

Revelation 9 (Conrad Bowman) (July 6, 2008)

The other thing that's over there is this small chart in one page, and John made us some copies of that one. And it's a chart just from the Rapture to the Great White Throne Judgment, on the sequence of events that we're talking about. So, this is a great little chart, and it's from a small book that's been hiding on my bookshelf for decades, and this is inside the front cover. So that's the reason why the copy is a little weird. But you'll find that beneficial because it identifies when certain things happen. And then, of course, there's the Ford Ottman's chapter out of Ford Ottman's book that lists the thirty Psalms – that's what this chapter was all about in which Jesus' coming was as the Messiah to Israel; and that's what set up this whole sequence of events that we know as the Great Tribulation, and then the Millennial Reign. That's why He came. He came to Israel, and the Rapture was simply His collection of His Bride before those events began to take place, and that's what this is about. It's one chapter out of Ford Ottman's book, *The Unfolding of the Ages*. It's not in reprint, and is kind of difficult to find. There're a few copies on the internet, but not many. Now, let's have a word or prayer and then we'll start this morning – I want to start by taking a look at a couple of verses in chapter 9 and then we'll move on from there – chapter 9 of Revelation.

Father we You for the time this morning and just for hearts that are gathered around the person of Christ to worship the Son and to glorify You in all that You've done; and we thank You Father that before the foundation of the world the plan of redemption was forged between You and the Son; and we are the beneficiaries for eternity to come; and we thank You for it, for Your great love for us, in Christ's name. Amen.

Ok. Something I want to – a conclusion I had come to during the week. I've been looking at that 144,000. You know when the Rapture occurs, 144,000 – 12,000 from every tribe of Israel – the twelve tribes – for their eyes are open to the truth; and they understand then who and what Christ was. And that 144,000, we don't talk a lot about them, except as a body. But, I was going back through and studying that in some detail through the verses, and I was struck with how many times, when Scripture talks about the 144,000, it uses the term "males"; not just men generically, but "males." And I've come to conclude that that 144,000 was just that. They were male members of the tribes of Israel called together. Whenever you see something like that, it's just like a stop sign. Boom; It gets your attention; you come to a full halt; and you look at that, and you begin to compare it to other Scriptures and other events in Scripture. And it makes you

wonder why the term “males” would be used so emphatically. And then it occurred to me that with a 144,000 going into that period of testing for Israel, and the leadership of Israel at that particular time, that what God was doing was taking the situation that existed in the Garden of Eden, where He created man generically –male and female, and they were created in one entity. Originally, in the original creation, they were both male and female, because that’s what it said. He created a male and female created He them; and He created them in a single entity. And He wrapped them in light, just as He is wrapped in light as a garment. You get that from Psalm 104. That it’s God who wraps Himself with light as a garment and makes the clouds His messengers and the wind is His highway on which He travels; is what it says. Now when you say that man was made in the image – yes this is a bit of a diversion from Revelation. When you see that man was made in the image of God, he was made in the image of God morally in that he was self-determinate. Now God was perfectly self-determinate, because He’s perfect in His character, in His essence. So God was perfectly self-determinate. We are flawed in our self-determination, because our reasoning is not perfect.

Evelyn Wamble. Because we are of Adam.

Conrad Bowman. That’s right. That’s right

Evelyn Wamble. That’s the reason we’re ...

Conrad Bowman. That’s right. That’s right. Reasonable is very, very accurate. Now, so man was morally self-determinate; he was sovereign over the world in which he lived and ruled. God made him so. God made Adam sovereign over all of creation. He named the stars; he put them in place; he called every beast by the name that he chose. So Adam was very involved in that. As God was sovereign over all, Adam was sovereign over the Garden. He could choose what he wanted to do. So in that he followed after the pattern of God’s being. Physically, Adam, or man – *ish* – is the word in Hebrew. *Ish* physically represented God in that *ish* was covered by light just like God was clothed with light as a garment. *Ish* reflected the glory of God. When God looked at him, He saw His glory shinning back at him. So *ish* was made in the image of God physically, as well as morally; and he was spiritually aware because he could communicate with God as a Spirit.

Now, when *ish*, when woman was created, God took – the symbology there is God took a rib out of Adam and He made the body for a woman; and out of *ish*

came *isha*, or out of man, and that was woman. He took the man, he separated *ish* and *isha*, and now He has a dichotomy in man. They were never whole unless they were together. Ok. So the unity of mankind – male and female together – represented the unity of the Trinity, of the Godhead; and that's why God had given Well, the whole point of that is this: When He finally separated them into male and female, and He declared that *ish* was going to be the head, and *isha* was going to follow the head's direction – that was the natural order of things; what He did was establish the chain of commands for instructions coming out of heaven to mankind who dwelled on earth. That's what is was; the establishment of an order. So God gave Adam His instructions, and Adam gave them – *ish* – gave them to *isha*. And it was no more than that. It was just the natural order of things. Now when you get to the Tribulation Period, we have gone through this evolution of mankind in managing his affairs for this ten thousand years say; since Adam in the Garden; through all the generations of mankind; and to say that that order has been fouled up is to put it mildly. I mean we look around us, and nobody can, nobody can recognize that sense of order in relationships. One of the problems – and it's delicate – one of the problems that is tearing us apart as humanity is this need for equality; and it's not really equality; it's expression of ideas that we're fighting for. Ok. Norma and I were talking about it on the way in here today. We were listening to C-SPAN, and some lady had called in and talking about she was a Hilary supporter; and that women had been for years, I mean lifetimes, waiting for a woman to be President. And their disappointment was in Hilary falling short of that; and they were still vibrating from that, and she didn't know what she was going to do when it came time to vote; because Hilary likely would not be in the list of candidates; and it upset her greatly. See, she's got here head wrapped around an idea about how women should be – are disadvantaged because of their inability to express themselves politically. Well, when you look at that 144,000 and the – when Christ comes again and He takes His Church out, and then right after that the anti-Christ convinces the political heads of Israel to sign a peace treaty with the strong nation and king from the North of Israel. And remember, when you start talking about North, South, East or West, in terms of Scripture and prophecy, Jerusalem is always the center. So it's talking about the North of Jerusalem. The East, South and West. So, if I lose you somewhere along in this rambling, wave me down. But the treaty is signed after the Church is taken out; and the treaty – the signing of the peace treaty is what marks the beginning of the Tribulation; it's not the Rapture. Ok. The Rapture can occur and an indefinite period of time can pass before that peace treaty is signed. But the thing that begins the seven year clock on the Tribulation Period is the signing of the peace treaty between the leaders of Israel and the king of the North, which in all probability will be Russia. The

possibility is it can be Russia or China, either one; but more likely it's going to be Russia; and that starts the clock on the seven years. Because in Daniel's prophecy, it lays out a week or years, or seven years, for this entire period. And we're talking about from the Rapture to the return of Christ at the end of that. This is a seven year period in here, but it starts not with the Rapture, but the signing of the peace treat at some point. So it may be seven and one-half years; it could be eight years. Anyway, that's what we're talking about.

That 144,000 represents God's reestablishment of His order of things for that period of time leading into the Millennial Kingdom. Now order is a very big thing in God's plan, for those under Law; because people governed by law, if they don't have order, they don't have anything. They don't have a system that operates, if they don't have order. So God's reestablishment of order begins with His reestablishment of His pipeline for His instructions to man to come through that 144,000, and they're all male heads out of Israel. That's where His instructions are going to come down, and the role they play is just that. They are the commanders of God's forces during the Tribulation Period leading into the Millennial Reign. Now, the other thing that lends to that is – is that you remember when we talked about the overcomers; that these 144,000 are going to be challenged in their ministry and in their witnessing. Some will be severely persecuted, as will some of those who accept their message – are going to be severely persecuted during that seven year Tribulational Period. Many will be martyred and put to death. They will show up at the throne when Christ comes again, they come with him, and they show up at the end of the Tribulation Period when He returns; and they are known as the overcomers. And you remember the overcomers are given rods of iron with which to rule the Gentile nations during the Millennial Reign of Christ for a thousand years. So out of the overcomers who come from this group and those that they draw to them, will come the rulers who actually rule the nations for the thousand years. Now you see God's order then beginning to flow still again, through that natural order of things. You know, during the 144,000 period of rule and reign. Where's the Church in all of this? The Church is not involved with ruling. We reign with Christ. The overcomers are the rulers. We never get involved with the administrative details of directing nations or people. That's not the role of the Church. We're not ruling over the angels; we're not ruling over the nations; we're not ruling over Israel. We are reigning with Christ as the object of the world's adoration, as the Bride of Christ. Ok. That's a position of accepting adoration. That's your role, for a thousand and seven years during the extended Marriage Celebration, which is what that is. The Marriage Celebration is going on now. We'll join it, either when we die or the Rapture, and we'll become part

of that, as part of the object of mankind's and creation's adoration. And that's our role in this thing. But that 144,000 begins to typify and exemplify God's sense of order of things. Yes ma'am?

Lady. My question is, when we are Raptured or we die, where does God take us?

Conrad Bowman. We are taken immediately – if I died today; if I drop dead right now, the next blink of the eye will find me at the Rapture. He would take me immediately there. From there I'm transferred immediately to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Lady. And that's in heaven?

Conrad Bowman. That's in heaven, and the Marriage Supper is there now as the Bride gathers. See, because when I die, I step out of time altogether, and I meet the Lord at the next event planned for me, which is the Rapture of the Church and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. He takes me, and takes me to the Marriage Supper, and I join the party that's there. The group that's gathered. Right there.

Lady. Will we be judged again?

Conrad Bowman. Bema Seat. The Bema Seat of Christ occurs there. As we're ushered to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the Judgment Seat of Rewards – which is what the Bema Seat is – B-E-M-A – if you're taking notes; the Bema Seat is the Judgment Seat of Rewards. And that's when we stand before the Groom – Christ – and we present to Him the works that we've done on His behalf. Ok. And that's what we've talked about before. Our works – all the works that were done out of energy that we generated – energy of the flesh – all those works burn up. And then we discover all those works that He's done in our life of which we've probably been completely unaware. And He rewards us for those works. They become the crowns which we have that we cast at His feet as the dowry of the Bride. He in turn gives those to His Father to glorify the Father, because that's what He always does, and He accepts the Bride; clothes us in a robe of righteousness that he provides. So we're clothed in His provision, and then we're presented to the Father as His Bride. Those who He's claimed as His own; and the Marriage Supper continues to roll, and it lasts for a thousand and seven years. It begins with the Rapture of the Church and the carry with the first part of the Bride and it lasts throughout the Tribulation and for a thousand years. Ok. And that's a period of celebration. And the whole time that's going on – right

through – from every believer that's ever died is taken immediately to the Rapture of the Church; and we all get there at the same time. You arrive at the same instant the Apostle Paul does. Can you imagine the eye-opening of that moment? When you die, or Christ gathers those who are alive together, because the dead in Christ are risen first; and then He gathers us together, and we all get there at the same moment. And there's Paul, and there's Peter, and there's James, and there's Barnabas, and there's all these guys, and all these women – there's Lydia. All the women that supported the Lord Jesus in His ministry and became prominent Christians in the churches of Galatia. They're all there, and we're all arriving at the same instant. There's no sense of our having been somewhere waiting for this to occur. It's instant, and it's a marvelous, marvelous display of God's grace. Ok. He doesn't set us aside for a while. The need to think like that is what produced the Gospel of Limbo in the Catholic Church. They had to have a place to put people while they waited. Well then all kinds of mischief came out of that. If they put those people there, can you get them out? So they – and that was a big issue. That was, you know, Paul said, if Christ didn't rise from the dead, then why are we praying for people who have died? Why are we praying for the dead? Well, that issue has been around since the time of Paul. See, it's not a new idea. It's an old idea, and it's been answered adequately in Scripture.

Now, so much for that little ramble. Yes sir?

Don Fruin. You recently were talking about how they were to know who was the – of each tribe; the 144,000. I was watching some late night – early morning television this week. They have now been able to track back through genes – they can track you back to where your original family originated from; because through the male gene, they is something that's carried eons of generations. So they're going to be able to find somebody who was a [Iea light] if they have anything; a scrap of hair or whatever, they can pull that gene out and ...

Conrad Bowman. I think – DNA will be in that.

Don Fruin. That was the feel.

Conrad Bowman. Yeah.

Don Fruin. That was the feel. It was the other one. It was the male, but it comes both ways. The female _____ tracks females all the way back, but it's something else in the male they can track it back. And right now they're using it

primarily for people who came from slaves and whatever; tracking them back to their tribes in Africa. But it's available. And that's how they're going to know.

Conrad Bowman. I've never – I've always kind of dismissed that with the – not DNA tracking, but I've kind of dismissed the need to track, because it's instant; and God does the assigning. You know. I think it's just there. It's there. He knows.

Alright. Any other questions or comments?

Evelyn Wamble. How do you spell *ish*? *I-S-C-H*?

Conrad Bowman. No. *I-S-H*.

Evelyn Wamble. *I-S-H*.

Conrad Bowman. Uh huh.

Evelyn Wamble. I didn't read that.

Conrad Bowman. And *isha* is *I-S-H-A*.

Evelyn Wamble. Ok. Thank you.

Conrad Bowman. Yes ma'am. Ok. In chapter 9 of Revelation, we went through this pretty thoroughly, but you remember in chapter 9 there's the sounding of the angels and their trumpets.

1. The fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth, and the key to the bottomless pit was given to him.

And I want to make sure you understand that the star that fell was not a celestial body, but star is representative of the angels. It's used to represent them. So the star that fell from heaven was an angel that fell from heaven. And the angel was given the key to the bottomless pit. That's why it talks about him after that using pronouns.

2. And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace;

And it literally blocked out the sun, so the earth was darkened from the smoke of the pit.

3. And out of the smoke came forth locusts [and locusts] upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth ...

They could – they had stingers in their tails, and it says, they didn't hurt any green thing, the grass and the trees,

4. ...only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

So other than the 144,000, all of mankind on earth – and the word there is the word for “males” again. Males were tormented. It didn't say anything about females being tormented, but males were tormented. And I believe it means exactly that. That the target of the locusts were males on the earth.

5. They're not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man.

I found it interesting that those locusts have hair like a woman; and you can make out of that whatever you want to, but that'll preach, won't it Bill? Yes sir. The males of the species are being tormented by locusts that have hair like women for five months.

6. In those days men will seek death and will not find it; and they will long to die, and death flees from them.

I'm struck with memories today of this inordinate brutality being exhibited toward women and children by males. That is one of the most disturbing things in society today – is how that can happen. My natural instincts are toward – are toward protection of women and children. That's my natural instinct. I do not understand for the life of me, other than an evil perversion, how men can attack women and children; even infants today. That's really, really disturbing. And it seems to me to be consistent with an attitude that grows in society toward and through the Tribulation Period, and I think we see that.

7. The appearance of the locusts was like the horses prepared for battle

In verse 7. In verse 8,

8. They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions.

So all at once the smallest of things comes out of the earth, with teeth like a lion that can devour and sting and bite. And it torments men who are not sealed. And that sealing again represents a right doctrinal way of thinking and addressing God, and the sealing of that into a man's mind. And that's necessary that that take place in order to keep those people oriented to grace.

John Young. Conrad, does this occur in the first three and a half years of the Tribulation?

Conrad Bowman. This happens – the sealing happens right away – first three and a half years – it happens for the whole entire period. It occurs right close to the Rapture.

John Young. The sealing. But the locusts, the ...

Conrad Bowman. Well the locusts are part of the plagues that come, and that starts. See, the locusts – those plagues occur – well, when you look at this chart, you see the first part is wars, famines and earthquakes. Natural disasters happen during this first three and a half years. And then you find the Gospel preached to the whole world. Tribulation saints are those who are killed for their testimony; out of the 144,000. And then right here in the beginning of the second, you see the seven messengers, the trumpets, and the vials; and this is accurate. They begin right here at the three and a half year mark. So, that's when all these things begin to occur. Now what you're going to find as we continue on through Revelation is that the time frames keep shifting back and forth. It will talk about events that have already taken place, then it'll skip forward to the last half, which is the severe persecution of mankind; even into that second three and a half year period, you find God's wrath being poured out on mankind. First is natural famines and earthquakes. We're already seeing the beginnings of those kinds of devastations now. You know. And I wouldn't say this is part of the Revelation plan, what's happening now, but it sure looks like it. You know. It sure would appear that way, because we're seeing an inordinate amount of hurricanes and

natural disasters and the whole global warming issue; and the melting of the ice cap, and everything that follows that.

Evelyn Wamble. Conrad, with the women and children being persecuted, that we're seeing now, you see that as a preview of what we're going to see in the bad part of the Tribulation?

Conrad Bowman. Yeah. I think it's going to be exhibited all the way across the Tribulation Period. The natural order of things. That's only one part of it. The other part of it is a disrespect for parents. There's no honor given to parents and national leaders. There's no honor given by our children to their parents. And we're seeing more and more, and you can't write off all of this as just being a more efficient reporting mechanism, which certainly has something to do with it. But we're seeing this natural order of things – which is respect for parents and respect for the law that grows out of that – that's going out the window. And children's hatred has to have a way to be expressed, since they've been given autonomy by governments around the world. Now these kids who are being driven by wild hormones, they can't think straight, for heavens sake. You take a seventeen year old boy, and there's not a snowball's chance that a seventeen year old male driven by hormones can control himself. Not with regard to parents or anything else. He just can't. He's a wild man. Seventeen year old boys ought to be caged up for about two years. You know. I was one. I'm talking from experience. I don't have to ask around to figure that out. You know. We'll do some things that are absolutely irrefutably stupid. And yet we do them anyway. Right Ed? Hard to believe that. It's just hard to believe that he did that.

Pat Welbourn. That's before I got hold of him.

Conrad Bowman. The only guy that escaped that was Bill Porter; and Bill Porter, he was good all his life. [Laughter]. And his wife supports that. He was always good.

Bill Porter. That's because I met her when she was seventeen.

Conrad Bowman. See. You've been on a management program from the very beginning. [Laughter]. A good management program.

Bill Porter. I got married to her when she was seventeen.

Conrad Bowman. There you go. Why is that? Why is that that a seventeen year old woman has enough sense, you know, to give direction to a guy that's that

age or near about that age. Why is that? Why is that? A seventeen year old guy is just a complete fool. The only thing he can think about is getting his hands on her. You know. I don't want to go any further. [Laughter]. That's a good place to stop.

So, in chapter 9 we have that. Then we have the four angels in verse 15,

15. ... who had been prepared for the very hour and day and month and year, now they're released, so that they might kill a third of mankind.

You see what God does? He just takes, He takes His control off and lets those angels do what they're prepared to do and follow their natural bent. And they kill a third of mankind. And these thirds are important. You remember when Satan rebelled in heaven? He drew a third of all the angels with his tail. He wrapped them around and drew a third of all angels behind him in that rebellion against God. Now we see a third of mankind wiped out. And that third calls our attention to the Trinity as we stand and look at that. You know. And men will wonder was that – who that was who caused that. So the four angels who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year were released so they might kill a third of mankind.

16. And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

Now you think about that. An army of two hundred million. Where are they going to come from? China has that kind of population. You take China together with Russia, and they can mount an army of two hundred million, to sweep down toward the land that God has chosen for Israel. And the resentment of that is going to be enormous, because oil resources are going to be held by Israel in those days. Ok. Oil resources are going to be controlled by Israel. I don't think its any doubt. They're going to nail Iran in the not too distant future. It just – the arrangement of things around there. Because Iran which is today one of the strongest military nations in the world, does not figure in the end time prophecies of nations. Nor does the United States. We're going to be neutralized. Well we're going to be neutralized economically, because when the world discovers that we're printing money and those dollar bills are not worth anymore than the paper they're written on, the United States is going to just deteriorate as a nation with national strength and go away. Iran is going to be taken out by Israel, which is going to leave the third largest nation operating,

besides Russia and China; and Adam and I had quite a discussion about this on Friday; and the third nation is India.

Lady. India?

Conrad Bowman. Yes, and India has

Phil Richman. Rev. 16:12 says, kings of the East. So I think that might add credence to what you're saying; where they would come from.

Conrad Bowman. Yes. It's there, isn't it.

Phil Richman. Rev. 16:12.

Conrad Bowman. Ok. Thank you. So we're looking at Russia and China and India; and when you look at that number, like I saw the number of the armies of the horsemen – two hundred million, we see where those mounted armies come from. Those three very, very populous nations. In India, you have all the brainpower for the management of computerized, computerized management of an army; because that's where it rests today. I don't know how many times you get called every week from a call center in India, but I get calls about four or five times a week that originate in India for, you know, everything from carpet cleaning to telephone service. It's there. So the world's operations are shifting quickly. Now.

17. And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them [I'm in verse 17]: the riders had breastplates the color of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone [or burning sulfur]; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and [burning sulfur, or] brimstone.

18. A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths.

Now a third of mankind by the four angels. A second third of mankind is killed by smoke and fire and brimstone by the horses in verse 18.

19. The power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.

20 And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;

Now you notice that carefully, because the rest of mankind – the third of mankind who is not killed – did not repent of the works of their hands. The rich made their idols out of gold. The middle class made their idols out of silver, brass, stone; and the lower class, or bottom rung of the ladder, the social ladder, made their idols out of wood. Whatever was a hand. That's the point. Whatever you had, you made an idol of it. It doesn't take wealth to build an idol. Man will build their idols out of whatever they can get their hands on. Whether it's something they cut out of a forest, or whether it's a piece of furniture or whatever. We build our idols, don't we? And we work to protect them. That's a mindset that's building in today. I mean, look at the kids today. I mean, look at the kids today. They're after fame and money. Ok. Dr. Doughty Murphy was a chief resident of Pediatrics in Jackson, Mississippi, when I was ordained as an elder at 33. And Doughty was too. And Doughty had a great head; and he did a presentation one night at church on the Illuminati. The intelligentsia that grew out of these 17 and 18 hundreds, and still operates today. And several principles – he listed the principles that came right out of their order. And the principles were to standardize on the shoddy, and do away with quality workmanship, but standardize on the shoddy, which is pretty much what we've done. We've gone into mass production and we've sacrificed quality, or the best of quality, for production; and that's one of the rules. The second thing was, celebrate mediocrity. Celebrate mediocrity at all levels. And I've got to say when you look at what's happening today in the music world, which drives our society today, mediocrity is behind most of it. The reason we are subjected to plang, plang, plang, plang, plang, plang, plang, plang – that drives me absolutely insane, is because anybody can do it. Ok. They can do it from inane – plang, plang, plang, plang, plang, to some artistry. But the artists are few and far between. They just – you don't find them. Ok. What you get is the plang, plang, planging, and it's celebrated because anybody can do it. You don't have to be skilled in order to do it. Anybody can do it. Ok. And that's what's driving us today. And we're making millionaires out of the plang, plang, plangers that can plang best. They're loud.

And you don't hear good singers anymore. What you hear is people who pretend to sing.

Evelyn Wamble. They can't sing.

Dee Varnadore. They shout.

Conrad Bowman. I'm looking at that, not because it irritates me, but because it does, obviously; but I'm looking at that because it's consistent with – Doughty said it so clear. I went back and reviewed my notes this week from his presentation, and he was going through this thing; and he put twenty points in that plan for how to bring American society to its knees and gain control of it. And it's working. It's right on target today, because we celebrate mediocrity in everything we do. I don't care what it is. Now we're mandating it in schools. Everybody has to get, everybody has to get rewarded for what they do, regardless of the quality of it. You can't differentiate between people who are accomplished that can do good things, or exceptional things, and people who are struggling with it, regardless of why they're struggling. You can't differentiate between them. We're culling – we're cutting the top off. So it's like taking a sound wave and just cut the top of it off, so that it is all reduced to one set of notes. And we're doing that all the way through. God honors excellence. Yes ma'am?

Julie Green. Who are the Illuminati. I've heard this talked about for years, and you brought that up. I know we've just got a few minutes. What was – was the purpose of – the illuminati illuminated these people who are intelligent.

Conrad Bowman. Right. Right.

Julie Green. They come together and ...

Conrad Bowman. The illuminated. The illuminated.

Julie Green. The plan for this country – was the plan to sabotage the country? Was that the purpose?

Conrad Bowman. It started in France and England generations ago; and it was a way to control the population by the elite.

Dee Varnadore. Through monetary.

Conrad Bowman. And the Illuminati became the name that they were known by. Free Masonry had a small part of that – was a splinter group of it. But the Illuminati has always been those who would control the people through financial means and through other means through the control – through government. And we have a group in our country that I'm committed to – and I don't want to spend a lot of time on this, because I've spent about ten years with it. But the Council of Foreign Relations is the number one expression of that today. It's fifteen hundred members. They live within two hundred miles of New York City. They have a building they meet in. They dictate American policy. That's not something that comes from the President. Every President we've ever had comes through the Council on Foreign Relations. But more than that, over eighty-five percent of all Presidential appointees to office come from the Council on Foreign Relations. So they're all coming through this one small group of fifteen hundred people. And they're – Kissinger, and guys of his – Secretaries of State. They all come out of this group.

Dee Varnadore. Rockefellers were in that.

Conrad Bowman. Rockefellers were in that. And I've got a couple of paperbacks that summarize that, if you wanted to take the time to look into it. It's been around for years and years and years. They're the power behind the throne, and the reason we don't make any progress in this country is because of that. You know. Our Congress is driven by it. Our Presidents of either party are driven by it. It's all coming from the same source.

Dee Varnadore. How about the universities?

Conrad Bowman. Our universities are absolutely controlled by it. We don't have a head of a major university that has not come through that same group. The heads of all the news media have all come from that. It's – it's a sad behind the scenes story. Now, I don't like being identified with conspiracy theorists. But there is, like all things, an element of truth that cuts through there, and you have to find the truth in that just like you find the truth in Scripture. You take all the people who are teaching and preaching Scripture out there, and you have to go in there and take what they teach and weave out of that the things that are true, and discard the things that are not true. We have to do the same thing with these conspiracy theorists. You know, and I could be identified as just a wild-eyed radical conspiracy theorist, if I spent a lot of time teaching that. But there is an element of truth in it, and it's been around a long, long time. You know. So the Illuminati represents that group of elitist who believe that they know better than

we do how to operate a society; and we became a blip on their radar because we became a free nation operated democratically. And not many in the world could claim that, and that became problematic for a while. And for a long time we operated as that free nation and we prospered and just blossomed and grew and bloomed to where men all over the world desired to come and be part of this country. And there were certainly some things wrong with it, but there were many, many things right about it, and the right things about it were rooted in our freedoms. So the forces to control that have been building for years and years and years; and we have to stop. We're out of time. We could go for another hour or so, couldn't we?

Julie Green. Well yeah. That's a whole another topic.

Conrad Bowman. Yes it is, and it shapes what's happening, and what will happen, in this Tribulation Period when Christians are taken out. It's a major industry that's going to shape that, and we need to talk about that.

Father, thank You for the time You give us. Help us to use it wisely, Father. Not waste it, but use it wisely. And just guide us as we take in the things that we know are going on in the world around us; and lead us safely and intelligently through it. And we thank You Father, just for giving us the Word to guide us, and the Son as our light; and we thank You in His name for His sake. Amen.