

There's a Fly in the Ointment  
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Hello everyone, it is December the 4th of 2022; and the title for today's message is called, "There's a Fly in the Ointment".

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It's been a rather fascinating journey, the last six years or so, since being outside any organized or corporate religion, as the term might be used in some circles. Reading the Bible for what it says, rather than believing what we are told it says, has been rewarding spiritually and daunting at the same time.

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Various series that I've looked at, the MOM series, the Jerusalem series, Good and Evil, etc., etc. would simply have never seen the light of day, at least in any public way, had I still been inside the corporate organization. If we are learning and growing, a message is only as good as ones understanding, as the day that they gave it.

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And locking oneself into the delusion of having and knowing all truth is a certain path to spiritual stagnation. If God shows us where our understanding doesn't fit His word, we have to move. Although we might not fully understand where it is we are going, it's a process of being led by God's Holy Spirit to the things He deems He wants us to know.

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Of course, the other guy is right there to make sure we don't. And the Bible is our guide along the way. If we find ourselves rejecting clear statements, since the word of God is wholistic, we are indeed entering a mine field. Satan will provide a multitude of dead-end roads for us to walk down. An individual course correction along the way, based on our own study, is absolutely vital to our own personal development.

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I believe it is also important to frame our study, when we do look into the Bible, within the context of what we were told in I Corinthians 13, verses 1 – 7. I would like to read that for you. It says:

*<sup>1</sup> Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup>does not*

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*behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup>does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;*

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Indeed, we have to have a love of the truth. That is what drives us

*<sup>7</sup>bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never fails. ...*

Over the years, you know we've seen when somebody has a difference, it leads to animosity, it leads to separation, a lot more than its love. One of the qualities of love is to rejoice in the truth.

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God's word is the truth and Christ told us that specifically in John 17:17. He didn't mince any words. John 17:17 says:

*<sup>17</sup>Sanctify them (This is the ecclesia) by Your (The Father's) truth. Your word is truth.*

So, the Bible to us, is truth. And when we study it and we read it, and when we overlook or refuse to acknowledge or whatever, the passage that comes along our way, it really isn't a particularly wise thing to do. David understood that whole dynamic. In Psalm 119; Psalm 119:160 where he simply says:

*<sup>160</sup>The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.*

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The ecclesia are set apart by the recognition that God's word is truth. To the rest of the world, it's foolishness or fable. They simply don't care what it says. It would have no impact, regardless of what it said or where it said it. In the lives of many people the spirit of hostility is well entrenched.

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And Paul told us specifically that the carnal mind is enmity against God. When we see or are into contact with a mind full of the assets and traits of, I Peter 2:1, regardless of whether they are quote, unquote, "In the Church" as we might use the term, there should not be any doubt as to who their master really is, at least in those areas.

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In I Peter 2:1 there's a directive given to the ecclesia that we're to lay aside all malice, not just some of it, all of it.

*<sup>1</sup> ... all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking...*

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That's a tall, tall order. And if we see those fruits of the spirit in people, and especially in ourselves, we need to know we must simply get rid of that. So that is a very prominent driver in us, or certainly should be. We should all be in the process of removing those attributes that defile us, and recognize where team dark yet still influences us. That is the truth.

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If we come across someone, quote – unquote, “in the church”, displaying some or all of these things, having no desire to cull them out, how would they not be tares, or how they would not be tares is a question we actually need to ask? We need to look at some of those things and not be afraid of them.

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God gave us the scriptures so that we might know what He has allowed us to know. It is a gift from Him to His children. If we go to Romans 1, if we take a look at Romans 1, there is a directive there or a comment by Paul, that I think bears looking at. It says: (Verse 18)

*<sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup>because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.*

*<sup>20</sup>For since the creation of the world His are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,*

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So, not only the word of God, but the presence of the physical creation and the marvels in it itself, should show people and show humanity that there is in fact a God. As God wants to reveal things to us, Satan stands ready to take it away. To hide things and keep us in the dark. And truthfully, for the ecclesia, we need to go forward in our understanding, but mankind, generally, prefers the dark.

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It must be the opposite for us, we must love the light and come to the light when God chooses to reveal things to us. The mindset of the world is revealed in John 3, verses 19 – 21. Where it says; Christ speaking:

*<sup>19</sup>And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But he who does the truth (the ecclesia) comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."*

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It follows then that the ecclesia would exalt the words of our Father. In a world of darkness, it is our anchor to reality to separate out the deceit and the delusion. And one of the things I think I've come to appreciate over the last few years, is the degree to which lies have been substituted for truth.

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Every rock we seem to pick up shows more underneath, or so it would seem. The world that we live in, that man has chosen apart from God, is described in Isaiah 59, in verses 1 – 15. And we'll just read that, because it does quite clearly show the choice that man has made. It says:

*<sup>1</sup> Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. <sup>2</sup> But your iniquities (Your choices) have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. <sup>3</sup> For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity. <sup>4</sup> No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. <sup>5</sup> They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; he who eats of their eggs dies, and from that which is crushed a viper breaks out. <sup>6</sup> Their webs will not become garments, nor will they cover themselves with their works; their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. <sup>7</sup> Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. <sup>8</sup> The way of peace they have not known, and there is no justice in their ways; they have made themselves crooked paths; whoever takes that way shall not know peace. <sup>9</sup> Therefore justice is far from us, nor does righteousness overtake us; we look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness! <sup>10</sup> We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noonday as at twilight; we are as dead men in desolate places. <sup>11</sup> We all growl like bears, and moan sadly like doves; we look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us. <sup>12</sup> For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against*

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*us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them: <sup>13</sup>in transgressing and lying against Yehovah, and departing from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. <sup>14</sup>Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. <sup>15</sup>So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. ...*

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It's a very, very slippery slope when we walk down that path. One of the things that I believe I have come to understand is when Christ becomes the God of the Old Testament, which is generally taught in the Church of God and in the Mormon Church. There are three references in the Book of Mormon where it is stated directly, as I recall, that it is actually Christ that is the God of the Old Testament.

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What naturally follows that is that it is Christ's foot in Zechariah 14:3. And since that is so, the thousand-year period that follows would be, what has come to be called the millennium. The two conditions are the two sides of the same coin. One, the logical extension of the other, and that's consistent. The Father to appear much later along the timeline.

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When we consider that the Being Satan detests is the Father, would you think he might have some interest in making the Supreme Being, whom he wants to just go away; go away? If the Father had a name, would he seek to hide it? It would make sense that both of those things would be in place.

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I took the time to call several folks, of various backgrounds, to see what they historically understood regarding Zechariah 14:3, and the events surrounding it, in an attempt to confirm my own recollection of what I was taught in Worldwide and later on in UCG. (United Church of God) To make sure that what I thought I understood is what I remembered correctly, and I phoned UCG pastors, I phoned people that I've known over the years in the course of 40 some years of walking this walk.

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I did so because the program of constructing a strawman, and then beating him up, is the well-worn strategy, and I wanted no part of that. Find out what actually is and then go from there.

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If I might say it this way, Christ came down, well, what I'm saying is what we historically believed; Christ came down, the first resurrection occurred so that they could meet Him in the air, they returned with Him to the Mount of Olives, there was a rather large battle, which He would win, and the millennium began.

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That is what 4 or 5 people confirmed and was my own recollection of what I had understood was fine. Recently, I sent out a list to quite a few folks of scriptures that I felt spoke to a resurrection, be it to physical life or spiritual life or perhaps both and asked if they would add to the list if they knew of others, or saw some I had overlooked.

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To those who did send along additional scriptures, my thanks to all of you. It is always good to have additional sets of eyeballs looking at things, because there's a lot of stuff to cover.

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If what was taught, and still is taught, has any validity or had any validity, it should be a simple matter of superimposing the resurrection texts over the teaching so that it be confirmed. There are some fragments of the COG community that have incorporated a Pentecost resurrection into the mix, rather than trumpets, as is generally used. Ah, Fred Coulters, CBCG as being an example of this.

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This was done, as I see it, in an attempt to explain a scripture that has no place in the more widely used, trumpets consideration, where the resurrection occurs on Trumpets. Both of these, from what I can see, use Revelation 20, verses 4 – 6 as the start of the millennium, as the term is used, and the timing of the first resurrection. And again, as the term is used in these circles, the raising of the saints to spirit life. And it's important for us to define these terms.

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This study in part was considered as a result of the meeting of two of those camps and the result of that meeting. Over casual conversation the subject of the sea of glass was brought up to the head of the doctrinal committee of UCG at the time. Upon hearing of the sea of glass there was a comment made that the Bible did not speak of the sea of glass.

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The mentioner then opened his Bible and showed the mentionee where the Bible did indeed reference the sea of glass. The reply came, when acknowledging the obvious, it

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does say that, that's what it says, that they would look at it as the head of the doctrinal committee and get back to the enquirer on it.

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There is nothing wrong with not having seen something in the Bible, in fact it should happen every time we open our Bibles, if God is showing things to us. It's been many years since this particular incident and there was still no getting back. In fact, when the elder offered up a sermon just before Pentecost referencing the sea of glass in a Bible study on the Sabbath, prior to Pentecost that year, they were immediately flushed by UCG.

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Never mind that the scripture is there, they were flushed. It just seems to be how it works. God's word has no standing against the traditions of the corporation. That's just how it is and we need to acknowledge that; at least be aware of it. The sea of glass is mentioned in the book of Revelation and I would like to read the couple of places it is touched on.

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If we go to Revelation 4, and we'll set the tone and read verses 1 – 6. It says:

*<sup>1</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.*

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Well did he see something? Sure sounds like it to me. Well, how would he know there was one? Maybe there was five.

*<sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. <sup>5</sup> And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. <sup>6</sup> Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.*

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There is little doubt that there is a sea of glass given the scriptures; a description of that rather. And what is interesting here if you carry on and look in Revelation 15 we see the same sea of glass referenced. It says:

*<sup>1</sup> 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.*

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So, they had them, they had not used them yet.

*<sup>2</sup> And I saw something like a sea of glass*

So, here we see it again, this was the scripture pointed out to the head of the doctrinal committee.

*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, having harps of God.*

Well, isn't that interesting, they've been resurrected. And if we go on, these resurrected spirit beings standing on the sea of glass.

*<sup>3</sup> ... sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! (That's the Father) Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! <sup>4</sup>Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested." <sup>5</sup>After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. <sup>6</sup>And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. <sup>7</sup>Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. <sup>8</sup>The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.*

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And then we go on to read where these bowls are poured out, but it is in the presence of those who stand on the sea of glass. This is well before, obviously, what happens in Zechariah 14. These people are resurrected, they are standing on the sea of glass before the bowl plagues are ever poured out.



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The conflict, from what we have historically understood, is immediately obvious if we are thinking at all. A resurrection to spirit has occurred well before the Zechariah 14:3 foot happens, whoever one regards that actually to be. It doesn't matter in that case if you are looking at it in terms of resurrection timing.

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This resurrection here in Revelation 15:2 happens way before this. So, the teaching that the first resurrection occurs on that day and Christ's foot stands on the Mount of Olives, simply cannot be true. The timing of the resurrections shows us that it is false. The bowl plagues themselves take, at the very least, months to be meted out. So, the whole traditional paradigm immediately blows up, because it cannot be true. I believe this is the reason why the offending elder is still waiting for the get back to you part.

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One of the ways that the truth can be suppressed is when something is shown to us and we don't get back to it. We ignore and we hope that it goes away. Recently, in doing the study of good and evil I begun to process that. If God shows us something and we put it on the back burner; don't get back to it, attempt to hide it by not addressing something, is that evil? What do you think? How would you process that?

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God shows you and I something and we don't deal with it. But, you know, there is a second shoe to drop. If this obvious contradiction isn't enough there is something else that shows up in Revelation 20, verse 4. This has been long used to reference the quote-unquote, "first resurrection" and the millennial beginning. But have we paid much attention to what it is actually telling us? It actually tells us a fair bit. Let's read that:

*<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,*

Now it's describing to us who those folks are.

*who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they (Those people) lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*

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Those resurrected to spirit life at this time are described in considerable detail. And one doesn't have to be particularly astute to see this could not include a lot of people. Where

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is Abel? Where is Abraham? Where is Isaac? Where is Jacob? The list goes on. They do not fit the description that we see here. It doesn't apply to them.

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The description of those, it would seem to me, is given to us in Revelation 14. Revelation 14 where we will read verses 1 – 5.

*<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>They sang (The 144,000) 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 (Past tense) from the earth. <sup>4</sup>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, (Not going to be) but were from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. <sup>5</sup>And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

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Well, we go right on to verse 6 of Revelation 14 and we can see that these people are standing, in heaven, with God and Christ, before the angel preaches the gospel to the world. So, have the Father and Christ returned to earth at that time? So, the answer would be obviously, well no. No, they're not!

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But it's interesting to look at the characteristics of those people that we see. And I think there's a connection here. If we read Revelation 3, verse 12, speaking to the Philadelphian church, it says:

*<sup>12</sup>He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.*

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So, as we saw in Revelation 14, these people here actually have the Father's name written on their forehead and we see reference to that in Revelation 3:12. And you can walk through the promises made to these congregations and see that they are not the same. This is just in passing; look at Revelation 3, verses 1 – 5.

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<sup>1</sup> *“And to the angel of the ecclesia in Sardis write, ‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup>Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. <sup>3</sup>Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. <sup>4</sup>You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.*

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Part of the sell, that I was witness to, as long as you're a member of this church, you're good to go. And yet when you consider this, you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments. It doesn't matter if you were part of Sardis or not; if you didn't grow and overcome and change, you're done.

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So, the idea that as long as you are quote-unquote, “in the church” the corporation, you are good to go simply collapses. If we look at Revelation 3, and we will read verses 7 – 11.

<sup>7</sup> *“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, ‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”:* <sup>8</sup> *“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. <sup>9</sup>Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.*

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That's a very important thing, there is a group of people who will be resurrected, spared from the tribulation to come. That is before the tribulation. How does that fit into your paradigm? If it doesn't, and it might well not, is the scripture wrong or is your paradigm wrong? Would you adjust your paradigm to fit the scripture or twist the scripture to fit your paradigm, or would you ignore the scripture so your paradigm wouldn't be affected? For you see, it's all up to us to decide that.

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Well, are we given a template where we might rewind the tape if we can, because we can see that there are some serious problems with our understanding and stand on a more solid footing. And I believe that there in fact is.

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The most often quoted scripture in the New Testament, based upon the old, is Psalm 110, verse 1. Psalm 110, verse 1

*<sup>1</sup> Yehovah said to my Lord (Yehovah said to Adonai), "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool."*

Okay. It is repeated in Matthew 22. We're just going to look at some of those places. Matthew 22, and verses 43 – 45 where we see this written for us to consider.

*<sup>43</sup>He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying:  
<sup>44</sup>'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'"? <sup>45</sup>If David then calls Him 'Lord,' (So David knew that there was a Lord) how is He his Son?"<sup>46</sup>And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.*

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Well, we see that replayed in Mark 12:36; Luke 20, verse 42; Acts 2, verse 34; Hebrews 1:13. And I am going to read a couple of verses in reference to that as well in Matthew 26 in verse 64.

*<sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. (He was being asked about himself) Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, (God the Father) and coming on the clouds of heaven."*

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Well, I can't say that I've ever noticed that before. Well, there they are, both of them. They'll see Christ coming, sitting at the right hand of the Father coming on the clouds of heaven. And it's not a misprint. Mark 14; Mark 14, verse 62 also repeats the same thing. I can't believe I never saw that before, or paid attention to what it was saying. Christ was asked, are you the Christ, the son of the blessed and Christ said:

*<sup>62</sup>... "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."*

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Well, isn't that something? There both of them are again. The operative here, without question, in the passage in Psalm 110:1 is God the Father. But what is taught actually writes Him out of the script. Who do you think might want to do that?

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Can we see the Father's involvement laid out elsewhere in scripture, where it's made clear for us? Is there some place we could actually go and get a bit of a view of Psalm 110:1 in action in the scriptures? Because our historical paradigm has removed Him from the equation.

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Well, let's go to Daniel 7. I want to read the whole thing, because it's very, very important to put this in place.

*<sup>1</sup> In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts. <sup>2</sup>Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. (The Mediterranean) <sup>3</sup>And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. <sup>4</sup>The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it. <sup>5</sup>"And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!' <sup>6</sup>"After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. <sup>7</sup>"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. <sup>8</sup>I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words. <sup>9</sup>"I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated;*

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*The Ancient of Days is God the Father.*

*His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool.*

Well, how did he know that if he didn't see something?

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*His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; <sup>10</sup>a fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. <sup>11</sup>"I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. <sup>12</sup>As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.*

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So, there is a battle, but there are nations that remain.

*<sup>13</sup>"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of Man, (Christ) coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, (The Father) and they brought Him (Christ) near before Him. (The Father) <sup>14</sup>Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.*

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So, notice that Christ does not receive the kingdom until after the beast is taken out. Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool; and after these other nations are ultimately dealt with. Because they are around for a season and a time.

*<sup>15</sup>"I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. <sup>16</sup>I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So, he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: <sup>17</sup>'Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'*

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So, I guess when that kingdom is ultimately set up, it will last for ever and ever. And that is important as we begin to understand what is actually going on.

*<sup>19</sup>"Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; <sup>20</sup>and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows. <sup>21</sup>"I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,*

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The time of martyrdom that we have looked at recently. Until Christ came. Oops, no it says:

*<sup>22</sup>until the Ancient of Days came, (God the Father) and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, (The Most High is God the Father) and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.*

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So all of a sudden we see here that the Father is involved. He's in charge, He's the one doing things and there comes a time when He will pass that on to the Saints and to Christ. Well, I guess maybe He is actually involved.

*<sup>23</sup>“Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces. <sup>24</sup>The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings. <sup>25</sup>He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, (God the Father) shall persecute the saints of the Most High,*

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We are brothers to Christ and sisters, we are saints of God.

*and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.*

Well, this power will bear sway, it will be a nasty time for God's ecclesia for three and a half years.

*<sup>26</sup>‘But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. <sup>27</sup>Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom (God the Father's kingdom) is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.’*

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So, again I ask, is God the Father actively involved or is He just not a player at this time? The Psalm 110:1 prophecy has been made irrelevant by doctrine. This should not surprise us, not even one little bit, given what we know of Satan's hatred of Him. Have you been following along in our analysis of some of the resurrection passages in some of the more recent messages, the scriptures actually show us to a fair degree of certainty that the first resurrection to spirit occurs before the tribulation.

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And that is before the tribulation, itself, ever starts. Well, that doesn't fit our established paradigm very well. That would place spirit beings being resurrected at least three and a half years before the Zechariah 14:3 incident.

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We've seen the 144,000 present before God's throne prior to the angel's proclaiming the gospel to the world. The traditional Church of God understanding simply implodes and is seen as impossible when we look to the timing of events, which we have not historically done.

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In I Thessalonians 4:14 – 17; I Thessalonians 4:14 – 17.

*<sup>14</sup>For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God*

The Father, as we read in Daniel 7.

*will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.*

Is the Father coming? Well, turns out!

*<sup>15</sup>For this we say to you by the word of God, that we who are alive and remain*

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Isn't that the resurrection we are looking for?

*until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.*

*<sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.*

*<sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord.*

0:46:11

And we have looked at that recently and we've seen the timing in II Thessalonians 2.

*<sup>1</sup>Now, brethren, (Verse 1) concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,*

When is that first resurrection? And it does not happen until such time as this lawless personality, miracle working individual, comes on the scene. And we read in Revelation 3:8; Revelation 3:8, which we did touch on, it says: Oh, I'm sorry, verse 10, I wrote it down wrong. It says:



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*<sup>10</sup>Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.*

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Well, does that sound like before the tribulation to you? It sure does to me. These people will rise to meet Christ in the air and those Thessalonians who did what they had to do will rise and they will see that personality in place, doing what he is going to do. We will actually see him as spirit beings; and that's before the whole thing blows up.

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So, could the first resurrection, use the term timing, show up on trumpets at the same time the foot stands on the Mount of Olives? No, there is a fly in the ointment in our traditional understanding.

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We see these people referred to in this resurrection to spirit in Luke 17. Luke 17, verses 22 – 37 and we have not paid any attention to that, to any degree. Luke 17, verse 22 says:

*<sup>22</sup>... "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man,*

Oh, you mean there is more than one?

*and you will not see it. <sup>23</sup>And they will say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' Do not go after them or follow them. <sup>24</sup>For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day.*

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So, one of those days is described for us there.

*<sup>25</sup>But first (Oh!) He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.*

So, one of the days of the Son of man is referred to scripturally as to when He was here as a physical human being.

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And then it describes another time, completely different than after the tribulation; It's showing us a time before the tribulation.

*<sup>26</sup>And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:*

So, another time.

*<sup>27</sup>they ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.*

*<sup>28</sup>Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; <sup>29</sup>but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. <sup>30</sup>Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.*

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This is talking about the time when Christ will come to gather the saints.

*<sup>31</sup>In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise, the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. <sup>32</sup>Remember Lot's wife. <sup>33</sup>Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. <sup>34</sup>I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. <sup>35</sup>Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. <sup>36</sup>Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left." <sup>37</sup>And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Lord?" So, He said to them, "Wherever the body is, (The body of Christ) there the eagles will be gathered together."*

0:50:44

We see exactly the same thing repeated in Matthew 24, verses 37 – 51 and we have not given anything but lip service to that. When the saints rise, they will see the end time geo-political setup in place and watch it unfold. The 144,000 will watch the angel proclaim the message from a position of being spirit beings, having been resurrected prior to it.

0:51:12

Our traditional understanding does not stand when we place the grid of scripture over it; there is a fly in the ointment. Do we see it? I'm sure there will be more to come as we understand more and go forward from here.