

The Will of God
Part 2
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Hello everyone, it is January 17 of 2024, and this is part 2 of the Will of God series. We've recently been enjoying a heat wave here, it's only minus 22 with a brisk breeze, and with the wind chill, that's about 33 below Celsius, which is a far cry from the minus 51 we had a few days ago, when I recorded the last message. So, we're enjoying the heat wave and the T-shirt weather as we get it.

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Occasionally, maybe more than we realize, some pearls of wisdom come along, and you know, they are born of a conversation you had with a spiritual brother. Such a thing happened today actually, when it became obvious that if you point out what Yehovah says, and where He says it, someone or somebody isn't going to like it, and that somebody might even be yourself.

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You know, if we ever come across something in our study, we find where God says something and we say, o-h b-o-y, no doubt about that, and I don't do that. So, you, yourself won't like it. If you don't point out or if we don't point out what Yehovah says, where He says it, Yehovah isn't going to like it.

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And I thought at the time, boy, that sure has a ring to it. And if we look into Proverbs 9, verses 10 – 12, we read:

¹⁰The fear of Yehovah is the beginning of wisdom,

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Folks that have no fear of Yehovah haven't even got out of the gate.

and the knowledge of the Holy One

We are to learn about our Father.

is understanding. ¹¹For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you. ¹²If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you scoff, you will bear it alone."

That's pretty succinct.

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In the last of this series we began to look at biblical directives in terms of through the eyeglasses of the expression of God's will. Just that small change, at least for me

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personally, began to open up scripture in ways I had not considered. A new perspective maybe? And by looking at what God does, it is a pathway to understand His thinking.

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If we are to be one with Him, then His thinking and our thinking should be merging, and Satan would stand opposed to every possible way, what we are up to. He is the adversary. When Yehovah explains His will for us, you can be sure there will be a counter argument, why it shouldn't be His will for us.

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It's possible that the creation, or the allowing of the final beast power to come about and reveal itself, is within the will of God. Is it God's will that that beast power actually come about? Does Yehovah use what is created to further His creative process? These things seem to be reasonable questions to ask.

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It would be hard to refute that we are seeing the construction of just such a world now, happening before our eyes; a system of total control. And we read of that in Revelation 13, and we'll read verses 4 – 18. Revelation 13, verses 4 – 18. Speaking of humanity generally.

⁴So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast;

They didn't worship Yehovah.

and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"⁵And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

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Well, who was he given the authority by? Yehovah.

⁶Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. ⁷It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

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God allows this.

⁸All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

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So, we see two camps here obviously, the ones whose names have been written in the book of life will recognize this entity when it shows up.

⁹If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

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Going to go into a very turbulent time.

¹¹Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. ¹²And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence,

A secular power.

and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

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So, here you see a misdirection away from the worship of God, to the world and its systems, whether religious or secular, doesn't matter, it's all idolatry.

¹³He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

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So, it's going to be a rough ride for you or I or anybody who is even alive at the time, and wanting to worship Yehovah isn't going to go over real well.

¹⁶He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

And the technology today is rapidly advancing to allow such a world to come into existence.

¹⁷and that no one may buy or sell

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So, they will be shut out of the economic system.

except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. ¹⁸Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

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So, heads up there, for the ecclesia, pay attention, this thing is going to come. We learn some more about this thing that will come as we read. It's the Father that's allowing it, in Revelation 17, and we'll read verses 11 – 17. Speaking of this entity that comes.

¹¹The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. ¹²The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”

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Well, this is after the Father and Christ and the saints have returned. Their ultimate demise will be at that hands of the Lamb and the saints, resurrected saints. But we want to watch the story flow here.

¹⁵Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. ¹⁶And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot,

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The religious power that drives it.

make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

So, the secular power, at some point, will turn upon the religious power. Now, here is where it gets interesting.

¹⁷For (the) God (Our Father) has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.

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So, the Father is absolutely involved, and He is going to use what is created, or allowed to happen for furtherment of His plan, and I hope we can see that as we go through this. It would certainly seem it is God's will that this power come to life.

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But to what end? Before we attempt to answer that, it is important to examine something else. If Adam and Eve would have eaten of the tree of life, would the temptation of them ceased being a thing, or would it have simply been delayed?

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If we look into the future, we can, maybe, get a look at what might have happened in the past, if they had made the right choice. While we've looked at some of these things in recent studies, let's set the stage with a few. God has promised us he will indeed take us to a time when all things are restored.

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And we read about that in Acts; Acts 3, and verses 19 – 21. So, speaking of a future time. It says:

*¹⁹Repent therefore and be converted), that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of (Yehovah, it says Lord),
²⁰and that He (This Lord) may send Jesus Christ,*

So, we know that's the Father.

who was preached to you before, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which the God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

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We can see, from verse 21, that it's very much Yehovah's will that this will occur. In fact, it tells us that it is so much on our Father's mind, He spoke through all His prophets about it.

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In this case, we might make a mental note, of Yehovah through His prophets. Does God work through the things He has created to send messages from the Creator, to the rest of the created? Indeed, He does. This process is very important to understand.

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We are further told that when we get back to the garden, or the Eden like situation, the knowledge of Yehovah, not the knowledge of the other guy, the knowledge of the tree of life access, will be abundant, like the waters cover the sea. So, it's going to be a time

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when the knowledge of God, and His ways, will be available to absolutely everyone. And of course we live in a time right now where the knowledge of God's ways is actively being hidden and we have a great deal about Satan's ways because the world lives that way.

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Habakkuk 2, verse 14 says:

¹⁴For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yehovah, as the waters cover the sea.

Satan will have been put into his box, as we will read here in a bit. The folks that will inhabit this new setting, and how long they will live, is actually given to us in Isaiah 65.

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So, when this new Eden like situation is put in place, we read about it in Isaiah 65, and we'll read about it in verses 20 – 25. Isaiah 65, speaking of a future time once the restoration of the Eden like situation on earth is in place.

²⁰No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old,

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You will still be considered a child if you die at a hundred.

but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

These are physical people.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people,

Going to live a very, very long time.

and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of Yehovah, and their offspring with them. ²⁴It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer;

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God is going to be right there to help them along the way.

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and while they are still speaking, I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,"

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So, here we see a description, of very possibly, what it would have been like had Adam made the right choice. There will be a time of renewal, when all things indeed, are restored. The Eden situation is revisited. God, will indeed, continue to make spirits for those born in the new age as it were, and they will not know the way to direct their steps, by instinct, or given that knowledge, and we just read that.

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You know, before you even call, I'll answer. If you didn't have to call, you would know how to direct your steps. So, the knowledge will be there, it's just a different time, and people, God will still make spirits that don't know how to guide their steps, and it will still be needed to be learned.

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But it will be a situation where all the influences that are wrong, will have been removed. Verse 20 tells us that even under idyllic conditions, some of those spirits, who have been given life in the flesh, just will not live it. The ones that go into that time are already there, but as they go along and they multiply there's going to be some, who just won't.

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Many, maybe most, will live in the flesh a very, very long time. Is it God's will that these folks, living under such conditions, must face Satan and be given the opportunity to choose? Is He going to interrupt that idyllic situation and bring forth that situation, once again, to offer a choice?

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Well, I think many of us know that, but let's read that. Revelation 20, verses 7 – 10.

⁷Now when the thousand years have expired,

That idyllic condition where God's knowledge is available all the time.

Satan will be released from his prison

Another spirit will be allowed to operate.

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⁸and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

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When you are living under idyllic conditions for a thousand years and living a long time, my guess is there is going to be an awful lot of people around.

⁹They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.

So, they are going to come against Jerusalem.

And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet were cast. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

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Many of these people, growing up under idyllic situations, will choose a way other than the one they lived. How many sermons on the subject would they have heard, seen in writing, over a thousand years? Would they have a full working knowledge of God and His ways?

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It would be hard to argue otherwise, I would have to think. God is both just and fair. Why would those folks have to face Satan? Because they have to choose, just like the folks who lived during the time of Satan's influence was widespread. God isn't a respecter of persons.

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We can read of that in Acts 10:34, and the New Living Translation states it this way:

³⁴Then Peter began to speak and said: "I see very clearly, that God shows no favoritism.

Can you imagine the hue and cry from those who had to face Satan in this time, and others would not have to?

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Those with a spirit of envy or leading toward a spirit of envy would have a field day in that kind of an unbalanced situation. Can we now see one of the reasons why Yehovah's only begotten Son, who was created as an immortal and incorruptible Being,

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as we looked at, lived in the flesh and went through what the flesh beings had to? Can you imagine the envy that would produce, or could produce it He hadn't?

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And can we see the typing of this by Abraham's trial with Isaac? That goes way back into the book of Genesis. Genesis 22, where we see the situation with what happened with Abraham, and we are going to read that because the type is so similar to what God actually did with His own Son.

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Genesis 22 (verse 1)

¹ Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. ⁵ And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." ⁶ So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. ⁷ But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

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Think about that. Did Abraham know beyond just the physical?

⁸ ... So, the two of them went together. ⁹ Then they came to the place of which Yehovah had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the Angel of Yehovah called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So, he said, "Here I am." ¹² And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." ¹³ Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So, Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of the place, Yehovah-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of Yehovah it shall be provided." ¹⁵ Then the Angel of the Lord

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So, you can see both of them involved here.

called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, ¹⁶and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says Yehovah, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—

And God had only one beloved Son.

¹⁷blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

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God did not hold back His only begotten Son from going through what His brothers and sisters have to. There is no silver spoon here. Should we then, since Yehovah is fair and just, be able to see equal treatment here for those who lived under Satan's dominion? One would expect so.

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Let's see, to look at this we need to do a bit of analysis. In the COG (Church of God) community and theology, in Revelation 20, verses 1 – 5; Revelation 20, verses 1 – 5, we're going to read that and then we will have some commentary on it. It says:

¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

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So, we see the beginning of that.

³and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more

His broadcast will be silenced, and the broadcast of God will begin, recreating the Eden situation.

till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. ⁴And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them.

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So, after he sees Satan being put away, then he sees another event happening.

Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded

After Satan had been put away.

beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God,

And notice the description here of these people that are raised.

who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they

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Those people, who had faced the beast, and who had been beheaded for the witness to Jesus at that time.

they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Notice the time frame here. This is taught as the first resurrection, in church talk, when those who are supposed to receive salvation, receive it. This resurrection clearly shows a time after Satan has been banished, and it describes exactly who these folks are.

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Did Abel experience these things? Well, how about Abraham, Issac, Jacob, Enoch? How about my friend, who died two weeks ago? Will any of those, and a host of other names, be resurrected physically, so they can go through and face the beast? Or, is this group a separate group all together? What about you and I? If it's you and I then that means somehow, we're going to have to face this beast and God's going to have to resurrect us to face it. Or, it's not talking about you and I at all.

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Let's go to Revelation 15; Revelation 15, and we'll read verses 1 and 2.

¹ Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

So, it's describing a time here.

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²And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass,

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We learned in Revelation 4:6, that's in heaven.

having harps of God.

So, we look at that and the time frame here, before the bowl plagues are poured out, these people have faced the beast, are already in heaven. These folks have received salvation, been raised to spirit and they are standing on the sea of glass.

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Their description differs from those in Revelation 20, verse 4, where it talks about them actually being beheaded, so it sounds like they had it even tougher than these guys. But there's a commonality that they too face this beast that we've been reading about.

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Is Satan still operating at this time, or has he been put in his box? Well, the answer is right there for us if we care to look. Revelation 16 (Verse 1)

¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels,

Which we read about in verse 1 of Revelation 15.

"Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

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Well, who did they pour them out on?

²So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

Is the beast power still functioning at this time? Yes.

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And is there a group of saints who face this beast prior to his judgment, in heaven? Yes.

³Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died. ⁴Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

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⁵And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O LORD, the One who is and who was and who is to be, (That's always the Father) because You have judged these things. ⁶For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due." ⁷And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments." ⁸Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. ⁹And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory. ¹⁰Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast,

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Is Satan still operational? Yes, indeed he is. The beast is still a thing at this time, and there are people who face that same beast before it became actively judged by God, who are already resurrected.

and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. ¹¹They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

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So, even though they are having the lumber poured to them, they're not having it God's way at all.

¹²Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. ¹³And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon,

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Is Satan still operational, or has he been put away?

out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

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So, it doesn't leave us wondering what is the time frame. Satan obviously is still active and he has not been put away, as per Revelation 20. Is it even possible that these two groups can be the same, separated by a significant period of time? It would be very hard to argue that they are.

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Again, would Abel be in this group? How about Abraham, Issac and Jacob and Enoch? Did they all face this beast? Nope, they did not. Have you and I faced it? Nope, haven't. Notice Revelation 14

Note Revelation 14; Revelation 14, verses 1 – 5.

¹ Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

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And we see a reference to that, I think it is in Revelation 3, and verse 12.

² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

³ They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

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You don't see any reference at all, that I could find, maybe it's there, I've not found it where the ones that came through and had it out with the beast, have this capacity. They're separate, they're distinct.

⁴ These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits (Well they are firstfruits) to God and to the Lamb.

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But they did not need to go through the confrontation with the beast. They changed on their own. So, you can see, if you look at this stuff, that there's a continuing, increasing intensity as we go through time. These folks said, Yup, I don't need the beast to teach me, I'm in, I'm on your side.

⁵ And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

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These guys are in heaven, they've been obviously resurrected to salvation, the beast is in full swing, and there's a message here as we go on, and the message is choose. So, here we have people in heaven. Is the beast still operational on the earth?

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Let's go on and see.

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—⁷saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

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This is not referring to Jesus Christ, this is God the Father.

⁸And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

This whole idolatrous system.

⁹Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,

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Notice the time frame here. The angel has preached to the world, the 144,000 are in heaven, the first bunch that faced the beast are already in heaven, and then we come to the next stage where the whole world is given express warning that:

“If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

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They've made a choice; they know what's coming.

¹²Here is the patience of the saints;

So, there is going to be people converted, even in this time, and it defines them for us as those who:

... keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

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¹³Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'"

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So, even under this situation, there's people who are going to lose their lives at the hand of this beast; it's going to be rough.

"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Have there been some resurrections that have occurred before Revelation 20? Is it Yehovah's will to resurrect some to physical, to face this system and make their choice, so Yehovah may say, "Now I know"?

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Well, keeping in mind that these resurrections we've looked at, simply by circumstance and a timeline, have to happen before the Revelation 20 statement. Let's go to Daniel 12, verses 1 – 3.

¹ "At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,

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In a time of great trouble. How does that fit in our traditional understanding? Here we have a bunch of people resurrected, physically, in the time or just after the time or Jacob's trouble, actually in the time of, as we'll see.

some to everlasting life,

So, some are going to choose.

some to shame and everlasting contempt.

These people are going to face the beast, and God is going to resurrect them physically, so that they can.

³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

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If we go to verse 6

⁶And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?"

How long is that purging and that testing going to actually take?

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⁷Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time;

3 ½ years, 42 months.

and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

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It's going to be a rough time and decisions are going to be made in there. What is going to be the result, this power that God is going to allow to create, what is he going to use it for?

⁸Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the end of these things?"⁹And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. ¹⁰Many shall be purified, made white, and refined,

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In the presence of this beast power. And some of those who are raised:

... shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. ¹¹"And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.

So, it tells us in here this time of trial and testing is going to be dramatic and God is going to resurrect physical people. It says many who sleep in the dust of the earth. It doesn't say all.

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Revelation 20 is not the first resurrection to spirit life, as the term has been used. For the millennium to start, rather the culmination of the resurrections prior, such that there will be no more for a thousand years. Those resurrected in Revelation 20, verse 4 will join those previously resurrected, ruling with Christ already.

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It does matter how we sort these events. Revelation 20, verse 4 is the third harvest of mankind to spirit, if we place the events in order that they actually occur. Ah, plot them out on your own timeline and see how you do, if this is an area of interest. It's worth taking a look at.

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The three harvests of mankind are really talked about openly in the scriptures, and if we set them out on a timeline. we can begin to see God's will, His plan. All of these people will face this beast power coming, exactly like they will face the beast power at the end of the thousand years, prior to any more resurrections. It is, indeed, an interesting study and another reflection on what the will of God actually is, as He carries about His plan.