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2012 Notes

“I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.” Daniel 7:21,22

A. The little horn's war against Christians. Judgment In Our Favor.

“I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;” Daniel 7:21 -

תִּזְהַר הַגִּי'ת־יִקְרָא נְאֻם דְּכַוְעָבְדָא קִרְבַּ עַם-קַדְיִשִׁין; וַיִּכְלָה, לְהַן

This passage is very similar to the one found in Revelation 13:7, “*And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*” - και εδοθη αυτω πολεμον ποιησαι μετα των αγιων και νικησαι αυτους και εδοθη αυτω εξουσια επι πασαν φυλην και γλωσσαν και εθνος.

But we want to go through the Hebrew passage first and the first expression we come up to is, “*I beheld,*” - *chazeh haweyth*, *chazah* is the peal active participle of *chazah*. Now the normal word for **seeing** in the Hebrew is *ra'ah*, but here we have used *chazah*, a loanword from the Aramaic. So the question is why? What led to the introduction of this loanword and with what meaning was it used?

Chazon was the word used for an event where *Yahweh* presented to a seer or prophet something they would see and it was often accompanied with words. These *chazon* were clearly distinguished from normal dreams and usually took place only at night, while one was in a deep sleep. They were the means by which *Yahweh* communicated to the *nabi*, the prophets, where they would perceive with their mind's eye, while in a deep sleep, what *Yahweh* wanted them to know.

The Aramaic idea behind *chazah* was that it was a technical term for a particular nocturnal experience that took place in a deep sleep, (whether the eyes were open or closed was not an issue), where a picture of some scene was placed before the mind's eye, and it would be accompanied with or without words. The scene the seer was watching could be: **one**, an exact representation of what *Yahweh* wanted him to know, **two**, or it could be put in a symbolic or allegorical sense representing the idea behind it, **three** and it could be accompanied with or without words.

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Nathan, Habakkuk, Amos, Daniel and others were some of the men who had received *chazon* from *Yahweh*. Sometimes they were called **seers** because they saw things that *Yahweh* was showing them while they were sleeping at night. Amos was referred to as both a seer and a prophet. “*Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:*” Amos 7:12

The expression, “dreaming dreams”, that so many use is really somewhat misleading because a *chazon* was not just an ordinary dream. It was the means by which *Yahweh* communicated to his prophets regarding something that he was going to do, or something that was going to take place in the future. “*Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.*” Psalms 89:19 They came only to those he had **chosen**, they were accompanied by a **deep sleep** and sometimes they were associated with **emotional agitation**.

The peal stem tells us that this was a very intense experience for Daniel. Having a *chazon* from the Lord itself was a very intense experience, for that what is what distinguished it from ordinary dreams, but by using the peal stem we find that this *chazon*, concerning the antichrist and the people of God in the end times, was **at a level above other chazons**. The participial form of this tells us that he was visually observing all what was going on.

Daniel 7 deals with the visions Daniel had while he was asleep and the KJV uses the word **vision** for *chazah*, which is an experience in which a personage, thing, or event appears vividly or credibly to the mind, although not actually present, often under the influence of a divine or other agency. Now while Daniel was looking at this vision from God, his eyes went to this one particular thing, this **little horn**. *"I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things."* Daniel 7:8 It is this same horn that is waging war against the saints and defeating them.

This little horn refers back to the boasting horn of Daniel 7:8 and is a reference to the final antichrist. He is symbolized as a **horn** because of his political power as the world ruler, (the horn symbolized power), and due to his connection to Nimrod, the first ruler of the Babylonian system, who was also called the "Horned One".

Now Babylon had a political ruler and it had a religious ruler. The first political ruler of Mystery Babylon was **Nimrod**, who was the son of Cush, and **Cush** was the first religious ruler of Mystery Babylon. Temple banking, a fierce military, currency, system of laws, etc., all operated under these two rulers. Today we have the same setup with the **Pope** being the religious ruler of Babylon, while the **final antichrist** will be the end time political ruler of Babylon. Temple banking remains the same, a fierce military to insure Babylon's rule is in place presently using the US military, fiat currency, a system of laws coming from the UN, and economic laws coming from the Uniform Commercial Code.

Presently, the temporal political ruler of Babylon, (until the man of sin comes on the scene to take the power and authority to rule over the world from Jerusalem), is the **Secretary-General** of the UN. He was vested with this rule back in 1962 by the Pope, who handed over to him the scepter of world rule. Remember, the Pope believes that he has rule over the political sphere, the spiritual sphere and over heaven itself. Hence, the triple crown.

"And the same horn made war with the saints," - weqarna dikken 'abda qerab 'im-qaddiyshiyin.

"As I watched, this horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them," NIV To wage war is the peal active participle of 'abad. The peal stem denotes the terrible intensity of this action as the antichrist, with the full support of the Pope at Rome, both of whom will be operating under the power and direction of Satan, who will be waging war against the saints of God.

This **making war** against the saints is *polemon* in the Septuagint translation. And in the Greek of the Revelation 13:7 passage, *"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints,"* it has the same word *polemon* used again. Now *abad* was a military term used for war and the destruction it brought upon people, but warfare was not to be restricted to the clash of arms on the battlefield, but is waged against the economy of a nation, its infrastructure, roads, bridges, water supplies, food supply, electricity, waste treatment, communications; against the nation's social order, its culture and values, its thinking and schools, against its political process and against its religion. So war is an attack on all the concepts associated with a people.

Revelation 13:7, “*And it was given (didomi - **granted** the authority and the power), unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power (exousia - **authority**) was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations, (all people on earth).*” To be **given** is the aorist passive infinitive of didomi - to be granted something, to be granted the authority to exercise power in certain areas, which are outlined here in the passage is **to make war against the saints, believers in Jesus Christ, and to rule over all the people on earth.**

We have a **culminative** aorist being used here, which looks at the action in its entirety as a whole, (authority being granted to him), with emphasis on the **results** of that authority given to him. The passive voice tells us that someone, something, some group gave him the authority and power to do what is described next and that is to wage war against the saints of God. The culminative aorist looks at authority being granted to him at a point in time and the results of that authority being given to him, the results are he **wages war against the saints.**

And to **overcome them** is the aorist active infinitive of nikao, to gain the victory over, or to defeat. Here we have a constantive aorist, which looks at the action as a whole in one point in time. That is to say, that now we are looking at an overall picture of this war against the people of God. But one thing stands out clearly...and that is there is **no permanence of the action.** That is to say, he is defeating them, he is winning the battle so far, **but they are not defeated! They are not conquered!**

There is a difference between looking at a war that is ongoing and the outcome of that war! In WWII the Japanese had the upper hand for quite awhile, and it went on like that for awhile, but the tide was eventually turned and we won the war! The antichrist will be waging war against the people of God on earth and he will be defeating them. **But there is going to come a point in time during this war, something big is going to happen during this time, and all that will change!!**

Now in our Daniel 7:21 passage, “*I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;*”, both **making war** and **prevailing** against them are in the peal participle, which not only denotes the intensity of both actions, but also the uninterrupted activity in both of them. Which is to say, that this making war against the saints was an ongoing thing, and so was defeating them.

“*And the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;*” - *weyakhlah lehon.* The NIV has it as, “*and defeating them,*”. To **prevail** is the peal active participle of yakal. Now the KJV has it as **prevailed** against them, which has the past sense idea in that they have **been defeated.** But the **participial** form in the Hebrew, which denotes an ongoing activity, tells us that this is not a “done deal”. That is, **they are in the process of losing the war, but they have not been defeated!**

Yakal meant to be superior, to be victorious over, but, as we have seen because of the peal participle, that this was an ongoing, uninterrupted activity. The little horn, (the end time antichrist), will be in the process of making war against the saints of God, and he will be in the process of being victorious over them, but this will come to a halt!!

The word for the **saints**, (holy people in the NIV), is *qaddiyshiyn* the plural of *qaddosh*. The Septuagint translates this as *hagios* and so does the Revelation passage - *holy ones*. There are two views on where *qaddosh* came from. One, to burn with fire, such as, the burnt offering. Two, something separated from something else, therefore, isolated, different than its surroundings, clean, pure, separated from the common and profane. And whether in the NT or OT there is only one way to become a saint, to be holy and pure, and that is through **faith in Jesus Christ!** So these are Christians!

B. God judges for his people.

“Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.” Daniel 7:22

עד ד-אָתהָ עַתָּה יִקְיָא, וְדַיְנָא יְהִי לְקַדְיִשׁ יַעֲלֵי יוֹנִין, וְזַמְנָא מְטַמְלָא כּוֹתָא הַסְּנוּי קַדְיִשׁ יוֹ

This verse begins with a very little word that has a very big significance! The antichrist has been waging war against the holy ones of God and he has been defeating them. And then we have the word **until** written in this verse!

Now the Septuagint translation of this passage in the OT uses the word *heos* for **until**. *Heos* is a temporal conjunction that denotes the end of a period of time. What this is saying is that for a period of time the antichrist has been waging war against the saints of God and defeating them, **until** something else takes place and all that changes!

In the Hebrew it's '*ad diy-athah*. *Until came the Ancient of days*. The noun 'ad denotes a continuing period of unbroken time. Used with *diy* it tells us that something is going on for a period of time, then something else is going to happen to interrupt that. *Diy* is used in construct with *athah*, the peal preterite of athah telling us that that **it is the coming of Yahweh that stops the defeat of the saints of God**. And *athah* should be translated as **came**, as we have it here.

Now the question is, **came where**, to what place? One possible interpretation is to the earth. And some might hold to that idea. But because of context, where we have thrones being set up, thrones being used for ruling and judging, plus the use of the word judgment also in context, we have the idea that this is referring to *Yahweh* coming to take his seat on his throne of judgment and now rendering a judgment in favor of the saints. “*I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.*” Daniel 7:9

So, if there is as rendering of judgment in favor of the saints, and if God deals with his creation based upon his righteousness and justice, then logic would imply that there could have been a rendering of judgment that was not in favor of the saints that preceded this judgment! And if that was the case, then what was it about the action of the saints that would have brought that about?

Now if we go back through history to the very beginning, the thing that brought about judgment on God's people was their apostasy! Adam and Eve were cast forth from the garden because they did not adhere in faith obedience to the simple command of God. The antediluvian age was brought to a close because of the rebellion of the people. The northern tribes of Israel were judged by God in 722 BC, because they turned from the Word of God and went into the apostasy of the Baal cult. The two remaining tribes were judged by God in 586 BC for the same reason.

So, it would stand to reason that, since every age of man of man's time on the earth ended in apostasy, and were consequently judged by God, then it would stand to reason that the Church Age would be no different! So, does the Word have anything to say about this? Yes it does, for the Apostle Paul tells us that the Church will become **apostate** before the return of Christ to earth! “*Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*” 2 Thessalonians 2:3

Now a recent theory brought forth by those in pretribulation dispensationalism to prove that the Church is raptured **before** the antichrist comes on the scene is that the term “**falling away** - (*apostasia*)” in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, “*Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a **falling away** first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*”, refers to the rapture of the Church!

But Paul begins his passage, which is dealing with the Lord's return to earth, the resurrection of the dead and our being “raptured”, (actually snatched up by the angels), in 2 Thessalonians 2:1, “*Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,*” The **coming** of the Lord is *parousia*, which denotes his presence here on the earth. And our being **gathered together** unto him, (accomplished by his angels), is *episunagoge*, “*And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*” Matthew 24:31

The problem with their theory is that it is illogical! They are referring to *apostasia* as the “rapture” of the Church, (so they can defend their pretribulation theory), but Paul already covers the “rapture” of the church, if you will, in verse one! So what they are saying, even if they can't see it, is that the “rapture” of the Church will not occur until the “rapture” of the Church takes place first! Doesn't make sense.

Now aside from that every place in the NT and the OT as well, the concept of **apostasy** always refers to a departure from the people of God with their walk with God. For there to be a falling away there first has to be a position, relationship, or walk with God that existed, from which the believer departs. In the NT our walk with God consists of living in the spiritual life dynamic, living in the new nature, living in the filling of the Holy Spirit, living by faith, faith in the Father, faith in the word and promises of God, separating ourselves from the things of the world system. Things along those lines. But when the believer departs from that to follow after the things of the world, to go after money, to go after their lusts, when the believer departs from faith in the Word, then he or she has departed from their walk with God and are in apostasy!

And seeing that the last phase of the Church on earth is characterized by the Laodicean Church, which will be, (is), totally **apostate**, then it is easy to see that there is a major apostasy in view here by the saints of God. “*And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, **I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing**; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*” Revelation 3:14-20

And we notice what is the characteristic of these believers? They are fully involved in the world system; they have given themselves over to the pursuit of money, position and material things; they are totally deluded meaning somebody has deceived them for a long time concerning money and things, such as, the “prosperity gospel” movement. And **where do we see Christ? He is the Word standing outside their churches knocking to be admitted! They have departed from the Word!**

Now it says that the little horn, the antichrist, will be waging war against the saints, or holy ones, but the pre-tribulation group says this has to refer to Jews and Gentiles that are saved after the rapture of the Church. But all the Christian writers down throughout the centuries have concluded this refers to the Church. We want to note the **Son of Man** in Daniel 7:13, *“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.”* And the **dominion and people** given to him in Daniel 7:14, *“And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.”*

We know that this Son of Man is none other than Jesus Christ and that the people given to him reflect the redeemed of the Church Age. And we want to notice the parallel passage in Revelation 5:9,10, *“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”*

The Ancient of days is *'attiyq moyyaya*. The word **ancient** is the English word used to translate *attiyq*, which has the meaning of long ago, very old, from a distant past, existence in a distant past, dating from a remote period. The Septuagint used the Greek word *palaios* to translate *attiyq*, which also has the same ideas. But there are two Greek words for being old or ancient, one is *palaios* and the other is *archaios*. Now, if we wanted to denote the difference between the two, **archaios** would be the word used to denote the very beginning of something, while **palaios** would denote that something existed before the beginning!

There are only three references in the Bible to God as the Ancient of Days and all three of them are in Daniel chapter seven. *“I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and **the Ancient of days** did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.”* Daniel 7:9 *“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to **the Ancient of days**, and they brought him near before him.”* Daniel 7:13 *“Until **the Ancient of days** came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.”* Daniel 7:22

Yahweh is known as the **all-powerful one** and he is also known as the **eternal one**. It depends upon how one is viewing God and describing something about his person. If we are looking at him from the subject of **power**, then he is the all-powerful one. If we are looking at him from the standpoint of **existence**, how long has he existed? is he dependent upon some thing or someone else to exist?, then we would say that he the self-existent one! That is, he possesses life intrinsically, always has, always will, therefore he is eternal. If we are looking at him from the standpoint of **chronology** of time, how long has he been alive, how long has he existed, months, days, years, etc.?, then we would say that he was in existence, not just since the beginning, but he existed before there was a beginning!

The word for **judgment** is *diyyn* and is the authoritative, binding decision of a judge in a lawsuit, or in matters of governmental rule. In earlier times judgment was carried out by the tribal chief, then at a higher level later on by the elders at the gate of the city, and even higher on by the king and his official judges as the highest court in the land. Similar today to what all nations still do. But here we have Yahweh, who is presiding over the highest court in the universe, holding court and deciding on a matter concerning his holy ones and judgment is given to them. That is, he will judge and his judgment on this whole matter during this time will be found in favor of his holy ones.

2012 - Preparing For The End Times

“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.” Luke 21:34

Intro:

In Luke 21 the disciples were talking to the Lord about the temple and his return to earth and he tells them that the temple will be so torn down that not one stone will be left on another. So they asked him about when this will happen and what will be the sign of his return to earth. *“And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?” Luke 21:7*

He goes into the matter of the destruction of Israel, its being trampled upon by the Gentiles and its state right up to the time of Christ's return to earth in Luke 21:12-24. And then he goes back and talks about his return in Luke 21:24-36 and the things going on concerning it. The term **trampling upon** covers the concepts ranging from the occupation of the land by Gentiles merely living on the land all the way to occupying the land by the Gentiles under military rule. *“But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot (trample) forty and two months.” Revelation 11:2*

One of the things that the Lord mentioned prior to his return to the earth was the rise of the nation Israel once more. *“And he spake to them a parable; Behold the **fig tree**, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that **the kingdom of God is nigh at hand**. Verily I say unto you, This **generation** shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.” Luke 21: 29-32*

The Lord says that the generation of people living at the time of the forming of the nation of Israel will not pass away before the 2nd Advent of Christ. Now a generation was 70 years, so we have 70 years as being the total time bracket. Most believe that Israel became a nation in 1948, but that's inaccurate. It was 1948 when Israel submitted its papers to the UN to be formally accepted as a nation, but those papers were rejected! So they had to go back and change the problem and resubmit them the next year. So Israel actually became a nation in 1949!

But the papers for their partitioning of the land took place in 1947. So the years 1947, 1948 and 1949 are the target years in view. So, if we take 70 years as a generation, we then have the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 as the target years for the outer limit for Christ's return! But we can add in one more thing and that is the rabbis had a prophecy that their messiah would arise 69 years after the forming of the Israeli state. So now the target years become 2016, 2017, or 2018. Taking all things in consideration we have four potential dates for the beginning of the Tribulation: 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

A. End time pitfalls.

*“And **take heed** to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.” Luke 21:34 - προσεχετε δε εαυτοις μηποτε βαρυνθωσιν υμων αι καρδιαι εν κραιπαλη και μεθη και μεριμναις βιωτικαις και αιφνιδιος εφ υμας επιστη η ημερα εκεινη*

The first thing we come across is the verb **take heed**, or **be careful**, in the NIV. It is found in the present active imperative of *prosecho* and we see that it is **a call to action!** Any time you find the imperative mood in the Greek it is a call to action by the believer. And in the active voice it is the believer's responsibility to do something, as denoted by the verb! And in the present tense it tells us that this action is something that we must continually be doing!

Prosecho is a function of the mind directed toward something and it meant to turn one's mind to something, to pay attention to a situation or a matter, to notice what's going on, to be concerned about something, to occupy oneself in something, to be devoted to a matter, to be aware of what's going on, to beware of what could be going on.

What it is centering around is us paying attention to our own spiritual life. This is always a mandate for the people of God, but as we are in, or approaching, the end times, it becomes a more pressing issue of great importance. The problem of anxieties, dissipation and drunkenness are actually the result of **not** living in our spiritual life.

We must really pay attention to our walk with the Lord, our living in the spiritual life dynamic, our living by faith, our claiming the promises by faith, the faith rest drill, our consistent daily intake of Bible Doctrine, our decisions, our associations, our being filled with the Holy Spirit, avoiding the lust pattern of the flesh nature, and because it is the end times, the study of prophecy. We must be aware that the slightest departure from any of these things, on any given particular day, could mean us spinning off away from us living in our own spiritual life dynamic.

Of course we are to stay away from drunkenness and dissipation, but we need to understand that these concepts are something that many will end up because they have departed from living in the spiritual life! Anxiety and other emotional concepts also await those who get away from new nature living.

To appreciate what the Lord is talking about we have to go back to the context of the passage where the Lord is talking about his return to earth, the events occurring during that time, and the mental state of people. *“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.”* Luke 21:26,27

We are talking about the latter part of the Last days right before Christ's return to earth. All the sinful activities mentioned in 2 Timothy 3:1-5 will be rampant throughout the world: perilous times, men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Society will be in shambles, families torn apart and turning against each other, the economy wiped out, currencies obliterated, government will be a tyrannical monster, wars all over the world, the mark of the beast being enforced on people, men in the process of destroying the earth, the weather out of control, demons arriving on earth in droves driven by their master, Satan, and then we also have the shaking of the heavens and objects plunging to earth with the resultant tidal waves and fires breaking out all over the world! It will be no wonder that people will *faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.* This is why it is so important for us to **take heed to our spiritual life and to watch and pray – now!**

Dissipation and **drunkenness** are what many people use to reduce stress in their lives, to escape the realities of life, and have also been a problem for many of God's people. And that's in normal times! But what happens to the stress level, when everything around us is spinning out of control? Well the pressure gets greater, and if not handled with the spiritual provisions that God supplies to us, it will end up being stress in the soul. And that's when people turn to alcohol, or any other concept that will either dull the minds, or get our minds off our problems. In addition to alcohol are drugs, TV, music, all the technological gadgets, keeping busy and all sorts of other things people use to cope with stress.

Overcharged, or **weighed down** in some translations, is the aoist passive subjunctive of *bareo*, and it meant to be weighed down with something heavy. There are many things that weigh us down in life, our personal responsibilities, old age, our health, finances, our work, family problems, making a living, just surviving, then add unto that all the evil laws being passed by a police state, economic woes, the prospect of the upcoming antichrist and natural disasters, all of which are a constant threat to us, these are the things that weigh us down. But included in that are the problems of dissipation and drunkenness. How so? What we thought would help us in the long term just adds to our problem!

Life has always had its problems in normal times, but in the end times that will increase exponentially. And if the solution for handling stress in normal times is living in the spiritual life dynamic, then **how much more so in the end times!** And what the Lord wants us to do is devote ourselves to living in the spiritual life, being in the Word, living by faith and having an understanding of prophecy.

Dissipation is *kraipale* and it entailed all the aspects of drinking, bar-hopping, partying, etc., with the emphasis on the negative results of all that. Which would include such things as: squandering of one's resources, money, health, time, hangovers, etc.. It entails any and all forms of escapism. One can dissipate himself morally, financially, spiritually, emotionally and physically.

When pressure gets to maximum level, as it will in the end times, and society starts to unravel, as we see going on in America, as our cherished institutions of marriage, family, freedom and nationalism, start to be destroyed, a lot of people will turn to the party scene to escape the reality of it all. They will do so because they haven't got a clue as to what's going on doctrinally and prophetically. They knew that all this was going to happen some day – **but not today!** Not in their lifetime.

Drunkenness is *methe* and it's not referring to drinking, but drinking to excess where one is intoxicated or buzzed. Although the moderate drinking of wine has some health benefits, and in certain cases encouraged, drinking to excess is always forbidden in Scripture.

Drunkenness is also used as a figure of speech referring to believers, who have turned away from living by faith in the spiritual life dynamic and have given themselves over to emotionalism, or have turned from the Word to go after so-called spiritual experiences, or who turned away from sound doctrine and gone after the idolatry of the Babylonian cult.

Drunkenness is one of the flesh's faulty problem solving devices people use to cope with the pressure of life, which will be much greater as time goes by. It produces a blurry fog by which the problems of life will be kept outside of the stream of consciousness of the soul. But it doesn't work. Drowning one's problems in "Whiskey River" doesn't solve them. Instead one wakes up only to find them still there, only now one has a hangover and has less money. Instead God wants us to stop being drunk with wine and to start being filled with the Holy Spirit. "*And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*" Ephesians 5:17

A little snippet of the news dated June 18, 2013 in the Africa Review out of Kenya, is that both ex-President Clinton and Obama were visiting a little place in Africa called Senegal. It is also rumored that ex-President Bush was there also during the same time period of around 72 hours. It was also noted in the French newspaper, Le Populaire. Senegal has also been visited by the former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and by Pope Jean Paul II. The visit of three American presidents to Africa during the same time period is unprecedented in history.

The question being circulated is why? Did the three of them meet up with each other for some special reason? Or, as some of the reports that are coming back in are saying, that the three of them met up with a very special world dignitary, who is covertly assuming power over the world first in Africa, then the entire world! And they were there to pay homage to him pledging that they would support his NWO takeover of the world!

It is rumored that this mysterious entity is the actual ruler of a third force that has descended to earth to assert control over the nations. This has been stated by certain individuals in the Secret shadow Government and MJ-12 that this new world leader is being revealed only to selected insiders, who will pledge fealty to his world rule.

Now as far-fetched and improbable as this sounds the final scenario of the anti-christ taking over the world will go something along these lines, which many prophecy teachers have put forth for decades. And before it is dismissed outright, all possibilities must be considered and studied. What will be coming up in the future will shatter many believer's preconceived ideas. Things that they never thought could ever be possible will become the new reality! Consider just cell phones and ipads.

As the rumor goes this foreign powerful dignitary has a name and he has descended to Africa from an alien space craft. His name is **Marduk** and it is said that he is from an interstellar race of beings called the Annunaki, or also referred to as the Nephilim! The rumor continues that he is a luciferic demon from the inter-dimensional black planet Nibiru.

It is said that these luciferic demons were driven away from the planet by the flood, while their half-alien and half-human offspring, who populated the earth in great numbers, except for Noah and his family, died during the flood. But now they have begun to come back to earth during the twentieth century by once again inter-breeding with certain chosen bloodlines, who have maintained the "ancient Luciferian heritage" dating back to Babylon.

These bloodlines are some of the oldest, richest and most powerful families on the earth and make up the higher levels of what is referred to as the Illuminati, which means *Lucifer* illuminated. They are especially anointed with Luciferian power, giving them the power to take over the world step by step till they have final control over the world. The visible leaders of the various nations are nothing more than the puppets they control behind the scenes.

Interestingly enough **Marduk** was the chief deity of the Babylonian pantheon. He was represented by the golden calf and was also known as the solar calf. And, as we know, it was the golden calf that the Israelites worshipped at Mt. Sinai and later on in the land. Marduk would be the son of an earth woman and Lucifer himself. Just as Tammuz was the son of Nimrod and Semiramis, and Horus was the son of Osiris and Isis. How do we know that this being called Marduk is none other than **the same Marduk who ruled over ancient Babylon? And that he is the genetic offspring, son, of Lucifer/Hillel and an earth woman and now he has come back to take over the rule of the world!**

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Our thinking goes back and forth from one subject to another, but nothing is ever resolved and that's because **we are not handling it by faith in the promises of God!** Basically, **worry or anxiety is thinking without faith!** There's nothing wrong with Christians thinking; doctrinal thinking is a part of our spiritual priesthood. But our thinking is to be based upon **faith in what God has promised!**

And there is a passage in scripture that deals with and solves that very negative dynamic! “***Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.***” Proverbs 3:5,6

The word for **trust** here is *batach* in the imperative mood of command, and *batach* brings out the idea of the inner sense of feeling secure that comes about as the result of exercising faith in what God has promised. All humans are creatures of insecurity. It is a part of our problem here on earth due to the fall of man. We feel vulnerable. We know that we are completely open to every area of threat to our well-being, both our souls and our bodies, even to our own existence.

And this vulnerability, this insecurity, will always trigger the emotional complex of the soul and the first emotion that becomes activated is **fear!** And fear brings with it **torment**. “*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*” 1 John 4:18

And this **torment**, *kolasis*, actually punishes the soul; punishes the soul just like somebody being punished or tormented in prison. It also keeps us in a state of **servitude**. We actually become slaves to that which makes us afraid. And the only solution for that is being **perfected** in agape love, which springs forth out of the believer exercising faith in the promises of God.

Now in our verse we see that we are to **take heed** to ourselves, *lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life*, to take heed, The first thing we come across is the verb **take heed**, or **be careful**, in the NIV, which, in the imperative mood is **a call to action!** Any time you find the imperative mood in the Greek it is a call to action by the believer. And in the active voice it is the believer's responsibility to do something, as denoted by the verb! And in the present tense it tells us that this action is something that we must continually be doing! We are to do this all the time, but even more so as we go into the last days.

Prosecho, as we have seen, is a function of the mind directed toward something and it meant to turn one's mind to something, to pay attention to a situation or a matter, to notice what's going on, to be concerned about something, to occupy oneself in something, to be devoted to a matter, to be aware of what's going on, to beware of what could be going on.

So what are we to be **concerned** about to the place of taking Biblical action? Our hearts being weighed down by dissipation, drunkenness and worrying about the things in life we need to get by! **Weighed down** is the orist passive subjunctive of *bareo*, and it meant to be weighed down with something heavy, to have a heavy load. Point of doctrine, anxiety, or worrying about things and how we're going to make it in life, places a heavy weight on our hearts.

Now God doesn't want us to be worried about being worried about not having the things of life we need to get by on. But he wants us to be aware of the problem and apply the doctrinal solution he has supplied to us in grace, and that is **the exercising of the faith rest dynamic!** Whenever the believer is living in the sphere of faith in the Word of God, then he or she will be living in the sphere of peace that he has given to us all, and at the same time, the soul will be protected from the ravages of the emotional complex of the flesh nature!

But if the believer is not living in the sphere of faith in the Word of God, then their soul will be flooded with the various feelings of the flesh nature, the first being the fear complex, which is what *merimnos*, or the anxieties of life is all about. Whenever a weight is placed on the heart, which is what the idea of pressure is all about, **weight = pressure**, then the heart reacts with feelings.

And when we talk about pressure, we are talking about *thlipsis* and we are talking about the tribulation and the great tribulation. Which simply means that during this time in history there will be great pressure on the saints of God. Great pressure, great weight, great weight on the heart, all translating into a major problem with anxiety, along with all the other feelings of the emotional complex of the flesh. To the place where there will be men's hearts failing them for fear. ***“Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”*** Luke 21:26 **Looking after** is *prosdokia* and it has the idea of apprehension over impending evil or destruction. Remember, **apprehension** is a part of the fear complex and it denotes the fear of what **might** happen.

But God has supplied his people something that will prevent our souls from being overwhelmed by apprehension, or the anxieties of life, and that is his promises and the faith rest dynamic. *“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”* 2 Peter 1:4 In God's grace he has given us his promises to believe, and the faith to believe them comes as we focus our attention back on the promises. And as we do so, then peace starts to come back to our souls and all the negative feelings of the emotional complex leave.

“Was given to the saints of the most High;” - *yehib leqaddiyshay elyonin*. To **give** is the peal participle of *yahab*, which meant to give, or to grant. It is translated in the Greek as *didomi*, which also meant to give, or to grant. The letter **le** is attached to the word *qaddiyshiyn*, the word for holy ones, or saints, and *le* gives us the direction of the action of the verb. It denotes motion and action toward something or someone. So the judgment of God in this matter, which way does it go? Well it goes toward, that is, **in favor of the holy ones.**

Saints of the most High is the holy ones [belonging to] *Elyonin*, or as translated into the English, the most High. Judgment was granted in favor of the holy ones belonging to *Elyonin*. *Elyonin* is the word for the supreme being of the inverse and refers to God the Father. Taking the root idea of power found in the word for God or deity, *El*, then with *El- Elyon* we have *El*, the Powerful One; the Highest Powerful One, or *El*, who holds the highest position in the universe.

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Daniel 7:21 Septuagint

ἕως τοῦ ἐλθεῖν τὸν παλαιὸν ἡμερῶν καὶ τὴν κρίσιν ἔδωκε τοῖς ἁγίοις τοῦ ὑψίστου καὶ ὁ καιρὸς ἐδόθη καὶ τὸ βασίλειον κατέσχον οἱ ἅγιοι. Daniel 7:22 Septuagint

2012 Notes

A. End Time Pitfalls.

“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.” Luke 21:34 - προσεχετε δε εαυτοις μηποτε βαρυνθωσιν υμων αι καρδιαι εν κραιπαλη και μεθη και μεριμναις βιωτικαις και αιφνιδιος εφ υμας επιστη η ημερα εκεινη.

There is a lot of talk today about prepping, or preparing for the end times, or just difficult times ahead in this country by both Christians and non-Christians. Sadly most Christians are not preparing for anything bad to happen in the country, because they have been misled by the pre-tribulation theory on the return of Christ. But the best preparation Christians can have begins with having an enlightened soul where one is aware that something is going on and the need to take action to prepare for it.

Be careful, or take heed - *prosechete de heautois*, is the present active imperative of *prosecho*, which meant to turn one's mind to a thing, to pay attention to a matter or situation, to notice something, to be concerned about something, to occupy oneself with a matter, to be devoted to a matter, to be aware of something, to beware of something. And found in the present active imperative it tells us that this is an ongoing command, and only the believer in Christ can do this for himself, and is to do it for himself.

It's telling us to be aware that we maintain our own spiritual life dynamic before the Lord, lest we find ourselves getting caught up in dissipation, drunkenness and anxiety all due to the increasing pressure on the believer's soul because of what will be, (and is), going on around us in the last days. If we neglect the spiritual life provision that God has supplied to all his people, then we will get caught up in anxiety and various forms of escapism people use to cope with pressure and stress.

To understand what the Lord is talking about we have to go back to the context of the passage where he is talking about his return to earth and what will be occurring on earth prior to that time. *“Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” Luke 21:26-28*

This puts us in the latter part of the last days right before Christ's arrival on earth. During this time the entire world will be in a state of upheaval. Not only due to the Beast and his economic system with its forced marking, his war against believers in Christ, men destroying each other, men destroying the planet, but also because of the natural disasters from the sky that will be impacting the entire world. And we're not just talking about the last few days or months leading up to that time, but the last few years! These years will be marked by increasing pressure, political persecution and just getting by.

So what *prosecho* is getting at is that during the last days, even the latter times, Christians are commanded to be applying themselves to turning to God, to living in the spiritual life dynamic, to faith, prayer, to the study of Bible Doctrine and most certainly to the study of prophecy in connection to current events. We are to occupy ourselves to these things, to devote ourselves to them and to be aware of what's going on. And we should also concern ourselves with who we associate with during those times, so we can avoid negative people. This will provide our minds with the proper framework for a stabilized soul.

“Lest at any time your hearts be overcharged” - *mepote barunthosin humon hai kardiai*. *Mepote* is a negative particle used after verbs of fearing, concern, etc., to denote a negative consequence that there is apprehension over. Dissipation, drunkenness and anxieties that weigh the heart down are the things that the Lord wants his people to avoid, but the way we are to avoid them, and can avoid them, is by devoting ourselves to prayer, faith, the filling of the Holy Spirit, which is living in our own spiritual life God gave to us, and to the study of prophecy connected to the events going on around us.

People become frightened when they don't know what is happening to them, when they are unable to have any control over their lives, and apprehensive of what **might** happen. During the last days toward the end when the Lord will be returning, people will become so frightened that they will call for the mountains to fall on them! “*And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, **Fall on us**, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*” Revelation 6:15-17

For the Christian, though, who has been properly trained under Bible Doctrine and exercises his/her faith, will not be afraid of death when it comes, for he knows that he will go into the presence of the Lord. And he/she will not be afraid of the judgment of God, for he knows that his sins have been paid for by Christ's death on the cross and he will stand before God in righteousness.

Most believers today say that they believe we are living in the last days, but I doubt if many of them really believe we are! Why? Because they live their lives, make their decisions and go after money and material possessions, etc., as if they aren't! I think there is a disconnect in their minds, where they accept the prophetic principle of the last days, but deny they are actually living in them! The end times things they read about will be something that will take place long after they're dead and gone, or will take place after a pre-tribulation rapture of the Church! But what is going to happen to their state of mind, when the end times events start to swallow them up? What if they have been misled?

So to preserve their soul's stability and to keep them from going into dissipation, drunkenness and anxiety, they will need to get all the doctrinal information they can get, (for their faith), regarding what is going on, what will be going on, how God will take care of them, etc., and relate it to the world around them. To arrive at this place the believer will have to devote himself to the study of this matter. Once he has arrived at the place where he/she knows that they are living in the end times, and that God will take of them, then these doctrines will give them stability and peace of mind.

To be **overcharged**, or **weighed down**, is the aurist passive subjunctive of *bareo*, which refers to a weight, being weighed down with something, something heavy, the burdens we bear in life, the burden of getting the things together that we need to sustain life, and the burden of responsibility. It speaks of the soul being weighted down by anything.

There are many things in life that weigh down our souls, (which weight is alleviated by faith in the Word of God in the filling of the Holy Spirit), our responsibilities, making a living, raising a family, health issues, authority structures, etc., but during those days there will be the added burden of a police state brought in by the new world order under international law, economic woes, the anti-christ's rule over the world, the mark of the beast, natural disasters, and then the added burden of wondering, “what's going on” and “what will happen to me”?

Life in normal times has its share of burdens, but life in the end times will be more burdensome. That's why it's called the tribulation, or the time of great pressure. And if the Christian is unable to put "two and two together", prophetically speaking, realizing that he is going into the tribulation, then he will get swallowed up by the pressing weight on his heart and go into dissipation, drunkenness, and if not that, then he will be taken over by anxiety.

Now the Lord wants us to avoid that by making a conscious and deliberate choice to devote ourselves to living in our own spiritual life and giving ourselves over to the study of Bible Doctrine and specifically doctrines that deal specifically with end times concepts. In so doing the believer will be able to connect the dots and realize that the end times are not going to come upon us, but that they have come upon us! And of course, there will be those believers who don't, so we have the encouragement from the Lord to lift up their heads! "*And when these things begin to come to pass, then **look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.***" Luke 21:28

Surfeiting, or dissipation, en kraipale, looks at the whole concept of getting drunk, bar-hopping, carousing, hangovers and headaches, with the mind being unable to function properly. But the emphasis of kraipale is on the negative consequences of those actions of squandering resources. And this is certainly true literally, because when pressure gets to a level that the average person cannot handle it, and society starts to unravel, as we are presently witnessing, then people do gravitate towards things such as alcohol and drugs, or other forms of escapism to cope with the pressure.

Kraipale denoted the squandering of one's resources. When going through trials, suffering, or various forms of pressure, people often turn to alcohol or drugs to cope with the pressure. Often men, when they lose their job, or their wives leave them, will turn to these things as a form of escaping the pain. Drinking, going to the bars, partying, etc., are all forms of escapism, but at the end of it there is nothing left but the same reality of loss and a squandering of what little money they have left. One can also squander his spiritual resources by not turning to the spiritual life dynamic God supplied to him in grace at his salvation. Instead of turning to God's spiritual, doctrinal provision, they turn to various forms of emotionalism that are now going on in many churches. Emotions running rampant in the soul destroy the well being of the soul. Fear, worry, anxiety now start to take over the soul and their peace goes out the window.

The believer has to utilize the spiritual life dynamic that God has supplied to him in grace to go through the trials of life, if he wants to stay living in the sphere of peace which stabilizes the soul. Pressure in life is inevitable, and toward the end of the age it will be increased. The key is to not let the pressures of life be converted into stress in the soul. To do that we need to have Bible Doctrine and the exercising of faith. And the teaching of the Word of God is so important, because it's the Word of God that **gives us faith!** And when going through end time concepts and all the pressure that they will bring on the soul, then the believer has to have the doctrines concerning those events, along with other stabilizing doctrines for the soul. For this, the believer will need to take heed, that is, give themselves over to the Word and living by faith in the spiritual life to prevent themselves from getting into dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life!

It works like this. Pressure can be kept out of the soul by having the spiritual life dynamic in place, which brings about peace in the soul. The Word, plus faith, plus the filling of the Holy Spirit, produces peace in the soul. **Peace in the soul is the barrier that prevents stress in the soul!** If it isn't there, then that pressure will be converted to stress in the soul, which triggers the emotional complex. The first emotion that will be activated is the fear complex, followed by the anger complex.

Drunkenness – *kai methe*, is not the idea of drinking, but drinking to excess where one gets intoxicated or outright drunk. This, of course, would include drugs, or any other form of intoxicant. Actually what it gets into is anything that one can take that enables the individual to escape reality. Drinking in moderation can be helpful to relax the individual, aid in digestion and other health benefits, but drunkenness is always forbidden both in the OT and the NT.

Drunkenness is also used figuratively referring to believers, who have turned away from the spiritual life dynamic and given themselves over to emotionalism, or going after “spiritual experiences”, or going into the idolatry of the Babylonian mother-goddess cult. Whenever the believer operates outside of the spiritual life dynamic, then he or she is under the control of their flesh nature. And under the flesh nature people use different coping-mechanisms to deal with stress. Drunkenness, or even prescription drugs, not to mention illegal drugs, is but one of them. All to deal with anxiety issues.

Spiritual, or physical drunkenness, is certainly antithetical to the sobriety and alertness the believer needs in functioning in the angelic conflict, and even more so when living in the end times. In the military it is one thing to be drunk on duty in peace time, but another thing altogether to be drunk on duty in a time of war, especially when under attack!

The Christian is commanded by Christ to be sober. “*But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.*” 1 Peter 4:7 “**Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**” 1 Peter 5:8 Now if we're to be sober at any period of time during the Church Age, so we can contend with the world, the flesh and the devil, then how much more so do we need to be sober at the end of the age with all its pressure?

Drunkenness, whether literal or spiritual, is never allowed for God's people. Why? Because we need our spiritual wits about us so we can recognize the attacks of the devil and fight back. If we are spiritually or physically drunk, then we won't be able to. But add to that the problem of a world gone mad and the apostasy of the Church in general in the last days, then we have a real problem and we will need more than ever our spiritual stability to deal with what will be going on.

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“And so that day come upon you unawares.” - kai aiphmidios eph'humas episte he hemera ekeine.

The Jews

We have seen in heaven there is the divine council composed of gods and *Yahweh*, who is the true God presiding over it. We have also seen that there is a prosecutorial figure known as Satan, or *the satan*. With the definite article it tells us that what we have is not a proper name, but a title or description of this person making it *the satan*, or the prosecutorial figure.

We have also seen, when this person rebelled against God, he influenced one third of the celestial beings to join in with him in his rebellion against *Yahweh*, the supreme *El*. And from our study of the NT we have also found that those who sided with him are broken down into four ranks of authority and power. The **rulers** – *arche*, **authorities** – *exousia*, **world powers** – *kosmokratōras*, and **spiritual wickedness** in the high places – *poneria...epouranios*.

Now having said that, so far we are looking only at the celestial, or angelic, hierarchy by which Satan rules the world. But there is something else and that is he has a people here on earth that belong to him; an identifiable and recognizable people that are devoted to him, whether they are aware of it or not. There are those who are consciously aware of this and look to him as their god, and there are those who aren't aware that he is the one they serve, but are doing it anyway.

Who are these people? Well the Lord tells us exactly who they are in Revelation 3:9! He says they are **the Jews**! “Behold, I will make them of the **synagogue of Satan**, which say they are **Jews**, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.” - ἰδοὺ δίδωμι ἐκ **τῆς συναγωγῆς τοῦ σατανα** τῶν λεγοντῶν εαυτοὺς **ἰουδαίους** εἶναι καὶ οὐκ εἰσὶν ἀλλὰ ψευδοῦνται ἰδοὺ ποιήσω αὐτοὺς ἵνα ἠξώσιν καὶ προσκυνήσωσιν ἐνώπιον τῶν ποδῶν σου καὶ γνῶσιν ὅτι ἐγὼ ἠγάπησα σέ.

It is Jesus Christ, not some church group, or individuals in society that says, it is **the Jews** who are the synagogue of Satan! And we want to note that the original has it as, *tes sunagoges tou satana*, or the synagogue of the satan. And, as we have seen in our study on the Divine Council, the term the satan is a descriptive title that this celestial being bears and it means the prosecutorial figure. That's right, this same prosecutorial figure that we have seen going in and out of the Divine Council in heaven is the same individual named here! So we could render this NT passage as, “Behold, I will make them of the **synagogue of the prosecutorial figure**, which say they are **Jews**, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.”

It was **the Jews** that had turned the temple and worship of God into a commercial enterprise. “And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.” John 2:13-16

It was **the Jews** who **confronted Christ** in unbelief. “Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body.” John 2:18-20,21

The peer pressure of **the Jews** was designed to keep the rest of the people in line. This is why Nicodemus came to the Lord by night. *“There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus **by night**, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.”* John 3:1,2 *“Howbeit no man spake openly of him **for fear of the Jews**.”* John 7:13

The Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. While Christ came to save them. *“Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.”* John 4:9

The Jews cared not for the welfare of people, only that they kept their law. *“Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.”* John 5:8-10

It was **the Jews** that persecuted the Lord and tried to murder him. *“The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.”* John 5:15,16

It was **the Jews** who accused him of breaking the Sabbath, (which, by the way, he had instituted), and sought even harder to murder him. *“Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.”* John 5:18

It was **the Jews** who were grumbling and murmuring at the Lord. *“The Jews then **murmured** at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.”* John 6:41

It was **the Jews** who scoffed at the spiritual lesson that he was teaching concerning salvation. And they were arguing among themselves on how to kill him, *machomai!* *“The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”* John 6:52

It was **the Jews** who had conspired together to murder the Lord. *“After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews **sought to kill him**.”* John 7:1

It was **the Jews** who were openly going around to find the Lord so they could kill him. *“Then the Jews **sought him at the feast**, and said, Where is he?”* John 7:11 *“Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? **Why go ye about to kill me?**”* John 7:19

It was **the Jews** that colluded with the Roman government to capture Christ. *“Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?”* John 7:45

Those Jews were Abraham's physical seed, sperma. *“They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?”* John 8:33 But they were not Abraham's children, teknon. *“They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.”* John 8:39,40 Abraham did not try to kill him, as they were. *“I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.”* John 8:37

The Jews accused him of being a Samaritan and being demon-possessed! “*Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?*” John 8:48

The Jews were also calling him a liar. “*Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.*” John 8:55

The Jews instilled the fear of repercussion in anyone who confessed the name of Christ. “*These words spake his parents, because they **feared the Jews**: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.*” John 9:22

It was from **the Jews** came the blasphemous statements that Christ was demon-possessed and was crazy. “*There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?*” John 10:19,20

The Jews accused Christ of blasphemy and wanted to stone him to death. “*Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.*” John 10:31-33

It was the leadership of **the Jews**, the chief priests and the Pharisees, that conspired to murder the Lord. “*Then from that day forth **they took counsel together for to put him to death**. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.*” John 11:53,54

It was the chief priests of the Jews, who conspired to murder Lazarus, because Jesus had raised him from the dead. “*Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests **consulted** that they might put Lazarus also to death;*” John 12:9,10

It was the chief priests and Pharisees from **the Jews**, who had ordered a band of men and officers led by Judas, to go out to arrest the Lord and bring him to trial. “*Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.*” John 18:3

It was **the Jews**, who handed the Lord over to the Roman authorities to be killed. “*Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death.*” John 18:31 They said that because they wanted to retain their false, public image of being good and moral people! But **they were liars, hypocrites and full of self righteous human good and arrogance**. How do we know? **Because they had already tried to throw him off a cliff and stone him to death!**

Pilate found no legal basis for having him crucified, so he gave **the Jews** the option of releasing one man on the Passover in accordance with their custom. He gave them the choice of releasing the Lord or Barabbas the thief. And who did they choose? **Barabbas** the thief! “*Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him **no fault** at all. But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? Then cried they **all** again, saying, Not this man, but **Barabbas**. Now Barabbas was a robber.*” John 10:38-40

It was **the Jews** who were screaming out for Christ to be crucified. “*When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they **cried out**, saying, **Crucify him, crucify him**. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.*” John 19:6

It was **the Jews** who denied that Jesus was their king. Instead, they publicly proclaimed that Caesar was. Actually Caesar was an antichrist figure, so **what they were saying is that the antichrist was their king!** “*But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, **We have no king but Caesar.***” John 19:15

When Pilate wrote the title that Christ was the King of the Jews and nailed it over the Lord's head, it was **the Jews** who wanted him to take it down! Their evil goes down to the last detail. There is no depth, nook, or cranny that they will not pursue in their self righteous, legalistic, destructive hate. “*And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.*” John 19:19-22

It was **the Jews** that were trying to murder the Apostle Paul. “*But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. And after that many days were fulfilled, **the Jews took counsel to kill him.***” Acts 19:22,23

It was **the Jews** that had Christ crucified. “*And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of **the Jews**, and in Jerusalem; **whom they slew and hanged on a tree**: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;*” Acts 10:39,49

It was **the Jews**, who were jealous of the numbers of Paul's ministry, that opposed Paul and the others. “*But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.*” Acts 13:45

It was **the Jews** who turned the Gentiles against the Christians in Iconium. “*And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed. But the unbelieving Jews **stirred up the Gentiles**, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.*” Acts 14:1,2

It was **the Jews**, who stirred up the crowd and stoned the Apostle Paul, and having supposed him to be dead, they drug him out of the city. “*And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.*” Acts 14:19

In Thessalonica **the Jews** manipulated the low-life in that town to attack the house of Jason. “*But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.*” Acts 17:5

When **the Jews** heard that Bible doctrine, the Word of God, was being preached in Berea, they went there to stir up the people there. “*But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.*” Acts 17:13

The Jews always had themselves in the position to be able to manipulate the various governments in the countries in which they lived. They're still doing it today. But it back-fired on them in this instance. *“And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat,”* Acts 18:12-17

The Jews continually plotted to capture and kill the Apostle Paul. *“And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what they had against him. Farewell.”* Acts 23:30

It was **the Jews** that fomented the persecution of the Church in Jerusalem. *“And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great **persecution against the church** which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.”* Acts 8:1

It was **the Jews** who killed the Lord Jesus, their prophets, persecuted Christians and forbade Christians from witnessing to the Gentiles. *“Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.”* 1 Thessalonians 2:15,16

It was **the Jews** who denied, (and still do publicly deny it), that Jesus was the Messiah. Which makes them the truly **antichrists**. The term Messiah was solely a term belonging to Israel and the Jews. (The Gentiles had no knowledge of such a thing as a Messiah). And it was they who denied he was the Messiah, along with him being the king of the Jews and the Son of God. *“Who is a liar but he that **denieth** that **Jesus** is the **Christ**, (ο χριστος, ho christos – the Messiah)? He is **antichrist**, that denieth the Father and the Son.”* 1 John 2:22

It was **the Jews** who were the subject of Christ's statement on the parable of the tenants. They **knew** he was the **heir** of the land and they purposely plotted to **murder** him to **steal** his inheritance! *“But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is **the heir**,’ they said. ‘**Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.**’”* Luke 20:14 **They also knew** that the Lord was talking about them, when he spoke this parable. They knew he was the heir. And they knew that he was aware of what they were doing and going to do. *“The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they **knew** he had spoken this parable **against them**. But they were afraid of the people.”* Luke 20:19 It is this same dynamic that is going on today in Israel.

Most know of the Russian revolution where the Tsar Nicholas II and his entire family, who were Christians, were murdered. But it was **not** a Russian revolution, but a Jewish **overthrow** of the royal family. Jews from all over Europe and the lower east side of New York city flooded into Russia to depose the royal family and take over the control of Russia. They were called Bolsheviks, but everyone who knew of the matter, as was also brought out in the March to May 1929 issues of the New York times, which published the findings of the US Senate's investigation of the matter, knew them to be, and called them as Jewish Bolsheviks. After their takeover of the nation, they installed over 500 Jews out of 520, or so, in the top positions of government. After the Jews had completed their takeover of Russia, who was America' friend and ally at one time, even coming to our aid in our revolution for independence, over 66 million Russians were starved or slaughtered by the Jews! And, those who know the truth of history, whenever anyone spoke of communism, it was never referred to as just communism, but **Jewish communism** for it was the brainchild of the Jews!

The Jews also flooded into Germany from eastern Europe and Poland targeting the professions of teaching, banking, and lawyers and whenever promotions came open they brought their friends and families in to fill those positions. In a short time the German people had lost control of these things, their economy was in a shambles, their currency had been ridiculously devalued and family farms, which had been in the families for centuries, were lost to foreclosure to the banks. What this did is lead up to the political situation of the National Socialist Party.

Every nation in eastern, communist Europe was controlled at the top by **Jews**. Ceausescu of Romania was but one of them. All the top positions of France today are controlled by Jews, yet they only make up one half of one percent of the population of France!

When one talks about free-masonry, those who know the truth about the background of all this, it is **Jewish** free-masonry. Free-masonry was their brainchild that goes back centuries to Babylon, where the Jews picked up on the Mystery Religion. So whenever we talk about these three concepts, we are really talking about Jewish Bolshevism, Jewish communism and Jewish free-masonry.

In America today **the Jews** have taken over the State Department, Homeland Security, the White House, the Congress, the Federal Reserve, TSA, much of the military and the Pentagon. They control all the major TV networks, all the major newspapers, all the major magazines, Hollywood, every aspect of the medias, even to affecting legislation that has banned all Christian influences, such as, the removal of manger scenes throughout America, banning of any Christian concepts in everything belonging to government, the removal of all the crosses from the Punch Bowl in Honolulu, forbidding even the mention of the name of Jesus in any form in the public schools, etc., etc.. It is **the Jews** and their organizations that are actively working to eliminate the name of Jesus from America!

And above all this is the Vatican with the pope at the top. **The Jews**, free-masonry, the Jesuits, the mafia and the Mossad all meet at the top in Rome. Talmudic Judaism is nothing more than the mystery religion of Babylon co-mingled with elements of Judaism. Judaism is the front organization to lead Jews away from Christ. Islam is the front organization designed to lead Arabs away from Christ. And Catholicism is the front organization to lead Gentiles away from a saving knowledge of Christ. Free-masonry is the front organization to lead non-religious types of people away from Christ. And behind all that are Talmudic Jews carrying on with the practices of Babylon.

George Galloway, a liberal member of the UK Parliament, recently stated that it was **the Jews** who aided and used Nelson Mandela to overthrow the Christian government of South Africa, and through the media of that nation, deceived the people of South Africa to abandon their constitution. The aftermath was thousands of white farmers being slaughtered by the blacks and the murder rate of Johannesburg is 100 times Washington, DC.

“And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.” Revelations 11:8 Obviously this is a reference to the city associated with **the Jews**, Jerusalem, for that was where the Lord was crucified. Sodom is a reference to homosexuality and Egypt is a reference to the mystery religion carried down in the form of free-masonry. So what this tells us that Jerusalem will be, and now already is, the world headquarters of homosexuality and free-masonry.

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.” Revelation 12:1,2

The constellation Virgo will be clothed in the sun, the moon will be under her feet, and on her head will be the twelve stars of Leo the lion. She then gives birth to Jupiter. This will only happen on September, 23, 2017. It also is Rosh Hashanah and the Feast of Trumpets.

*“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into **blood**, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:” Acts 2:20 The blood moon or hunter's moon, the first moon after harvest. And was a blood-colored moon. To have four of them in one year was a very rare event. In the Jewish 2014-2015 year there are four of them, a tetrad. April 15, 2014 – The Passover; October 8, 2014 – Feast of Tabernacles; April 4, 2015 – The Passover; September 28, 2015 – Feast of Tabernacles.*

Kerry said that a final peace agreement will be made **April 2014** for a two nation state with Israel and the Palestinians so they can live in peace.

The Lord said that many believers will turn away from the faith, (sound doctrinal teaching plus faith), betray and hate each other, and that many false prophets (teachers) will appear and deceive many people. *“Then shall **they deliver you**, (*paradidomi* – hand over to the authorities), up to be afflicted, (*eis thlipsis* – resulting in pressure), and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, (*skandalizo* – offended by doctrinal truth), and shall betray, (*paradidomi* – hand over to the authorities), **one another**, (*allellos* – one another of the same kind - Christians), and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.” Matthew 24:9-11*

Many false prophets (teachers) will **rise up**. (Some translations have it as appear). The **word rise up** is the future passive indicative of *egeiro* – to raise up, or to be raised up! Now what this shows, because things don't just happen overnight, is that a satanic system will already be in place that will consist of money, political and military power, organizational structure and a religious theology, that takes men and women, who agree with, or are in line with, the goals and theology of this satanic system, and elevates them to positions of power and influence.

Rise up here is in the passive voice, which shows that, because the subject receives the action of the verb, these false prophets will be raised up by other people, who are a part of this satanic system, to the place where these false prophets will have and hold positions of influence in the halls of the Church! One of the best venues for this today is the medium of **television**. To **err**, or to **deceive**, is from the verb *planao* which means to lead astray. And to be led astray they first must be deceived. And to be deceived they first must be fed false or incorrect, information.

The term **false prophet** – *pseudoprophētēs*, does not refer to men who hold the spiritual gift of prophecy, but is a term for men who are supposed to communicate the truths of God, but instead they communicate certain teachings that are either false or misleading! **Remember, every statement men make to mislead people doesn't have to be a lie! All they need to do is weave in enough error with the truth and they can accomplish the same purpose, or be off on certain key doctrines.**

Now when you have false prophets you will also have true prophets as well! There are three things that make a false prophet a false prophet. **One**, what they teach is false and misleading. **Two**, They have not been called or appointed by God. **Three**, they pass themselves off as God's communicators, that is, they have “put on the cloak” of a prophet in the OT, or portray themselves as a Christian communicator in the NT, without having the spiritual gift and calling from God.

So, in order to mislead believers in Christ at the end of the age, these false teachers/prophets will be regarded as being true communicators of God's Word – but they're not! And out of the many false prophets that will be out there at the end of the age leading the unsaved away from a true faith in the true Jesus Christ, and leading believers in Christ away from the truth about end time phenomena will be the False Prophet – the pope!

This second beast from the earth will have two horns like a **lamb**, the public persona of being a **Christian**, but will speak the words of the **dragon**! “*And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had **two horns like a lamb**, and he **spake as a dragon**.*” Revelations 13:11 The animal that symbolized Christians in the NT is the **lamb**; and the animal that symbolized Satan in the **dragon**. So his disguise will be one of being a Christian, but his words are from Satan himself.

And because he will be regarded as being a Christian, and because he holds such a high position of power and esteem in the Christian Church and world at large, he will be able to influence and deceive people into taking the mark of the beast, this upcoming computer, RFID tagging system, probably the EES. “*And he **causeth** all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*” Revelations 13:16 “*And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he **deceived** (planao – lead astray) them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*” Revelation 19:20

There are some concepts that are identified with the False Prophet that will be found to one degree or another, in one form or another, in the other false prophets. **One**, telling people that they must submit to the international law of the New World Order under the man of sin; **two**, he performs great signs; **three**, he causes fire to come down from heaven; **four**, he directs the people of the earth to worship, that is, give obeisance to the world ruler; **five**, he will be the driving force behind getting people to take the mark of the beast, which has already been placed into law that everybody is to have attached to their body via the Obama care act.

In October, 2013 when John MacArthur, a leading evangelical, was asked about taking the mark of the beast, he explained it all away saying that the Church will be raptured before it comes out. Then he went into an area of blatant heresies and lies. He outright stated that you can take the mark of the beast and still be saved! He said that the unsaved, and even Christians, can take the mark of the beast and still go to heaven! By the way, the forced taking of the Epidermal Electronic System (EES) on the forehead or right hand is scheduled to be implemented by the year **2017!**

And MacArthur is not the only religious figure associated with the Christian Church here in America that is spreading this lie, but clergymen in the Pentecostal, Charismatic and Modernist circles, along with some evangelicals and the pope. They are still holding on to this false hope, based upon the false teaching of a Jesuit priest named Manuel LaCunza, who wrote under the deceiving pseudonym of a Rabbi Ben Ezra, which was promoted by Pentecostals in the Catholic Apostolic Church in the British Isles and the Plymouth Brethren movement, that the mark of the beast will not be implemented before the pre-tribulation rapture of the Church!

Now if these men were dressed in satanic, or witch's robes, people in the churches wouldn't listen to them! But because they are in the churches and have identified themselves as “ministers” in the Church, the people assign to them some level of credibility. This is how false prophets operate and this is how they deceive and lead many astray.

Now these false teachers are telling people that the unsaved can take the mark of the beast and still get saved afterward! And that the “saved” can take the mark of the beast and still go to heaven! But what does the Word of God say?

The Word says that **no one can buy or sell** unless he has the mark of the beast. “*And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that **no man might buy or sell**, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*” Revelations 13:16,17

The Word says that there is a great company of believers in Christ standing on the glassy sea, these believers had **overcome** the beast and his system. **Overcoming** is in the present active participle, which shows that this was an ongoing event. They were overcoming the beast by not worshipping his image, and by not taking his mark! It's impossible to be victorious over the system of the beast by giving in and taking his mark! “*And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.*” Revelations 15:2

The Word says that those who take the mark will be afflicted with **grievous sores**. “*And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and **grievous sore** upon the men which **had the mark of the beast**, and upon them which worshipped his image.*” Revelations 16:2

The Word says that at the end there will be two groups of people, those who take the mark of the beast and those who **don't**. Those who **don't** will go into the eternal state, and those who **do** will go into the eternal fire! “*And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw 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; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*” Revelations 20:4-6

The Word says very clearly that if anyone worships the beast and **takes the mark of the beast**, he shall drink the wine of God's wrath mixed undiluted from the cup of his anger. They will be tormented by fire and brimstone before the Lord and his angels forever - even if they just take the mark! “*And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and **receive his mark** in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their **torment** ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and **whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**” Revelation 14:9-11 Now the question is, are we going to base our decisions, which can affect our lives, even eternity, on the theological systems of men, or **on what the Word of God says?***

Now as to the Church not being in the Tribulation (pressure), as the Dispensationalists teach, we see the Apostle John in Revelation 7:13 talking to one of the elders about this large group of people dressed in white robes and he wanted to know **who** they were and **where** they came from! “*And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, **What** are these which are arrayed in white robes? and **whence** came they?*” Revelations 7:13

Then in Revelation 7:14 he tells them that they are the ones coming **out of the great tribulation!** “*And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which **came out of great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*” - οἱ ἐρχομενοὶ **ἐκ τῆς θλίψεως τῆς μεγάλης**, *hoi erchomenoi **ek tes thlipseos tes megales***.

We notice that they are coming **out of the Tribulation** using the preposition ek, which shows a departure from something that they were formally in with the idea of a total separation from it. We also notice that the present participle tells us that this is an ongoing action. It tells us as the Tribulation grinds on there will be many believers in Christ, who will be losing their lives because they rejected the beast and his mark, and as the process goes on they will be coming **out of the Tribulation** and end up under the altar of God in heaven.

Revelations 7:15 tells us something more that adds to the concept. It tells us that **they will be in the temple of God and be serving him day and night**. “*Therefore are they before the throne of God, and **serve him day and night in his temple**: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.*”

We see, first of all, that they will be in the temple of God and the only ones allowed in his temple are the priests of God! Secondly, they are not just in a temple, but in the place referred to as the Holy of Holies, the actual room of God's presence, naos. Thirdly, they **serve** him using the word *latreuo*, which was the technical word used of priests who serve God.

Now who are these people who came out of the Great Tribulation? Context tells us that the apostle, John, who was a Christian, is writing to the seven churches of Asia minor, the seven churches being Christian as well! “*John to the **seven churches** which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;*” Revelations 7:4

In Revelation 5:10 the apostle John states that Christ purchased us and that we will reign on the earth. “*And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast **redeemed us** to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*”

By the use of the plurals us and we, Christ redeemed **us**, and that **we** shall reign on the earth, he has put himself in that group of people. The subject of Revelations 7:14,15 is this great number of people, who are coming **out of the great tribulation**, and we see that they are the ones who will be **serving** God as **priests** in his temple, and John will be one of those serving God in his temple as a priest.

Peter also spoke of this matter of the Church being **the priests** of God in 1 Peter 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:*”

The writer of Hebrews tells us that there has been a change of the priesthood of God in the New Covenant and that now we are its priests and Jesus Christ is its High Priest! “*As he saith also in another place, Thou art a **priest** for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*” Hebrews 5:6 “*Called of God an **high priest** after the order of Melchisedec.*” Hebrews 5:10 “*Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an **high priest** for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*” Hebrews 6:20 “*Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an **high priest**, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;*” Hebrews 8:1