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*So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.*

—Acts 5:41

"I shall return!" General McArthur firmly promised in the face of infamy on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, in 1942—after having been effectively banished from the Philippines because of a recent Japanese invasion, executed just one day after the blow dealt to the United States at Pearl Harbor, on December 7<sup>th</sup> of the previous year. Behind him, the storied General left a resistance movement of freedom loving Filipino citizens who would now be secretly supported by "unauthorized" supplies and American radio communications— until the US military could return to their island to fully liberate them.

Warfare within World War II "theater" was often quite desperate, and very hard fought; with much blood being shed (by the millions of souls) along with much sweat and very many tears. The evolution of

mechanized warfare, which had reached a new level of sophistication in nightmarish effectiveness within the "Great War" (WW I), was now being pushed and elevated to ever new levels of destruction, as each nation raced to produce new war machines that far exceeded the gatling guns of the Civil War era, or the "simple" tanks of World War I—to now produce & manufacture land and sea based flying machines that would simply laugh at the armaments and castles of the middle ages— while delivering lightning fast devastation and death to neighboring countries, as

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they rained unholy terror down from the air. Although not yet reaching the heights of outer space, the depths were also plumbed with new instruments of horror in submarines that also made human passage across our world's wide oceans a real nightmare—matching or exceeding the horrors wrought by cyclones and hurricanes, with *intentional* destruction from the deep; as new modes of delivering dynamite (and other explosives) were developed in the manufacture of ever more accurate and speedy torpedoes: making the business of transporting international cargo uncertain (and very dangerous, indeed) during those trying times.

However, without question, it was the level of wickedness and *outright evil* that was unleashed by hellish rhetoric (particularly in the oratory of Adolf Hitler) that still, to this day, continues to disturb many. For by expressing (and acting upon) a hatred that was truly hellish in its scope—the sheer outworking of those evil imaginings have sometimes resulted in personal denial, to this day: in spite of photographic and moving picture evidence that exists from certified sources. For some are so disturbed by the very existence of such wicked intent, that they have simply decided to deny its existence.

I speak, of course, of the Holocaust—but also of new levels “warfare” (or devilment) that seem to have been unleashed from the bowels of hell itself: Suicidal warfare, as was demonstrated in the Kamikaze attacks of desperate Japanese aviators & military. . . along with the US response to such determined resistance—resulting in the advent of a new apocalyptic weapon being unleashed upon the world at the end of the war with Japan: the atomic bomb.

It was Apocalyptic, indeed.

<sup>10</sup> *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.*

2 Peter 3:10

Please notice the mention, above, of a fireball of such intensity that the very elements (atoms) seem to melt, as the earth (and its very dust) is licked up, within the inferno. —And it is here that we must again turn to the Scriptures themselves to gain perspective and insight, concerning current events leading up to Another, who has also stated, “I will return” —promising to return to His faithful followers

now living within our world. These are true Christian believers who, in a very real sense, are part of a much more intensive and significant “resistance movement,” who now count it a privilege to be *counted worthy to suffer shame for His name* (in the words of our opening quote) —for they embrace the God of love Who gave His all to save us, in a battle for the very souls of women and men.

It is within the above context that Christian believers must, within this season of remembering the lives of those lost in the conflict of nations (especially those pursuing the extension of a free and open society) —as we realize that our world is even now approaching a cosmic climax which will set the stage for the very God of the universe to “wrap up” of this current age—and then *Return!*

Christ's first arrival was forecast by prophets and holy men within the Scriptures, who also foretold of His death and resurrection (in texts such as Isaiah's fifty-third chapter, Psalm 22:1, 13-17 & 16:10 . . .)! —While forecasting His rejection by His own (Isaiah 53:1-4) —and so it is in this regard that we must also remember that it was Christ, Himself, who forecast a Jewish Diaspora, spreading out to the whole world, “until the times of the Gentiles” and fullness of Gentile [believers] has come in (Luke 21:24, Romans 12:25)—which is now being fulfilled by the returning of the nation of Israel!

Within its more intense “intelligence gathering” (or sharing) from Heaven, these same pages of Holy Writ are now forecasting a return of Jesus Christ to the Mount of Olives after *all* the nations of the world have decided to finish off WW II's “final solution” by coming against the nation of Israel in one climatic war (Zech. 14:1-3)—known as the famous (or, infamous) battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:15,16), which we much continue to explore within this UPLOOK.

So take a (deep) breath and consider: what real relevance does our world's current conflict have for those who now arise as a “resistance movement” to the cancel culture of our day?

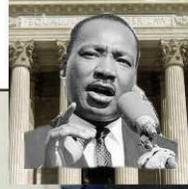
And what of *the Revelation of Jesus Christ*, at the very end of the Book—now promising Christ's (happy) returning, for His faithful?

Come and see.

# JOINING

THE

# RESISTANCE



*. . . submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee . .*

James 4:7

Within matters of national destiny, the resisting of evil is of paramount importance. Some may be familiar with Christ's warning about what happens when casting out a demon (while leaving a vacuum behind)—noting that after being expelled, it returns with seven others worse than itself in tow! But are you aware of how the discourse actually ends? It ends with a warning for all of society in general. Here is the full quote:

<sup>43</sup> *"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.*

<sup>44</sup> *Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. <sup>45</sup> Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."*

Matthew 12:43-45

Did you notice that last sentence? "So shall it also be with this wicked generation." Still more ominous (lest we be tempted to think it a fluke) the entire context of this whole discussion, is framed as a warning to the cities and towns which had failed to embrace Christ's offer of deliverance during His earthly ministry. Or . . . placed into an-

other perspective (and one more recent)—let us consider the nation of Germany, which was once the seat of the Protestant Reformation. Yet after having given so much light to the world, through the message of eternal salvation by faith . . . that very same nation, fell prey to a "fly in the ointment" within their belief system, which fostered a rabid anti-Semitism and rejection of the Jewish community in a manner that resulted in the Holocaust, and the rest is history.

**T**hus, a nation that had contributed so much to our world in terms of enlightenment, science, and technology; would later become a source of death, mayhem, and destruction. Simply put: any freedom that denigrates or destroys the human soul, is no freedom at all. It is death, and worst than a mere physical death: It is eternal death. Jesus placed it in a wider and more personal sense, by expressing it this way, when pressing His audience to avoid selfish ambition:

<sup>35</sup> *For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

Mark 8:35-37

When considering the brave women and men who have given their all to secure our freedoms and way of life within this country, Christ's words gain a particular weight

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# HEAVENLY “GIFT WRAP”

*The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him,*

*And He will show them His covenant.*

Psalm 25:14

**T**he very first verse of the Apocalypse really shines light on the last book of the Bible. Specifically, it is “**the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. . .**” (vs. 1). This is very good news! Really good, because this tells us that the reason this gift is given to Jesus —is to show *us* things to come. And just in case you missed the point, two verses later John writes:

*Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

Revelation 1:3

In other words, if you have *not* fallen prey to “fake news,” and you are a believer following Jesus, **THIS PROPHECY IS FOR YOU**. It is a part of the package included in Heaven’s “family plan,” issued to every believer who has become a child of God by believing in His name (John 1:12). For the Helper who is given to each of us has been sent by the Father to “show us things to come” (John 16:13). —And if you are a treasure hunter, or like to un-scrabble puzzles, this is especially designed for you, because Scripture also states that God likes such treasure hunts, as well. Notes wise king Solomon:

*It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.*

Proverbs 25:2

—And the chief requirement for unscrambling these mysteries? It is the fear of (or having a deep reverence for) God.

*The secret of the LORD is with those who fear*

*Him, And He will show them His covenant.*

Psalm 25:14

Just to “keep it real” and simple, you may find the following verse quite helpful, as well, for in it king David says: *My eyes are ever toward the LORD, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.* (verse 15). Yes, yes, this last point is really, *really* important.

For God’s promises really *are* gift wrapped. This means that they are given by a loving heavenly Father. So . . . even if the gift seems to be a little difficult to get at—and you have a sudden emergency? (And need help, like, YESTERDAY!) When you are in covenant with the Lord (i.e. you are “born again” by the Spirit of God, as in John 1:12, 3:3, 16 . . .)—you don’t need to know any secret formulas, or “special” prayers. Just cry out:

LORD SAVE ME!

—And He will answer!

(Hint: You don’t need to yell! God isn’t deaf.)

That’s what a really sharp follower of God found out while in Babylon, needing special help from the Lord. They were about to execute him and his friends, if God didn’t come through with some special “inside information” that only God knew. So he gathered with a few other believers in a prayer meeting, and got the answer. Later, after he had been more experienced and was being given some really “deep” secrets, it took an angel *three whole weeks* to get the answer of a prayer through to him (giving him special revelation). This is found in Daniel’s writings (Dan. 10:12-14) . . . however, earlier, while Daniel was being given a night’s lodging with some very big cats (a few hundred pounds each: called lions)—Heaven’s angel arrived right on time, that very night, to take care of him (Dan. 6:20-23)!

So, what is the point of all of this information?

That God’s “intelligence gathering” and His “Secret Service” far exceeds that of any human capability. It is

true that when we plumb the depths of God’s special gift-wrapped revelation at the end of the Bible, its information reveals secrets that may help us to better understand and appreciate what God is doing in our world today (and tomorrow!). However, the main point is this: even if we *do not understand* everything that we would like to—when we are under covenant, WE ARE PROTECTED!

In fact, we now have a better “package” that Daniel did, in the Old Testament. For, in the Old Testament they were not *assured* of eternal life. It was not officially promised. But we, within the New Testament era have better promises, that are sealed within a better covenant: sealed with the blood of the Son of God. That’s why Jesus said to a sister of Lazarus:

<sup>25</sup> *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."* <sup>26</sup> *And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

John 11:25-26

Or, in another place, Christ put it this way concerning secrets that God reveals to those in His “Secret Service:”

<sup>27</sup> *"Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops."* <sup>28</sup> *And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell,"*

Matthew 10:27-28

No wonder John’s Revelation records that such persons, when tangling with our enemy (the devil), are invincible, by saying:

*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*

Revelation 12:11

This is really important, because if we get these very basic truths mixed up, we are subject to being swallowed alive by “fake news” and the fears of this world. For our victory is actually guaranteed by our faith. For *this is the victory that overcomes the world*, John writes in his epistle, “even our faith” (1 John 5:4). —And a faith that is despondent is no faith at all (since faith arises from hope – Heb. 11:1).

Now, where were we—oh, yes! We were about to unwrap John’s Revelation of Jesus Christ! Let’s see, now, how shall we begin? Please allow me to assume that most of us have a little understanding of how to find our way around that book (by following the chapter and verse notation: thus, Rev. 1:1 means this is the very first verse of the Revelation. Rev. 4:1 means, that this is the first verse of the fourth chapter . . .). Someone has done us a great favor by dividing the Bible up into chapters and verses, so that after we start “mapping” its treasures, we can relay the “coordinates” (or location) of the precious gems we find, to our friends and neighbors within the Kingdom of God.

So, let’s just start a little elementary “mapping” of John’s Revelation, shall we? We’ll start out slow, and pick up a little steam as we get the hang of it. The first chapter is the introduction, having a key verse for mapping all of the Revelation, found in verse 19. Here Jesus tells John:

*Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.*

Revelation 1:19

**S**ince this book was written in the first century, we now have a good idea of its contents: Of things which were (at that time), things to soon take place (in our time), and things to take place after this (in eternity). Then, the very next chapters (chapters 2 & 3) are “letters” that were written to seven churches in that first century. These letters may also be given a trans-generational interpretation, along with the rest of the Revelation, but we will skip over that “deep stuff” for now. For now, we will simply allow these two chapters to “frame” (or give structure) to what we are looking at.

Our next observation will also give “structure” to future studies, as the Lord allows, and after observing them we will conclude our study, for now. For the very next thing that I would like to draw to our attention . . . is the fact that **John’s Revelation actually bounces back and forth between earth and heaven**, while the vision is being forecast. This is particularly important (and interesting, in my opinion) up until Christ is obviously described as returning to earth in the nineteenth chapter—and may be a great aid in understanding what is being disclosed to us, when seeking to interpret this magnificent vision. So please observe, that in:

- Chapter 4:1 – We are invited to “come up here” (to see things from Heaven’s perspective)
- Chapter 13:1 –we find ourselves standing on the sand of the sea (on the Mediterranean, or “Great Sea” as per Daniel 7:2, which we mentioned in the last UPLOOK).\*\*
- Chapter 14:1 –we find our attention again directed towards heaven, and Mount Zion
- Chapter 18:1 –we are again on earth, to witness the destruction of Mystery Babylon
- Chapter 19:11 –we see “heaven opening” –as Jesus appears in the skies over Jerusalem at His second coming . . . and earth and heaven are now both on display (see also Zechariah 14:1-3)!

Maranatha: He is Coming!!

Be blessed in Jesus.

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== ... **The “Resistance”** ==

as we look out over our national cemeteries with their lines of crosses and tombstones. For, surely, if those brave individuals had only been looking for personal gain, in the near term, they would never have signed up to benefit and bless our land as they have done.

Nor do we have to look so far back as World War II or other wars, for examples. What of the brave women and men who walked into harms way when the towers fell, on 9/11? And have you never personally felt the surge of joy over deliverance—and better, of *being a deliverer* in an emergency situation? I was enlisted in the US Navy and will never forget the simple feeling of wellbeing that came over me as we engaged in the “man overboard” drill: with the understanding that we were redirecting an entire battle ship, to go to the rescue of one individual.

Such is the nobility that God has placed within the human soul: a nobility that comes from being made in His image: the image of the very God who sent His only begotten Son (through Mary) into our world, on a rescue mission for all of humanity; in order to rescue us from the evil one . . . as well as from our own tendencies to “step off the plank” into the Deep, and over the side of true safety, into the abyss.

<sup>16</sup> *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

<sup>17</sup> *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

John 3:16-17

Yet today, our cancel culture is turning its back on these larger-than-life considerations that once made America truly great, and the envy of the world. In fact, our nation is in very real danger of *guaranteeing* being cursed by God because of new trends now appearing among our leaders that would “cancel” Scriptural warnings concerning the nation of Israel. For, make no mistake about it, there really *is* a God—as even modern science must now admit, when saying that our universe originated with a “big bang”—so, Who pulled the trigger, for that “bang”?

But I digress: I was issuing a warning concerning our nation being cursed. This involves the nation of Israel. Israel, you may recall (if you have opened the first part of a Bible: the world’s #1 bestseller, by far—available in any book store—or, even “Dollar Store” (I kid you not: I saw it on sale at the local Dollar Store for one buck!)). In Genesis, the “beginning” of that Book of all books—we are introduced to the creation of the world, and the origin of the nation of Israel. You may recall how it all began: with God calling Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldees, which was then part of ancient

Babylon (Gen. 11:28,29).

<sup>1</sup> *Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; . . . <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

Genesis 12:1-3

You have heard of the Abraham Accords, no doubt, which our last President proposed? This peace accord is referring to the very same “Abraham” that all of the Middle East looks back to, in some way, as their father. Israel traces its line back through Abraham’s son Isaac, and the Muslims through Ishmael (the birth of these two sons is recorded in chapters 16, 17 & 21—interspersed with the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah in chapter 19, and a rebuke by God to the king of Gerar for “thinking” about touching Abraham’s wife, in chapter 20).

But did you notice that little phrase at the end of the passage quoted above, about cursing those who curse Abraham? This judgment applies to nations, as well—which really does seem quite logical, don’t you think? For, since the Jews are God’s chosen people—where do you think the devil sets his sights, when aiming his biggest guns??? (And if you allow yourself to be used as a “human shield” who gets hit with the shrapnel . . .?)

In fact Jesus, Himself, forecast that at the end of the age things would really heat up in that particular part of the world, as preparations begin (actually “birth pangs” emerge—Matthew 24:8)—in preparation for the birth of a new world after Christ’s returning to the Mount of Olives . . . after the cancel cultures of the world have united for one final attempt to “cancel” good and promote evil, through a person who will be evil incarnate: called *the Antichrist*. He will be the darling of all the “people in the know” and the big tech autocrats will certainly fawn over, and worship him (Rev. 13:8).

**Y**et, please notice in the text which follows how God first corrects His own people (by doing house cleaning) before taking care of business elsewhere—for those whom the Lord loves, He also corrects (Heb. 12:6, 1 Pet. 4:17). In other words, Jerusalem was first corrected by God—before allowing our world to “set itself up” for judgment, as their own hatred moves them against Israel, in the end.

Again: **First, God corrects His own people**, as was forecast by the Christ, Himself (and executed by the

Roman general Titus, in 70 AD). These preliminary events would then initiate the Jewish Diaspora.

<sup>20</sup> *"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. <sup>22</sup> For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled . . . <sup>24</sup> And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*

Luke 21:20-22,24 [emphasis added]

Concerning the **completion** of this very serious judgment cycle, the apostle Paul also makes a comment while hinting at another event (in Zech. 12:10) which we have earlier explored within another UPLOOK article.\*

<sup>25</sup> *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

Romans 11:25 [emphasis added]

**D**o you see what I do? Does it appear to you that our world's "time clock" (for divine judgment) is actually linked to the activity of the Jewish nation? For, after making the earlier statement concerning the Diaspora, Jesus also stated that men's hearts would begin to fail them "from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken." (Luke 21:26). As if this were not enough to contend with, there is also a forecast of a *moral shaking*, as the forces of Antichrist seek to "change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25). Seeking to change times and laws? Yes, for although the forces of Antichrist are, and will be, the most formidable political power on earth during this ramp-up leading to Christ's returning—they may only "seek" to change laws.

Why??

It is because the laws that they seek to "change" are firmly established by God, Himself (like the simple laws governing which sex a man or woman has . . .). But to move on to the final clock movement of our geopolitical time piece, called the nation of Israel: On to the final conflict—

and Returning of Christ!

This time, Israel is again being surrounded by her enemies—but not to correct her (as in AD 70) but to annihilate her, and wipe her off the face of the earth: NOT. For the Lord has "one up His sleeve"—It is an offer which human-kind, this time, will not be able to resist!

<sup>1</sup> *Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. <sup>2</sup> For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. <sup>3</sup> Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. <sup>4</sup> And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.*

Zechariah 14:1-4

It will be all over, but for the shouting—and for the rewarding of those who will have been faithfully awaiting Christ's returning as part of "Heaven's Resistance Movement" (those resisting evil).

<sup>4</sup> *And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image . . . And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*

Revelation 20:4

Open enlistment is now available for all those willing to sign up. Anyone want to sign up for the Heaven's "resistance" movement?

# What Must I do?

*“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.”*  
Acts 16:31

## How?

*If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Romans 10:9,10

## In Other Words

**Acknowledge:** your need

—as a sinner (Romans 3:23, II Cor. 5:14-15)

**Accept:** His work on the Cross —to be your Savior

**Confess:** your acceptance of His lordship over you.

**Live for Him:** with your new life!

*For the scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be ashamed.”*

Romans 10:11

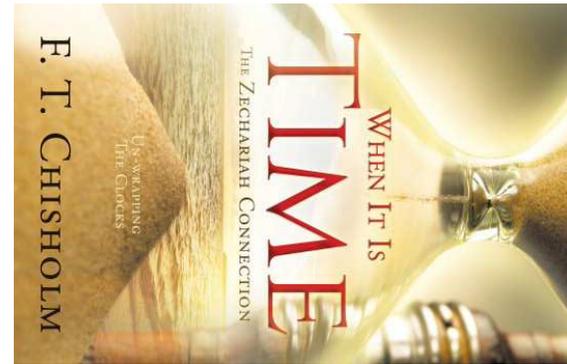
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