

# NO matter What??



Let us be ready...

From this perspective, it really does appear that recent events, from the past several years, have been designed to spare our nation and world a fate

... *Blessed are all those who wait for Him.*

—the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 30:18)

Maybe God just wants to bless us, in spite of ourselves. Contrary to the way some imagine the Lord just waiting for us to make a mistake so that He can “Damn you all to Hell!” (Notice, the pronoun here . . .) Jesus taught us to look at God from a whole new perspective, by encouraging us to pray with the words, “Our Father . . . in heaven.” What good father wants to destroy his kids?? Even when (sh-h-h) spanking them, is he not doing so, to *prevent* far greater damage? What father notifies the Police when his children are jay walking?

He prefers to handle the matter himself!

The same holds true with the Lord. Scripture states that the person the Lord loves, He chastises (i.e. “spanks”—Heb. 12:6). Why does God do this, because He wants Christians to “feel the heat” (of Hell)? Of course not. It is to discipline us, so that we may become better citizens of Heaven!

far worst than might have been ours, had He simply allowed us to have our own way (“no matter what”) as a nation.

Consider historic moves from the White House, for example. It is difficult for me to watch the reactions of those who know the Bible—yet sense no red flag going up over the celebrated Abraham Accords. —For it is generally believed that an almost “too good to be true” agreement will be made just prior to the rise of what the Bible calls “the Antichrist,” —so that Mr. Trump’s

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well intentioned success in bringing “peace” in the Middle East—while our country remains at war in its own heart and soul with much of God’s moral law (even Disney is up in arms; demanding that we aggressively allow five year-olds to question their sex . . .). —Should not raise a flag??

What can we expect of the Accords in terms of distancing us from Armageddon? Will it postpone that event (especially given the way we are “poking the Bear in the eye,” in Ukraine . . .)—or bring us closer to WW III?

**Please understand:** It is not that the Abraham Accords should be scrapped (at all!): only that, within a world where politicians so often measure success in terms of dollars and cents; we need to be careful that they don’t monetize our souls, as well (Rev. 18:13, 14:10-11)!

OK. OK. So that last discussion was a little too “far out ” for some not familiar with Bible prophecy. So, let us think about a more immediate (and SHOCKING) example within the news, just last month! How did the month of May begin, just two days in? Remember that outlandish leak from the Supreme Court? Someone “let the cat out of the bag” by giving a (verified) post-

ing of the High Court’s intention to overturn Roe vs. Wade—which would send abortion issues *back to the states* for deliberations.

**Hurray!**—or horrendous, for those on the other side of the aisle. Either way, the whole debacle now seriously threatens the integrity of our judicial system, by making the US look like a Banana Republic, in the eyes of the world—with our judges having to live with constant Police protection outside their private residences. Yet even *this* horror has been eclipsed by a still larger news flash: for just after protesters had actually started to threaten our Supreme Court Justices in their private residences(!), while demanding the right to annihilate our nation’s pre-born without restriction—the protesters were allowed to look into the mirror before the month was out—as a young man walked into an elementary school with little children who had just entered our world, a few years earlier:

**And murdered 19 of them in cold blood, outside of the womb.**

Do you think our heavenly Father is inviting us to something better? Must we just keep sliding off the cliff “no matter what”? Or, perhaps, there is a better way: a way that includes a way of life that embraces social justice along *with* restraint . . .

THAT WHICH

RESTRAINS

... He who now  
restrains will do so  
until He is taken out  
of the way

2 Thessalonians 2:7

**O**ur opening text speaks in sweeping terms about a restraining force within our world: capable of holding back the ultimate expression of evil (or Evil) namely, *the Antichrist* (vs. 4). Since every Christian knows that Christ is the ultimate expression of God’s goodness: being the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)—the rise of the ultimate Anti-Christ must, by definition, refer to a person who arises in *opposition to* (or in place of) the Christ. All of this seems quite simple enough, except that we seldom stop to think about the fact that . . . in order for the very advent of Antichrist to be realized . . . **there must first have been a discovery of the true Christ.**

Telling someone that they are in darkness, means nothing if there is no such thing as “light” and the ability to see, to begin with. Thus, before the world can truly experience a world-wide influence of the Antichrist . . . there must first be an explosion of the Good News (the gospel) to begin with. This, also, is in agreement with the Good Book, for Jesus clearly states that it is only after the gospel has gone out into the whole world, that the end (to which the *Antichrist* will happily add his mayhem, in his witch’s brew) —will come!

<sup>14</sup> *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

Matthew 24:14 [emphasis added]

This guaranteed mayhem, prior to the return of Christ does not mean that we have no hope: I have the Holy Spirit living within me *now*, as the express down payment of the Joy of that City, whose “builder and maker is God” (where sorrow and sighing will “flee away” — Eph. 1:13-14, Heb. 11:10, Isaiah 35:10)! Now, where were we? Oh, yes, we were tracking that Anarchist, who is *committed* to living in the Dark: the Antichrist . . .

Even in the first century there were “many antichrists”—as the forces of evil “practiced up” for the final battle (1 John 2:18), when **Christ will return in the sky to finish off the enemy of our souls, “with the breath of His mouth and brightness of**



**His coming”** (2 Thes. 2:8)!!

This does NOT mean that Christians are to simply assume a “ho hum” attitude towards evil within this world. In fact, the section of Scripture from which our opening quote emerges, informs us that the very reason *the Antichrist will* eventually be able to plunge this world into horrific darkness is because . . . the Church will have forgotten “wedding vows,” as the Bride of Christ: Forgetting why Jesus had to go to the Cross; To present to us to Himself as a glorious Church, without spot or wrinkle—at

His returning (Eph. 5:25-27)!

So then, after the Church has forgotten her calling as an agent of Heaven on an urgent search & rescue mission for lost souls (opting instead, to provide “social distancing” **from** God’s Spirit, while vaccinating church goers **against** the Truth of Scripture)—only then, is *the Antichrist* allowed to fully ravage our world.

So, do you sense that God is inviting us to find an escape from woke Christianity??

**OK. So let’s start breaking all of this down to everyday living** (and civil encounters) within our world. Let’s make it about more than a simple traffic stop. Instead, let us up the ante. Let’s say that (God forbid—oops, I’m giving it away) —there are *ten* school shooters on the loose. (Is that EVIL enough??) What shall we then do? Shall we simply wring our hands and say “Oh my! What a shame!” Perhaps we should ban *all* guns (and make our school children a bit more vulnerable; like ducks in a barrel, to be picked off more easily by the vandals and murderers?!)

Of course, this all may seem ridiculous, with too little

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**How about giving  
the Police Officer  
something else . . . ?**



# WAR LIKE A FLOOD

... The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.  
—the prophet Daniel (9:27)

**T**he Bible, being a compilation of 66 books is actually a veritable library (or anthology) of spiritual gems, scattered all about –just waiting for a skilled jeweler to assemble into a magnificent “piece of jewelry.” In no other section of God’s “Jewelry Store” is this description more true, than in the area of Bible prophecy, as we shall see, once more.

Within our last UPLOOK, we dared to introduce the concept of “overlapping visions” into the toolbox of our working understanding of that amazing last book of the Bible called, *The Revelation*. Then, we supported this idea, by cracking a vision open, in the very center of the *Apocalypse* (as *The Revelation* may be called, when referring to its title in the Greek language). In other words, we dared to consider that John’s vision was a *series of overlaps*—and then turned to the center of the book (which has 22 chapters) to read from its 12<sup>th</sup> chapter (OK, OK, it’s not *exactly* in the center of the book . . .).

Then, from the opening of the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter we referred back to *other* books within this amazing anthology (or Bible) –and discovered that what John was actually looking at was a kaleidoscopic picture of human events, in blood red “living” color –at the birth of Christ, and murder of the innocents, as king Herod’s jealous rage attempted to do away with this new king of the Jews, that “informers” from the east has told him about.

<sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by

Jeremiah the prophet, saying:<sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more.”

Matthew 2:17-18

—Thus, we were appraised of a reference to this horrid event by a prophet *foretelling* this event from the Old Testament (Jeremiah 31:15) . . . as well as the *Apocalypse* referring *back* to this event, within the New Testament era, as John witnesses a fire engine red “. . . great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads” (vs. 3) –preparing to devour the male Child of the woman with twelve stars (representing the twelve tribes of Israel) . . . as she was about to give birth (verse 4). So much for the view that the devil plays fair, on battlefield Earth! (Nothing new, in current day medical facilities, for the pre-born . . .).

So important is this series of descriptive symbols, that the *Apocalypse* makes an exception in its line up of events, by actually *giving the identity* of this fiery red dragon, within the text itself. He is identified as none other than “the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world . . .” (vs. 9). –and just in case the reader be ignorant of the outcome of that attempt to “eat” the male Child, who was to be born by this special “woman with twelve stars” (representing Israel –Genesis 37:5-11)—the verses following describe the successful birth, along with final victory of her Child within a *single sentence*. Notes the Scripture:

<sup>5</sup> She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

Revelation 12:5

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED(!) within the lifetime of the Christ, after his history changing life, crucifixion, and resurrection—that was soon followed by His ascension (with EYE WITNESSES) into the sky (Acts 1:9-11).

Thus, this central chapter of the Apocalypse describes the “big ideas” of both Old Testament history—with the advent of the nation of Israel (through Abraham, etc.) and the forces of darkness (led by the Devil, himself), **along with the victorious rescue mission that was completed by the promised Messiah (Genesis 3:15)**—in five short verses!!

What on earth will take place in the verses that now follow? What panning of human history lies hidden in the symbolism that yet remains within this chapter?? It is impossible for me to lay out all of the mysteries and secrets revealed in this chapter in one short article of The UPLOOK (that’s the reason for the latest published book!). However, suffice it to reveal one more ground breaking truth that will “flip the lid” on those who suppose that God forgot how to project the future, when Jesus ascended into Heaven.

In other words: Just as the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah was given insight into a catastrophic event in which Herod would seek to kill the Christ Child just after He was born—so too, the same God has laid out the **big** details of the end of the age within the Apocalypse. In fact, just to wet the appetite of those daring to accept the sterling invitation to read this book at its opening (Rev. 1:3 —no other book within the Bible includes such an invitation to read its message. Why? Because, God knew that many would simply pass over such secrets that are so concise and exacting (and full of judgment)—and that most will give up, after the third chapter . . .).

OK, let’s get down to “brass tacks,” roll up our sleeves, and bend our knees in serious prayer, as we seek Heaven’s insight into the amazing secrets that follow. Our first consideration: Chapter thirteen is a sequential revelation, that continues where the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter leaves off.

I know, I KNOW! I just said that the Revelation is a series of overlapping visions—and now I am saying that chapter 13 follows where the previous chapter leaves off! Yes, so now you know why this

particular “revelation” is such a challenge to treasure seekers within God’s “Jewelry Store.” We need to know where the overlaps actually start, and end. **As a simple rule: always begin with the obvious and clear passages, before attempting to interpret the more difficult ones.**

In the case of chapter twelve’s opening, we made use of the historical record within the gospels to unlock the amazing secrets in the first five verses of the 12th chapter. Now, when seeking to determine where the overlapping visions **end**, we must make use of Jesus’ amazingly concise and (seemingly) obvious description of the end of the age, within the Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24, Mark 13, & Luke 17<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> chapters). Briefly, the end of the age begins (as we have already seen in Revelation 12) —with the coming of the Christ—and ends, with what Jesus described as the end of the age.

To be specific, Christ stated that **the end of the age will end with the return of Christ, in no uncertain terms.** As described within Mathew’s gospel:

<sup>29</sup> *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And*

*He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

Matthew 24:29-31 [emphasis added]

Even for those who believe in a “pre-tribulation rapture” the above text leaves little room for misunderstanding concerning how Christ will return. For the above text flatly declares, that *after the tribulation* (or time of unprecedented trouble within our world --Matt. 24:21-22)—then, there will be serious disturbances in the heavens and *then* Christ will “gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” End of statement.

A rapture of the saints (the “elect”) will take place after the Tribulation. You may seek a little wiggle room, perhaps, by debating who these “elect” are (??). —But you CANNOT DENY THAT THE SAINTS WILL BE CAUGHT UP to be

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with Jesus *after* the time of testing and trial at the end of the age (this includes the saints going *through* the Tribulation in Revelation, chapter 13, vs.7 . . .).

Enough on the “pre-tribulation” debate, for the moment. Our primary mission today, is to point out that since the description of events (and overlaps) *begin* with the coming of Christ to earth as a baby, and end with His SECOND COMING, the overlap that Revelation chapter 12 is a part of, must then end with the description of Christ’s returning in chapter 19. (Yes, yes, there is a “parenthesis” included within the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> chapters, but we’ll not split hairs, here.)

**DO YOU SEE IT?** If you have been following The UPLOOK closely, over the past few issues, **a flashing red light may now be going off in the back of your mind, with an alarm sounding!**

What is the “alarm” saying? It is reminding us . . . that the NWO is described in the opening of the thirteenth chapter! Therefore, the twelfth chapter must include a really serious & momentous event within its symbolism; and it does. As noted above, there are simply too many secrets hidden within this chapter to unveil them all within this short article (not the least of which are parts of the “prophetic 3½ clocks, also located within the eleventh chapter—a major reason for publishing the last book!). —What we will take a moment to develop here, however, is a concept that first appeared within verse four: about what happens when the “dragon” opens its mouth.

It stinks!

In verse four, the devil opens his mouth, hoping to have the baby Jesus flushed down his throat by “overwhelming force” (to make use of a modern warfare term). In other words, the devil used entire squads of the Roman Legion to execute every single male, two years old and younger, living in Jerusalem, in an attempt to wipe out the baby Christ child. This matter of “over kill” within warfare, is again executed on a much larger scale later on, within the chapter.

It is also mentioned “in passing” by a *major* prophet in the Old Testament

whose prophecies must be studied and integrated with the Apocalypse, in order to get a fuller understanding of what God is telling us in this closing book of the Bible. Remember, we are looking for a biblical definition of a flood, within prophecy. We find it “in passing” within Daniel’s (famous) 70 weeks prophecy—which predicted, *down to the day* the coming of Christ into

Jerusalem on, what we now celebrate as, Palm Sunday. Needless to say, the exposition of that entire prophecy is well beyond the scope of our study today(!). However, there is still that “passing” commentary on spiritual warfare.

Daniel’s twenty-sixth verse states:

*“And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.”*

Daniel 9:26 [emphasis added]

There is that “time compression” again (as in the opening verses of Rev. 12) within Daniel’s prophetic 62 weeks, which we cannot delve into, today. What we are interested in, is its comment joining the concept of a “flood” with . . . war.

We now step further down, within the twelfth chapter of the apocalypse, to where the “god of this world” (the devil --vs. 9) again “opens his mouth:”

<sup>15</sup> *So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.*

But, wonder of wonders—the earth rebels against “the god of this age” (2 Cor. 4:4): this world’s master!! For, the next verse states:

*But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.*

Revelation 12:15,16

**W**hat have we just witnessed? We have just viewed World War II and its purpose(!). For that war’s spiritual purpose (from Hell) was to completely eliminate all the Jews and their friends—but Hitler was defeated in WW II, and in the aftermath . . . the UN was formed from the nations of our world/earth. . . and Israel was granted the right of statehood, with UN Resolution 181 . . . .

As if all of the above were not astounding enough; the verse immediately following the quote from Daniel (earlier) states that the world would also “confirm the covenant for one week . . . “ (Daniel 9:27 AV). Interesting, that the NWO emerges in the opening of the very next chapter of the Apocalypse, in chapter thirteen (as noted in the last UPLOOK) . . . .

Stay tuned!



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(or too much) too late. How about giving our police officers ammunition (a good idea)? How about giving them tactical gear (another idea)? Or . . . how about giving the Police something else?

How about . . . if our society actually *respected* its Police officers?

“What?” You say, “*respect* the Police?”

Of course—or would you rather have them “shoot it out” at every traffic stop? How much easier, is it, for people to simply act like responsible adults, and honestly admit personal mistakes (“Yes, Officer, I was going above the speed limit.”) —And try to do better next time?

How about teaching our children to respect the Police—and (sh-h-h-h) to respect their elders!

Respect their elders?!! “You mean those old fashioned, old fogies, who actually believe in the (sh-h-h) Ten Commandments?”

All of this insanity, with demands to “Defund the Police!” reminds me of what Jesus said would be happening just before the “Man of Sin” (or *the Antichrist*) becomes fully unleashed upon our world. Jesus predicted that:

<sup>12</sup> . . . because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Matthew 24:12

Or, as the apostle Paul put it, within his masterpiece describing what the Gospel is all about—even within a sophisticated world containing a “cancel culture”—when the “woke” become “broke.”

<sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:20-21

(Remember what we discovered about those who become committed to the Dark. This is what happens to those

who once experienced the Light—which Jesus came to give us. But after the Light is rejected? . . . Read further down . . .)

<sup>28</sup> And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; <sup>29</sup> being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, <sup>30</sup> backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Romans 1:28-30

## How much better is it for them, to act like responsible adults?

Whew!! Sounds like Antifa on steroids! But . . . that’s what we expect within the woke culture of *any* generation. —But *especially* within the terminal generation, as *the Antichrist* arises, and . . . the Church . . . has gone to sleep.

Remember: when we want to restrain evil, we must give the Officers in charge something to work with (a gun, a badge, and . . . respect for the law). I wonder, **does this apply in the spiritual world, as well?** Does the same apply to the Church? Say, have you heard about (sh-h-h-h) persons of authority within the church who abuse their trust (by molesting church members, for example)? Yup, you guessed it. The Bible has this covered, as well. The apostle unmasks this in the next chapter, when speaking to “God’s people.” The apostle now asks:

<sup>21</sup> . . . You who preach that a

man should not steal, do you steal? <sup>22</sup> You who say, “Do not commit adultery,” do you commit adultery? . . . <sup>24</sup> For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” as it is written.

Romans 2:21-23, 24 [emphasis added]

**S**o that, we (in the church) who are to be the “light of the world”—are supposed to be agents of restraint, goodness, and Light . . . but if we start to compromise our values, then we stop giving to God, and His Kingdom, the tools necessary to restrain the darkness.

So now, we understand what the apostle was referring to when saying that *the Antichrist* cannot arise until the Church forgets her mission (or “Apostatizes,” is the fancy term for this event—2 Thes. 2:1-3). That’s when “He” (the Holy Spirit, in vs. 7) is denied the tools formally needed to influence society and to restrain evil . . . and then . . . one day He will take His hands off of the controls, and allow the safety net that was intended to both save us, and to influence society—to break, as the church at large, goes to sleep (Matt. 25:5).

But, what if you *don’t want* to go to sleep at the wheel? Good news, we don’t have to!

<sup>4</sup> But you, brethren, are not in darkness, . . . <sup>5</sup> You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-7

Come: Let us, who identify with Christ, be sober, and vigilant. Find a good, Bible believing church—and man the life lines!

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# 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.”*

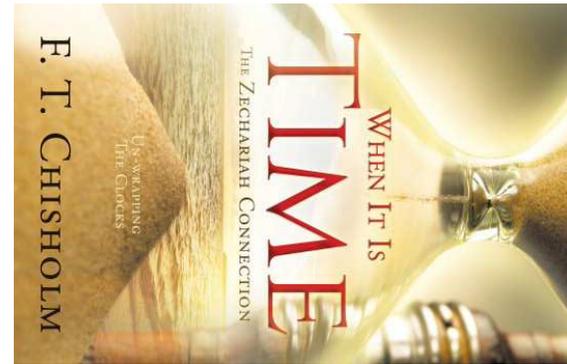
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