

## **Matthew 24 Series - Answers to Revelation 20**

### **Part 25 in the Series - The Holy City continued**

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Good morning. If you are hearing my voice this morning, that's a good sign - you did not get raptured. This morning we have about an 1/8th inch of ice on the ground - and a dusting of snow. So what right? It's winter. Yes. But the day before yesterday it was over 60 degrees here. Folks, this is not the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. This is Missouri weather. Always has been and I guess, always will be. If - and I say a big IF - these are unnatural occurrences - then let's put the blame where it belongs - it belongs on mad scientists operating for the usurped authority governments around the world - who are using things they have invented to try to manipulate the weather - and because these things are done in rebellion to the King of kings and Lord of lords - their weapons can, will and are being turned against them. Because, be not deceived, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Just as the heavens belong to God - so does the weather. Men need to know their place - and stay in it. That's why the Scriptures say that God determined the bounds of their habitation. There are boundaries. God established boundaries. He tells us in His Word what those boundaries are - and we had better stay in them.

You say, "Well, the false governments around the world have so much power, what can we possibly do at this point?"

Well, first of all, that's a great question. Probably the best question I can think of to start with - because what that says is that we actually DO have a choice, we DO have a say, and to a great extent - we CAN bring about change. Most people default to things like, "Well, it's the sign of the times. The Bible says these things are going to happen. This is what happens when we get close to the end." Those types of responses are lies and lead to destruction

The Bible does NOT say we are in the last days. The Bible does NOT say these things are supposed to happen and the Bible does NOT say we are close to - not just "the end" but ANY end. Ecclesiastes 1:4

One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.

Ephesians 3:20-21

**20]** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or

think, according to the power that worketh in us,  
[21] Unto him be glory in His Kingdom by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world  
without end. Amen.

Isaiah 9:6-7

[6] For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be  
upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The  
mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

[7] Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the  
throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with  
judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of  
hosts will perform this.

Of the increase of His Government and peace - there shall be no end.

We create a huge problem for ourselves when we make claims that the Kingdom of God  
is in the future - that the Kingdom of God is limited to a 1,000 year period of time. We  
create huge problems for ourselves when we fail to look at these Scriptures in light of  
the "Whole counsel of God" and we do not reconcile them with each other.

For instance, "the earth abiding forever" in Ecclesiastes 1....

How does that reconcile with "what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the  
world" from Matthew 24:3?

We need to understand that the phrase "the end of the world" as found in Matthew 24  
means the "end of the Old Covenant age."

Christ uses dramatic language to describe a dramatic event.

Think about this for a minute. Who instructed Moses to build a tabernacle in the  
wilderness? Who instructed Moses to teach the people to bring sacrifices to an altar and  
offer them to Yahweh? Who made it clear - through Moses - that this was the method  
prescribed for the forgiveness of sin?

Who instructed Cyrus to cause the Israelites to build a temple in Jerusalem?

God did. In the Old Covenant - this was the plan of God.

For hundreds of years, Jerusalem and the temple were the center of the world according  
to the plan of God. The sacrifices in the temple - were according to the Will of God. And

this was done for hundreds of years.

Now, all of a sudden - this Jesus - Yeshua - comes along and says that in a very short period of time - all of this - "See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left one stone standing, that shall not be thrown down." He was telling His disciples that the "world as they knew it" - was coming to an end.

This is why Hebrews 9:24-27 says it as clearly as it can be said - and for the life of me - I cannot understand why this verse alone - has not caused a total upheaval in the religious world:

[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;

[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.

But now once, IN THE END OF THE WORLD hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. When did He appear to put away sin by His own sacrifice? In the end of the world.

Listen. If you do not believe that the "end of the world" has already taken place - then Jesus/Yeshua was not the Messiah. This is how we know absolutely, positively, beyond any shadow of a doubt - know that the phrase "the end of the world" as found in Matthew 24 - means the "end of the Old Covenant world."

As I have shown before, the Greek word for "world" as found in Matthew 24 means aeon - which means age - specifically the age of the Messiah, the Old Covenant age. But friends, careful study of the English text requires us to conclude that the Bible does not contradict itself. And the "end of the world" means the end of the Old Covenant world.

Understand this please, this is very important. In the Old Covenant world - there can be no doubt that God intended for His people to Govern themselves by judges - that were selected because they were men who gave themselves completely to the study of God's Word and His Law. Exodus 18 gives the blueprint.

But after a while, the people rebelled. Why people rebel against God has to be one of the greatest mysteries to me. I don't understand how we can look at nature - just look around and see His awesome Creation - then choose to go against His Will and Word. I don't

understand that.

But they did. And they said, very simple, we want a king like all the other nations. Now that, I DO understand. People want to be like everyone else. They bow to peer pressure, they want to be accepted by everyone, they don't want to stand out from the crowd - but that doesn't make it right. We are told over and over from many passages and many principles in the Word, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove what is the acceptable and perfect Will of God."

We must lose our will and our desires and wants - we must lose them in order to conform to His Will and His desires. Why not? He's the Creator.

So, when the people decided they wanted a king like all the other nations, God's prophet was upset. He took this as a rejection of himself - of his preaching and teaching and instruction to the people. God told him they had not rejected him - the prophet - but they had rejected God.

So, God told the prophet to tell the people what would happen to them if they disregarded Yahweh's form of Government for their own. Yet, being faced with all the evil things that would come upon them if they made that choice - they did it anyway. No doubt they did this because they had been deceived into believing that they "could form a more perfect union" - because they knew better than the Creator.

God allowed it to happen. From that point forward, the Israelites rarely had any peace and they rarely had times where they were not living in submission to others and in many cases found themselves living in slavery.

Now, when the fullness of time had come - the time in which the prophets wrote - God was going to send a Deliverer - a Saviour - a Messiah and King. This Deliverer, this Saviour, this Messiah and King was going to restore Israel - restore Israel to what? To the days of having a king like all the other nations? Not a chance. He was going to restore Israel to the days where He was their King and they were His people.

And - listen closely - because this is a bombshell - the days of having a choice as to who they would be governed by - those days were over. Those things were allowed in the Old Covenant World - but in the New Covenant World - there is only One King allowed - and that is Christ the King. The days of having kings like all the other nations - not allowed in the New Covenant World. Kings in the Old Covenant World were set up and brought down by Yahweh - the Scriptures say so.

In the New Covenant World - He has set up ONE King and ONE Kingdom. Any king,

any kingdom, any president, any senator, any representative is in place in total rebellion to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Please think about this for one minute. What if I am wrong?

Okay. So I stand before some future judgement - because I would have to be wrong about the judgement - so I stand before some future judgement - and I look at the Father and He asks me why I lived and preached the way I did. And my response is: "Because I believed that your Son was the Messiah, He ended the Old Covenant system, He was given all the governments of the world as His own - and He was and is the reigning King of kings and Lord of lords.

What if I am right?

Then someone else stands before God and God says, "Why didn't you accept my Son as King of kings and Lord of lords? Why did you follow after kings like all the other nations?"

The purpose of the New Covenant, I believe can be found in Hebrews 8:10

[10] For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Look in your billfolds. Look in your purses. Are their papers in there that identify you? What papers - and I'm not saying you need papers to be identified as God's people - but what papers are in your billfold or purse right now that you use for identification?

I hope and pray that there are many hearing my voice whose identification papers are those that identify themselves as God's people.

But sadly, my guess is that probably most of the people hearing me today are not identified as the people of God - but rather are identified with the kings like all the other nations.

One of the things that I have tried to stay away from in my ministry is pointing to the evils that men's governments do - as a reason to leave them and come into the Government of Christ. But sometimes, human nature gets the best of the situation and in order to get people's attention - just like the prophets of old - it becomes necessary to point out the sin in order to bring people to repentance.

For many many years, a lot of preachers were pointing to abortion as the national sin of America. Okay a case could be made for that. Of course, they somehow think that

abortion began in 1973 with Roe versus Wade - but as early as the 1920s - Margaret Sanger wrote that already between 1 and 2 million abortions were being done in the U.S. So saying that there have 60 million abortions - or whatever the number they use - since 1973 - doesn't even come near to what has actually happened if you can believe Margaret Sanger. If you could believe only half of what she said, the numbers are staggering.

So even with that - people who claim to be God's people - do not see the need to "Come out from among them and be separate."

Abortion is just one of the branches that we could label as sin, if you will.

In 2015 - the United States - in my opinion - if you could classify sin - and I certainly believe you can - but the U.S. surpassed the sins of abortion when it legalized sodomite marriages.

Yet, even after the United States of America - the UNITED States of America - legalized sodomite marriage - very few people who call themselves Christians - or followers of God - understand this to be a plea from God - to "Come out from among them and be ye separate - and I will be your God and you will be my people."

Sadly, I would say that the great majority of people who are hearing my voice today - and have been married - have a "marriage license" from the state. The same state that gives "licenses" to the sodomites. For the life of me, I don't understand why people who call themselves Christians or followers of God - cannot see that having that "license" is proof positive of the need to "Come out from among them and be separate?"

The reason is, because abortion and sodomy and unlawful wars of aggression and unlawful taxation and unlawful confiscation and unlawful unlawful unlawful - are all branches of the tree - they are symptoms of the problem.

The root of the problem is that the United States of America came about from men who did not want to be Governed by God. They did not want to be Governed by the Laws of God. They did not want to be Governed by Godly judges - but they did what they did because they believed THEY could "form a more perfect union" and they ended their words with - "OUR laws and OUR treaties SHALL BE THE SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND."

And today - we - who should know better - continue to walk in the same way as our fathers did - and we do so because we refuse to believe and yield to the Word of God.

If I am wrong - if the Kingdom of God is in the future - then so what about my teachings. So what about my trying to live as Christ as King today.

But if I am right. Then what about the great majority of people who are perfectly content living according to the kings of all the nations?

Will the King of kings and Lord of lords look at those people someday and declare,

"Depart from me, ye that work iniquity, I never knew you."

Why did he use the word iniquity in that passage? Why not the word sin?

I believe that the word "iniquity" lends itself to the use of the word illegal. I believe that I could build a case that what is meant by "iniquity" is making things that God said are Unlawful - making those things "legal" by men's statutes. And I believe it could be making things Illegal that God has declared Lawful - or that God has not declared to be Unlawful.

Depart me from, ye that work legal injustice. Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines it as injustice. It is creating a system of statutes whereby injustices can be carried out against people and are justified as being "the law."

New York, Virginia, New Mexico and other states have expanded their "abortion laws" to allow the abortion of a baby who lives through an abortion and is delivered alive.

Some would argue - that's in THOSE states - my state would never do that. There is a reason why the corporation is called The UNITED States of America. ALL - ALL of the evils perpetrated by any state in the more perfect union - makes all the other states guilty by association.

My call has been for people to Come Into the Kingdom of God because it's the right thing to do. Come, join yourself with the Creator of the Universe who has established His Kingdom and His King - and that Government and King is flawlessly perfect. Never made a wrong judgement. Never made a bad Law. Never entered into an unjust war. It's just perfection - and it's free for anyone who wants to enlist as a citizen! What an offer. I don't know how anyone could refuse.

The reason why men have been so taken from the simplicity of the Gospel of the Kingdom is because the governments of the world have created all sorts of schemes and plans and programs designed to keep people from the Kingdom of God and His King.

No greater deception has arisen than that of religious deception.

Again, I ask you, what if I am right? And you have chosen to follow the kings like all the other nations? The best you can hope for is that I am wrong.

In the past 30 weeks or so, I have laid out conclusive evidence that the theme of the New Testament - from John the Baptist, the disciples and Christ - that the Judgement of Israel was at hand and that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand. "At hand" meaning exactly what it says - shortly to come to pass.

We prematurely have found ourselves in the book of Revelation. The first 9 verses of which continue with the same theme - that Judgement and the Revealing of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords WAS at hand - things which must shortly come to pass.

As we found our way to Revelation 20, we begin to see how the argument of "things which must shortly come to pass, and the time is at hand" could begin to be unraveled or

at least questioned.

I have concluded that the phrase "thousand years" as found 5 times in this chapter means 1 day - or even 1 hour - or a very short period of time in which God took to complete His judgement on Jerusalem and His Revealing of His Kingdom.

Last week, we were looking at the "holy city" of verse 9. Please turn with me to Revelation 20:7 and we'll read through verse 9.

[7] And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

[8] And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

[9] And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

We have already discussed how this Satan - whatever it was - was completely destroyed at AD70 when the temple was destroyed. I'm not going to go over that again today - but you can listen to Parts 15 and 16, you can read from the Papers page of the website:

**"THE DEVIL, SATAN, LUCIFER, BEELZEBUB, THE SERPENT, THE BEAST...WHATEVER, WHOEVER...IT NO LONGER EXISTS!"**

That being the case, that provides more evidence that the thousand years is past history.

Gog and Magog do not exist today. More evidence of past history.

Now what about the beloved city?

There are at least 3 questions that need to be asked concerning this beloved city?

1) Is it a physical city?

2) Is it a spiritual city?

3) Is that city past or is it future?

Last week we talked about the fact that many modern day preachers are saying that this is a physical Jerusalem. They say it is the Jerusalem that exists in the middle east today. These are the same preachers who say that "Israel" becoming a nation in 1948 was the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. They say that the "Jews" who inhabit Jerusalem today and are scattered among the other nations - as long as they are called "Jews" and I guess - practice some form of Judaism - they are the "chosen people of God." These same preachers are the ones who are advocating for a temple to be rebuilt in Jerusalem and when that temple is rebuilt, animal sacrifices will once again take place - and this is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy and the plan of God.

I have wailed and cried out for some sort - any sort - of common sense. I have appealed



to the many passages of Scripture that rail against anyone who does not accept Christ as Messiah - here are just a few:

I John 2

[18] Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

[22] Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

1 John.4

[3] And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2 John.1

[7] For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

[9] Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

[10] If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

[11] For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

Yet, in light of these clear passages - and so many more - people still insist that a certain people are God's Chosen People - and they do not accept Jesus/Yeshua as the Messiah and they certainly don't accept Him as Christ.

Do you see anything in those passages that excludes so-called Jews? Of course not. These are the exact people that John is talking about.

Now, could this beloved city be the Jerusalem that was in existence in the first century?

I believe a case could be made that way. I said, last week, I think that Revelation 17, 18 and 19 seem to be talking about the same things and Revelation 20 seems to be talking about the same things as 17-19. For instance, look again to chapter 18 and we'll begin at verse 15:

**15]** The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

**16]** And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

**17]** For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

[18] And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

[19] And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

[20] Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

[21] And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

[22] And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

[23] And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

[24] And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

As I read this, I see the fulfillment of Matthew 23:

Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

[32] Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

[33] Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

[34] Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

[35] That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

[36] Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

[37] O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

[38] Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

It was Jerusalem and the Jews that killed the prophets. It was Jerusalem and the Jews that killed the Lord. It was Jerusalem and the Jews that killed Stephen and who knows how many others.

Look at Revelation 19 beginning in verse 11:

[11] And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

[12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

[13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

[14] And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

[15] And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

[16] And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

[17] And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

[18] That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

[19] And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

[20] And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

[21] And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

I just don't have a problem seeing that Revelation 20 is describing the same things of Revelation 19. I don't have a problem believing that the beloved city of Revelation 20: 9 could have been the actual Jerusalem that existed during the time of Christ. But of course, I absolutely do not believe that it is a future, physical Jerusalem - as in the Jerusalem that is in existence today.

Now, question 2. Is it a spiritual city? Could be. Is it the New Jerusalem? Could be.

There are many modern preachers today that teach that this beloved city is the New Jerusalem - they even call it the "church." As you know, or hopefully know by now, I'd go off on that subject right now. There is absolutely, positively, without question, whatever other hyperbole you would allow me throw in there - no way is this the "church."

The word "church" should only be found in our English Bibles ONE TIME - and that was in reference to the temple of the pagan goddess Diana.

Jesus/Yeshua did not die for, nor did He love, nor did His disciples EVER have anything whatsoever to do with "church." "Church" is a building where people go during their weeks to sing songs, collect money, eat, and talk about the future kingdom of God on earth.

The ecclesias of the New Testament were not weekend social organizations. They were called out Christian communities of believers who had forsaken the kings like all the other nations in favor of the King of kings and Lord of lords - and out of necessity - they had sold all their possessions and came together to build a community that would live in accordance with the Laws of God and of the King and His Kingdom.

So, without hesitation and without reservation, no possible way is the beloved city of Revelation 20:9 talking about a "church" or the "church."

Could it be talking about the ecclesia? Absolutely. Could it be talking about a future ecclesia - as in thousand or thousands of years after AD70?

I do not believe so.

Look with me now to Revelation 21. And we'll begin in verse 1.

Before I do that, I think I need to stop myself and go back to something.

Please realize that when I speak sharply and harshly - that sharpness and harshness is not meant to be taken as an attack on you that are listening to me today. If you have never understood what "ecclesia" is - and you have been deceived into believing in something called "church" - I'm not trying to belittle you or make fun of you or make you feel ignorant of the Word.

My sharpness and harshness comes from a Godly anger towards the so-called preachers who are part of the deception. These men are exactly what Jeremiah said - "They are dumb dogs that cannot bark." They are so ignorant and blinded by money that they cannot even understand that their government corporation "church" is controlled by a system that promotes abortion, sodomy, wars of aggression - etc etc etc.

I'm talking about these great deceivers like Hagee and Lindsey and LaHaye - who have amassed great fortunes by preaching the government approved religion and have benefited from tax-exempt status and the so-called tax-deductible gift. And not only that, but they've become mega rich through money received from Israel.

I've played this before in a message, I feel like playing it again now. Listen closely to this collection of megapreachers.

So, please understand that when I get riled up and speak harshly, this comes from my feelings towards these wolves in sheeps clothing. Oh - and am I an "anti-semitic?"

Absolutely not. I believe that every living, breathing creature is required to conform to the Kingdom of God - right now. I can't believe there are people out there who claim to handle the Word of God and believe and teach that a certain group of people are not required to bow their knees to King Jesus/Yashua.

Now to Revelation 21 and we'll read the entire chapter.

[1] And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

[2] And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

[3] And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

[4] And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

[5] And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

[6] And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

[7] He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

[8] But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

[9] And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

[10] And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

[11] Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

[12] And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

[13] On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

[14] And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

[15] And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

[16] And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

[17] And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

[18] And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

[19] And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

[20] The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

[21] And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

[22] And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

[23] And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

[24] And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

[25] And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

[26] And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

[27] And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

In helping us determine the beloved city of Revelation 20:9 we need to ask a couple questions about this new heaven and new earth and the holy city, new Jerusalem.

Is this already been fulfilled? Or is it future? I would dare say that the biggest percentage of people who call themselves followers of Christ - sincere and otherwise - as of today - believe that this is future.

Of course, I hope you are saying to yourself, "Here we go, Charlie's going to say that it's fulfilled." Here goes the fish swimming up the stream again. You got it right. I absolutely, positively without question, without reservation believe that this was fulfilled.

Look with me to Hebrews 12. Now, we have talked about this before. This was discussed when I was purposely laying foundation for the things we are talking about

today. I was hoping that enough of a foundation was laid so that when we got to the book of Revelation - we would quickly see how these things were already fulfilled - and how they could fit into the "things which must shortly come to pass, and the time is at hand.

Hebrews chapter 12. Let's begin in verse 1. While we are turning there, why did the writer or Hebrews say that without faith it is impossible to believe God? Remember what I said earlier about the phrase "the end of the world?" Everything that the true Israelite, the true follower of God knew about God - that being Jerusalem, the Law, the temple, the sacrifices - all of that - all of that was getting ready to be replaced. Hundreds of years of sacrifices - all of it removed by the acts of one man. And they were exhorted to believe this on faith. The book of Hebrews explains the passing of the Old Covenant World and the establishment of the New Covenant World. Please follow along in your Bibles in Hebrews 12.

[1] Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

[2] Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

[3] For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

[4] Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

[5] And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

[6] For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

[7] If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

[8] But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

[9] Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

[10] For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

[11] Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

[12] Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

[13] And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

[14] Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

[15] Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

[16] Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

[17] For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Please look at this verse again - very carefully.

[17] For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Verse 18:

[18] For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

Remember now - don't reject the blessing that has been given to you.

[19] And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

[20] (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

[21] And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

[22] But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Do you see what is said here. YOU ARE COME UNTO MOUNT SION. That is language that says - you are on the doorstep of Mount Sion - you are here. This is where God has brought you because of the work of His Son. You are come unto Mount Sion. Read it again.

[22] But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Look. This is written to the saints of the first century. You are come to Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. Come on now, just how many judgements are there? Just how many Kingdoms are there? How many New Jerusalems and cities of the living God are there? The writer of the book of Hebrews is talking about the EXACT same thing that John was talking about in Revelation 21. How can this be



any clearer? Compare Scripture with Scripture. We've done this many times throughout this series where we have compared exact prophecies - nearly word for word from the Old Testament and then found nearly word for word in the New Testament - and even where the New Testament says - "This is what was written." Well what is written here in Hebrews 12 is exactly the same thing that is written in Revelation 21 and it is NOT future - as in thousand or thousands of years from the first century. Verse 23:

[23] To the general assembly and ecclesia of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

[24] And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Friends, this is the New Covenant. The city of the living God. The heavenly Jerusalem. This is the New Covenant World that Christ delivered in the first century. This is all talking about the same thing. If the city of the living God, if the New Jerusalem is yet future - then so is Jesus/Yeshua - the mediator of the new covenant. If that's what you want to believe - then you better watch out. Verse 25.

[25] See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

[26] Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

[27] And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

[28] Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

[29] For our God is a consuming fire.

Oh my goodness. Don't you see it? Look at verse 26 - Whose voice then shook the earth - that reference is from the Old Covenant - but NOW - but NOW - but NOW he hath promised saying, "Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."

What does that mean? "Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."

He as clearly as clearly can possibly be said gives the answer in verse 27.

[27] And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Why? What does the removing and the shaking mean?

[28] Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have

grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:  
[29] For our God is a consuming fire.

I'm telling you this is language that says the Old Covenant World was coming to an end and the New Covenant was beginning. The dramatic language is necessary because the most dramatic change in the history of mankind was at hand. The end of the Old Covenant Age - the Old Covenant World was called the removing of the earth and the heaven - why?

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved - let us have grace, whereby we may serve God.

His Kingdom came. The New Heavens and the New Earth are symbolic language for the New Covenant. Old, fleshly, physical Jerusalem has been replaced with the New Jerusalem which is spiritual, it's from above.

The days where God allowed the nations to walk in their own ways has ended - and New Jerusalem is the capitol city for the people of God. If you need a piece of paper that identifies your citizenship - then put the Commonwealth of Israel on it and claim the New Jerusalem as the capitol and claim Jesus/Yeshua as your King - and the Kingdom of God as your allegiance.

We are out of time. Next time, Lord willing, we'll pick up from right here.