

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

### **Part 28 in the Series - Thousand Years**

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We continue to receive great emails coming in from listeners each week and it is encouraging to know that not only are people listening - but they are doing their own research based on the things I'm saying. That is really great.

I received an excellent email from Joe this week letting me know that he had done his own research on the word "church" and indeed found that the Greek word is ecclesia - and then he was comparing those things to the Greek for Commonwealth and he was coming to the same conclusions I have.

Now, I am by no means saying that we need to be Greek scholars to understand these things - not at all. But I am saying that when we read things, for instance, that Tyndale - who compiled the first fully translated Bible into English - and he refused to use the word "church" and - he was ultimately executed because he wouldn't use the word church in his translation - then maybe we should take a closer look as to why he was willing to give his life for such a thing.

What's the big deal? "Church" - everyone uses the word. Well, that's exactly the problem. To virtually everyone - and I mean nearly everyone all across God's creation - the word church means something entirely different than what Christ intended when He used the word that ended up being ecclesia in the Greek language.

Ecclesia means government. It is the word that the Greek's use when discussing their gathering for the purpose of the affairs of government.

Christ was establishing His Kingdom. His ecclesia. His form of Government. Christ was putting away the allowance for men's governments and was establishing that His Government - the Government described in Isaiah 9:6-8 was soon coming and ALL of God's creation would be expected to conform to His Kingdom and His Kingship.

The days where God allowed the nations to walk in their own ways - was over. Those days were allowed in the Old Covenant world - but not so in the New Covenant world. In the New Covenant world - 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.

For people who think that God allows dual citizenships today - in this New Covenant world - I'm sorry to tell you - but those days are over. I'm sorry on one hand because the deception has been so great - and it has been so great because people do not understand that the word "church" should not be in our Bibles. Tyndale was RIGHT.

Those who seek to replace the Kingdom of God with the "church" have purposely performed their deception and they not only keep people from finding the Kingdom - but they do everything they can to prevent people who do find it - from entering therein.

Every single quote unquote "professional" is involved in this deception. Politicians, lawyers, businessmen - and greatest of all - preachers.

Replacement theology? Wow, what a slight of hand - diversionary tactic.

The most dangerous replacement theology that has ever hit civilization is the theology that replaces the Kingdom of Christ with the quote unquote "church."

Christ did not die for a weekend social organization. He died to bring an end to the Old Covenant system - which included the sacrifices of course - but it went way beyond just the sacrificing of animals - he was ushering in a new Kingdom. This was so monumental, so earth shaking - so transformational - that the writers of the New Testament could only describe it as being New Heavens, New Earth, New Jerusalem.

While some people will certainly find it sad and disheartening that the preferred form of government that they have created for themselves is actually total rebellion to the God of Heaven and His Son - others who will realize what they have been given will be so full of encouragement and joy - they will run to this Kingdom - where total perfection is found in the King and His Government.

Before we go back to Revelation 20, look with me to John 4. Every day, I am reading my Bible. I hope you are, too. If you are not, I encourage you to read something - every single day. I have told you before that every single time I pick up the Word, something jumps off the page that reinforces the Kingdom or Fulfilled Bible Prophecy. This week, I opened the book, without any purpose other than to read whatever I opened to and I found myself in John 4. Read with me, please because it is very appropriate to the email I received from Joe. John 4, verse 1.

[1] When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made

and baptized more disciples than John,

[2] (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

[3] He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

[4] And he must needs go through Samaria.

[5] Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

[6] Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

[7] There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

[8] (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

[9] Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

[10] Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

This is exactly what I was saying a few minutes ago. If we only knew what the gift was that God has given to us since He gave His Son in that first century. I'm not talking about - "Jesus, I know I'm a sinner, come into my heart and save me." I'm talking about "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 is the great gift - the greatest gift of all. Verse 10.

If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

[11] The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

[12] Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

[13] Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

[14] But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

[15] The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

[16] Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

[17] The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

[18] For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

[19] The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

[20] Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

Now watch this closely. Listen to the words of Christ.

[21] Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

He's telling her about this change. He's telling her about this New World, the New Earth, the New Jerusalem that is coming.

[22] Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

[23] But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

The hour cometh - and now is - right there - is Fulfilled Bible Prophecy. It was taking place in the first century. The time for worship in Jerusalem, worship in the temple - that time was ending. In fact, Christ said, the hour cometh - and now is.

[24] God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Mark this verse. Underline it. Circle it. Highlight it. Whatever you have to do to get this verse ingrained into your mind so that you will - from this day forward - never forget it and understand the vast implications of it.

They that worship Him MUST worship Him in spirit and in truth. Listen to me. The ignorant worship of God is no longer allowed in the New Covenant World. Those days are over. If you think there never was a time when it was allowed, then you need to look at Acts 17:23.

We think that we can worship God and yet submit to obey laws and statues that are not his. We think that we can create this thing that is totally foreign to the Word of God called quote unquote "church" - we think that we can call a people who rejected Christ

as Messiah and King - that we can call them God's Chosen people - and somehow all will be right in the end of it all.

No. Christ said - and He didn't leave this open for discussion - "they that worship him MUST worship him in spirit and in truth."

I'm telling you that it starts with futurism. From the deception of futurism we get the lie of the future coming kingdom. We get the lie of false hope called rapture. We get the lie of who God's people are - *not* - we get the lie of this thing called quote unquote "church." All of these things work together to keep people from finding and entering the Kingdom of God.

Verse 25.

[25] The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

[26] Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

In these many weeks of preaching in this series, I have shown you many passages of Scriptures from what we call the Old Testament - and I have shown you how those passages were Fulfilled in the first century with Christ. I have also gone to great lengths to show you that if you do not believe the prophecies were fulfilled in Christ - then you cannot believe that Christ was the Messiah. And, for those who preach futurism - that the prophecies are yet to be fulfilled - then you are preaching a false Christ, a false Messiah.

I am going to play something for you now. This is a jewish rabbi named Tovia Singer. He does not believe that Jesus, Yeshua was the Christ. And he's going to tell you why he does not believe that Jesus / Yeshua was the Messiah.

There you have it. Because the prophecies have not been fulfilled, Jesus was not the Messiah. I'm telling you that futurism is the jews' religion. That audio message was from a jewish rabbi - but it could just as easily have been any quote unquote "Christian" preacher out there. But the implications of this double-mindedness is almost mind-blowing. The Baptists, for instance, teach that Jesus was the Messiah. But He's also the same coming Messiah that the jews are looking for. Friends, that's really really weird theology.

This is again why I've said a thousand times now, if you do not believe that the end of the world has already occurred, then Jesus - Yeshua - was NOT the Messiah. Hebrews

9:26.

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.

In the many messages I have already preached and I have shown you how the Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled in Christ - in the first century - if they were not fulfilled - then Jesus Yeshua could not have been the Messiah. Are you willing to make such a claim?

So in order for all this ridiculous theology to find some sort of agreement - the modern Bible teacher has basically created a system of belief that when looked at through the microscope of the Word of God - it resembles NOTHING of what true Christianity - the Christianity that began with John the Baptist - through Christ - through His apostles - that Christianity that caused the believers in the first century to boldly proclaim that there is another King, One Jesus. These all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another King, One Jesus.

To be totally upfront with you - if it weren't for the fact that every single problem that faces humanity could be solved by applying the teachings of Christ - in what is truly Biblical Christianity - if those problems could not be solved simply by obeying Christ - then I'd be the first one to jump up and say that He might not have been the Messiah.

But because everything bad that men face CAN be changed and turned to something good by following Christ and His Kingdom - we must conclude that He was telling the truth in John 4 when He told the woman at the well, "I that speak unto thee am he."

He IS the King. He WAS the Messiah. And you can have all confidence and boldness to walk that way because the truth is - ALL Bible Prophecy has been fulfilled - and He fulfilled it! John 4:27:

[27] And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

[28] The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

[29] Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

Yes, lady! He is the Christ. And because He fulfilled ALL the prophets just like He said in Luke 21:

[22] For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

[24] And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

[32] Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Let me make one more comment concerning the rabbi's message. He said the knowledge of God has never filled the earth - and that's a reason why Christ was not the Messiah.

Please recall with me when I read to you C.I. Scofield's notes on Matthew 24, when he said we know the word generation does not mean nation, time and place but rather the Jewish race, because none of these things, example, the worldwide preaching of the kingdom has ever occurred.

Exactly the same thing the rabbi said.

Yet the Word of God plainly declares in Colossians 1:4-6;

Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,

[5] For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

[6] Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

And again in Colossians 1:23:

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

So, again, if you do not believe that Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

If you do not believe that has been fulfilled - then you must say - exactly the way the rabbi said it - Jesus was not the Messiah.

Is this something you are willing to consider?

Again, let me say this as clearly as I can say it.

EVERY single problem that faces mankind - can and WOULD be solved - if they would embrace the Kingdom of God - which establishes Christ as King and the Laws of God as the Laws for society. If I could not show you how EVERY single problem could be fixed by following Christ - then I would be the first to question that He was Who He said He was.

But the truth is - EVERY single problem that faces mankind - CAN be solved by obeying Christ the King. That's the gift. The greatest gift that has been given to mankind. The Kingdom of God. That Kingdom was fully instituted at AD 70 and has been available for all of God's creation simply for the taking.

Sadly, as it was in the first generation - so it is today - many will say when offered that gift - "We will not have this man to reign over us."

Revelation 20.

In Revelation 20, we find what seems to be irreconcilable language with the rest of the Scriptures in the fact that John uses the words "thousand years" in the text.

But for the fact that a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day, this passage could present a problem. Seeing how Revelation 20 fits into the "things which must shortly come to pass" and "the time is at hand" of Revelation 1 - then sandwiched between the ending found in Revelation 22 - where the angel told John NOT to seal up his prophecy, because the time is at hand - I have no issue at all reasoning that the thousand years of Revelation 20 could have been as short of a period of time as even one day or one hour.

I have in my possession, a book that I obtained about 35 years ago. It's certainly not a unique book and it is not rare. I'd say that if you live near a decent sized city, you could probably find this book easily. If not, it would only be seconds away from finding it online.

I have a replica 1599 Geneva Bible. This is the Bible of the Pilgrims. The first Geneva Bible was published in 1560. I am not holding the Geneva Bible out to anyone as it being of a superior nature to any other English Bible, though, I do refer to it often in my own studies. I will tell you that it uses the word "church" where the word absolutely should not be used. So, I again have my concerns as to its use by the quote unquote "churchmen."

I am referring to this Geneva Bible today because of the marginal notes in this Bible. History records - if you can believe history - that one of the main reasons that King James wanted a new translation, was for the purpose of removing the marginal notes that were found in the Geneva Bible.



For instance, if you were to read the marginal notes besides Romans 13 you would read that the notes were calling for rebellion to the tyranny of the pope. He said that the tyranny of the pope over all kingdoms must be brought down to the ground.

It is also interesting to note that John Calvin or Knox, whoever's notes these may be in Romans 13 - says that this passage is requiring obedience to magistrates - not kings - not presidents - not legislators - but to magistrates. Judges.

In the marginal notes on the page prior to the book of Revelation, is the following heading: THE ORDER OF TIME, whereunto the Contents of this book are to be referred.

Although I do not agree with this timeline - I have already told you that I believe the Scriptures teach that ALL Bible Prophecy was fulfilled on or before AD 70 - I think it is very important that you know what people who claimed to be followers of Christ believed and taught back in the 1500s. So, I'm going to read this to you today.

It's a little hard for me to read, but I think the first day is the year 1. The first year of the first century. And this is what is said:

The dragon watcheth the church of the Jews, which was ready to travail ; She bringeth forth, fleeth, and hideth her self, whiles Christ was yet upon the earth.

At year 34 A.D.:

The dragon persecuted Christ ascending into heaven, he fighteth and is thrown down : and after persecuteth the Church of the Jews.

At year 67 A.D.:

The Church of the Jews is received into the wilderness for three years and a half.

AD 70:

When the Church of the Jews was overthrown the dragon invaded the Catholic church all this in the 12 Chapter.

The dragon is bound for a thousand years, chap 20.

The dragon raiseth up the beast with 7 heads and the beast with 2 heads which make havoc of the Church Catholic and her prophets for 1,260 years after the passion of Christ, chapter 13 and 11.

AD 97

The seven churches are admonished of things present, somewhat before the end of Domitian his reign and are forewarned of the persecution to come under Traiane for 10 years, chap 2 and 3.

God, by word and signs provoketh the world, and sealethe the godly, chapters 6 & 7. He sheweth forth exemplars of his wrath upon all creatures. mankind excepted Chapter 8.

At AD 1073

The dragon is let loose after 1,000 years and Gregory being pope rageth against Henry the III the emperor, Chapter 20.

At 1217

The dragon vexeth the world 150 years unto Gregory the 9th who writ the Decretles and most cruelly persecuted the emperor Frederick the 2nd.

The dragon by both the beasts persecuteth the church and putteth the godly to death, Chapter 9.

At 1295

The dragon killeth the prophets after 1260 years when Boniface the VIII was pope who was the author of the sixth book of the Decretals. he excommunicated Philip the French king.

At 1300

Boniface celebrated the Jubilee.

At 1301

About this time was a great earthquake which overthrew many houses in Rome.

At 1305

Prophecy ceaseth for three years and a half until Benedict the 2nd succeeded after Boniface the VII. Prophecy is revived Chapter 11.

The dragon and the 2 beasts oppugne prophesy, Chapter 13.

Christ defendeth his church in word and deed, Chapter 14 with threats and arms, Chapter 15 with singular judgements, Chapter 16.

Christ giveth his church victory over the harlot, Chap 17 & 18 over the 2 beasts, Chapter 19, over the dragon and death, Chapter 20.

The church is fully glorified in heaven, with eternal glory and Christ Jesus, Chapter 21 and 22.

Endquote.

So, some of the most renown Christian teachers of the 1500s, taught the entirety of the book of Revelation was fulfilled by 1305 AD.

And of course, here we are more than 700 years since 1305 AD.

What's my point. My point is this. Even if you required the 1,000 years of Revelation 20 to a literal 1,000 years - as these men did - they have it all concluded by 1305.

I find it very interesting that it is the year 1073 when the dragon is once again let loose. Whether you believe that the 1,000 years was a day or an hour - or 1,000 years - whichever you decide - it's over. We are way way past that point in time.

So whether you agree with what I have taught - that the Kingdom of God was fully established at AD 70 - or whether you require 1,000 more literal years - either way - the time is past. It's over. There's no excuses anymore.

I have a good friend. He is a very well respected Bible teacher and I enjoy very much conversations that I have with him.

It would not be fair for me to speak about the Geneva's notes on Revelation without also telling you about my friend's writings.

The word "thousand" as it appears in Revelation 20 comes from the Greek word chillioy which is 5507 in the Strong's Concordance and he defines it as plural of uncertain affinity - a thousand. To my understanding, this tends to lean towards my teaching that the thousand years means completion or perfection. The uncertainty of it lends itself to symbolic rather than literal. Also, the word chillioy is an adjective and not a noun. Most modern Bible teachers use the words thousand years as a noun - and even substitute it for what they call the millenium. I can't do that. I simply do not see the support to do this.

I believe the thousand is descriptive of the years in that it is completeness or perfection.

Now, my friend, believes that the definition of the word - because it says plural of uncertain affinity...he believes the word should actually be translated as thousands years.

The problem I have with this is that there are no instances where chillioy is translated thousands. It's always thousand.

Now, as you know, I'll be the first one in line to speak up when I believe the Bible has been tampered with. Evidence. Everything that I say referring to the word "church." It should not be in our English Bibles. It was put there on purpose and on purpose to deceive and it was put there to make people believe that the Kingdom of God is future and that that quote unquote "church" has replaced the Kingdom.

In all the translations that came after the first one - Tyndale's - the word ecclesia has been translated falsely - as "church." I get it. I see that deception and I understand all the trappings involved - and I hope you see it, too.

So, not that it matters - but I have found at least 1 English Bible where the word "church" was not used.

I have searched every English Bible that I have access to, and I can't find anything that translated the word thousand in Revelation 20 - as thousands. And again, not that that matters. It certainly does not matter to me. If I believe that the text and the context - especially in light of the Kingdom being established at AD 70 - if I believe the context is teaching something that no other teacher espouses - or no other English translator wrote - I am going to follow the context and base my actions in light of the present day reality of the Kingdom of Christ.

I'm not saying that my friend is not doing that. He has publicly testified as to his belief in the present day reality of the Kingdom of Christ and our responsibility to it - but I cannot find support for saying that the word thousand in Revelation 20 should be thousands. In fact, in Acts 21:20 the word thousands is used and in literal terms as in:

...how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law: ...

and the Greek word that is used is not chillioy or is it chillios. It's an entirely different Greek word altogether. It comes from the Greek where we would use the word myriad.

It seems more reasonable to me that if the word thousand in Revelation 20 should have been thousands - then the Greek word would have been myrias - which is 3461 in Strong's as opposed to 5507.

Now, because I am disagreeing with my brother on this point - and I believe this to be a very significant point - I do not want anyone to believe that my disagreement with him is as obstinate and even attacking - as I have leveled word attacks against such as Hal Lindsey, Hagee and others who I believe are deeply rooted in the wicked plot to keep the Kingdom of God hidden from the common man.

I have said this many many times. If we can agree on the present day reality of the Kingdom of God - then that is the starting point. We can have fellowship on that basis.

In addition to what the Geneva Bible's notes say in regards to the timing of the book of Revelation, there are other viewpoints out there from people who believe the thousand years requires a literal thousand years.

In fact, even in J. Stuart Russell's excellent book, *The Parousia*, he gets to Revelation 20 and in my opinion, throws out everything he has taught to that point because he said he just couldn't see how the thousand years could be a very short period of time. I don't understand why - especially in light of a day is as thousand years and a thousand years is as a day.

When I look at passages such as John 11, the passage where Christ raises Lazarus from the dead - and Martha says to Him, and this is in response to Christ telling her that Lazarus will rise again, Christ says in verse 23:

Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

And Martha replies,

I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Then Christ says to her,

[25] Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

[26] And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

[27] She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

Christ is speaking in the present to Martha. He is not telling her about resurrections a thousand or thousands of years in the future. He's telling her that He is the resurrection. He is the fulfillment of what she believed to be the resurrection in the last day.

Let's look at another passage from John 5. We'll begin in verse 1.

[1] After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

[2] Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

[3] In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

[4] For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

[5] And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

[6] When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

[7] The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

[8] Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

[9] And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

[10] The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

[11] He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

[12] Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

[13] And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

[14] Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

[15] The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

[16] And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

[17] But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

[18] Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

[19] Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

[20] For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

[21] For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

[22] For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

[23] That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

[24] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

[25] Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Christ is prophesying as to the nearness of the judgement when the dead will be raised. This is not language futuristic in nature. Not a thousand literal years - and not thousands of literal years.

[26] For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

[27] And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

- [28] Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
- [29] And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.
- [30] I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.
- [31] If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.
- [32] There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.
- [33] Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.
- [34] But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.
- [35] He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.
- [36] But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.
- [37] And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.
- [38] And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.
- [39] Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
- [40] And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.
- [41] I receive not honour from men.
- [42] But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.
- [43] I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.
- [44] How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?
- [45] Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.
- [46] For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.
- [47] But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

Do you hear His words? He fulfilled the prophets. He fulfilled Moses.

In referencing back to the rabbi who said that Christ did not fulfill Isaiah and Christ did not do this or do that. The reason the rabbis and the unbelieving jews don't see it is because they don't or refuse to understand what the original intent of Moses was. They

refuse to see or refuse to understand Isaiah because it doesn't fit their agenda of a one-world government ruled by - as Scofield said - whatever the inner thought of man may be - he must do right or die.

They refuse to understand what the original promise to David meant. The Jews don't get it. The modern day preacher doesn't get it. But Acts 2 - says it as plainly as it can be said - David, 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, he, David, seeing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ.

This is exactly what Christ meant when He said he that hath eyes to see, let him see and ears to hear, let him hear. When you read the Davidic covenant of II Samuel 7 - you see nothing in there that would make you see the resurrection of Christ in that promise.

But when He Who came to fulfill - came - He made those prophecies understandable.

And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

[10] And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

[11] And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

[12] But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

[13] Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

Then they understood. Aha. The lights came on.

In conclusion, I do not want to give any more time to this discussion, other than to say this. There are those who insist on the thousand years of Revelation 20 being literal, I am going to put on my website, in the notes concerning this message, at least one link, where you can go and read about some things that occurred approximately 1,000 years after AD70. The folks who compiled this information believe in a literal 1,000 years and they have some very interesting things to say about occurrences around 1070 AD.

I am not persuaded. However, I am persuaded of this one thing - whether you believe as I do - that all Bible prophecy was fulfilled on or before AD70 or whether you require a literal 1,000 years - either way - we are WAY WAY past 1,000 years. To me, it is a moot issue. Either way, it's past.

The conclusion then, brings us right back to the whole point of it all - and that is that the Kingdom of God in ALL its fullness and implementation is for right now and it is the



responsibility of every living, breathing creature to conform to the Kingdom and to the King - right now.

The days where God allowed the nations to walk in their own ways - is over. In the New covenant world, wherein is the New Heavens, and the New Earth and the New Jerusalem, God commands all men everywhere to bow their knees to King Jesus and to submit to the Perfect Will of God for His creation - and that's right now. It is not in the future.

I believe I have presented conclusive evidence that Revelation 20 has been fulfilled. I believe I have laid a solid, Biblical foundation to conclude that the 1,000 years could have been as short as a day and could have been even as short as an hour.

I would again encourage you to write to me if you feel I have left questions unanswered as to why I believe Revelation 20 has been fulfilled.

I'm going to leave you with one final thought on Revelation 20. As I've told you many times before - and even today - whenever I study or even casually read the Scriptures - Fulfilled Bible Prophecy jumps off the pages at me. Last week, we discussed at length as to why I feel that it is justified to refer to first century Jerusalem as the beloved city of Revelation 20:9. I cited Matthew 23 in the tender words of Christ at the end of a scathing rebuke. But as I was casually reading this week, another passage that should be used as evidence of this came up.

Look at Matthew 27. I have read to you in weeks past what Josephus had to say concerning the city of Jerusalem. We read where Josephus said the city was so evil that they laid awake at night just trying to think of new evil things to do the next day. Yet, nothing could be more evil than when those miserable men caused the Son of God to be murdered at the hands of the state. Nothing could be more evil than those men crying out that His blood be upon us and our children. How miserable, how evil.

Yet, in Matthew 27, at the very instant that Christ breathed His last breath on the cross, this is what was said.

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

[51] And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

[52] And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

[53] And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

As despicable and miserable that Jerusalem was, at an all-time historic low - it was still called - the holy city.

Lord willing, we will begin a new series next week. Unless I receive emails with questions or objections, we'll start a new series next week.