

Revelation 12, & 13 (Daniel 7) (Conrad Bowman) (June 8, 2008)

We're going to be in Revelation chapter 12 this morning. Rev. 12, and maybe Daniel 7 and 8. We'll see how it goes. Alright.

Father we commit ourselves to Your keeping. Settle us down in our minds and open us up to the truth of the Word, and just give us a profitable time together as we search Your Scriptures, and we thank You Father for preserving them for us today. In Christ's name. Amen.

Revelation chapter 12. In an earlier chapter, we came across the woman Jezebel all dressed in red and arrayed and creating havoc among the believers. Now we open chapter 12 with –

1. A great sign that appeared in heaven. There's a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon is under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;
2. and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

And this connects directly to Matthew 24, which we'll get to in a few weeks. Now this is often confused with the woman Jezebel of the earlier verse. And it was for this reason primarily. The Society of Jesus is the Jesuit organization of the Catholic Church. And on the handbook of the Society of Jesus is a picture of the earth, and on the earth is standing a woman in a robe; and behind her head is the sun, creating a big halo. Under her feet is the serpent; and under the serpent, the world; and on her head a crown; and on that crown, twelve stars which represent the apostles. And that's the cover and face plate of the Society of Jesus – the Jesuits. So when you read nineteenth century literature and twentieth century literature, a lot of pastors and theologians took that representation of Mary that was based on this description here as being the Queen of Heaven, or the mother of Christ. They associated her with the anti-Christ and the Great Whore of Babylon. It was a mistake. Scripturally it can't be defended, and it was just a mistake. They mixed the two images; the one in the earlier passage and the one in this passage, and just confused the picture altogether. Now, later scholarship has discredited a lot of their work; and that's a shame. Because it was just a question of people with good intentions getting caught up in an idea that was circulating at the time. This started in – actually it started at the end of the eighteenth century and spilled over into – all the way over to the beginning of the twentieth century. So

look at this carefully. Because the great sign appears in heaven. A woman clothed with the sun. Now Psalm 104 tells us it's Christ – God who wraps Himself with light as a garment. The clouds are His carriers. And the moon and the stars are His messengers. So this idea of God who wraps Himself with light of the sun is one that's embedded in Scripture. Remember, it's – Paul tells us – it's God who dwells in unapproachable light. That's the God that we worship. Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration – His face was transformed into the brilliance of the sun so that you couldn't look on Him. Moses when he went up on the mountain put a veil over his face because he had picked up the radiated glory of God on top of the mountain; and he didn't want the people of Israel when he came back down to see that the lower he came on the mountain, the more the glory faded. He wasn't shielding them from the glory. He was shielding them from the fact the glory was fading away. The closer he got to the bottom of the mountain, the less the shine was there. The less the Shekinah glory was reflected.

Now, this woman is with child, she cries out being in labor and – now who's the logical person? Who's the logical person that this woman represents?

Lady. Israel.

Conrad Bowman. Israel.

Lady. Why is that?

Because it's Israel with the twelve tribes that's bearing the Christ child. The Christ child is coming, so the mother of Christ in this parable, in this illustration, is the nation of Israel. Now, she's with child, and she cries out being in labor and in pain to give birth. So this takes us back to Matthew. We'll go there later; another time.

3. Another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon [and that's a serpent. Same word] having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads are seven diadems.

4. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven ...

You remember when the angels fell? And a third of the angelic order fell from heaven in the original rebellion of Satan. So a third of the angels fell out – his tail swept them away.

... threw them to the earth And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so when she gave birth to the child he might devour that child.

And that was the intent of Satan. You remember we talked about this last week and the week before. The attack of Satan from the moment God promised Eve a Redeemer would come from her and from Adam; the moment God made that promise, Satan went to work attacking that promise. And his attack was – and the delivery of the promise was the arrival of Messiah. So Satan's attack was on the lineage of Messiah. And he did everything. The whole Old Testament is a story of Satan's attempt to cut off the lineage of Christ. And to do it – the first thing he did, he tried to do it by polluting all mankind, so there was no pure humanity left. That resulted in the angelic infiltration in Genesis, and the Flood to wipe all that out. It says Noah was just in his generations; which meant he was righteous in his generations. His generations were pure. They were pure humanity. That's what they were righteous with regard to. They were pure humanity. Noah, his three sons, their three wives, and Noah's wife. That's eight people. Eight people went into the Ark. That's all the people there were that were not polluted by angelic infiltration. And it took them a hundred and twenty years to do it. That's what Genesis says. Daughters begin to – men begin to multiply on the earth, and daughters were born unto them. And an excess of female children occurred at that particular time. And you remember, I've noted before, that scientifically we're looking today at birth patterns, not just among people, but among animals and reptiles, and animals in the wild and animals in captivity; and there's an excessive number of female births occurring worldwide in every species. Now the only reason that's significant – because when Scripture says, in answer to a question, about what's it going to be like in the day when You return, He says, as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be, when the Son of Man returns. I'm not suggesting anything but pointing out this one fact. That if in the world today, there's an excess of females being born for whatever reason, it does move us – that's one notch closer. That's all it is. One notch closer. And what that tells us, as believers, we don't have to run from science. We have to read science intelligently, with all the horsepower – mental horsepower we've got, bring it to bear. We do not need to be afraid of what science is going to discover with regard to what we believe about this Book. This Book is dependable. We can rest on it. We can take it to the bank. We can take it to the laboratory. Ok. You take it wherever you want to take it. It's good with your psychologist. It's also good with your physician. And with the research guy that backs him up. It's really good. We just need to approach it intelligently with all the mental horsepower we've got; and don't get knocked off our peg. Ok. In verse 5.

5. So she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all nations ...

You remember, "nations" refers to Gentiles. Rule all Gentiles.

... with a rod of iron;

Now you remember the overcomers that we studied a couple of chapters back? The overcomers when they go into the Millennial Kingdom are going to be given a rod of iron because they were faithful during the Tribulation. And that rod of iron that they're given is a rod of iron to rule over the Gentile nations. So, that's what they're going to be doing during the Tribulation and after it. And that's the way the Lord rules with a rod of iron – through His emissaries.

... her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

And that summarizes His birth and His ascension. A child was born; lived; died on the cross; went into the grave; paid the price; and was drawn out of the grave and up to the Father's throne by the Father. The child was caught up to God and to His throne.

6. So the woman then fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God ...

And that's Israel running from the anti-Christ during the Tribulation Period right on up to the Millennial Kingdom. So the woman runs from Israel – fled into the wilderness. That's when Israel runs to the hills. And there are evangelical groups today that are going up into the hills around Jerusalem and they're burying in those hills copies of Scripture and literature in multiple languages; because they know that when the Church is taken, and the anti-Christ comes, and Israel flees to the hills to get away from the anti-Christ, they want Scripture there waiting for them. So they're there right now looking ahead and burying Scripture up there so they can find it. Now,

... the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she might be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Ok. Eleven hundred [twelve hundred] and sixty days.

7. And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war,

8. and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

Now this is of interest to me because we know that they were cast from heaven when earth was formed; and they've been influencing men on earth all this period of time. But, they still have access to heaven; and they're not shut out of heaven yet until this particular time; because it's only now when the war goes on that there's no place found for them in heaven.

9. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

And that has a sense of permanency attached to it with the throwing down. And John says,

10. I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come ...

Please note that John is seeing and hearing God the Father. And this is a statement that comes directly from God the Father.

... for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

And that's what Satan has been doing. He's accusing God of being unfair because of the way He treats His people on earth.

11. "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death.

And what this tells us is that during the Tribulation Period when the protection of the Spirit has been withdrawn, that the cost of perseverance is one's own life. Now, I do not want you to take this further than I intend it to be taken. Having rejected the blood of Christ, is the price of salvation and deliverance. Man is left

in the Tribulation Period with the cost of perseverance as his own life. Because without the shedding of blood, there's no remission of sin. Having rejected the blood of Christ – the only efficacious blood – man is left with the only sacrifice he can offer, which is his own life. His blood is not efficacious, but his life is symbolically attached to his stated commitment of belief. In other words, in the Tribulation Period once the Church is taken, it's not possible to say: I'M A BELIEVER. I'm a believer. I'm a believer. I have faith in Christ. I trust God. I believe God. That's not going to be enough. After you have rejected the Christ who gave His all, you're left to the operation and function of earthly justice. And that justice is going to require a man's own life. It's going to be tough. So, when Scripture says over in Matthew, and we'll get to that, except a man persevere unto the end, no flesh would be saved. Likewise would no flesh be saved. When Scripture says you've got to persevere to the end, that's what it's talking about. It's looking forward to this time when, having rejected Christ, you've got to latch on to your testimony and hang on to it until it takes you out. And the means of taking you out is going to be the work and the animosity of the anti-Christ toward the Lord Jesus Himself. Any questions on that?

Sallie Moore. Won't there be anybody that's accepted the Lord during this time, won't there be any of them alive at the end?

Conrad Bowman. At the end? Apparently Sallie there's going to be a small remnant because that's the ones He comes to the Mount of Olives to deliver. And that's the remnant who are resisting. Ok. Remember those overcomers? Those overcomers were hard as nails. You know, we think we're tough because we can put up with discomfort and inconvenience. The overcomers put up with the threat of life and starvation and physical persecution every day of their life. And they're going to hang on to it doggedly knowing that sooner or later it's going to cost them their life. Some will be alive at the end, and He'll take those in with Him. And we'll get to that as He deals with them in the Millennial Kingdom.

Betijean Kennerly. But their heart is sealed against deceit. Is that the same group we're talking about? You said their heart would be sealed against deceiving.

Conrad Bowman. Some of them, but not necessarily all. In other words, the 144,000 who were sealed against deception. Yeah. And some of them will be out of the 144,000; but some will be out of people who received their testimony. In fact, we'll get to that in Daniel. There's a whole lot of, "we'll get to that's" [Laughter] associated with this, isn't it? This is just really complex. We can just

breeze through some chapters real quick, but eventually it just – you have to slow down and start folding this other stuff in. So, John hears the loud voice declare:

10. ... "Now the salvation, the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

11. "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death.

12. "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time left."

13. And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.

Now you wonder why Israel has such a hard time in this world? Ok. Satan's mad at her. He's really, really, really pointedly mad at her, and he has focused his wrath on that woman who gave birth to the male child.

14. The two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time ...

That's three and a half years – first three and a half years. It says she was nourished, and kept being nourished for a year and two years and half a year – that's three and a half years. That's the first three and a half years of the Tribulation Period.

... from the presence of the serpent.

So, for three and a half years God put His protection over her to nourish her.

15. The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman ...

You see how that deceiver works? What did Christ promise Israel? Standing in the courtyard of the Temple.

Phil Richman. Rivers of living water.

Conrad Bowman. Rivers of living water. Ok. You come to me, and you'll never thirst again – is what He told the Samaritan woman at the well. I'll give you water that will make you permanently, permanently satisfied. Here's what the enemy is doing. The enemy pours out a river that just rolls with water, in order that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. And the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its mouth, drank up the river, which the dragon poured out of his mouth. Now remember, Satan is the great deceiver. You don't ever want to forget it. Even the promises of God, he delivers on, or appears to – you can't depend on. The only thing you can depend on is the accuracy of your message. That's why Paul says over and over. Do not let the gospel which I'm delivering to you drift by you like a log in a river. Don't let it happen. You hold fast to my gospel. If anybody comes to you with another gospel, is what he told the Galatians, let him be cursed – even if it's me. If I come to you, he said, with another gospel, you put cursing on me – not blessing.

How important is what we teach? It's everything. It's everything. We can have a perfectly run organization here, but if the message is off, we're off. The only thing that counts here is the truth that we proclaim and hold forth. That's essential, and it's the only essential that we have. And the enemy will do everything he can to pollute that.

16. The earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth.

17. And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Now when you read that you understand chapter 12 is thoroughly oriented to Israel. Totally. You do not see one word in chapter 12 with regard to the Church. It's just not there. This is God dealing with Israel and bringing His commitments to Israel to an end. Questions on chapter 12? Thirteen.

Popoy Sangel. I'm just wondering ...

Conrad Bowman. Mr. Popoy. Yes sir?

Popoy Sangel. Some – this great eagle. I've heard ...

Conrad Bowman. Wait a minute ...

Betijean Kennerly. The two wings.

Conrad Bowman. The two winged eagle?

Popoy Sangel. Yes, the two winged eagle, verse 14. Does it represent the United States of America?

Gentleman. That's a good question.

Conrad Bowman. Is it the United Kingdom?

Class. The United States.

Conrad Bowman. Or is it the United States? Oh, because you mean when they use the eagle?

Popoy Sangel. Yeah.

Conrad Bowman. No. No. No. No. It would come closer to being Rome, because Rome used the eagle. That was their standard. You know. We picked the eagle because it's a strong bird and all the rest of the stuff. But it would come closer to being Rome than it would be the United States.

Phil Richman. Conrad, what is the metaphor for that? What does it mean? The two wings of the great eagle? Is that a metaphor for our protection?

Conrad Bowman. No. The great eagle – remember, let's see. Let me see if I can find it real quick? Where on the face of the great beast was – one face was of an eagle, one face was of The metaphor is God's provision of a way of escape. [I can't see. My eyes are too screwy. There's one place I was looking for it where the wings of an eagle were used]. I'll have to come back to that, Popoy. I'll have to come back to that one, but I will do that. Yes sir?

Adam Sun. Daniel 7:4.

Conrad Bowman. Which one?

Adam Sun. Daniel 7:4. The wings of an eagle.

Conrad Bowman. There it is right there. I had it on this front page. Right here. In Daniel 7 – thanks Adam. Adam and I have been studying Daniel along with this because it's very relevant. In Daniel 7:4, it reads like this in the *New American Standard*:

1. In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head on his bed; then he wrote the dream. He told the sum of the matter.
2. Daniel spoke and said, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heavens broke forth over the great sea.
3. "And the four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.
4. "The first was like a lion that had eagle's wings.

So what you're dealing with here, in these two passages or parallel passages – one in Revelation and one here in Daniel – the lion with eagle's wings is representative of Christ and His power to deliver from difficulty. Because Christ is the lion of the tribe of Judah.

... I beheld to its wings were plucked, and was lifted up from the earth and made to stand up upon two feet as a man; and a man's heart was given to it.

Now, the notes on 7:4 and 5 are this. The four winds of heaven represent the prince of the air. The air refers to the earth, including its atmosphere and everything within it. So this is Satan's domain. His dominion. This is, as we know, the sphere within which Satan is given his power over men. So Satan has dominion in the atmosphere of the world and over the face of the earth. The wind disturbs the world of men, which is the sea. The sea represents mankind in its conglomerate causing unrest and chaos. Out of this turmoil four beasts emerge from the world. These beasts are the four empires that were revealed earlier in Daniel. There're Babylon; there're Media-Persians; there're Grecian; and then there're Roman. That's the last four empires that led up to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., and are emblematic of the national entities that exist in the end time during the Tribulation and the time leading up to the Millennial Kingdom. Nebuchadnezzar used his empire as parts of a great statue of a man.

You remember he saw the great statue. Ok. It was glorious and mighty in its armor.

Now, Babylonian – the Babylonian Empire was the only undivided empire. Everything else was a conglomeration. The Medes sided with the Persians. Then the Greco-Roman Empire came along. And the Babylonian, which was the first one, was the only one that wasn't divided. It was represented by a lion with wings of an eagle. That was a representation of Babylon. It was adopted by the Romans as their own; and there's some thought that's been given by the men of the eighteenth – nineteenth century theologians that the United States adopted the eagle as part of their adoption of Babylonian theology. This loss of mobility – at one point the wings are pulled out; the lion is standing on two legs. This put the beast in a venerable position. Also the beast was given a man's heart. So we see that its ability to deal with circumstance ends with man's ingenuity. Ok. From history, instead of expanding its territory through military might, it was trying – Babylon – was trying to influence others through politics and economics. This made the empire weaker militarily, but the Babylonians laid the foundations for all nations that followed their pattern; including the United States; because we today would prefer, instead of military victory, we would prefer to win our victory on the basis of economic strength and diplomacy. And that's the big argument that's going on now between O'Bama and McCain. Those two theories of governance are what's largely in the balances today. So we watch those things still play out. The point is, regardless of where you are on the thing politically, the point is, there are no new ideas under the sun. The same things we're dealing with today the Babylonians were dealing with. Ok. It's no different. It just keeps coming back.

Now, this eagle's wings represents strength and speed wherever you find them. So the two wings of the great eagle given to the woman allowed her to fly, speedily, into the wilderness to her place where she was nourished for three and a half years from the presence of the serpent.

15. The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth ... and the earth helped the woman ...

16. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth.

17. And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went out to make war with the rest of her offspring ...

So the children of Israel are due to have battle wherever they are and under whatever circumstance.

Chapter 13 says,

1. He stood on the sand of the seashore. And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten crowns, and on his heads were blasphemous names.

So it's obvious when you see this beast coming out of the sea that this beast is entirely in opposition to God.

... and on his head, he has ten horns – seven heads, and on his horns – ten horns, he has ten crowns and blasphemous names.

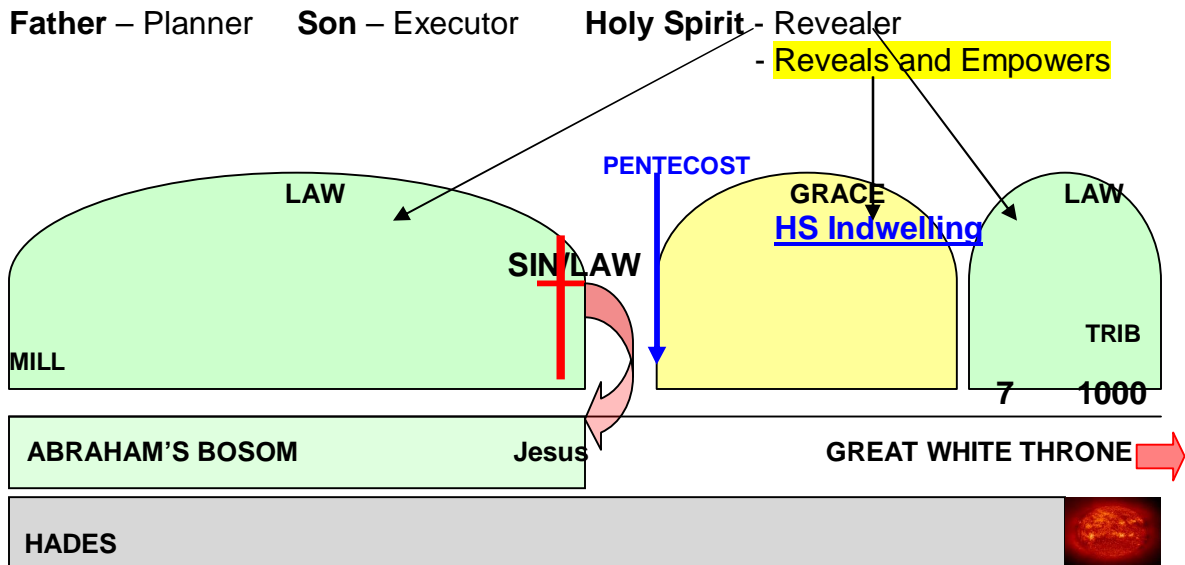
2. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard [he's quick and fast], and his feet were like those of a bear [strong], and his mouth was like the mouth of a lion [crushing] And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

So the one that comes out of the sea is representative of everything the anti-Christ ever there be.

Now the ten horns and seven heads are subject to a lot of speculation. You remember that Babylon and Rome, in 70 A.D., Israel fell. Jerusalem was overrun and was crushed in 70 A.D., and scattered. The prophecies of Daniel will say – and we'll get them back over there in chapter 7 in just a minute – will tell us that what happened in 70 A.D. to crush Jerusalem, was simply one small square in a chess board of play; that has a beginning and an ending. And here's what I want you to remember as we go through this.

[Conrad goes to the Board].

THE CONFLICT OF THE AGES



The prophets of the Old Testament – and that's Daniel – looked across history and they saw the whole plan of God, from beginning to end. The beginning was God's break with Satan and the opposition to it. And they looked across history, and what they saw in history were the mountain peaks of history. That's Abraham. That's the founding of Israel and the giving of Law. That's the crucifixion of Christ, and His dealing with sin, once and for all. It's the rejection of the Son. His ascension to be taken to the Father. It's the return of the Son. They didn't see the Holy Spirit at all. They saw the return of the Son. The return of the Son to Mount Sinai where they still see the battle of the enemy of God against the children of the woman – they still see that going on. And they see the Son's return to deliver those children from the onslaught of the anti-Christ and God's enemy. They see God's delivering His remnant into the Millennial Kingdom. And the Millennial Kingdom starts here. And that thousand year reign goes right here. At the end of the thousand year reign, they'll see all those who have not been tested to see whether they are true believers or not – they'll see all those tested. Because you'll remember, there's only a remnant going into the Millennial Kingdom. And all those children that are born to that remnant – through here – they've never known anything but God's rule by the overcomers with a rod of iron; over all the peoples of the earth. So at the end of this time it says Satan is loosed from the bottomless pit. He's been held down here. He's released from the bottomless pit to deceive whom he will. And his plan of deception is carried on right here at the tail end of the Millennium. Now that's a great huge rebellion because men do not want to be told what to do. So all those people of the earth

who are born during the Millennial Kingdom are now tested to see whether they have the character and the mettle. In other words, down here, there was one man and one woman, and one way to test. There was just one of everything; and one test of their faith; and that test was, don't eat the fruit. And they did. It gets more complex as we go along, to where when the Law came along, they wanted rules for everything. So they got 616, and they barely started on their journey. It gets more complex as we go; and the prophets see this, but they see this mountain top of history, and this mountain top of history, as a continuation of the same event. So they don't see anything here. This whole thing, which includes the Church Age, is gone; and they see this as a continuum. And this event takes place right on the heels of that event. Any questions about that? Now this is important. This is really important, because now the remnant, that's delivered into the Millennial Kingdom, are going to live for a thousand years; and they're going to have children that repopulate the earth. Let's say there's fifty thousand that survive the Battle of Armageddon. That fifty thousand goes into the Millennial Kingdom for a thousand years. And so you have generations that start; and the world is perfect, and there's no rebellion; and the lion lays down with the lamb; and there's no disease. So men start rolling through generations; and a new generation starts about every eighteen to twenty years. Ok. Now you can do whatever math you want to do, but the earth is going to be full of people again right here.

Ed Welbourn. Those are all Jews?

Conrad Bowman. No. No, because there're some Gentiles who hear their message and believe their message and are martyred for it; and there're some Gentiles at the end who hear their message and have run to the hills with them and are delivered into the Millennial Kingdom.

Ed Welbourn. The earth is promised to Abraham or his kingdom forever.

Conrad Bowman. That's right.

Ed Welbourn. With people as numerous as the stars and the sands of the sea.

Conrad Bowman. That's right. That's right. But Ed, remember what happens. At the end of this, Satan's released. He'll do battle. Second battle of Armageddon. Christ and His angels wipe those out. Then it says, the earth and the heavens pass away with a fervent heat, and they are no more. Everything we see is dissolved. And I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth coming down from

heaven out of God. There's a reason for that; because in the new heaven is a place for the Church. In the new earth – is Abraham's destiny and Israel's kingdom and David's throne forever. That's why there's a new earth. If it wasn't, then we wouldn't need a new earth at all. We could just do it all with a new heaven. This is why I don't understand so many pastors who want to "mush" Israel and the Church all into one body forever. And they get there because they're afraid of Revelation. Not wanting to study Revelation, they avoid it. And by avoiding it, they end up with Israel – believers in Israel and believers in the Church, all "mushed" together in the same one. Gil?

Gil Parks. So, where do you think we're at right now?

Conrad Bowman. Uh, the clock – the clock says – we've got three minutes. [Laughter]. Not blessed too much time. [Laughter]. Yeah. Yeah. I may – you betcha. You betcha. We're right there. The clock is straining for that last kick, and that's where we are; and we've been there for a long, long time. There's nothing that needs to be done prophetically before Christ returns again for His Church. Nothing.

Phil Richman. Ed's question. We came back to Ed's question. I didn't hear it. You're going to have Gentiles and Jews in the new heaven and the new earth. Correct? Correct?

Conrad Bowman. Yes sir.

Phil Richman. Ok. Ok. That's the answer.

Conrad Bowman. Absolutely. You're going to have Gentiles – you're going to have Gentiles and Jews in this earth right here because in the Old Testament that's ...

Phil Richman. The Church ...

Conrad Bowman. That's not the Church.

Phil Richman. The Church is in Christ ...

Conrad Bowman. The Church is in Christ and is in heaven.

Phil Richman. That's ...

Conrad Bowman. We're in Christ ...

Phil Richman. That's the separation, and what happens is, what Conrad has said about the "mushing" together of Israel and the Church, which constantly goes on in Christendom and confuses everybody.

Conrad Bowman. And "mushed" is ...

Phil Richman. A good word.

Conrad Bowman. ... that has become a more and more valuable word. Yeah?

Ed Welbourn. Those Gentiles are the ones that survived the Tribulation and live on the earth at the time all of this comes to pass.

Conrad Bowman. Sure. Sure. Sure. And it also includes the Gentiles of the Old Testament who accepted the God of Israel.

Phil Richman. Job.

Ed Welbourn. They didn't know that ...

Conrad Bowman. Good example. So all the Gentiles who accept the God of Israel in the Old Testament; and were faithful; and believed the God of Israel. See, they're going to be on that new earth too. They were held in Abraham's Bosom.

Ed Welbourn. But they didn't go to be with the Bride of Christ?

Conrad Bowman. Yes, they did. But they were guests of the Groom. See, none of the Old Testament saints that went to be with Christ to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb – they didn't go to participate with us. They went as guests of the Groom. So they were honored guests; and if we go back to Matthew and look at that parable of the wedding guest that showed up and he was in the improper clothes and what-have-you, that's what it is talking about. It's talking about a pretender in that group that tried to slip in, based on his testimony, which wasn't real. And it's time to go.

Class. Hummmmm.

Conrad Bowman. The birds are gathering – see that first ten minutes we blew we could use it right now.

Betijean Kennerly. I told you we needed to get started at 8 o'clock. [Laughter].

Conrad Bowman. You did. You told me. You told me.

Thank you Father, we appreciate, we appreciate so much You're opening us up to these things. Just guard us from, just guard us from error, and keep us from just feeding on our own notes; but keep us studying the Word and growing and expanding and filling in our understanding, as long as we have breath. And we thank You in Christ's name, and He paid for it every bit. Amen.