

Matthew 24 Series - Answers to Revelation 20

Part 26 in the Series - The Holy City continued

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We are now in Part 26 of our Matthew 24 Series. As I have stated before, we are prematurely dealing with Revelation 20. And I say, prematurely, because I still do not believe that we have laid enough foundation from the rest of the Bible to deal with this passage. I say this, because, once a proper foundation has been laid, Revelation 20 becomes much easier to deal with - because the overwhelming evidence of Scripture concerning the prophecies - from Moses through Malachi - to John the Baptist through Christ - the overwhelming evidence laid is that the entire theme of Scripture is that when the Messiah would be revealed - He would bring judgement and His Kingdom - He would bring an end to the Old covenant world - and would establish a New World - a New Covenant - in the which He would make all things new - and by His own testimony - He declared that "This generation - the generation to which He was sent to - This generation shall not pass away, til ALL these things would be fulfilled."

During this series I have shared with you how that once you begin to see these things, you will then see Fulfilled Bible Prophecy literally jumping off the pages of the Word in ways you have never seen before.

There is a reason to this. It is not simply because you are now seeing things differently. It is because you have found the key. Coming to the understanding that All Bible Prophecy has been fulfilled - when it brings you to the proper understanding and conclusion that the Kingdom of Christ was fully and completely instituted on or before AD 70 - you have found the key that opens the eyes of understanding to those who are sincerely seeking the truths found in God's Word.

Listen to me. You can be the most sincere seeker the world has ever known - but until you understand the present-day reality of the Kingdom of Christ - you will NEVER be able to unlock the vast riches of truth contained in the Scriptures. And I say that with all confidence.

In Matthew 6:33 - Jesus Yeshua said the following - and even many of the most casual readers of the Word know this passage:

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Christ said - Do this first. If you are operating under the assumption that the Kingdom is in the future. That it is relegated to a 1,000 year period of time beginning and ending

some 2,000 plus years from the time of Christ - listen - I hate to be the bearer of bad news - but NOTHING - there is NOTHING that you think you know or understand from the Word of God that you can be assured of - that is based on the proper foundation and if you EVER come to the proper understanding of the Kingdom - you will find yourself going back and questioning every single thing you have ever known from the Scripture to make sure you are basing your beliefs on the Rock, on the truth of the Words of Christ and the prophets.

I'm telling you today, that the modern teaching of the Word of God that has come from the 501(c)(3) government preacher - has come from double-minded men - who say one thing in the pulpit on Sunday - and then practice something entirely different on Monday. That is called double-mindedness - and the pure Word of God says that a double-minded man is unstable in ALL his ways. Not some of his ways. ALL of his ways.

And again, let's beat a dead horse for a few minutes - because not only is the horse not dead - but the horse doesn't even appear to be breathing hard.

Nearly 100% of the so-called preachers in America - proudly - and I mean proudly proclaim that they are 501(c)(3) government created, government protected, government subsidized - "not-for-profit" corporations.

Turn with me this morning to Jeremiah 2. We'll begin in verse 8 - remembering that nearly 100% of the so-called "ministries" in America - are 501(c)(3) not for profit government corporations. Verse 8. This is Jeremiah's scathing rebuke of those who were supposed to be handling the Word and Law of God.

[8] The priests said not, Where is Yahweh? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

Did you see that? How much in your face does that have to be? Their "church corporations" are called - "not for profit" corporations. They walked after things that "do not profit."

I don't know how much more in your face that can be. I saw this for the first time when I was about 20 years old. Call me simplistic. Call me a simpleton. But when I see in the Word of God - a condemnation - a scathing rebuke of priests and pastors - and the rebuke says that what they were doing was transgression against God - they had become prophets of Baal - they did not know God - and it was because they walked after things that do not profit.

That's enough for me. That is an eternal principle that we should learn about the Will of God and it should be enough that when we see something in life that says - NOT FOR PROFIT - we should turn and run as fast as we possibly can. Verse 9.

[9] Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith Yahweh, and with your children's children will I plead.

[10] For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.

[11] Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

We, too, just like Israel of old, have changed gods. We have changed the glory of Yahweh and have changed from the people of God - to walking after things which do not profit.

You better hear me today - if you are listening to men whose ministries are incorporated by the state - you are being led by exactly the same type of man that Jeremiah railed against. I don't care how slick he is. I don't care how many people are following him. I don't care how eloquent he is - if he is the holder of tax-exempt status - and is the recipient of the tax-deductible gift - he can stand and shout "Jesus Jesus" or "Yeshua Yeshua" from the every housetop in America - he is a prophet of Baal and until he repents and comes out of that wickedness - you better stop listening to him - and you better not be supporting him.

I have stated this over and over in my messages - that by their own words and declarations - a corporation is a creature of the state. On Sunday, these men will stand in their pulpits and talk about the "Lordship of Christ" but on Moonday - the reality of it all is that the true lord of their ministry is the government that created them.

The same government that issues corporate status to planned parenthood. The same government that issues corporate status to the liquor store or the porno shop. The same government that issues the marriage license to the sodomites who want to quote-unquote "marry." The same government that issues those documents to those types - issues documents to those who claim to be the blood-washed, purified, body of Christ. What a disgrace. What a mockery of all that the Bible stands for and of all that Christ did and to all the blood shed martyrs who through the ages gave their own lives because they would not yield the Kingship of Christ to those who had not bowed their knee to the King.

If you dig deep enough, you'll find the answers as to why they have done these things. You won't get direct answers from them. But ultimately, the truth is the reason they justify such seemingly obvious transgressions is because they do not believe that Christ

is King now. They believe that He is a coming king. They believe that until He comes again - and sets up something called a "1,000 year millennial reign" - a phrase that cannot be found in the Word - that until that time comes - Satan is the ruler of this world - and Satan owns and controls the "governments" in the world - and God has ordained these things to be so - and since these things are ordained by God - then God's people are to submit to and follow Satan's rules.

If a man believes that the Kingdom is in the future - he is put himself in the most precarious of situations because Christ said to Seek the Kingdom first. And if the Kingdom is in the future, then there is simply no way of reaching the truths that God has for His creation. This is why the preaching of Fulfilled Bible Prophecy is not just important - but it is the most important message that should be preached today - because until we tear down the lies of the future coming, the future kingdom, men will continue to be led from the present day reality of the Kingdom of Christ.

Listen friends - Kingdom equals Government. Capital K kingdom equals capital G Government and small k kingdom equals small g government. It's about whose Law - capital L - or whose law - small l are you going to submit to?

Listen to Luke 11:52.

[52] Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

Again, here is the key. Here is the key of knowledge. Christ is not just talking about lawyers - as in attorneys - but he is also talking about "preachers." Preachers ARE lawyers. They are advocates for the law. If they are advocates for God's Law - then fine - they are lawyers representing the Law of God. The truth is, most all of them are advocates for man's law - teaching that God's Law has been done away with - it's not for today - but maybe someday in some distant 1,000 year millennial reign - it will again be used in society.

Luke 11:52 is totally consistent with Matthew 6:33. The Kingdom / Government of God on earth - today - is the key of knowledge. Those who advocated futurism and those who advocate for man's law in place of God's Law have taken away the key of knowledge.

If you want to take back the key - so that you can understand the Word of God - you have to understand that the key that will open the lock - is the one that is identified as the present day reality of the Kingdom of God. There is no King but Jesus. No King but Yeshua. When you have that key - you will begin to unlock the treasures found in the Word of God.

One more thing about this key of knowledge. In Isaiah's prophecy found in Isaiah 22. There is another mention of a key. Look with me to Isaiah 22 and we'll begin in verse 20. This is another phenomenal reference to Christ the King and His fulfillment of this prophecy.

[20] And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah:

Please remember His servant - Eliakim....

[21] And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand:

Please remember this prophecy - I will commit thy government into his hand....

and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.
[22] And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

Please remember the key of the house of David....

[23] And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

[24] And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.

[25] In that day, saith Yahweh of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for Yahweh hath spoken it.

This prophecy was concerning God's servant Eliakim. The government was to be committed to His hand. He would be a glorious throne to His Father's house. He was given the key of the house of David.

In the genealogy of Christ as found in Matthew 1, we find that one of the predecessor's to Christ is named Eliakim. And on him was given the key of David.

We have talked extensively about the prophecies concerning David - in relation to the resurrection of Christ and the throne of David.

I believe that I can make a very strong, convincing argument based on our discussions of Acts 2 - that the key of David - is the fact that the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant

from II Samuel 7 - is found in the resurrection of Christ.

The fulfillment - once again - of the Davidic covenant - that according to the flesh God would raise up Christ to sit on David's throne - was fulfilled in the resurrection of Christ.

Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

[30] Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

[31] He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

[32] This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

[33] Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

[34] For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

[35] Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

[36] Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Acts 2.

The key to understanding the Word of God is the understanding that the Kingdom is a present day reality - it is not future. It is not limited in time or scope to a period of 1,000 years. It began in the first century with the advent of John the Baptist, the birth of Christ, the life, the ministry - the preaching that the Kingdom of God is at hand - then the execution of Christ because He preached that He was the King - then the resurrection from the dead - the ascension into heaven for a brief period of time - roughly around 40 years - then His visible return to gather His saints and to be revealed to the world that He is King of kings and Lord of lords - and that not only is He King of kings and Lord of lords - but He is the LAST of the kings that God allows for His creation.

Look with me please to Revelation 3 and we will begin in verse 1. The ecclesia that was functioning in Philadelphia - the Philadelphia in Asia - not in Pennsylvania - was one that was found to doing the Will of God. It was faithful and true to King Jesus / Yeshua and we will soon see why it was one that was found faithful and true. Contrasting the ecclesia in Sardis followed by the ecclesia in Philadelphia, this is what is written:

[1] And unto the angel of the ecclesia in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou

hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

[2] Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

[3] Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

[4] Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

[5] He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

[6] He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the ecclesias.

[7] And to the angel of the ecclesia in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

[8] I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Want to know how to be keep His Word? Want to know how to keep from denying His name? Get the key of David. The key of David is the truth that the Kingdom began with Christ in the first century. The resurrection of Christ was the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant. He is NOT a coming king. He is King - right now.

Without the key of David? Without Seeking first the Kingdom of God? Here's what happens:

[9] Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

If you have been listening to my messages for any amount of time at all, you will know that I believe that Satan, the devil, whatever you want to call that entity - whatever it was - it has been destroyed. However, the spirit of Satan - the spirit of the devil - without question in my mind - continues. Satan, the devil, or whatever, does not have to be in existence for people to continue to carry out the evils of Satan or the devil or its agenda.

Karl Marx has been done for well over a hundred years - but people still carry out his agenda. Same for Darwin. Same for Lenin, etc., etc.

What was the "devil's original agenda?" To be like God. This scheme is rebellion. Let's examine this - "be like God" agenda for a minute.

I want to show you one of those eternal principles found in the Word that helps us understand the Perfect Will of God for His creation. Look at John 10. In verse 31, the Jews are once again wanting to kill Christ and it's written:

[31] Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

[32] Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

[33] The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

[34] Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

In the middle of this discussion that is leading to the possibility of Christ being prematurely murdered, look what He says.

Is it not written in your law...

Then He asks, "Ye are gods?" What in the world does that mean? Look close. He speaks to them concerning their law - not the Law of God - in their law - then He says - "You are gods?" Lawmaking is reserved for Gods. In the Old Covenant - Lawmaking was instituted by God. And it was the original plan for God's creation to obey His Law. Then, because of their rebellion and for the purpose of bringing about His final Kingdom - He allowed men to make their own laws. And - when men made their own laws - God said that - even though He allowed it - it was a violation of the First Commandment - thou shalt have no other gods before me. Look it up. The word gods in the First Commandment means rulers, judges magistrates.

I said all that to say this - those who believe they have the quote unquote "right" or the "divine appointment" to make laws - are of the synagogue of Satan. Taking upon yourself the power to make laws - is equal to attempting to make yourself equal with God.

That is the spirit of Satan, the spirit of the devil, the spirit of anti-christ and it comes from the Synagogue of Satan - those who claim to be the people of God - but are not.

The people of God - as demonstrated by the ecclesia of Philadelphia are people who have discovered the key of David - the present day reality of the Kingdom and its King - Revelation 3:8 by their works demonstrate that Christ, and Christ alone is King.

Verse 10 of Revelation 3:

[10] Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

[11] Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

And of course, once more, the nearness of His coming and His judgement is reinforced in this passage.

Now let's get back to Revelation 20, verse 9, the beloved, or the holy city.

Revelation 20. We'll begin in verse 6.

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

[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 asked many questions related to the beloved city. The most pressing of which is probably - is it physical? Is it spiritual? Is it future? Or was it the city in existence in the first century?

I believe I have stated that my position on this is that the city is the same city discussed in chapters 17, 18 and 19.

The city is not a physical, rebuilt city in our future. Physical Jerusalem was the center of the Old Covenant world. That city was not only physically destroyed in AD70 - exactly the way Christ said it would be - but that physical destruction was more than just physical destruction. It symbolized the end of the Old Covenant age of sacrifices and the Old Covenant age whereby God allowed men to rule themselves like all the other nations.

If the beloved city is a future city - then the New Covenant is nullified. This is why you have deceivers like John Hagee make statements such as, Jesus Yeshua was not the Messiah. As much as I despise Hagee's teachings, I will absolutely give him credit for one thing - he is the only one of them who has the guts to come right out and say what he believes. 99% of the rest of them will say the same thing with their theology - but they beat around the bush without actually saying it - but they achieve the same goal.

That goal being that the "jews are God's chosen people" and the Kingdom of God is future. This is why I have said many many times in my preaching, if you do not believe that the end of the world has already taken place - then Jesus Christ Yeshua the Christ could not have been the Messiah. This man - once - in the end of the world - hath appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And if He was not the Messiah, then He was not the King. And if He is not the King - then what is left - men taking to themselves the power to make laws. Friends, the synagogue of Satan is alive and well and it thrives because it has not been exposed.

The Bible is clear as it can possibly be - there is a New Jerusalem. There is no need for the old Jerusalem - there will never be a need for the old Jerusalem - and to make claim otherwise - is to deny the finished work of Christ.

We left off last week in Hebrews 12. Before we go back to Hebrews 12, there are some things in Revelation 21 that I want to reemphasize.

Please go to chapter 21. Verse 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.

The New Heaven and the New Earth are symbolic language for the New Covenant.

Last week, we read the last phrase of this verse, and there was no more sea. Why is there no more sea in the New Covenant World? We know this language is symbolism. We know that in God's original creation, there was nothing to indicate that the seas were bad or evil. In fact, virtually everywhere we find water or seas in the Bible, it's a good thing. So why "no more sea?"

I think I have an answer. I believe this is used to show us how much better the New Covenant is than the Old Covenant was. In the Old Covenant, when repentance was made and sins were forgiven - where does the Bible say those sins were cast?

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

[19] He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

In the New Covenant World - the finished work of Christ - in fulfillment of Daniel 9:27

to make an end of sins - was so complete for those who would embrace the New Covenant World and the Kingship of Christ - not only did He cast our sins into the depths of the sea - but He even went a step further and removed the sea.

Back to Revelation 21, now verse 2.

[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.

One of the things that I find so remarkable about this verse of Scripture is that ever since I was a little child, raised in the Baptist quote unquote "church" - I bet I heard it said thousands and thousands of times - the "church" is the bride of Christ.

But yet, on the other hand, when the Baptist quote unquote "churches" and colleges that I was raised in, discuss the New Jerusalem - it is ALWAYS - ALWAYS in reference to a future Jerusalem. Again I ask, just how many kingdoms are there? How many judgements are there? How many Jerusalems are there? How many brides of Christ are there?

This doublemindedness is what happens when we try to go through the door without the key.

I said it last week and probably the week before and before - we've got "preachers" so-called that tell us that the jews in the middle east - who do not believe that Yeshua Jesus was Christ. We've got "preachers" so-called who think it's perfectly fine to be a corporate creature of the state - and then we scratch our heads as to why there are so many differing opinions on teachings of the Scripture. It's not hard. Once you have the key - it's pretty easy.

No, there's not multiple judgements, there's not multiple kingdoms, people who claim Christ as their King are exclusively the people of God, ecclesias are not government corporations - it's not hard.

But when we listen to deceived people try to teach the Word from a totally foundationless perspective - that's what we get.

The new heavens and the new earth are symbolic language for the New Covenant. The New Jerusalem which is from above - as clearly shown in verse 2 that was coming down from God out of heaven as a bride adorned for her husband - replaced the Old physical Jerusalem that was destroyed at AD70. When the Old ended - the New began.

Verse 3:

[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.

This is what God wanted from the very beginning of His creation and this is what He brought about when His Son took on the form of a man and was born of a woman - lived a perfect sinless life - taught relentlessly in the face of constant threats and persecutions - that the Old way of doing things was coming to a close - and the - better way was at hand.

I'm amazed that many people still refuse to see the awesomeness of all that took place in that first century. Even though, to this day, the entire world looks at that generation and calls it year 1. So God sends His Son to do all that He did - then the world continues in some sort of limbo, waiting period for thousands of years before the ultimate plan of God for His creation is revealed? Doesn't make any sense at all.

Today - right now - as it has been since the end of the Old Covenant age - God is saying - My tabernacle is now with you. Old, physical Jerusalem is gone. I will dwell with you and you will be my people - and I will be your God - if you will allow it. That offer has been available for thousands of years - if we'll just get out of own way and have the faith to believe that He has and will - perform the good work in us that He set out to do.

Verse 4.

[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.

Now - intermixed with what I believe are eternal principles - the New heavens and the new earth, the New Jerusalem, the New Covenant - verse 4 now is speaking directly to those saints of the first century who were persecuted as Christ foretold in Matthew 24:8-10. Wiping away all tears from their eyes is a direct reference to the first century saints. No more death, sorrow, crying and pain - direct fulfillments to those first century saints - but applicable in some ways beyond the first century.

For the former things are passed away - is a direct fulfillment of Isaiah 66:17

[17] For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

These things were occurring at the beginning of the New Covenant age. It's called the New Heavens and the New Earth and the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 20 and Revelation 21 are not talking about the future. Again, if the New Jerusalem is in the future - then so is the New Covenant.

Keep your finger here in Revelation and go once again to Hebrews 8 and we'll begin in verse 1:

[1] Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

[2] A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

[3] For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

[4] For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

[5] Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

[6] But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

[7] For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

[8] For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

[9] Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

[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:

[11] And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

[12] For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

[13] In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

So I ask you? Is that not word for word, or teaching for teaching, thought for thought, exactly what is stated in Revelation 21? It's the same thing. So how could Revelation 21 possibly be in our future? And if this is the New Covenant world - and surely you see with me that it is - and the city is now the New Jerusalem - which is spiritual - how

could the beloved city of Revelation 20:9 be this city? And how could it be compassed with enemies? This is a boundless, borderless city that covers the entirety of God's creation.

Look with me to Hebrews chapter 1, verse 1.

Let's put another timestamp on the New Covenant, the New Jerusalem, the new heavens and the new earth.

[1] God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

[2] Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Here it is again. Hath in these last days. The last days, the end of the world - those phrases mean the end of the Old covenant world, the last days of the Old covenant world - and as we have also shown before - you would be totally correct in stating the opposite - the beginning of the New covenant world, the first days of the New covenant world. Verse 3.

[3] Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Back to Revelation 21. As John has done all throughout the book of Revelation, he repeats himself. He does it for emphasis, he does it because of the sheer awesomeness of what he is trying to describe. Verse 5.

[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.

II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Hebrews 12:24

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

Revelation 21:

[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.

Okay. Is it done? Is it finished? Does He give unto those who thirst the water of life freely? It is done! It is finished. He finished the Old Covenant world. He stopped the sacrifices. He did away with the physical temple and the physical Jerusalem. He did away with the permissiveness of allowing people to walk like all the other nations. He is King of kings and Lord of lords - and it was established at the beginning of the New Covenant and the language to describe this is called the New Heaven and the New Earth and the New Jerusalem - and it is done.

[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.

This is part of it - It is done - also. It is over. It is done.

[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,

Now - without any shadow of a doubt - the bride of Christ - the Lamb's wife - is the holy city - the New Jerusalem. And this - It is done!

We read all the verses last week, so skip down to verse 22:

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

In the New Covenant World - there is no physical temple. The physical temple was in physical Jerusalem. Neither of them exist in the New Covenant world. When you find people or "preachers" so called - who talk about a physical Jerusalem and a physical temple - whether today - or in the future - I don't care how sincere they may appear - I don't care how big of a following they may have - they are deceived and are deceiving.

Revelation 21 is so clearly talking about the New Covenant I don't see how anyone cannot see this. And there is no physical temple in the New Covenant.

Let's again go back to Hebrews 12 beginning in 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,

We must keep in mind who he is talking to here. He is talking to the first century believers. He is telling them of things concerning - the last days.

For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched...He is talking present tense with these people. This is not futurism. This is at the door. This is things which must shortly come to pass. Verse 22.

[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,

You are come. This is it. It is done. You are here. This is where you are. You are right on the doorstep. You are right at the things which must shortly come to pass. You are right here at the fulfillment of Revelation 21. Revelation 21 and Hebrews 12 are talking about exactly the same things. That's why Revelation 1:1 says things which must shortly come to pass - and Hebrews 1:2 says Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, It's the same thing. You are at the New Covenant. You are at the New Jerusalem.

You are come

[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,

You are come

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

[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:

This past week I received an email that caused me to rejoice in that the man that sent it to me, Paul, said that as he hearing this passage last week, it reminded him of the shaking or separating of the wheat from the chaff - representing judgement. And he is exactly correct. And what is so neat about that is, it goes to what I have been saying, once you begin to see these things, you will see Fulfillment literally jumping off the pages of the Word. It's because we have found the key that opens the door to understanding.

Verse 26 says the earth and the heavens were shaken. And that was a symbol of their removal. The shaking of the heavens and the earth are symbols of the shaking of the Old Covenant world - the removal of - the end of the Old Covenant world.

And when those things were shaken - when they were removed - what was left? Verse 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:

This Kingdom that was given - is the sum of ALL Bible prophecy. It is what Moses looked for. It is what David looked for. It is what Isaiah and Jeremiah looked for. It is that final Kingdom that Daniel prophesied as being the only Kingdom authorized to be in existence by God - once and forever. It shook the Old sacrificial system. It shook the ceremonial requirements of the Old system. It shook the aspects of the Old system where God allowed people to have kings like all the other nations. It shook those things and removed them.

And what is left is the Kingdom of God - and it is the responsibility of every living, breathing creature to conform to His Kingdom - right now. It is not a future kingdom. It is not constrained to a period of 1,000 years. It is done. It is now. The Kingdom cannot be separated from the New Covenant - it is the New Covenant. The Kingdom cannot be separated from the King. You want the benefits of the Covenant? You must come through the Kingship of Christ to acquire the benefits. If He is not Lord and King - then He will not be Saviour.

Not only is He King of kings and Lord of lords - right now - but He is the last of the Kings that God allows for His creation. Listen friends, we've got our work cut out for us. We are in a raging battle and many people are finding out about this battle and have not been properly equipped for the battle.

Don't lost hope. Don't get overwhelmed. Where do we start? Where do we begin to engage the enemy? Listen, the enemy has been waging this war without resistance for a long time - and I hate to say it - but the enemy is winning. Just look around. But I'm telling you, we have weapons at our disposal that the enemy cannot prevail against. We have the King of kings who laughs at their B29 bombers. He laughs at their phony nuclear bombs. He laughs at their grenade launchers and their nuclear submarines.

How do we move this mightiest man of war in our favor? When our obedience is fulfilled, He will revenge all disobedience.

In such a short period of time, how did the sodomites move from the closet to the mainstream? Simple. They became bold and they became vocal.

It is time - it is way past time - that those of who claim to be followers of the King - we must be bold and we must be vocal. We must talk. We need to share with our friends and family the truths - I mean the things that we are learning as a result of being given the key of David. Tell people that Jesus / Yeshua is not coming here again. Tell them that the prophecies have already been fulfilled. Challenge them on such basic things as Hebrews 9:26. Challenge them on such simple passages as Matthew 16:28.

The time is right. The time is now. People are looking for something other than the status quo. Let's get to talking, then walking and see what God can and will do.

Once again, we are out of time. Lord willing, next week we will move on to what I have said is coming regarding another perspective and viewpoint relating to Revelation 20.