"REALIZING THE RICHES OF THE REVELATION" Summary of the Rev.
or
"THE CHURCH AS SEEN IN THE REVELATION"

INTRO: A.-Five Basic Questions About The Revelation:

1-WHERE did the Revelation come from?
--Question of its ORIGIN
--Loving heart of the Father Who gave it as a REVELATION OF HIS SON for us
--Tells the FUTURE as it relates to Jesus Christ

2-WHO was the human author?
--John the disciple & apostle
--Rev. 1:1, 4, 9; 21:2; 22:8
--Calls himself "his servant" (1:1)
--Also "your brother and companion in tribulation"(1:9)
--Known as the one who leaned on Jesus' bosom & "whom Jesus loved" (Jn. 13:23)

3-IN WHAT respect is the Book of Revelation UNIQUE?
--Promise of blessing for reading, hearing & keeping (or heeding) its truths.
--Rev. 1:3
--Present participles indicate continuance of these activities related to this PROPHECY

4-Specifically, WHAT KIND OF A BLESSING does this Book describe?---TRINITARIAN blessing
---From the Father (1:4b)
---From the Spirit (1:4c)
---From the Son (1:5-8)

5-WHAT is the BACKGROUND of the Book of Revelation?
--John was banished to Patomos by the Emperor Domitian for the Word of God (writing), & for the testimony of Jesus Christ (ministry)-1:9
--John is "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day"--1:10
--John sees a vision of the GLORIFIED CHRIST--1:11-18

B.-KEY VERSE Of The Book Of Revelation: (OVERLAY)

1-Rev. 1:19
2-Divinely given OUTLINE of the Book
3-Revelation only makes sense if this outline is followed as authoritative:
--1:1-18--"Things which thou hast seen" (PAST)
--1:20--3:22--"Things which are" (PRESENT)
--4:1--22:21--"Things which shall be hereafter" (FUTURE)
4-Neglect this verse and CONFUSION follows
5-God has given the KEY TO THE BOOK

C.-Literal Character Of The Revelation:

1-Given in "SIGNS" (1:1)
2-YET, it is a literal book conveying literal truths
--Churches on earth in actual localities
--Personages on earth (John, World rulers, Israel
--Places on earth (7 churches, Jerus, Patmos,
--Heavenly realities

--Earthly phenomena
--Two Witnesses
--Twenty four Elders

3-SWETE writes: "...that of the 404 verses of the Apocalypse, there are 278 which contain references to the JEWISH SCRIPTURES." (P. cxl). Most of these quotations are from Psalms, Isaiah, Ezekiel and especially Daniel.

4-ILLUS---L.S.Chafer spoke of the Revelation as the GRAND CENTRAL STATION of the Bible. It is here that lines of truth from the other 65 books all converge. Without a fairly adequate knowledge of the other parts of Scripture---especially the prophetic sections---the Revelation will be well-nigh unintelligible.

D.-Present Message:

1-Utterly impossible to treat EVERYTHING in the Book in 1 message

2-Forced to pick out ONE THEME

3-That will be: "THE CHURCH IN THE REVELATION"

4-Outline:

--I.-The Church In The Churches (ON EARTH)--1:20--3:22
--II.-The Church In The Presence Of Christ (IN HEAVEN) --(4:1--5:19; 19:1-10)
--III.-The Church In Identification (19:11--22:21)

5-PROPOSITION--See the promises related to the Church
--See the deliverance related to the Church
--See the future as WITH CHRIST, and so sure, secure, and settled.!!!!

I.-THE CHURCH IN THE CHURCHES (On Earth): (1:20--3:22)--OVERLAY

A.-Local Churches & Local Pastors: (1:20-21)

B.-Church At Ephesus------DECLENSION----(2:1-7):

C.-Church At Smyrna-------SUFFERING-----(2:8-11):

D.-Church At Pergamos-----COMPROMISE----(2:12-17):

E.-Church AT Thyatira-----TOLERATION----(2:18-29):

F.-Church At Sardis-------RELIGIOSITY---(3:1-6):

G.-Church At Philadelphia---FIDELITY----(3:7-13):

H.-Church At Laodicea-----TEPIDITY------(3:14-19):

I.-Explanation:

1-Rev. 2 & 3 deal with CHURCHES
--7 historic churches in Asia
--7 categories of spiritual conditions of individuals & churches in any age
--7 PERIODS of Church History (with #s 6 & 7 running at the same time)

2-NO WARNING to the Church or to the Churches like Mt. 24:15-20.

because the CHURCH will be RAPTURED FIRST

3-Rapture promise in Rev. 3:10

--Church in Philadelphia==SPIRITUAL & VIBRANT testimony which is obedient to God's Word

--"Keep thee from (ἐκ==OUT OF) the hour of (the) temptation (test, or trial) which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth."

--Only TWO TESTS OR TRIALS that are UNIVERSAL:

** Test of the GOSPEL, & that is already present; not future

** Test of the TRIBULATION, & that is still future for the Church

--Very evident that the Church will not go into the tribulation, but will be kept "from"==OUT OF the tribulation.

J.-Divine Invitation:------(3:20-22)

1-Message from the RISEN CHRIST

2-Stands on the outside, but wants in to the churches

3-Related contextually to the CHURCHES; especially to the Laodicean Church, which says they "...have need of nothing"

4-Indeed, there are many Churches where Jesus is a STRANGER

5-His request: "Open the door" of your heart

6-Promises:--"I will come in"----------SALVATION

--"I will sup with him"------FELLOWSHIP

--"I will grant to sit with me in my throne"-----REWARDS

7-Warning: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches."

8-This is an EVANGELISTIC INVITATION------and it is proper to use it in the Church and to any who are UNSAVED.

II.-THE CHURCH IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST (IN HEAVEN): (4:1--5:14; 19:1-10)

(OVERLAY

A.-The Rapture Call:

1-Rev. 4:1-2

2-Symbolic "RAPTURE" of the Church in the experience of John, the author

3-Occurs "AFTER THIS" of the era of the Church on earth according to the outline God gives in Rev. 1:19

4-Fulfillment--Of John 14:1-3

--Of 1 Thess. 4:13-18

5-Church is removed BEFORE the tribulation of Rev. 6-18

6-According to the promises of God:

--Rom. 5:9--"Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

--1 Thess. 5:9--"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

B.-The Risen Christ:
1-Seated on His throne next to the Father (3:21)
2-Identified with the Father (4:2-3)
3-Worshipped with the Father (4:10-11)
4-Ways the Risen Christ is seen:
--As Creator------4:11
--As Redeemer-----5:9

C.-The Enthroned Elders:
1-These are IN HEAVEN (4:4)
2-BUT they've never been seen in heaven before!!! (Not in Isa. 6 or Ezekiel 1)
3-They are not angels, for they are distinguished from the angels in 5:11
4-They are redeemed & glorified beings (5:9)
5-NOTICE: They are in heaven BEFORE the tribulation which is seen in Rev. 6-18
6-These have been rewarded with "CROWNS" (στεφανος), which are promised to the CHURCH ALONE. — Rev. 4:4, 10-11
7-They are addressed as "kings and priests"
--5:10
--1:6--"And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
--20:6--"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on wuch the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."
--1 Pet. 2:5--"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."
--1 Pet. 2:9--"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;"
--Israel HAD a priesthood, but the Church IS a priesthood that will rule and reign with Christ.

D.-The Seven-Sealed Scroll: (5:1-7; Jer. 32:6-15)
1-"Book" =="SCROLL"
2-No man was worthy to take it & open it
3-No man, except "the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David"===Jesus Christ, for He is identified as "THE LAMB" (5:6)
4-Christ comes and takes the Scroll
--What is this scroll?
--TITTLE DEED to the earth and to the Kingdom
--ILLUS--Jer. 32:6-15
--Seen also in Daniel 7:13-14

E.-The Worship Of The Lamb: (5:8-14)
1-Living creatures (Cherubim; Ezek. 1:5 note) & Elders worship THE LAMB--5:8-10
--Sung a NEW SONG of redemption

--These Elders expect to REIGN with Christ

2-Angels also worship Him--5:11

3-Seven things given to Christ
- --5:12
- --We'll give Christ these in heaven
- --WHY NOT BE GIVING THEM TO HIM NOW ??

4-Grand reunion of the redeemed--5:13-14
- --WORSHIP is their occupation & joy

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F.-Intervening Details

1-NEXT SECTION of the Book of Revelation is ON EARTH
- --Rev. 6 thru 18
- --7 SEAL Judgments
- --7 TRUMPET Judgments
- --7 BOWL Judgments

2-NO MENTION of the Church as being on earth during any of these chapters, though there is a detailed explanation of all the important events and characters who are on earth.

3-No conflict in heaven, but much conflict on earth

4-Called "the tribulation, the great one" (Rev. 7:14)

5-Church is receiving her rewards at the JUDGMENT SEAT as crowns are bestowed for spiritual service, and she is fellowshipping with Christ; RESTING from her warfare, which is past

6-Then there's a return from the earthly scene of Rev. 6-18 to heaven to hear...

G.-The Four Hallelujahs: (19:1-6)

1-Scene is heaven again

2-Lamentation on earth, but REJOICING in heaven

3-Saints in glory are rejoicing because in spite of all that man & Satan can do, GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE !!

H.-The Marriage Of The Lamb: (19:7-10)

1-"Wife" is the CHURCH, who is called His BRIDE in 21:9

2-Identified with the Lamb forever--OUR CULMINATION

3-"The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy"

4-Means that prophecy must be CHRISTOLOGICALLY interpreted to be understood at all!

III.-THE CHURCH IN IDENTIFICATION: (OVERLAY)

A.-Identified In His Second Advent: (Rev. 19:11-16)

B.-Identified In His Administration:

1-Of Judgment--19:17--20:3

2-Of Millennial Government--20:4-6

3-Of Final Judgments--------20:7-15

C.-Identified In His Eternal Order: (21:1-8)

D.-Identified In His Millennial Glory: (21:9--22:5)

F.-Identified In His Gracious Invitation: (22:17)

5/30/71 – Westbrae — #218 – Let Us Crown Him
#168 – Hold The Fort

6/6/71 — #120 – When I See The Blood
#185 – Victory Thru Grace

4 Overlays

(1) — Rev. 1:19 – Key To Book
(2) — I – Outline – The Church On Earth
(3) — II – " – The Church In Heaven
(4) — III – " – The Church In Identification

"IN HIS HAND"

Rev. 1:1-20
Isa. 6:1-5

INTRO:

A.-We Would See Jesus:
1-Read John 12:20-23
2-Join these Greeks
--Men of "outsider" background
--Men of spiritual desire
--Men of proper information, for they sought their heart need to be fulfilled in Jesus
3-Jesus promised a view of Himself as the GLORIFIED SON OF MAN
4-Where do we see Him thus?
5-Rev. 1:1-18

B.-How Would We See Jesus?:
1-The Glorious Christ--His portrayal
--His place
--His Person
2-The Glorious Confrontation--John's past record
--John's present reaction
--Jesus' precious reassurances
3-These lead the child of God to THE GLORIOUS CONFIDENCE that he is "IN HIS HAND"
4-Let's look and see....

I.-THE GLORIOUS CHRIST (1:10-16):

A.-His Portrayal---"JUDGE":
1-His dress--As a Judge
--As a Priest-Judge
--Glorious in appearance
2-Garment--not girt at waist for walking (Lk. 12:35)
--Not laid aside for serving (Jn. 13:4)
--But worn in dignity and splendor
--Same Gk. term as EPHOD of the H. P. in LXX
3-Called "SON OF MAN"--Used of Ezekiel about 100 times
--Used of Daniel one time
--Used by Christ of Himself about 70 times in the gospels
4-The Judge--Quickens the dead spiritually
--Jn. 5:25--"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."
--Quickens the dead physically
--Jn. 5:28-"Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth..."
--Judges all men
--John 5:22--"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son;"

--Executes judgment
--John 5:27--"And hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man"

5-Acts 17:29-32---Read

6-How do we react to the news of Chrust as JUDGE?
--Mock Him?
--Delay decision?
--Cleave to Him while we may?

B.-His Place---"IN THE MIDST":

1-Candlesticks=="Lampstands"
--7 of them ** that's not all there were
** 7 is a representative number
** representative of local churches
** 1:20 proves this
--golden or precious

2-Christ was "IN THE MIDST"
--Of the Churches
--No synod here
--No convention mentioned
--No general assembly authorized
--No conference of control
--No diocese of direction
--INDIVIDUAL churches were addressed
--First I.F.C.A. churches--Independent Fundamental Churches of ASIA
--Distinguish 7 Lampstands from 7 in 1 lampstand of Israel's tabernacle (Lev. 24:1-4)
--Each of these 7 lampstands was a literal church
--Each stood on its own base
--Each was to cast its light out into the gloomy world
--Lampstands were not THE LIGHT
--Lampstands were LIGHTBEARERS
--Not in the Sanctuary, as Israel's was
--But in the WORLD to shine the light to the LOST
--Phs. 2:15-16--"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the Word of life;"
--How wonderfully Christ is associated with us--"IN THE MIDST OF THE CHURCHES.
--ILLUS----Three men were treading over the inhospitable mountains of South Georgia in the Antarctic, in an attempt to rescue the rest of the SOUTH POLAR PARTY.

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a subject so near our hearts."

Those who cleave to God will find that in the time of need, He is ever near, ever "IN THE MIDST".

3-Church is "HIS BODY" as the corporate term, but the unity of these churches was not organizational; rather as an organism of which He is Head

4-We live in a day of corporateness
- --in business
- --in politics
- --in the ecumenical movement
- --but NOT in the true churches
- --Each church had relationship to Christ in the midst
- --Each church had responsibility to Christ in the midst
- --They needed to heed "what the Spirit saith to the churches"
- --SO DO WE !
- --Remember---He Who stands "in the midst" will JUDGE as to our use of the Light as a church
- --We have a need to BURN BRIGHTLY

5-Seven Stars--Some suggest all believers are intended
- --Others suggest that church leaders are intended
- --Meaning in 1:20b
- --Angels==Messengers==Pastors
- --These are in HIS RIGHT HAND
- --Wonderful truth
- --Believers are STARS: Christ is the SUN
- --Remember, stars have no glory of their own, but are merely REFLECTORS.
- --Believers have no independent light of our own

C.-His Person--Appearance (1:12-16):

1-John recognizes Christ because he saw Him thus on the Mt. of Transfiguration as the GLORIFIED SON OF MAN (Mt. 17:6-7)

2-Clothing--garment to the feet
- --feet not covered by garment
- --Neither material nor color specified
- --The EPHOD as worn by the High Priest
- --Girt with a golden girdle
- --About the breasts
- --Part of the DOUBLE girdle of Isa. 11:5--"And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins."
- --About the waist for service.
- --About the breasts for majesty and sustenance

3-Head--Hair like wool; white as snow
- --Color of PURITY, deathlessness, holiness
- --Eyes as a flame
- --Discerning capacity
- --He sees all
- --We are "naked" before His eyes

4-Feet----Like fine brass
- --Burned in a furnace
- --Thru the fire FOR US
- --Emblem of Judgment

5-Voice--As the sound of many waters
--Grandeur & Majesty
--AUTHORITY
--Voice that brought about creation
--Voice that stilled the sea with the hush & calm of a sleeping child

6-Right Hand--Stars are there
--In the position of His power
--In the place of honor

7-Mouth--Sharp, 2-edged sword
--Word proceeds from His mouth
--Personal from Him
--Written revelation
--Heb. 4:12--"For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper thany any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

8-Countenance--As the sun
--Shineth in his strength
--Once the spittle of men was on His face
--Now the glory of God shines there
--SPLENDOR

II.-THE GLORIOUS CONFRONTATION (1:17-18):

A.-John's Past Record:

1-Met the Lord thru John the Baptist
2-Pillowed his head on Jesus bosom
3-With Christ at the Mt. of Transfiguration
4-With Christ in Gethsemane along with Peter & James
5-Outran Peter to the tomb
6-Worshipped Christ when he was risen
7-Rapt attention as Christ went up to glory

B.-John's Present Reaction:

1-"And when I saw Him"--Personal confrontation
--Christ was the OBJECT of attention
--Oh, for such a view of Him
--The GLORIFIED CHRIST

2-"I fell"--right place
--At His feet
--Personal awe and worship
--Saw the Lord.....and himself
--Isa. 6:1-9
--Josh. 5:13-15
--Job 42:1-6
EXAMPLES

3-Heb. 12:28-29--"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear; For our God is a consuming fire."

4-Do WE---See His glory
---See His glory in us?
---See His glory in the churches today?

5-Is our lack because we fail to SEE HIM?

6-Phil. 3:10

C.-Jesus' Precious Reassurance:

1-His Hand--His right hand
--He laid His hand upon me, said John
--Encouragement
--Reassurance
--ILLUS--It was among the Alpine heights. A dangerous crossing had been reached and the passengers were fearful. Reaching out his hand, the guide said to one, "THAT HAND HAS NEVER LOST A MAN." The traveler passed in safety.

Christ is THE GUIDE who has us in His RIGHT HAND. He never fails one who trusts Him. He is able to save unto the uttermost---that is all the way through. Not only can He save the vilest sinner who comes--He can do that, for He has once died for us. But He is able to save right on to the very end the very weakest believer because He ever lives for us. His hand never lost a man.....or a woman.....or a child. His own word is....

--John 10:27-29 (READ)
--Rom. 8:35-39

2-His Words

--"FEAR NOT" **Comfort amidst earth's dreads
**Peace to a troubled heart
**He knows our needs
**He is "touched" by our infirmities
**Heb. 4:15-16--"For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."
**Wonderful!
**ILLUS--When you have HIM in your heart who is able to say "Fear Not", it does make a difference. An Englishman was traveling thru Ceylon & he tells this tale:

"As I was dining with friends in their home in Timcomelec I was startled to hear the hostess ask her servant to place a bowl of milk on the deerskin rug near her chair. He knew at once there was A COBRA IN THE ROOM, for they prefer milk to anything else. We also knew that a hasty movement meant death, so all sat like statues. Soon, to our amazement, a cobra uncoiled itself from my hostess' ankle & swiftly glided toward the milk, where it was quickly killed."

What a triumph of self control over an unusual circumstance. What we need is to have the faith in our hearts toward the Lord Jesus Christ which that woman had toward a bowl of milk, when any circumstance would seem to threaten to dislodge us from The Savior's hand.

--"I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST"
**Jesus is unchanged
**Compassionate now, as before!
**Divine title (Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12)
**Self-existent One
**Before all
**After all
**Purpose of all
**Here's a rock for weary feet & faint hearts.

--"I AM HE THAT LIVETH" =="The Living One"
**Wages of sin have no claim on Him
**Death has been suffered
**He is ALIVE---forever
**He is alive beyond the grave & death can have no more claim
**No double jepardy
**"The Living One" was a designation often used by the Jews to distinguish the true God from all false ones
**I Kings 18:15--"And Elijah said, As the Lord of hosts liveth..."

--"AND HAVE THE KEYS..."
**Death demands the body
**Sheol demands the soul (The unseen place of the departed)
**These are states, more than places
**Jesus has the KEYS of both
**Complete mastery is in His hand
**Death has lost its sting
**Sheol has lost its prey
**The Lord God Omnipotent----He is JESUS CHRIST
**Wonderful hope in these Words of Christ
**Since we know Who holds the key of life and death and service of our lives, how wonderful it is to be able to fully trust Him
**ILLUS--A consecrated missionary whose life was in peril, wrote to a friend at home, "The days ahead of us are quite full of uncertainty, but 'God holds the key to all unknown, and I am glad'" He has given us a delightful peace of mind and in His Father-care we are not only safe, but secure."
**How wonderful to know Him !

CONCLUSION:

A.-Recapitulation:

1-The Glorious Christ--Portrayal as JUDGE
--Placed "IN THE MIDST"
--Person as He Appears

2-The Glorious Confrontation--Past Record of John
--Present Reaction of John
--Precious Reassurances of Jesus

3-Leads to.....THE GLORIOUS CONFIDENCE
**Because of the glorified Christ
**Because Judgment is PAST for the Christia
**Because we are "IN HIS HAND"
**ILLUS--One day I heard of an old Negro preacher. Someone asked him how long he'd been serving the Lord. "Fifty years," he replied.

"Well, Uncle," this friend said, "after keeping the faith for so long, you must feel pretty confident of HOLDING OUT to the end."

"Ah, my friend," he replied, "its only a question of whether de Lord can hold on, and I reckon I can TRUST HIM for that."

B.-Questions For You:

1-Does Jesus have you "IN HIS HAND" ???
--Think of what you're missing
--Think of what that Hand offers
--Won't you trust Him today?

2-Have you--Seen Him?
--Fallen at His feet?

3-Does your life show it? Can everyone tell Who you belong to?

Why not settle decisions as we sing" BLESSED ASSURANCE"

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Hymns: A Shelter In The Time Of Storm
I Know Whom I Have Believed
Blessed Assurance

In His Hand--Revelation 1:9-20

Intro. A.- Many who are troubled in heart & uncertain concerning their destiny, though they claim to have placed their faith in Jesus Christ.

B.- Reason----Your God is too SMALL --

C.- Let us look at the Lord in all of His power & purity.

I.- PRIEST

A.-Place--"in the midst"-------illus. Three men were treading over the inhospitable mountains & treacherous glaciers of South Georgia in the Antarctic, in an attempt to rescue the rest of the South Polar party. Later, Sir Ernest Shackelton wrote in his diary: "When I look back at those days, I have no doubt that God guided us...During that long & racing march of 36 hrs. over the unnamed mountains & glaciers of S. Georgia, it seemed to me that we were four, not three. I said nothing to my companions on this point, but afterward Worsely said to me, "Boss, I had a curious feeling on the march that there was another person with us." Crean confessed the same idea. One feels the dearth of human words, the roughness of mortal speech, in trying to describe things intangible, but a record of our journeys would not be complete without a reference to a subject so near our hearts." Those who cleave to God will find that in the time of need, He is ever near.

B.-Person--"the Son of Man" ever "in the midst"

C.-Paraphernalia--1-garment to the foot.
2-girt with a girdle

D.-Purity---"white"

E.-Prospect (Aspect)--1--eyes--discerning
2--feet--tried in judgment

II.- PROPHET

A.-Voice--of majesty--of many waters

B.-Word--the sword from His mouth--Heb.4:12"For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

C.-POWER--"in His right hand."
1-Angel = minister = an individual believer
2-right hand--hand of strength & power.
* 3-Security--John 10:27-31 ILLUS--You ask, "Who can stand alone?" A minister traveling on a Continental train was the sole occupant of a compartment, save for a young man reading a newspaper. The youth was also a Christian, but so weak was his faith, and so many were his temptations, that he told the minister he did not think he could stand life a week longer. The minister took from his pocket a penknife and a Bible, and said, "See, I will make this penknife stand up on the cover of this bible, in spite of the rocking of the train." The young man, thinking this was some conjuring trick, watched the proceedings with interest, saying, "I am afraid that it will not be very easy to do that, sir." "But," said the minister, "I am doing it." "Oh, but you are holding it," retorted his fellowpassenger. "Why of course. Did you ever hear or a penknife standing up on its end without being held up?" The young man then saw that the minister meant that he could not stand up for a moment either were it not for Christ holding him up.

4.-No separation when we are in His Hand--Rom.8:31-39.

D.-Let us return now to this wonderful picture of our wonderful Lord.

III.-KING

A.-Splendor--"as the sun"

B.-Awe inspiring sight to see HIM--"fell at His feet"

C.-Peace---"Fear not"---Illus--When you have HIM in your heart who is able to say "Fear not" it does make a difference. An Englishman was traveling through Celon & he tells this tale. "As I was dining with friends in their home in Timcomelec I was startled to hear the hostess ask her servant to place a bowl of milk on the deerskin rug near her chair. He knew at once there was a COBRA in the room, for they prefer milk to anything else. He also knew that a hasty movement meant death, so we sat like statues. Soon, to our amazement, a cobra uncoiled itself from my hostess' ankle & swiftly glided toward the milk, where it was quickly killed." What a triumph of self control over unusual circumstances! What we need is to have is the faith in our hearts toward Jesus Christ which this woman had concerning that bowl of milk, when anyone or anything would rob us of our peace and security of our place in the Savior's hand.

D.-Assurance --17d & 18

E.-Command---Write----

F.-Since we know who holds the key of life & death & service of our lives, how wonderful it is to be able to fully trust Him. A consecrated missionary whose life was in peril, wrote to a friend at hom, "The days ahead of us are quite full of uncertainty, but 'God holds the key to all unknown, and I am glad.' He has given us a delightful peace of mind and in His Father-care we are not only safe, but secure." How wonderful to know Him.

F.-Command--"write"--Ours is the duty to "tell the story"

Concl.---A.-The Mystery--1:20--the place of the saint of God as the object of love of the God of the Universe. He who is Prophet-Priest-&-King is concerned overyou and over me.

B.-We are the objects of HIS preserving & KEEPING POWER. John 13:1---One day I heard of an old Negro Preacher. Someone asked him how long He'd been serving the Lord. "Fifty years" he replied. "Well, Uncle," this friend said, "after keeping the faith for so long, you must feel pretty confident of holding out to the end!" "Ah, massa," he replied, "its only a question of whether de Lord can hold on, and I reckon I can trust HIM."

C.-Our need then, is to see Christ as Isaiah saw him in Isa. 6.

1-The Lord--high & lifted up.

2-own sinfullness.

3-cleansing

4-willingness to serve

How To RECEIVE CHRIST — Rev. 3:20.

Intro

A.- Three Questions

1- Are you interested in spiritual things?

2- Have you ever thought of BECOMING a christian?

3- Suppose someone were to ask you "WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?", what would you say

B.- Three Verses

1 - Rom. 3:23 — All sinners

2- Rom 6:23 - Wages
- Gift

3- John 1:12 ← Must RECEIVE Him
— Thus, get Eternal Life
— More than BELIEVING
— Takes an ACTION OF THE WILL

I.- HERE'S HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST

A.- Recapitulation:

1- Remember, God offers us a free gift of Eternal life

2- That gift is in the PERSON of Jesus Christ

3- In order to receive the gift we must RECEIVE HIM

4- Now listen carefully
— This is the voice of the Lord Jesus speaking to you
— (Read w/ authority)

B.- Rev. 3:20:

1- Leave off the end of the verse — confusing
2- "Behold, I stand at the door..."
— That's the Lord Jesus speaking
— That DOOR is the door of your heart
— Point finger at heart
Touch chest if of same sex
Touch arm if not same sex
3- Notice — "If any man hear my voice and open the door..."
— That means ANYONE
— Man, woman, youth or child
— Our part is to OPEN THAT DOOR
— He promises:
"I WILL COME IN"
— Let it soak in

4- Human free will
- God gave it
- You're responsible for its exercise
- God won't violate it
- God won't break down the door
- Though He could
- He wants to BE INVITED IN
- He wants your invitation

5- If I were a good friend of yours & I came to your house & knocked ——— what would you say?

6- "I'd say, 'COME IN'"

7- Important to involve him

8- Crucial point ——— DON'T WAVER

9- "The Lord Jesus is waiting to come into your heart ——— right now. Will you ask Him in? Will you open the door?"

II. — FOUR POSSIBLE RESPONSES:

A.- When He Says ——— "YES":

1- "All right then, would you bow your head with me and I'll introduce you to the Lord

(You bow first; he'll follow)

2- Prayer -

"Dear Lord, thank you for being so gentle & patient with us in waiting for us to open our hearts to you. You make it so easy. I know that you want to meet (name) and be His SAVIOR. He is waiting to talk with you, Lord, and ask you to come into his heart. Here he is now."

3- "Won't you ask the Lord in your own words to come into your heart and become your Savior? Could you do that? He's waiting

4- If he hesitates —— suggest that you lead in prayer + he follow

B.- When He Says —— "NO":

1- "You feel you can't do it now, hmmh? Well I'm glad you're honest about it. It would be awful to say you asked Christ to come into your heart and not mean it. It's better this way, but we do want to make sure where we stand" —— (pause)

2- "Now, I didn't ask to come into your heart, did I?"

3 — "NO"

4 - Then you're not REFUSING ME, are you?

5 - "No"

6- You are actually refusing the gift of Eternal Life. When you refuse to let Christ come into your heart, you are refusing the gift. That's clear to you isn't it

7 — YES —— Don't let this discourage you

8- "Actually — you don't need me or anyone else around when it comes time for you to receive Christ.
- This is between you and Him
- Even tonight in your bed you can receive Him
- Just simply trust Him, AND IN THAT INSTANT you will be saved."

C.- When He Says — NOTHING!

1- Silent — because a struggle is going on
— Give him a few seconds
— Then YOU must act
— Satan is busy
— Critical moment

2- Be bold + press for a DECISION

3- Remember — You cannot make the decision for him
— But you can bring him to his decision
— Don't try trickery
— Try to be helpful
— Trust the TT

4- "Bow your head with me, please".

"Follow me, if you will, and we'll pray together. 'Dear Lord Jesus, I confess that I'm a sinner. I here and now OPEN THE DOOR

of my heart. I invite you to come in, & now put my trust in you as my PERSONAL Savior. Amen"

(6)

5- QUESTION — Did you mean it when you asked Jesus to come into your heart?

6- "Of course. Otherwise I wouldn't have said it."

7- "All right, then, as best you are able, you have opened the door, haven't you?

8- "YES"

9- "What did the Lord say He'd do if you'd open your heart?"

10- "He said He'd come in"

11- "Is He a LIAR?"

12- "No, He's no liar."

13- "Well, then, WHERE IS HE NOW?"

14- "He's in my heart"

15- That's RIGHT! And that's how you know you're saved, because God has promised, and He doesn't lie.

16- Now — Something on your own — Won't you bow + pray, saying THANK YOU, LORD for the gift of Eternal Life.

D.- When He Says — "I'VE ALREADY DONE THAT"

1- Rejoice in your heart

2- Ask him WHEN he received Christ

3- Urge him to begin to GROW so that the new life will SHOW

D.- When He Says — "I'VE ALREADY DONE THAT":

1- Rejoice in your heart — ASK HIM WHEN (7)
2- Urge that person to begin to GROW so the new life will SHOW

III.- COUNSEL TO A NEW CONVERT

A.- Take place among the redeemed in a local church
- 1- Bring him with you
- 2- Find one for him

B.- Urge him to make an OPEN CONFESSION
- 1- Rom. 10:9-10
- 2- In family unit
- 3- In church

C.- Get him started
- 1- In prayer
- 2- In Bible reading & study
- 3- With 1 John 5:9-13
- 4- With Safety, Certainty & Enjoyment

D.- Get name & address
- 1- To get him into a church
- 2- To send him more literature

— B- Rations
— Counsel To A New Convert

E.- Question — "Now, if someone were to ask you 'ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN' what would you say?"

INTRO: A.-Setting Of The Stage:

1-Shortly after the end of W.W. II, Winston Churchill made a memorable speech in which he said that because of the tremendous war damage and impoverishment in Europe, we must build a kind of UNITED STATES OF EUROPE.

It is hardly likeley that Mr. Churchill knew that he was speaking prophetically, but there is taking place before our very eyes the fulfillent of a prophecy out of Daniel made some 2,500 years ago, and with startling exactitude.

In 1957 some representatives from 6 European nations met in the city of ROME in a historic palace on Capitoline Hill--one of the famous spots of the Caesars of ancient Rome. There these statesmen formed what is generally called the "COMMON MARKET", or more correctly, the European Economic Community. At first this union of nations was stricly economic.

For centures the nations of central Europe have battled & argued on points of tariffs economic problems. In some there has been an intense nationalistic spirit, though such far-sighted men as JEAN MONNET of France have envisioned the breakdown of these economic barriers, and the full-orbed cooperation of men and nations.

In our day it has fallen to a German professor, Walter Hallstein to be executor of this new union of nations. According to Hallstein, the new Common Market is well on its way to building a third world power. It is more than a customs union, with an aim that is not just business, but politics as well. He believes that within the next year or so the "New Europe" will incorporate TEN OR MORE nations with a population of 250 million and a gross national production nearly double that of Russia, and with dollar reserves nearly twice as large as America's.

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Strange as it may seem in the light of the old nationalisms, Europe's people--especially the young--are "thinking continental". No longer do they consider themselves Dutch, German, or French, but EUROPEANS with a common cause.

The business angle has spirited ahead with tremendous growth. New freedoms from economic barriers has already produced a car whose engine is made in Italy, the body in West Germany, and sold in France. There is a general judiciary to settle disputes, and a common market in farm goods, as well as the NATO alliance for common defense.

All of this has ostensibly because of the ECONOMIC pressure exerted by the two giants--the USA and Russia, as the smaller countries have felt they had to unite to compete with these two leaders. There is also a Biblical significance with a climactic destiny which is involved in this fulfillment of long-ago revealed prophecies.

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B.-Our Purpose:

1-Bible declares that the leader of a politically united Europe--THE ANTICHRIST--will not be revealed until the Spirit in the Church is taken away.

2-Therefore no one can identify his person today

3-However, we dare not ignore the predictions of

Scriptures which have been given us as "a lamp that shineth in a dark place" (2 Pet. 1:19)

4-PROP:--To make clear the identifying marks of the Antichrist according to the Word, and be aware of his program which is so clearly being prepared for in Europe

5-WHY ?
a--To avoid fanaticism
b--To instill informed balance
c--To FOREWARN the lost

C.-Our Message:

1-The DESCRIPTION of the Antichrist — THIS MESSAGE
2-The DOMINANCE of the Antichrist — NEXT MESSAGE
3-The DOOM of the Antichrist — NEXT MESSAGE

I.-THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ANTICHRIST:

A.-His Names:

* 1-No one knows his PERSONAL name *
2-Descriptive names are given
--Pink lists 27 in his book "THE ANTICHRIST", including:
** Little horn--Dan. 7:8
** Wilful king--Dan. 11:36
** Prince that shall come--Dan. 9:26
** Man of sin--2 Thess. 2:3
** Son of perdition--2 Thess. 2:3
** The lawless one--2 Thess. 2:8
** Antichrist--1 John 2:22
** The Beast--Rev. 13:1
--J. Dwight Pentecost adds 4 more, including:
** The one coming in his own name--Jn. 5:43
** King of fierce countenance--Dan. 8:23
** Abomination of desolation--Mt. 24:15
--By whatever name he is called, he is SATAN's masterpiece of IMITATION of the program of God, as seen by...
3-Two terms of import by which he is called
--ANTICHRIST == one who is against Christ; an opposer
-- 1 Jn. 2:18--"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that (THE) antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."
--FALSE CHRISTS ==Pseudo Christs
= one who claims to be Christ
--Mt. 24:24--"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets..."
--Mt. 24:5--"For many shall come in my name, saying, I AM CHRIST; and shall deceive many."
4-He will be a MAN--Rev. 13:18--"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man;"
5-A trap to be avoided is in seeking to identify someone of our own day as this individual. That only brings reproach on the proper study of Scr.

6-ILLUS.--Louis Napoleon was identified as the Antichrist according to an article written in 1863, & it was "proven" by his name:

--Latin form of Louis:

L =	50
V =	5
D =	500
O =	0
V =	5
I =	1
C =	100
V =	5
S =	0
	666

Gk. form of Napoleon:

N =	50
A =	1
P =	80
O =	70
L =	30
E =	5
O =	70
N =	50
T =	300
I =	10
	666

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--Corresponding to the Beast's number--666 (Rev. 13:18)
--Man who devised that formula is DEAD...and so is Napoleon, but Antichrist has not yet come

B.-His Nationality:

1-Rev. 13:1-3

--A Beast arises out of the SEA
--Sea is a picture of Gentile nations; Not a JEW !
--Horns & crowns indicate (17:12) that there is to be a ten king confederacy, so a POLITICAL LEADER
--Ruler of them all is "The Beast" because of his beastly character & actions
--Characteristics of the Beast (Rev. 13:2)
** Like a LEOPARD--swiftness of conquest, as in the Macedonian Empire
** Feet as of a BEAR--Tenacity of purpose as of the Medo-Persian empire
** Mouth as of a LION--Voracity to consume enemies, as of the Roman empire
--"Wounded to death" (Rev. 13:3)--TWO VIEWS:
** Resurrected man--As Nero (1)
--Or Judas Iscariot
--Because of Rev. 17:8
--Remember, Satan has no power to give life
** Reference to the restored Roman Empire (2)
NB (1) (2)
Hard from this vantage point to be dogmatic, because sometimes the MAN is in view, & sometimes the EMPIRE is in view

2-Dan. 9:26--Destruction of Jerusalem was in 70 A.D. by TITUS, a ROMAN with Roman soldiers
--The "Prince that shall come" is of those same people; ----A ROMAN
--In modern terminology; an Italian
--That led many to think Mussolini might be "The Prince" back in the 1930's

C.-His Religion:

1-Big place in Antichrist's scheme of things for religion, but not for Christ

2-He will be **Against Christ** & the Father in open defiance
- --**Rev. 13:6**
- --Fruit of his mouth shows his **blasphemous** character as a **hater** & **derider** of God
- --**Dan. 7:25**--"And he shall speak great words against the Most High,"
- --**1 Jn. 2:22**--"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."

3-**Temporarily** (for 3½ years) he'll **go along** with the ecumenical movement pictured by the Harlot of Rev. 17
- --Eventually **he'll break** with organized religion and destroy it
- --**Rev. 17:16**--"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, & shall make her desolate & naked, and shall eat her flesh, & burn her with fire."

4-Then he'll **exalt himself** as **God**
- --**2 Th. 2:4**--"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God"
- --**Dan. 11:36-38**
- --Blasphemous assumption of DEITY

5-So great will be his power that his subjects--multitudes of them--will gladly worship him
- --**Rev. 13:8**
- --As in the **EMPEROR-WORSHIP** of the old Roman empire

6-This **counterfeit religion** & worship of Antichrist will be implimented thru **an image** with supernatural powers
- --**Rev. 13:14b-15**
- --**Mt. 24:15**--"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)"
- --**IMAGE** of the Beast placed in the **Jewish Temple** in Jerus.

→ 7-Antichrist will also have his **"False Prophet"**
- --**Rev. 16:13**--"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet."
- --**Rev. 13:11-16**
- --Out of the **earth**; **the land** of ISRAEL; evidently a **JEW**
- --Part of the **Satanic trinity**
- --**Deceptive** in religious affairs (**Rev. 13:11**)
- --**Powerful** (**Rev. 13:12**)
- --Promotes the **worship** of the Beast (**Rev. 13:12**)

D.-His Power:

1-**Superhuman** power--**From Satan** himself
- --**Rev. 13:2, 4**
- --**2 Thess. 2:9**--"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."
- --To him **Satan gives** the **power** offered to Christ (**Mt. 4:8-9**)

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2-No wonder many will be deceived

3-Miraculous performances will support his contention that HE IS GOD

4-People will believe the LIE & worship and serve "the creature rather than the Creator" (Rom.1:25

CONCLUSION:

A.-Our Message:

1-Antichrist is coming.....that's sure

2-Details are very clear

--His NAME
--His NATIONALITY
--His RELIGION
--His POWER

3-Need today to be aware.....and WARNED !

B.-Your Choice:

1-It's your soul that is at stake....ETERNALLY !

2-Witnesses to Jesus as Savior

--Jn. 5:33-35--John the Baptist
--Jn. 5:36-----Jesus' own works
--Jn. 5:37-38--The Father
--Jn. 5:39--The Scriptures
--"(Ye) search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

3-Reaction--Jn. 5:40--"And ye will not come to me that ye might have life."

--WILFUL REJECTION of God's provided salvat'n
--Predisposition of an evil heart
--Predisposition of a perverted will

4-Alternatives are CLEAR

--Jn. 5:43--"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."

--Receive Christ.....

--....OR....You're "open game" for Antichrist, who comes in his own name

5-What choice do you make?

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INTRO: Questions for

A.-on Today's Scene?:

1-QUESTION:--Is it possible that the future world dictator, the Antichrist, is living somewhere now upon this earth, unmindful of the role he will play on the world scene?

2-OTHER QUESTIONS:

--If he is alive today, is he one of the men who is presently occupying a prominent place of leadership?

--Or is he still in the shadows, in the wings, so to speak and awaiting his time of prominence?

3-These are **interesting questions** to which one might receive a variety of answers

--Some affirm that it is quite probable that that this future world dictator is **alive today.**

--Others insist that this coming Antichrist will not be **an ordinary man, but** will be a **resurrected individual,** believing that one of the great historic enemies of Christ will be brought back to earth to be the Antichrist.

B.-Why Is Antichrist Not NOW Revealed?:

1-Two reasons we can give

2-First reason--The **full number of saved** ones must be brought into the Church **before** our Savior returns and the Man of Sin is revealed

--Rom. 11:25--"For I would not, brethren that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."

--The last one to be a part of the Ch.

** **Might be saved here**

** Might come to Christ thru your witness

3-Second reason

--**Full measure** of human **wickedness** is not yet accomplished...though progressing RAPIDLY

--**2 Thess. 2:5-8a** (READ)

--ILLUS ** Promise of land--Gen. 13:14-17

** Promise of temporary delay & dispossession--Gen. 15:13.

** **Reason** for delay--Gen. 15:16

** "the iniquity of the Ammorites is not yet full"

--**So it is true today** that God sees the iniquity of this world as **"not quite full"....YET**

--William Ward AYER --"But the true Antichrist has not yet appeared on the world scene, because **the complete ripeness of human evil** is not yet here, though its approach seems

imminent." (King's Business article, May 1960)

4-So, God is -- Promising to deal with "His very own" now

- still giving the world an opportunity to repent

--Rom. 2:4--"Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"

5-But most will reject

6-Rom. 2:5-6--"But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds:"

7-No reason to believe He'll continue to delay very long

8-Heb. 10:37--"For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry!"

C.-Our Messages On Antichrist:

1-The DESCRIPTION of Antichrist (LAST MESSAGE)

--His Name
--His Nationality
--His Religion
--His Power

2-The DOMINANCE of Antichrist)-----This message

3-The DOOM of Antichrist

4-PROP:----To be aware of the program of Antichrist according to God's Word as we see the world "shaping up" for his arising as a world dictator

5-WHY ??--------To avoid fanaticism
--To instill informed balance
--To FOREWARN the lost

I.-THE DOMINANCE OF THE ANTICHRIST:

A.-Power In Diplomacy:

1-Diplomat of the highest order
--Cunning & shrewd
--Power & prestige thru a PEACE PLAN for the world
--How the world is clamoring for such a man.....
.....even today!

- OIL for all
- ARAB/ISRAEL conflict
- ECONOMIC prosperity
- EAST/WEST tensions !

2-Rev. 6:2--"And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

--Notice....he carries a BOW, but no arrows
--No combat to win his victories
--Only "PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP" as his message
--False promises cause many to follow him
--Dan. 8:25--"And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall he destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

3-COVENANT WITH ISRAEL for 7 years
--Dan. 9:27--And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week (7 years): and in the midst of the week he

shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

(3)

--BREAKS his covenant at the end of 3½ years
--Isa. 33:8--"...he hath broken the covenant"...
* --Isa. 28:15, 18 (READ) Disregards his promises
--Israel will learn, to her sorrow, that it is folly to place confidence in the word of Antichrist

4-Peace will be short-lived
--Just the time the Jews have settled down to what they think is PERFECT SAFETY under the Beast's protection, something will happen that will cause the world dictator to BREAK HIS COVENANT with Israel & turn loose upon them the most vicious program the world has ever seen
--Mt. 24:21-22a--"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved:..."
--1 Thess. 5:3--"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child and they shall not escape."
--MORE Jews will perish than were liquidated under the reign of Hitler & Eichmann
--Zech. 13:8-9--"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried."...

5-By this diplomacy and Satanic power he rises to the leadership of a coalition government with the Antichrist as its head, or DICTATOR, over European nations with headquarters in ROME.

B.-Power In War:

1-First ½ of the Tribulation will be a time of relative peace
→ 2-Peace broken by Russian invasion of Israel (Ezek. 38-39)
3-Russia is defeated --By Western Confederacy armies
--By Divine intervention thru nature

4-Antichrist emerges as a WORLD RULER
--Dan. 11:36, 40-43 (Read)
--Rev. 13:4c
--Rev. 13:7b

5-ILLUS--During the 1930's there was a resurgence of the "Dream of Empire" in Italy. In virtually every Italian home two pictures hung on the wall. One was of MUSSOLINI, and the other was of the EXPANDING EMPIRE.
--In those days every child born in Italy had to learn the FASCIST CREED----a blasphemous parody of the Apostles' Creed. That creed read:
"I believe in Rome eternal, the Mother of my fatherland; and in Italy, her firstborn; who is born of her virgin

womb by the grace of God; who suffered under the barbarian invader, was crucified, slain and buried; who descended into the sepulchre, and rose from the dead in the 19th century; who ascended to heaven in her glory in 1918 and 1922 (by the march on Rome); who is seated at the right hand of Mother Rome; who will come thence to judge the quick and the dead; I believe in the genius of Mussolini; in our Holy Father, Fascism, and in the communion of its martyrs; in the conversion of the Italians; and in the resurrection of the Empire! Amen."

6-Such a **blasphemous following** of a **ROMAN MAN in war** has happened **before**, and will occur **again**!

7-Also Antichrist will **persecute the saints** of Israel

--**Rev. 13:7a**

--**Rev. 20:4**--"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands."

--**Dan. 7:25**--"And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High..."

C.--Power In Religion!

1-**Temporary cooperation** with the **Ecumenical movement**

2-**HITLER**---**Mussolini**---"Il Duce"----in his **temporary Concordat** with the **Pope** of Rome

3-Men are working hard today **to unite the religions** of the world **under ONE HEAD**----**BOTH** Christian religions and non-christian religions

4-**Worship** with the **BEAST** as its object will be WORLD-WIDE

--Rev. 13:4

--Rev. 13:8

--Rev. 13:12

--Hislop, in his book, "THE TWO BABYLONS"--a volume that is still of tremendous value because of its clear documentation---traces the **Satanic religious system** from pre-Abrahamic times, and gives example after example demonstrating how the **devil** has always sought to present a **COUNTERFEIT** of the TRUTH.

5-Deception will **reach to many** of the unbelieving in Israel

--**Rev. 13:14**

--**2 Cor. 11:13-15**

--**Mt. 24:24**--"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect

--RICHARD W. DE HAAN--"When one reflects upon that which will take place at the time of the rapture, it is **not difficult to think of what this blasphemous speech will be.** Thousands will have **suddenly** and **mysteriously vanished** from the earth. In order to give an explanation of the puzzling **disappearance** of a large number of people, he will **manufacture some lie** about them.

He may even attribute to himself a strange power and declare that he caused them to leave the earth because they were a HINDRANCE to his program of universal prosperity and peace." (The Antichrist and Armageddon, P.10)

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6-Paul describes this in 2 Thess. 2:9-12 (READ)

7-What a contrast--Acts 2:22--"Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know

8-ERIC SAUER--A keen German theologian, says: "The final goal of Christianity is Jesus Christ. The end of nominal Christianity is the Anti-Christ."

D.-Power In Economics:

1-Antichrist's authority over all nations will be so complete that he'll control COMMERCE and TRADING

- WHY ??
- Perhaps as Europe's answer to the galloping problem of AMERICAN take-over of European industry.
- Beast says: "I HAVE THE ANSWER", and in desperation these nations turn to him.

EUROPE 1992

2-Taxation without representation

3-Freedom abolished

4-Rev. 13:16-17

5-Enslaved & controlled by "BIG BROTHER"

6-Mark of 666--Number 6 is the number of MAN

- ** "Six days shalt thou labor"
- ** Goliath was 6 cubits high, carried 6 pieces of armor, & spear weighed 6 hundred shekels
- ** Nebuchadnezzar's image was 60 cubits high, 6 cubits wide, & there were 6 musical instruments used to summon the people to worship it

--Number 7 is the number of God & perfection

--Three sixes (666) shows the trinity of anti-christian evil of Devil, Beast & False prophet

--Without the mark of the Beast, no food & no work allowed

--A. C. Gabelein--"To find out what the mark is and some of the other details would only be guess-work." (Revelation, P. 84)

7-ABSOLUTE POWER in the economic field

8-So we see DOMINANCE in--Diplomacy
--War
--Religion
--Economics

II.-THE DOOM OF THE ANTICHRIST:

A.-His Time Of Doom:

1-TOTAL time will be 7 years in PROMINENCE & DOMINANCE

- Dan. 9:27 reveals a Covenant for 1 week; 7 years
  - 3½ years in EUROPEAN DOMINANCE
  - 3½ years in World-wide dominance (Dan. 7:25; 12:7 Rev. 11:3; 12:4,6
  - Rev. 13:5

2-Total control emerges after disposition of the Northern Confederacy at middle of Trib. (Ezek. 38-39)

3-Dictatorship will be short-lived
- 42 months
- 1260 days
- NO MORE !

4-ILLUS-Hitler's THIRD REICH which he prophesied would last 1000 years, but actually only stood from 1933-45

5-Antichrist will fall after only 7 years total & 3½ years of absolute power.

B.-His Compatriots:

1-False Prophet shares doom of The Beast, or the Antichrist
- Rev. 19:20

2-Satan-Bound for 1000 years
- Rev. 20:1-2
- Then loosed for a "little season"
- Rev. 20:3, 7
- Deception again & leading of another revolt
- Final confinement
- Rev. 20:10
- Beast & False Prophet are still there in conscious torment 1000 years later

3-Believers of "THE LIE"-2 Thess. 2:10-11
- Only alternatives
  - ** Love the truth & be saved
  - ** Believe the lie & be lost
- Result of unbelief
- 2 Thess. 2:12

C.-His Termination:

1-How will such a super-powered man come to his end?

2-Not by human revolt, though one will be incipient
- Rev. 16:12, 16--"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared....And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."
- Dan. 11:44-45--"But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."
- Zech. 14:1-3--"Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil (taken from you) shall be divided (among the victors) in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; an half of the city shall go

forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle."

3-Destruction will be by the Lord Jesus at His visible return in power & great glory

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- Rev. 19:11-16
- Rev. 19:19
- 2 Thess. 2:8--"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming:"
- Ezek. 28:9-10--"Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee. Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD."
- Dan. 8:25--"And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

CONCLUSION:

A.-Recapitulation:

1-DESCRIPTION of Antichrist
- His name
- His nationality
- His religion
- His power

2-DOMINATION Of Antichrist
- In diplomacy
- In war
- In religion
- In economics

3-DOOM of Antichrist

B.-Application:

1-To these predictions

--2 Peter 1:[illegible]16, 19--"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made know unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty... We have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts"

* --These foreviews are accurate
--Take heed to the LIGHT of God's Word
--Unrighteous need to FLEE the wrath to come

2-To the saints--2 Pet. 3:11--"Seeing then that all these things shall be disolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness."

BOORUM & PEASE "NOTEAR" ®
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--Coming of the Lord is sure & clear
--God is not willing that any should perish
--FACE UP to "what manner of persons ought ye to be"
--Let's be eagerly involved until He comes
--Let's not lose our reward by playing the fool

3-To the compromised:
--Which church are you a part of?
** Union of APOSTASY ?
** Unity of BELIEVERS ?
--Counsel of God is clear
--Rev. 18:4--"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

4-To the LOST--Message is simple
--Acts 16:31
--NOW is the time
--Later may be TOO LATE
--2 Thess. 2:10b-12--"...they recieved not the love of the truth that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they might all be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

--Settle your decision while the issue is clear in your thinking.

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INTRO: A.-Expectations of The Future:

1-Consider the words of grand old Bishop Ryle in his NOTES ON THE GOSPELS. This passage was first published in 1873.

"Nothing is so calculated to chill the heart & dampen the faith of a Christian as indulgence in unscriptural expectations. Let us dismiss from our minds the vain idea that the nations will ever give up wars before Jesus Christ comes again. So long as the devil is the Prince of this world and the hearts of the many are unconverted, so long must there be strive and fighting. There will be no universal peace until that Prince of Peace shall come and then, and then only, shall man learn war no more.

"Let us cease to expect that missionaries and ministers will ever convert the world and teach mankind altogether to love one another. They will do nothing of the kind. They were never intended to do it. They will call out a witnessing people who will serve Christ in every land & die for Him, but the bulk of mankind will continue to refuse the gospel. The nations will always go on wrangling and fighting until the end. The last days of the earth will be its worst. The last war will be the most fearful and terrible war that has ever desolated the earth."

2-When Bishop Ryle was writing over 90 years ago, he was writing with the Word of God in his hand, & what he said still stands today.

3-Wars & rumors of war unto the end

4-Still 3 more wars yet--Russia's defeat (mid-trib)
--Armageddon proper (last ½ of T.)
--God against God & Magog (at the end of the Millennium)

5-ARMAGEDDON
--Rev. 16:14-16--"For they are the spirits of demons, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, & keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, & they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon
--Demon inspired gathering of the nations
--WORLD conflict is in view
--Gathered to ONE AREA
--"Battle" ==more accurately, "Campaign"

B.-Armies Involved:

1-Northern Confederacy (Russia & her allies)
2-Southern Confederacy (Egypt & Arabian & Muslim allies)
3-Western Confederacy (United States of Europe, under the dominance of ROME)
4-Kings of the East--Rev. 16:12
5-THE LORD HIMSELF from heaven with His armies

C.-Outline Of The Campaign:

1-Starts in Ezek. 38 & 39--King of the South invades Palestine.

+-King of the North joins the battle
+-King of the West wins over both

2-Continues according to Daniel 11:40b-43--King of the WEST engages in a "mopping up" operation

3-Re-directed in Dan. 11:44-45a--King of West returns to Palestine
+-In response to coming of Kings of the East

4-Condluded in Dan 11:45b with the defeat of both the West and the East at the coming of Christ

D.-Name Of The Campaign:

1-Rev. 16:16 is the only reference--"And He gathered them together unto a place called in the Hebrew tongue, ARMAGEDDON."

2-Meaning +="har" is "HILL"
+-"Mageddon" is "CITY OF MEGIDDO"

3-Site is in the plains of Esdralon in sight of the hill & city of Meggido.

4-Said by Napoleon to be the FINEST PLACE IN ALL THE WORLD to fight a military battle

5-Assembly place for armies, but battles are not limited to this area.

6-ILLUS.--Mrs. Eliza Kirk of London, England, recently attained the "ripe old age" of 101. She celebrated the anniversary by removing all mirrors from her home. The reason given for her strange action was: "I LIKE TO THINK OF MYSELF AS I WAS, NOT AS I AM."

The believer can do something vastly superior to removing mirrors. Without attempting to ignore or forget the present, he can place the telescope of prophecy from the Word of God to his eye of faith and see both himself and the unfolding drama of this earth as it is GOING TO BE.

I.-CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

A.-According To Isaiah:

1-Chapters 30-31--Defeat of Russia (as in Ezek 38-39)
2-Chapter 32------Repentance of Israel
3-Chapters 33-34--Campaign of Armageddon proper
4-Chapter 35------Millennial reign of Christ

B.-According To Joel:

1-Chapter 2----Defeat of Russia (middle of Tribulation)
2-Chapter 3----Defeat of all nations (end of tribulation)

II.-PARTICIPANTS IN THIS FINAL BATTLE:

A.-Spirit Behind The Battle:

1-Rev. 16:13-14-"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, & out of the mouth of the beast, & out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of demons, working miracles..."

2-Spirits of DEMONS
3-Inspired by SATAN out of the pit
4-Reminds of 2 Thess. 2:9--"Even him, whose coming is after

the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."

B.-Purpose Of The Battle:

1-Initially a conflict of EAST--WEST forces
2-Dan. 11 shows the Western Emperor as conquerer
3-Dan. 11 & Rev. 16:12 show march of Eastern Kings toward Palestine
4-Rev. 16:12--"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."
5-Coming to fight each other for WORLD DOMINATION
6-Coming to DESTROY ISRAEL
7-Align together against God-----"strange bedfellows"

C.-All Nations Will Be Involved:

1-Ps. 2:1-4 (READ)
2-Isa. 34:1--"Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world and all things that come forth of it
3-Jer. 25:29--"I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of Hosts.
4-Joel 3:2--"I will also gather all nations and will bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them..."
5-Zech 14:2--"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle..."
6-Rev. 16:14--"For they are the spirits of demons, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty"

III.-AREAS OF THIS FINAL BATTLE: (This shows why Armageddon is a CAMPAIGN instead of just a single BATTLE)

A.-Jerusalem:

1-Zech 12:2--"Behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem."
2-Zech 14:1-2--"Behold the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city."
3-Jer. 25:29--"For,lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished:"

B.-Edom:

1-Spared in middle of Tribulation
2-Dan. 11:41--"He (the Roman Emperor) shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even EDOM, and MOAB, and the chief of the children of AMMON."

3-Isa. 63:1-3 (READ)

Perhaps in Valley in cleft of the Mt. of Olives.

C.-Valley Of Jehoshaphat (JUDGMENT):

1-Joel 3:2--"I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, & parted my land."

2-Joel 3:14--"Multitudes, multidudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision."

D.-Armageddon:

1-Place of gathering of armies--Rev. 16:16--"ARMAGEDDON"

2-Troops fall back there to re-group

3-PURPOSE--Rev. 17:13-14--"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings:"

--Rev. 19:19--"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."

4-GEORGE ADAM SMITH has dramatically written of this plain of Esdralon--"What a plain! Upon which not only the greatest empires, races, and faiths--east and west--have contended, but each one has come to judgment--on which with all its splendour of human battle, men felt there was fighting from heaven, the stars in their ***** courses were fighting--on which panic has descended upon the best equipped and most successful armies, but the humble were exalted to victory in their weakness--on which false faiths, equally with false defenders of the true faith, have been exposed, and scattered--on which since Saul wilfulness and superstition, though aided by every human excellence have come to naught, and since Josiah piety has not atoned for rash and mistaken zeal. The Crusaders repeat the folly of the kings of Israel; and alike under the old and new covenant, a degenerate church suffers judgment at the hands of the infidel."

E.-Total Extent Of This Campaign:

1-Full length of Palestine

2-Rev. 14:19-20--"And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and the blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horses bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs."

(200 miles)

IV.-THE BATTLE ITSELF:

A.-The Return Of Christ:

1-Rev. 19:11-16 (READ)

2-Zeph. 3:8--"Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to prey: for my determination is to gather the nations that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation: even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the flame

of my jealousy."

3-Joel 3:9-11--"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up; Beat your plowshares into swords, & your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD." 4a

4-Zech. 14:3--"THEN shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem..."

5-TITUS--When those who had upheld the banner of the Cross had almost lost heart, John Knox, who had been banished, accepted the invitation from the true-hearted ones and left Geneva for Scotland. When he landed, quick as lightning the news spread---JOHN KNOX HAS COME ! Edinburgh came rushing into the street. The old, the young, the lordly, and the lowborn were seen to mingle together in joyful expectation. All business, all common pursuits were forsaken. Travelers suddenly mounted and sped into the country with the tidings-----JOHN KNOX HAS COME!

The whole land was moved and stirred with a new inspiration, and the hearts of enemies withered. This was the effect of the presence of a man like ourselves. What will the earth feel when the news comes:

THE SON OF MAN IS COME!

THE SON OF MAN IS COME!

B.-The Army Of The Lord

1-Angels--2 Thess 1:7-9 (Read)

2-Church saints--Rev. 19:14--"And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."

C.-The Defeat:

1-Not really a "battle"

2-Destruction is by the presence of Christ in POWER

--Zech 14:4--"And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst therof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

--Mt. 24:27--"For as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

--Rev. 19:15--"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"

3-End of the Beast & False Prophet

--Rev. 19:20--"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, & them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire

burning with brimstone.

4-All others--Rev. 19:21--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."

--Rev. 19:17-18--And I saw an angel standing in the sun; & he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come & gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, & the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, & 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.

D.-National Repentance Of Israel:

1-Isa. 33:22--"For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us."

2-Rev. 1:7--"Behold, he cometh with clouds; & every eye shall see him, & they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

3-Zech. 12:10--13:1

4-Matt. 24:30--"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, & they shall see the Son of man coming in the couds of heaven with power & great glory."

5-ILLUS--Mr. Mark Kagan, speaking at one of the Advent Testimony meetings, said that when on a visit to Palestine he & some other Christians gathered together in an upper room within the city wall to remember Christ's sacrifice & death. After the meeting was over he & another friend went to the Mt. of Olives; & as they passed along they caught up a Jew who said that he was also going to the Mt. of Olives. "We orthodox Jews," he said, "as we watch the things that are happening in the world, cannot come to any other conclusion than that the Messiah's coming must be near at hand. On that day His feet will stand on the Mt. of Olives. I am going there every day that I may be ready to give Him a welcome." and .....Seeing that Israel is making such preparations for His coming, what is the Church doing?

CONCLUSION:

A.-Concluding Survey:

1-Armies of the SOUTH defeated
2-Armies of the NORTH defeated
3-Armies of the WEST (under Beast) defeated
4-Armies of the EAST (under Kings) defeated
5-Beast & False Prophet cast into Lake of Fire
6-Unbelievers purged from Israel
7-Israel purged from their waywardness
8-Satan bound

B.-Concluding Appeal:

1-To Unbeliever

--Ps. 2:10-12
--in the SON is Rest,...Safety,..Blessedness
--Have YOU "bowed to KISS THE SON?"

2*To The Believer

--ILLUS--On March 23, 1743, when "THE MESSIAH"was first performed in London, the king was present in the great audience. It is reported that all were so deeply moved by the "HALLELUJAH CHORUS" that with the impressive words, "For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth," the whole audience, including the King, sprang to its feet, & remained standing through the entire chorus.

From that time to this it has always been the custom to stand during the chorus whenever it is performed. With spontaneous joy the soul stands to salute Him Who "cometh in the name of the Lord."

He is "King of kings, and Lord of Lords"

--Is our undivided & unalloyed allegiance to Him?

--Are we snatching souls from this terrible "burning" to come?

--May God help us!

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Hymns: What A Gathering
Praise The Savior

Overheads + Outline
+ ARMOR - see Eph. 6:10-18

INTRO:

A. Attention:

Many years ago **Niccolo Machiavelli**, a Florentine civil servant wrote a book entitled "**THE PRINCE**" which, without apology offered the thesis that while rulers must have **a reputation for truth**, in reality, they must **not hesitate to lie**; while they must have **a reputation** for benevolence, self-interest must be their only guide. They must appear to be loyal, but **use treachery whenever necessary**. In short---**force**, **fraud**, **treachery**, and **trickery**, well disguised, must be **the standard** of values by which any ruler must live and rule.

Although the book exposed the **wickedness** of its **author**, it was a clear-eyed appraisal of the **rules of procedure** of the governments as Machiavelli observed them around him. But few governments ever succeeded in such utter commitment.

~~They were not only perfectly embodied in the policies & activities of the Communists, but appear to have been adopted by the people in general.~~

Men, today, betray men in the business & professional world; they betray their **oath of office**; ministers **betray** the **doctrines** that they are committed to teach. Men **betray** women & women **betray** men.

B. Anticipation:

1-**EXAMPLES** of behavior of mankind under the influence of the anti-God ruler of the earth...

...**Satan**, The Devil; Lucifer

2-**Outline:**

I.-SUMMARY Of Knowledge About Satan:(Ezek.28 & Isa.14)
II.-STAGES OF JUDGMENT Of Satan:
III.-STRATEGY For Dealing With Satan:

3-**Prop:**--Review what we've learned
--**Research** what's ahead for Satan
--**Realize** what we can do in the meantime

I.-SUMMARY OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SATAN:

A.-His Creation Fulness; (Ezek. 28):

1-**Description** (7 items)

①--"Thou sealest up the sum" (28:12)
②--"Full of wisdom" (28:12)
③--"Perfect in beauty" (28:12)
④--"Thou hast been in Eden, the Garden of God"(28:13)
⑤--"In the day that thou wast created" (28:13)
⑥--"Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth" (28:14)
⑦--"Thou wast perfect in thy ways...'til iniquity was found in thee." (28:15)

2-**Desecration**--(28:15-16)

** **PRIDE** & **POWER**

--1 Jn. 3:8--"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning..."

--John 8:44--"Ye are of your father the

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

B.-His Creature Failure: (Isa. 14)

1-Five "I WILL's" --POSITION-
- POWER- I will
- --PLACE- I will
- PREEMINENCE- I will
- --POSSESSION- I will

I will ascend into (2) heaven

Isa 14:13-14 exalt my throne; sit upon the mount; will ascend above the height; will be like the Most High

2-PRIDE of heart was his sin--(14:13)

3-Expressions of his sin:
1. --"Made the earth to tremble" (14:16)
2. -"Did shake the kingdoms" (14:16)
3. --"Made the world as a wilderness" (14:17)
4. -"Destroyed the cities" (14:17)
5. --"Opened not the house of his prisoners" (14:17)

4-F. C. Jennings--"He so weaves the course of this age; its religious forms, ceremonies, external decencies, respectabilities, and conventionalities as to form a thick veil that entirely hides 'the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ', which consists in the righteous mercy to penitent sinners only. This veil is not formed by evil-living, depravity, or any form of what passes as evil amongst men; but by cold formality, heartless decency, proud self-complacency, highly esteemed external respectability, and we must add, church-membership--ALL WITHOUT CHRIST. It is the most fatal of all delusions, the thickest of all veils, and the most common. It is the way that because it IS religious, respectable, decent 'seems right unto a man, but the end thereof is death!,: for there is NO CHRIST, NO LAMB OF GOD, NO BLOOD ATONEMENT IN IT." (Satan, Pp. 29-30).

II. STAGES OF JUDGMENT OF SATAN:

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, & thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire."

A.-Judgment In Heaven:

1-Fall from perfection--Ezek. 28:15
--Original state surrendered

2-Accountable to the Creator for his actions

3-Cast out of 3rd heaven as his ABODE
--General Statement in Isa. 14:15 "to hell, to the sides of the pit"
--Specific statements
** Ezek. 28:16
** Lk. 10:18--"And he (Jesus) said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."

4-Contrast: -ABODE in heaven was lost
-ACCESS to heaven continued (Job 1:6-8; 2:1-4)

B.-Judgment In Eden:

1-Story of THE FALL--Satanic attempt to infect earth with the sin of heaven
--What sin??
--INDEPENDENCE from the Will of God

2-Curse of Sin--To the Serpent (Gen. 3:14-15)
--To the Woman (Gen. 3:16)

--To the Man (Gen. 3:17, 18b, 19)
--To the Earth (Gen. 3:17c, 18a)

3-N. T. clarifies the words to the SERPENT
--Rev. 12:9 - "The great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth.."
--Serpent is seen as THE DEVIL

4-An attempt is made in Eden to disrupt God's PLAN OF THE AGES

5-But that plan includes REDEMPTION:
--Gen. 3:15 (Protevangelium)
--Looks forward to the Cross
--John 12:31-33 — Read
--Heb. 2:9, 14, 15 — Read

6-ILLUS.--When his spoilers called for mirth in the temple of Dagon, blind Samson, groping with either arm, laid hold upon the pillars of the temple and then, bowing himself, brot the Philistines and their idols and their temples down in ruin and death.

So our great Champion, with his arms spread out on the Cross, seizing with one arm the pillar of sin and with the other the pillar of death--the two gigantic pillars upon which rests the kingdom of Satan, bowed himself unto death and brought that Kingdom down into irretrievable ruin

C. Judgment In The Tribulation: (Rev. 12:7-13)

WAR

1-Preceded by the RAPTURE (1 Thess. 4:16)
2-WAR in heaven (Rev. 12:7a) — "And there was war in heaven: Michael + his angels fought against the dragon: + the dragon fought + his angels."
3-Satan cast out of heaven — (Rev. 12:8-9)
--Expulsion by Michael & his angels
--PERMANENTLY ousted; No more access
--Earlier Satan lost his ABODE THERE
--No longer with ACCESS either (12:8)
4-Cast out into THE EARTH (12:9)
--Precursor to defeat
--Knows his Judgment is sure & his time is short!
--His angels (DEMONS) cast out with him
--Rev. 12:10--"cast down"

NB
5-Overcomers in the Tribulation: (Rev. 12:11)
① --By the BLOOD of the Lamb
② --By the WORD of their testimony
③ --By the ABANDON of their living
--WHO ?? **Tribulation Saints
** Primarily Israel (Rev. 7:1-8)
**Also some Gentiles (Rev. 7:9-17)

6-Double Reaction (Rev. 12:12)
a ++ REJOICE — the heavens
b ++ WOE — the inhabitants of earth

7-WHY??--------Shortness of his time!

D. Judgment In The Millennium: (Rev. 20:1-3)

1-Preceded by the Second Coming
2-THREE Judgments at that time -ISRAEL (Mt. 24:45--25:30)
-GENTILES (Mt. 25:31-46)
-SATAN (Rev. 20:1-3)
** Arrested & Imprisoned
** NOT annihilated
** DECEPTION terminated

3-HEAVENLY SHERIFF lays hold on Satan
--Binds him (NOT true now!)
--Shuts up in "bottomless pit" = "ABYSS", which is the home of demons & unclean spirits (9:1, 2, 11)
--1000 years his influence will be absent from earth

4-J. F. Walvoord "The fact that Satan is bound for a thousand years is confirmed by the multitude of passages dealing with the Kingdom period in which Satan is never found working in the world." (P.292)

5-But this proves to be a TEMPORARY CONFINEMENT

E. Judgment In The Lake Of Fire: (Rev. 20:7-10)

1-Satan's RELEASE: --Rev. 20:7
"loosed" --AFTER 1000 years of confinement
--Imprisonment sentence terminated
--PAROLED

2-Specific REASONS for Satan's release
Five
--(a) To demonstrate the incurable wickedness of Satan
--(b) To demonstrate that man under the most favorable circumstances (MILLENNIUM) will return to sin if left that choice
--(c) To demonstrate God's foreknowledge who predicted the acts of men as well as His own acts
--(d) To justify eternal punishment because of the unchanged character of wicked people, even under Divine privilege for a long time
--(e) PRINCIPLE: "The iniquity of the Amorite is not yet full." Gen. 15:16

3-Satan's REBELLION --Rev. 20:8-9
--Deceives the nations; MULTITUDES involved
--Last-ditch effort
--Actually tries to engage the saints in a battle
--Surrounds Jerusalem
--Encompasses the earth

4-Supernatural RETRIBUTION:
--Rev. 20:9b-10
--Judgment by FIRE from heaven — SOURCE
--Ultimate incarceration
--Undiminished torment
* --NO ANNIHILATION
--Eternal Judgment without any relief !

5-Dr. Graham Scroggie of Edinburg once spoke on the text "IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME". Among other things he said that modern criticism tells us that GENESIS is a myth and REVELATION is a mystery. He then asked: "I wonder who it was that inspired that theory?" ?

A voice in the tent shouted out, "The Devil." "Quite right," exclaimed Dr. Scroggie; "and I will tell you why the Devil is so anxious to get rid of Genesis and Revelation; because in Genesis his sentence is declared and in Revelation it is executed.."
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III. STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH SATAN:

A. Be WATCHFUL:

1-Enemy of our souls -Real
-Rampant
-Resourceful

2-Easy to be OVERWHELMED by him

3-VIGILANCE is essential

4-Awareness can protect us

5-1 Pet. 5:8--"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour:"

6-Not ignorant of his devices, so we ought not to be caught unprepared (2 Cor. 2:11)

7-W A T C H F U L !!

8-Take action to protect yourself

9-ILLUS--A young Western farmer, who had frequented the village saloon was converted to Christ. However, on his visits to the village he continued to tie his team to the hotelman's hitching post.

The trained eye of a watchful old Elder noticed this, and after congratulating the young man on his conversion, he said: "George, I am a good deal older than you, and will be pardoned I know, if I make a suggestion out of my wider experience.

No matter how strong you think you are, take my advice and at once CHANGE YOUR HITCHING POST." Do not stop to parley with the Tempter, as many a one has been ruined in that way. Our Lord made no mistake when He admonishes: "W A T C H "

B. Be ARMED: (Eph. 6:10-17)

1-Whole armor of God for the whole man

DEFENSE ARMOURED

--LOINS-----Girt with the girdle of truth
--CHEST-----Covered with the breastplate of righteousness
--FEET------Shod with the gospel of peace
--SHIELD----To protect from flaming arrows
--HELMET----Salvation protection for the mind

OFFENSE ARMED

--SWORD-----Offensive weapon for the true Xn.

2-Only then can you and I "S T A N D" (Eph. 6:13)

3-Tie it all together with prayer--Eph. 6:18

"Praying always with all prayer + supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

4-Stanza 3 of Duffield's hymn:

"Stand Up For Jesus"

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you--
You dare not trust your own;
Put on the gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer,
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there."

C.-Be RESISTING! (James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:9)

1-ILLUS.--On one occasion after the evangelist, Charles Finney had been preaching on the subject of Satan, a man came to him and said: "Mr. Finney, I don't believe in the devil."

The preacher looked at him keenly for a moment, and then replied: "Don't you now?? Well, you really RESIST HIM for awhile, and you'll soon change your views." Indeed, the mighty author of evil is not slow to accept the challenge that is thrown to him by a holy life!!

2-Believers--Not expected to yield
--But rather to RESIST!

--James 4:7--"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

3-When we RESIST him in Jesus' Name, the devil will flee Jude 9

4-NO MATCH for him in our own power

5-Trust that our Lord's power will be ours

6-ILLUS.--In the old slave days, says the HOME HERALD, there was a colored man who was a faithful Christian, and his master often tried to bother him. "Sam, aren't you afraid the devil will get you?"

"No, massa, not a bit afraid he will get me."

"But," said the master, "isn't the Devil much stronger than you are?"

"Oh, yes, massa, Devil much stronger than me."

"Well, aren't you afraid he will get you?"

"No, massa."

"Why not, if he's so much stronger than you?"

"Because, massa, just as soon as I see the Devil getting after me, I simply look up there into the face of Jesus and say, 'LORD, LOOK AFTER YOUR PROPERTY.' An' I believe the Lord am able to look after His property."

CONCLUSION:

Col. 2:13-15

A.-Truths To Claim:

1-Satan is a DEFEATED FOE------"Lame Duck" - Power is LIMITED!

2-Satan's judgment is--Progressive
--Settled
--Sure

3-We're in a BATTLE so long as we live (WAR)

--W--Watchful
--A--Armed
--R--Resist

= How to win the WAR

B.-Encouragement To Grasp:

1-Story of "Hold The Fort"

Just before Sherman began his famous march to the sea in 1864, and while his army lay camped in the neighborhood of Atlanta on the 5th of October, the army of General Hood, in a carefully prepared movement, passed the right flank of Sherman's army, gained his rear, and commenced the destruction of the railroad heading north, burning blockhouses and cap-

turing the small garrisons along the line. Sherman's army was put in rapid motion pursuing Hood, to save the supplies and larger posts, the principal one of which was located at Altoona Pass.

General Corse of Illinois was stationed here with about 1500 men. Colonel Tourtelotte being second in command. A million and a half of rations were stored here and it was highly important that the earthworks commanding the pass & protecting the supplies should be held. Six thousand men under command of General French were detailed by Hood to take the position.

The works were completely surrounded and summoned to surrender. Corse refused and a sharp fight commenced. The defenders were slowly driven into a small fort on the crest of the hill. Many had fallen, and the result seemed to render a prolongation of the fight hopeless. At this moment an officer caught sight of a white signal flag far away across the valley, 20 miles distant, upon the top of Kenesaw Mountain. The signal was answered, and soon the message was waved across from mountain to mountain:

"HOLD THE FORT; I AM COMING. W.T. SHERMAN."

Cheers went up; every man was nerved to a full appreciation of the position; and under a murderous fire, which killed or wounded more than half the men in the fort--Corse himself being shot 3 times thru the head, & Tourtelotte taking command, though himself badly wounded--they held the fort for 3 hours until the advance guard of Sherman's army came up. French was obliged to retreat.

This historical incident was related by Major Whittle at a Sunday School meeting in Rockford, Illinois in May, 1870. Mr. P. P. Bliss was present, and the song "HOLD THE FORT" was at once born in his mind. The next day Whittle & Bliss held a meeting in Chicago. Bliss went on the platform & wrote the chorus on the blackboard. He sang the verses for the 1st time in public and the audience joined in the chorus

2-Let's us sing "HOLD THE FORT"

Let's rejoice that we're ON THE VICTORY SIDE, because Jesus is Coming....S O O N !!

Calvary, Columbus--3/21/76--#172--"At Calvary" (1)
OKBC - 9/20/87 10/21/90 #168--"Hold The Fort" (4)
Victory Bible Ch, Alum Cr, WV #180 - Stand Up For Jesus" (3)
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The Whosoever Book Rev. 20:11-15

Intro: A.-"The Blue Book":
1-In New York it held 400 names
2-Entrance--extremely difficult
--by outstanding wealth
--by outstanding talent
--by outstanding genius
--by outstanding statesmanship, etc
3-Membership--meant you were "IN"
--determined members conduct
--determined members attitudes
--determined members associations
4-"Blue Book of Heaven"--very different from New York's

The Famous + the Infamous

I.-THE WHOSOEVER BOOK-----THOSE IN IT:

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, + to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, + hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every Kindred, + tongue + people + nation."

A.-Roll Book Of Regenerate:
1-Includes all saved
2-Those redeemed by BLOOD--Rev. 5:9
3-Related to the PERSON of Christ--Rev. 21:27
4-It is a book of LIFE--eternal life
--life is in the Son--1 Jn. 5:11
5-Only those ALIVE in Christ are recorded in it

"This is the record, that God hath given To us eternal life + this life Is in His Son."

B.-Provisions Of The Whosoever Book:
1-Cure for physical death--a new body
2-Cure for spiritual death--a new life
3-Cure for severed relationship--a new attachment
4-Cure for lonely heart--a new family
5-Inclusion is FOREVER--Rev. 3:5--"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; + I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father + before his angels."
6-[redacted]
--[redacted]
7-ILLUS---It is recorded in history some years ago a man was condemned to be put to death. When he came to the time to lay his head upon the block, the prince who had charge of the execution asked him if there was any one petition that he could grant him. All that the condemned man asked for was a glass of water. They went & got it for him, but his hand trembled so that he could not get it to his mouth. The prince said to him, "Your life is safe until you drink that water." He took the prince AT HIS WORD & dashed the water to the ground. They could not gather it up, and so he saved his life. My frind, you can be saved now by TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD. The water of life is offered freely to "whosoever will". Take it now & live

"In rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

C.-Worth Being "In" The Whosoever Book:
1-Guarantees eternal deliverance
2-Marvelous future
3-Wonderful present
4-Better than dominion over the spirit world--Lk. 10:20
5-OPEN TO ALL
6-ILLUS--There was a sailor whose mother had long been praying for him. One night the memory of his mother came home to this man

he thot of the days of his childhood, & made up his mind he would try & lead a different life. When he got to New York he thot that he would join the ODD FELLOWS LODGE; he imagined that would be a good way to begin. What miserable mistakes men make when they try to save themselves. This man applied to a lodge of Odd Fellows for admission; but the committee found that he was a drinking man & so they black-balled him. Then he thot he would try the Masons; but they discovered what sort of a man he was, & they black-balled him too. ..... One day he was walking along Fulton St. when he received an invitation to come to the daily prayer meeting held there. He went in & heard about the Savior; he received Christ into his heart, & found the peace & power he wanted. Sone days after he stood up in the meeting & told his story---how the Odd Fellows had blackballed him; how the Masons had black-balled him; & how he came to the Lord Jesus Christ, who HAD NOT BLACK-BALLED HIM, but took him right in.....That is what Jesus Christ will do with every penitent sinner----THIS MAN RECEIVETH SINNERS.

D.-How To Get Into The Whosoever Book:
1-Jn. 3:16
2-Open to all--regardless of past
--regardless of present
--regardless of color
--regardless of stature
--regardless of wealth
************ --limited only by BELIEVING
--Acts 8:37; 16:31
3-Jn. 1:12 (If thou believest with all thine heart
4-Limited only by willingness to
--Receive Christ as a gift
--Ep. 2:8-9
--ILLUS--Dime to person who will take it as a gift
5-Requires a CHOICE-to become a Christian
-to get into God's BLUE BOOK OF HEAVEN
-Not limited to 400, to 144,000, but a multitude which no man can number.

II.-THE WHOSOEVER BOOK-----THOSE NOT IN IT:

A.-Judgment Of Those Not In The "Whosoever Book":
1-Place of Judgment--Great White Throne
2-Time of Judgment--After 1000 years millenium
--After little season
--After Satan, Beast & False prophet are confined to the lake of fire
--In the day appointed--Acts 17:31
3-People To Be Judged
--Those without their names in Book of Life--Rev. 20:15
--The whole unsaved populace of the world from Cain on til that time
--ILLUS--In any great city there is what is known as the morning "show-up". All criminals arrested during the night before are brought out on a stage to be viewed by all the detectives of the city & by the witnesses to their crimes.

The lights are so focused that the criminals could not see those in front of them, but all the detectives were able to see the minutest details about the criminals, to study their features, to measure their heights, & to fix their faces in mind.

Their names & their criminal records of past years are read. The occasion of this arrest the night before is announced. Fingerprints are recorded & pictures taken. Watching such a spectacle, one is prompted to think of it as but a "downpayment" on what is in store when the LOST are arrayed before the GREAT WHITE THRONE

4-Status of the People to be judged
- --Lost--2 Cor. 4:3-4
- --Dead--Eph. 2:1-3
  - --morally & spiritually
  - --the small & the great
  - --from whereever they've lain

"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am, ye shall die in your sins."

"He that hath the Son hath life: & he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

5-Issue Of Judgment--Christ
- --Jn. 8:24; 1Jn. 5:12

6-Judge In The Judgment--The triune God
- --Thru the Son--Acts 17:31; Jn. 5:24

7-Standard Of Judgment:

a-Book of Life--great counter-check & authority tion
- --names in it, then not there for condemna-
- --names not in it, then there to answer
- --ILLUS--The former Soviet Secret Police Chief, Lavrenti Beria, has been liquidated again; this time from the new Soviet Encyclopedia. His name does not appear in the volume, which devotes considerable space to the great "heros of the masse How good for Beria if to him, because of his works done for the Lord Jesus, it could be said, "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, ~~but rather that~~ because the spirits are subject unto you: but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." How good it would have been for Beria if he had as his own priceless possession the promise of Jesus: "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 & before His angels.....How tragically sad that he is listed along with those included in these words: "AND WHOSOEVER WAS NOT FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE WAS CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE."

b-Books of Works--It is a terrific thot that precise, indisputable records are available to declare what have been the doings of each intelligent creature
- --FULL LENGTH biography--no false record
  - --no ommissions
- --ILLUS---Takes a full library to house books men have written about Lincoln's deeds; what will that library of books be like?????
- --DEEDS are not enough to insure an eternal standing---Rom. 3:20
- --Deeds only determine degree of punishmen or reward--Lk. 12:47-48; Heb. 10:29

"Therefore by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin"

Heaven or Hell

c-PLACE is determined by Book of Life
PUNISHMENT is determined by Books that record works

B.-End Of Those Not In The Whosoever Book:
1-Answer is unequivocal
2-Answer is from God
3-Answer is in the LAKE OF FIRE---Rev. 20:15

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Concl: A.-Whosoever Book
1-Those in it---Believers who have trusted the shed blood of Christ for salvation
2-Those not in it--Rev. 21:8; 22:15 UNBELIEVING
3-In either case it was as a result of a CHOICE

B.-The Choice:
1-Jn. 3:16
2-Jn. 3:36
3-Answer of Question of Mt. 27:22--Crucify & reject
--OR Believe--Acts.16:31

"What shall I do with Jesus which is called the Christ?"

4-ILLUS

"And the fearful, + unbelieving, + the abominable, + murderers, + whoremongers, + sorcerers, + idolaters, + all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire + brimstone: which is the second death"

"What shall I do then with Jesus which is called CHRIST? They all say unto him LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED.

"For without are dogs, + sorcerers, + whoremongers, + murderers, + idolaters, + whosoever loveth + maketh a lie"

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Hymns - Whosoever Meaneth Me
- Whosoever Will

5-WHAT IS YOUR CHOICE?????
6-Are YOU in the Blue Book of Heaven, the Lamb's Book of Life?

INTRO: A.-Can We Know About Heaven?:

1-Not discoverable by human reason

2-Sept. 8, 1961 Nikita Krushchev blasphemously stated that the Russian people were not interested in heaven or anything that relates to the subject. But, he stated, "One of the purposes of sending the astronauts into outer space was to examine this question of heaven.

"First," Krushchev said, "we sent up our explorer Yuri Gagarin. He circled the globe & found nothing in outer space. It's pitch dark there, he said; no Garden of Eden, nothing like heaven. So we decided to send another."

"We sent Gherman Titov & told him to fly for a whole day. After all, Gagarin was up there only an hour and a half. So he might have missed paradise. We told him to take a good look. Well, he took off, came back and confirmed Gagarin's conclusion. He reported there was no heaven there."

3-1 Cor. 2:9-10
- --Not gained by human wisdom
- --Neither philosophy nor psychology will help
- --BUT KNOWN by Divine revelation

4-Erroneously called "Beautiful isle of somewhere"

5-Biblically called a PLACE
- --1 Kings 8:30--"And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive."
- --Jn. 14:2-3

6-Biblically called "A CITY"
- --Heb. 11:10--"For he (Abraham) looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

7-BUT....By what authority can we believe details about heaven?------

B.-Three Eyewitnesses:

1-Apostle Paul---2 Cor. 12:1-4

2-Apostle John---Rev. 4:1-3

3-Jesus Himself--Came from heaven
- --John 3:11-13
- --Returned to heaven
- --Lk. 24:50-51

4-ILLUS--At a funeral I heard a minister say, "I cannot tell you anything about the life to come. I cannot prove it to you, for I have never been there. But I have a Friend who has, and I trust that friend."

Well, I've got 3 friends who've been there and have told us about heaven---Paul, John and Jesus!

5-Law said (Deut. 19:15) that in the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses, a thing was to be established

6-These are creditable givers of accurate, authoritative, believable testimony.

C.-THREE Messages On Heaven:
1-This one--"What Will Heaven Be Like?"
--General facts about heaven
--What won't be in heaven
--What will be in heaven
2-Next message--"Who Will Be In Heaven"
--Who won't make it to heaven?
--Who will be in heaven?
3-PROP: --Realize heaven is a REAL PLACE
--Realize heaven is a PREPARED PLACE
--Make sure of your choice of heaven

I.-GENERAL FACTS ABOUT HEAVEN:

A.-Heaven's Names:
1-"Father's house"--Jn. 14:2
2-"Mansions"--Jn. 14:2
3-"Paradise"--Lk. 23:43
4-"Heaven of heavens"--De. 10:14
5-Abode of God
6-Angels' dwelling place
7-New Jerusalem

B.-Heaven's Distinctions:
1-First heaven=--Air & atmosphere
--Among the clouds
--Realm of the birds
2-Second heaven=="Firmament" or "air space" where the stars are
--Realm of stellar space
3-Third heaven=="Heaven of heavens", where God dwells
--Realm of the Throne of God

C.-Heaven's Location:
1-Heaven is "UP"
--2 Kings 2:11--"And it came to pass, as they still went on and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up into heaven."
--De. 4:39--"Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath: there is none else."
2-God looks "DOWN" from heaven
--De. 26:15--"Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel..."
3-Christ came DOWN from heaven--Jn. 3:13
4-Ascending & descending between earth & heaven--Jn. 1:51
5-There is but ONE direction which is "UP"
--To those in the Northern hemisphere
--To those "down under" in Austrailia
--That "UP" direction is NORTH !
** Earth rotates & "UP" is north
** Top of a map is always north
6-Biblical hints:
--Burnt offering was to be killed on the side of the Altar northward before the Lord (Lev. 1:11)

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--When Ezekiel saw visions of the Lord, the whirlwind came out of the north (Ezek. 1:4)
--When Satan aspired to usurp God's Throne, he said "I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north." (Isa. 14:13
--Ps. 75:6-7
** Then where does promotion come from ?
** Not from east, west or south
** NORTH !!
** God is there, and He raises up and puts down whom He wills among men
--Job 26:7 says: "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."
--Astronomers' celestial photos show a vast empty space due north with no stars
--God has left a celestial avenue for our "passage home"

II.-WHAT WON'T BE IN HEAVEN?:

A.-Physically Absent:

1-No hospitals, sanitariums or asylums
2-No ambulances, morgues or funerals
3-No police courts, houses of correction, or prisons
4-Rev. 21:4--without tears
--without pain
--without sorrow
--without crying
--without death
No remembrance of lost loved ones
5-Rev. 21:25; 22:5--"no night there"
6-Rev. 21:23--No darkness, but "the Lamb is the light of it"
7-Rev. 22:3--"no more curse"
8-ILLUS--If you were going to describe to an untutored native of the Arctic regions some tropical land, you could hardly give him an idea of it by mentioning some of the things that are there.

What would palm trees mean to a man who had never seen anything but Arctic berries and snow and ice? What would the flash of brilliantly plumaged birds mean to one who had never seen any bird but the penguin?

What would the elephant or the lion mean to one who had seen only the floundering seal? You would have to begin the other way!

You would have to describe that tropical land by telling him what WAS NOT THERE---that there was no snow, no ice, no polar bears.

To a certain extent that is the method the Holy Spirit employs in telling us about life in heaven. First, He tells us of the things to which we are accustomed, which are not found there!

B.-Spiritually Absent:

1-My sins will be absent
--"Removed"

--Ps. 103:12--"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."
--"Forgiven"
--Col. 2:13--"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses."

2-Satan will be absent--Rev. 20:1-2, 10

3-My old nature will be absent
--1 Cor. 15:51-54
--Uniformitarians are WRONG! (2 Pet. 3:4)

4-All defilement will be gone--Rev. 21:27--"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie..."

5-Frankly, I have no remorse at leaving these earthly problems behind...

...DO YOU ?

6-Thank God, these won't be in heaven.....But...

III.-WHAT WILL BE IN HEAVEN ?:

A.-Physically Present In Heaven:

1-Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland--"I don't understand all I know about that!"
--So with me & heaven!
--BUT, I know I'm going there!

2-New Jerusalem is a huge city
--Rev. 21:16
--1500 miles square & 1500 miles high
--A CUBE, or a pyramid
--Called "mansions" or "dwelling places"

3-Description in literal, understandable terms of its PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
--Comes from heaven
--Rev. 21:10
--Has the glory of God
--Rev. 21:11
--Walled city with 12 gates & foundations
--Rev. 21:12-14
--Walls of Jasper (opaque stone)
--Rev. 21:18a
--Made of pure gold
--Rev. 21:18b
--River from the Throne of God in heavenly city
--Rev. 22:1

4-Better, to me, than all these "things" of beauty is MY PRESENCE there
--Luke 10:20--"Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice that your names are written in heaven."
--2 Cor. 5:1
--2 Cor. 5:6, 8
--Jn. 12:26--"Now if any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be:"

5-And I'll have a NEW BODY
--Phs. 3:20-21
--Our present body has an amazing blood stream as the life principle (Lev. 17:11)
--New body will by the power of the living spirit
--Christ's body was not bound
** By time
** By space
** But could appear & disappear at will
--So will our bodies be
--No need for food or sleep
--At home on earth and also in heaven
--No "transportation costs" or waiting for a passenger schedule
--Always, eternally "in the pink" of condition physically

B.-Spiritually Centered In Heaven:
1-Our HOPE is laid up there--Col. 1:3, 5--"We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,...for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven
2-Our CITIZENSHIP--Phs. 3:20
3-Our INHERITANCE--1 Peter 1:4-5
4-Our CALLING--Heb. 3:1--"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, "
5-Our TREASURES
--Mt. 6:20-21--"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth norrust doth corrupt, & where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"
--1 Tim. 6:7--"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."
--ILLUS--The Rev. John Newton one day called to visit a family that had suffered the loss of all they possessed by fire. He found the godly mistress, and saluted her with: "I give you joy, dear sister in the Lord."
Surprised and ready to be offended, she exclaimed: "What! Joy that all my property is consumed?"
"Oh, no," replied her Pastor, "but joy that you have so much property that fire cannot touch."
6-Our REWARD--Rev. 22:12
--Individually & personally
--1 Cor. 3:8, 13, 14

C.-Experiencially For Life In Heaven:
1-Knowledge--1 Cor. 13:12 (by application only)
2-Song--Rev. 5:9
3-Honor--Rev. 5:11-12
4-Worship--Rev. 5:13
5-Rest--Rev. 14:13
6-New Things--Rev. 21:5
7-Life--Rev. 22:1-2; John 10:28
8-Service--Rev. 22:3
9-GLORY---Col. 3:4--"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in GLORY"

CONCLUSION:

A.-What Will Heaven Be Like:

1-ILLUS--Two monks were discussing the life to come. One insisted it would be "TALITER"--like this life; the other that it would be "ALITER"--unlike this life.

Finally they agreed that whichever of the 2 died first should communicate with the brother left on earth. In the course of time, 1 died. True to his pledge, he visited his brother on earth in a dream & his message was "NEC TALITER, NEC ALITER, SED TOTALITER ALITER!" ****

"Not as thou thoughtest, nor as I thought, but altogether different"

There will, indeed be surprises for us in the life to come, but our ignorance as to the minutiae of the life is no excuse for shutting our eyes to what God has clearly revealed.

2-General Facts Known--Heavens names
--Heaven's distinctions (3 heavens)
--Heaven's location

3-What WON'T be there--Physically absent
--Spiritually absent

4-What WILL BE there----------Physically
--Spiritually
--Experientially

B.-The Application:

1-ILLUS--Some years ago Dr. Charles E. Fuller announced that he would speak the next Sunday on "HEAVEN". During that week a beautiful letter was received from Dr. Harry Rimmer, who was very ill, and this is a part of that letter:

"Next Sunday you are to talk about HEAVEN. I am interested in that land, because I have held a clear title to a bit of property there for over 55 years. I did not buy it. It was given to me without money and without price. But the donor purchased it for me at tremendous sacrifice.

"It is not a vacant lot. For more than half a century I have been sending materials out of which the greatest architect and builder of the universe has been building a home for me, which will never need to be remodeled nor repaired because it will suit me perfectly, individually, and will never grow old.

"Termites can never undermine its foundations, for they rest on the Rock Of Ages. Fire cannot destroy it. Floods cannot wash it away. No locks or bolts will ever be placed on its doors, for no vicious person can ever enter that land where my dwelling stands, now almost completed and almost ready for me to enter in and abide in peace eternally without fear of being evicted.

"There is a valley of deep shadows between the place where I live in California and that to which I shall journey in a very short time. I cannot reach my home in that city of gold, without passing through this dark valley of shadows. But I am not afraid, because the best Friend I ever had went through the same valley long, long ago and drove away all its gloom. He has stuck with me through thick and thin since first we became acquainted 55 years ago, and I hold His promise in printed form, never to forsake me nor to leave me alone. He will be with me as I walk

through the valley of shadows, and I shall not lose my way when He is with me.

"I hope to hear your sermon on Heaven next Sunday from my home in Los Angeles, California, but I have no assurance that I shall be able to do so. My ticket to Heaven has no date marked for the journey--no return coupon--and no permit for baggage. Yes, I am all ready to go, and I may not be here while you are talking next Sunday evening, but I shall meet you there some day."

Before the next Sunday came, Harry Rimmer passed over into Heaven

When you die----WILL YOU GO TO HEAVEN ??

No one need miss heaven.

The Door is wide open ---and He will admit all who really want to come!

It's God's wish that you be saved.

He has provided a "whosoever will" gospel for folks like you.

The benefits of Christ's death for sinners is available to every last person on the face of this earth----and to you too!

HOW to get to heaven??--Don't know the means of locomotion
--But I do know
THE WAY
--John 14:6
--Will you believe Jesus and come to God by Him?

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THINGS THAT REMAIN IN A CHANGING WORLD Rev. 22:6-21; 1:1-3

"UNCHANGEABLES IN A CHANGING WORLD"

INTRO:

A.-"Changing Times":
1-Name of a Magazine
2-State of the nation
3-Condition of the world
4-Given birth to RELATIVISM & EXISTENTIALISM = Materialism (No Absolutes)
5-Backdrop for --Fear
--Failure
--Frustration
--Family breakdown
6-NEEDED: --A solid base for life & hope

B.-Things That Remain:
1-The People--22:11, 14-15
2-The Person--22:12, 13, 16
3-The Proclamation--22:17
4-The Prophecy------22:6, 18-19
5-The Promise-------22:7, 12, 20
6-The Provision-----22:21
7-LAST message of the Bible--Things that remain !

I.-THE PEOPLE (22:11, 14-15):

A.-Two Classes:
1-The unjust & the filthy (Categories of UNSAVED in 22:11)
2-Sinners against MAN--Dogs
--Sorcerers
--Whoremongers
--Murderers
3-Sinners against GOD--Idolatry
--Falsehood
(22:15)
4-OR--Righteous & holy (Category of SAVED in 22:11)
5-"Those whose robes are washed white"--MARGINAL NOTE on 22:14

B.-Two Destinations:
1-STILL--unjust still
--filthy still
--righteous still
--holy still
(unjust still, filthy still: Judgment + Separation from God)
(righteous still, holy still: Blessing + Union with God)
2-Nature possessed in physical life will persist throughout eternity to come
3-Corrupt nature will no longer be able to be satisfied & this constitutes an unspeakable torment
4-Righteous & holy ones will find GOD THEIR PERFECT SATISFACTION
5-Where headed?--"Enter in"--22:14
--"Without"---22:15
6-Each will find a destiny in 1 or the other
7-This is a "Thing that remains in a changing world"--People because the decisions of life determine the place in the eternity to come.

8-The HERE determines The HEREAFTER
9-Not yet too late to "change sides"--if you hurry

II.-THE PERSON (22:12-13, 16):

A.-The Coming One (22:12): — Characteristic of Him now

1-22:7, 12, 20
2-Coming is "quickly" or "rapidly"
3-NEWELL--"as the next thing on the program"
4-Reward--is with Christ
--is not an inheritance or a gift
--but a recognition of faithful stewardship
--Individually--"EVERY MAN"
--Judgment seat of Christ

B.-The Eternal One:(22:13):

1-3 separate expressions--"Alpha & Omega"
--"Beginning & End"
--"First and Last"
} 22:13
2-Synonymous of Christ's deity & eternity
3-No beginning & no ending
4-Creator & purpose of creation
5-Heb. 13:8--"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today & forever"

C.-The Testifying One (22:16):

1-"I, Jesus"--Whole book of Rev. is the "Revelation of Jesus Christ"--(1:1)
--Yet, largely spoken thru angels
--Now He speaks HIMSELF
2-"Jesus"--Human, personal name — Announced to Mary / Announced to Joseph
--Mt. 1:21--"Thou shalt call His Name JESUS"
--Name of incarnation & humiliation
--Name of human closeness to men — He become one of us as a MAN
3-"Testify...in the churches"
--Message to local congregations & individual believers
--Gives AUTHORITY
4-"I am the root & offspring of David"
--Kingly line emphasized
--Tie to Israel
--Only One Whose genealogy is today provable
--Mt. 1:1--"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham."
--Rom. 1:3--"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh."
5-"and the bright & morning star"
--Soon to rise
--Millennial glory
--Tie to the nations over which He'll rule
6-THUS, the PERSON OF CHRIST REMAINS in a changing world.

Not a passing comet
But a permanent "NORTH STAR"

III.-THE PROCLAMATION--(22:17):

A.-The Inviters:

1-Spirit — Divine agent + witness
2-Bride (corporate)
3-Him that heareth (individual)

B.-The Invitation:

1-"COME"--3 times here
--not a "new" message
--Mt. 11:28--"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
--Lk. 14:17--"And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come: for all things are now ready."

CHILDREN
OLDER FOLKS
MIDDLE AGED
EVERYONE

2-Open to "him that is athirst"
3-Must recognize his own need & thirst---want relief!
4-"Whosoever will"--open to all
--answer to dogmatic & doctrinaire predestinationists — And I'll preach it !!
5-Take of the water of life freely--without cost
--Isa. 55:1--"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, & he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."
6-Though the supply is gratuitous, the responsibility of accepting & using the water of life rests with the INDIVIDUAL himself.
7-Final gospel message of the Bible--22:17
8-The Unregenerates--Can't join in gospel call--"COME"
--Can't join in expectancy call--"Come, Lord Jesus"
--He must first come himself to the fountain of living water
9-In a world of change, this proclamation remains that a sinner is invited to COME

IV.-THE PROPHECY (22:6, 18-19):

A.-Its Character:

1-22:6--Reliable — Sayings are faithful + true
2-22:18-19--Inviolable — Not added to nor taken from
3-If judgment came upon King Jehoiakim (Jer. 36) because he cut & burned the predictive prophecies of Jeremiah against Jerusalem, HOW MUCH MORE AWFUL will be the doom of those who add to or take away from a book given by God to the Lord Jesus & stamped with the IMPRIMATEUR of HIS AUTHORITY

B.-Its Clarification: 22:19

1-"BOOK of life"=="TREE of life" as in 22:2, 14
2-Book of life is for actually saved ones
3-Tree of life is provided for all, but barred to unsaved
4-Thus--a warning against tampering with the Word of God which REMAINS WRITTEN in this world of change.

V.-THE PROMISE (22:7, 12, 20): — "Behold, I Come Quickly"

A.-The Repetition:

1-22:7--Linked with obedience to the Word for disciples - WALK
2-22:12--Linked with reward for servants WORKS
3-22:20--Stated as a FACT by Christ Himself. for the Bride WATCH DILIGENTLY

B.-The Reminder:

1-Threefold repetition shows importance
2-Prefaced with "SURELY"=="without a doubt"
3-The next time the voice of Christ is heard, it will be as He descends from heaven with a shout
4-It is He, Himself who will come for us
5-This is a PRECIOUS PROMISE that remains when all about is a world fraught with change & decay.

VI.-THE PROVISION (22:21):

A.-Comfort Of Grace:

1-GRACE is God's last word to ALL — in salv. / in sanct. / in daily life
2-That grace is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
3-That grace is to those "in the churches" to whom the Revelation is addressed
4-Christ's grace
- only source of strength for Xn
- final guarantee of victory
- triumphant closing strain of N. T.

B.-Contrast With Grace:

1-The O. T. ends with a CURSE & the N. T. ends with GRACE
O.T. 2-Warning that the future of the earth hangs upon the conversion of the remnant thru Elijah's preaching, according to Malachi
N.T. 3-Reassurance that grace is provided to ALL according to Christ
4-What a wonderful provision that will not change in the midst of a changing world.

CONCLUSION:

A.-The Things That Remain:

1-The People
2-The Person
3-The Proclamation
4-The Prophecy
5-The Promise
6-The Provision

B.-The Reaction of John:

1-22:20c--"Amen, Even so, come, Lord Jesus"
2-"Amen"
- loosly used term
- many don't know its meaning
- "Yeah, verily"
- Illus. Lk. 1:38--"And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

3-"Even So"
- Exactly as Jesus has said
- No plans of his own, however earnest, held back the eager call of his heart to the Lord

4-"COME, LORD JESUS"
- Is this my response?
- Is this your response?
- Is this our church's response?
- The first word we hear man address to God in the Bible is the solemn word, "I heard

thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid" (Gen. 3:10). The last word addressed to the Lord by redeemed man is "EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS." And between these two utterances in Genesis & Revelation is the story of REDEMPTION. — LOVE of God the Father SACRIFICE of Son WOOING of Holy Spirit

5-The decision of the heart
- --BELIEVER
  - **Serve fervently
  - **Live cleanly
  - **Pursue actively
  - **Stand firmly
  - **Rejoice in the things that change not
- --UNBELIEVER
  - **Decide today
  - **Reject the way of the ungodly, filthy, & unjust who are "WITHOUT"
  - **Embrace the Savior
  - **Receive the "things that remain"

6-ILLUS--Gladys Liner & picture of the Lord coming for His own in a Southern Baptist Church in Houston.
- --Haunted her until she made her decision
- --Blessed & comforted her after her decision was made

7-Make YOUR decision to come to fellowship with Christ by faith and be prepared to partake of the Communion to follow

You don't have to be fearful of being left behind when Christ raptures the Church. Christians have a "BLESSED HOPE"!

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Hymns:
- Glory To His Name 376
- Only Trust Him 188
- Jesus Never Fails 496
- Abide With Me 363
- Thank You Lord