done.**

Now once again, as we begin to wind down this chapter - we are going to see another set of time-stamps. And they are totally consistent with the time-stamp that started the book.

“Things which must shortly come to pass. Behold, the time is at hand.”

These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants **the things which must shortly be done.**

Come on now, **the things which must shortly be done.**

It actually takes two Greek words to translate shortly here. There is another time in the book of Acts where the exact same two Greek words are used to translate the word “shortly.” Acts 25:4

But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly thither.

The first word is like a prefix and the second word is tachista - and it means - exactly like we read it in English, a brief space, a brief space of time, in haste, quickly, shortly, speedily.

But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart a couple thousand years thither.

That's ridiculous.

Every variation of that Greek word has something to do with a brief period of time. Tacha - shortly; Tacheos - briefly, in time, speedily, rapidly, hastily, quickly, shortly, soon, suddenly; Tachinos - curt, impending, shortly, swift; Tachion - more swiftly, more rapidly, more speedily, quickly, shortly, sooner; Tachista - as soon as possible, with all speed; Tachu - shortly, without delay, soon, surprise, suddenly, readily, quickly,

then the Greek word itself in this verse - Tachos - a brief space, a brief space of time, in haste, quickly, shortly, speedily;

This just is not hard. The time-stamp is clear and it's totally consistent with the Words

of Christ and with all the rest of the writings in Scripture:

These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants **the things which must shortly be done.**

Verse 7:

[7] Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Once again the time-stamp for the book of Revelation is totally consistent.

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

If this was not written to and for - first century saints - then why the language?

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If this was not written to and for the first century saints, there would be no possible way they could keep the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

“John, just write the book, stick it in a cave somewhere, then thousands of years later, I'll cause someone to find the book, open it up and start reading it, so that the people to whom it really was written to could keep the sayings of the prophecy of this book.”

It doesn't make any sense when we try to jerk this book out of context, out from the rightful place and people in history and force into things it was never intended for.

When we take the book of Revelation - when we allow the book of Revelation to be taught as futuristic fulfillment - we take the promise of the New Covenant and make it unattainable for the here and now. We take the truths of the Word of God which bring us to the understanding of the present day King and His Kingdom - with all the blessings that come with it - and we revert people in our generation right back to the garbage lives that occur when men choose kings like all the other nations.

We've allowed men to force us back into the bondage of the Old Covenant World and rob our generation of the awesomeness we could have if we would embrace all that's in the New Covenant World. We've allowed fear to creep in and rob us of what we could have had all along - in our generations.

We've lived in fear of so many things that don't even exist. Big bad enemies with big bad bombs and we MUST have a king like all the other nations to protect us from the Russians, the Chinese, the Iraqis and their pea-shooters stored in their caves - now - mysterious invisible floating germs that can kill us if we don't let the kings like all the other nations save us. And, don't forget, the aliens and the meteors and the burning out sun and the stars - we need NASA to save us. We've fallen for one lie after another to keep us in fear that we have to have kings like all the other nations - in place of the One True King and His Kingdom. Verse 8;

[8] And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

[9] Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

[10] And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: **for the time is at hand.**

Once again. We saw the time-stamp at the beginning of the book -

“Things which must shortly come to pass.”

“Behold, the time is at hand.”

Now, we see the angel telling John, in the final concluding Words of the Prophecy,

“Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.”

Friends, I just don't know how this can be any clearer. I mean this is about as simplistic, easy wording as anything else we find in Scripture.

I probably should do it, but I won't today because we've done it so many times before - but if you need to, go back to Daniel chapter 12 and compare Daniel's prophecy concerning the quote “end times, the end of the world” and read the angel telling

Daniel to "Seal up the words of his prophecy, until the time of the end." Again, it's as clear as anything can be in the Bible, Daniel 12:4

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Then when Daniel begged to know the meaning of the prophecy, the angel told Daniel that even he would not be allowed to know the meaning, Daniel 12:9

And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Then, in Matthew 24, Jesus, Yeshua the Christ tells His disciples - in answering their question concerning the time of the end - the EXACT same time of the end from Daniel 12 - Christ tells His disciples to READ AND UNDERSTAND DANIEL.

This is so simple. It is so easy. There is no way those disciples could have understood Daniel had the book not been unsealed in their day. The disciples were in the time of the end - because the time of the end means the end of the Old Covenant World, the Old Covenant Age - they were in the end - the book of Daniel was unsealed - just like the angel said it would be - and it was in the first century - the last century of the Old Covenant World. Wow. If that doesn't make you want to shout as to the consistency of the Book that so few people today seem to believe in - I don't know what will. The book is so ridiculously consistent only a fool would choose not to believe it.

It was 490 years from the time the angel told Daniel to seal up his book - until the time it was unsealed.

Now the "churchmen" who think they know how to teach the book of Revelation want us to believe that the angel that told John NOT TO SEAL UP HIS BOOK because THE TIME WAS AT HAND - that angel was somehow confused and has decided that several thousand years of time is somehow less than 560 years - the total of the book of Daniel. It's stupid. I'm sorry to be so crass, but it's just stupid. It's no wonder the quote "church" and the "churchman" have become the laughingstock in America and around the world for that matter.

The readers of the book, the people clearly defined in chapters 2 and 3 - people who even the historians - for whatever that's worth - say existed in the first century - were

told to

“keep the sayings of the book”

Of course they were. Daniel was told he couldn't be allowed to understand the very book God caused him to write. Yet the angel told John to tell his readers to obey the book - the book was not sealed - the book was written TO THEM. Again, this is not hard.

But we've allowed men who don't have enough sense to know that their quote “ministries” even under the fatally flawed rendering of quote “church” should not be 501(c)(3) government creations - we've allowed men who teach that a group of people who do not believe that Jesus, that Yeshua was the Messiah - are God's Chosen people - we've allowed men like that to teach us the supposed Word of God - which ultimately is supposed to be the guiding document in teaching us how to live. Oh my. What have we done?

The Book is the blueprint for living a life that is supposed to be pleasing to our God - but we've fallen for something that resembles absolutely nothing from what the Bible actually teaches. Verse 11;

[11] He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

[12] And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

[13] I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

[14] Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

I am going to go on and finish the rest of the chapter this morning, but we are going to need to spend a lot more time here, more than we have this morning.

[15] For without

For without what? The holy city, the holy Jerusalem.

are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and

whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

[16] I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the ecclesia. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

[17] And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

[18] For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

[19] And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

[20] He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Verses 18-19 are some of the most ominous verses in the whole Bible. I suppose next to Hebrews 10:26 and Hebrews 10:29 this is a very scary place to find one's self. This is one of the reasons why I am so hard on the quote "church" and the "churchmen."

It's not enough to mess up the book of Revelation. That's bad enough, yes. But getting it wrong - it's like I've said many times before - it's the implications of the belief that are the biggest problem. Making the book of Revelation future makes the King and the Kingdom future. It eliminates Christ. It keeps the Old Covenant still in place. It keeps men and women, boys and girls from finding the Kingdom of God and walking in it. It keeps the diabolically wicked system of "church and state" in place from generation to generation, perpetually keeping people from obtaining saving faith - a system of belief based on the truths of God's Word - where men and women, boys and girls can place their hope and trust in.

That's the problem. And friends, as much as I hate to say it, this has been by design. The enemies of Christ - whoever they may be - designed this system of Bible interpretation - for the purpose of enslaving people and keeping them from the true source of freedom - the King and His Kingdom.

Again, it's this message that the state tried to silence. This is the message that troubles the quote "rulers of the city." It's the message that the followers of Christ refuse to obey Caesar, saying there is another King, One Jesus.

This is the message of hope. The greatest message of hope the world has. Men can choose to obey the King, embrace His Ecclesia, His Government, and turn their generations back to the Living God - who has promised streets of gold, rivers of living water, life with no more curse - for those who choose to serve Him. Lord willing, we'll have more to say on this next week.