

Revelation 15, 16, 17 (Conrad Bowman) (August 24, 2008)

... Preparation for the seven last plagues, which is the last three and a half years of the Tribulation Period; and that's what we're going to be covering this morning. So, let's look at Revelation 15, and just make sure I don't lose anything. Word of prayer, please, before we start; and then we'll go ahead.

Father, we thank You for the time You give us this morning. We thank You Father for the Word that you've preserved for us; lead us through it now by means of the Spirit within us, and give us clear insight as to the things that are contained here. And we thank You for Christ who bought it for us, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Ok. Chapter 15. Preparation for the seven last plagues. When Scripture talks about the wrath of God, it's talking about the wrath of God the Father. The wrath is an expression of His attributes. Now you remember His attributes, they are:

His sovereignty  
His righteousness; and  
His justice, first.  
His omnipresence  
His omniscience; and  
His omnipotence

Lady. But wrath. Isn't that an attribute?

Conrad Bowman. No. The wrath is an expression of His attributes.

Lady. Oh, Ok.

Conrad Bowman. In other words, when God, out of His sense of sovereignty, makes a decree, it has to be followed up on. And His decree was, the wages of sin are death. So that has to be exacted. Since He is perfectly righteous, not relatively righteous, all of our righteousness or goodnesses are relative – are relative to one another. I'm dumber than you. I'm better than you. I'm quicker than you. I'm more honest than you. I'm less honest than this guy. I won't steal. I won't kill. I might slander. You know, these are all relative terms. We measure ourselves against one another, or if we can, against all others. But God expresses His attributes in terms of absolutes. He is absolutely good. He is absolutely righteous. He is absolutely just. So, His wrath is an expression of that. Because He's absolutely good, and He's decreed a judgment against anything that's not,

that judgment has to be carried out and carried out in absolute terms. And so His wrath is His carrying out that judgment in absolute terms. He's coming to earth, and He's looking at everything that does not measure up. And anything that is not joined to His Son who is absolutely good, and absolutely righteous, and absolutely just – anything that is not joined to His Son falls short of His standard of absolutes; and it has to be judged. And that's what's happening in the last three and a half years when it talks about the wrath of God. Its not talking about pettiness, as in God's mad at us like we're mad at one another. That's not what its talking about. Its talking about God who is broken hearted toward us, but He has to do what He has to do anyway, because it doesn't meet the standard of righteousness that He is. So, that's what the wrath of God means. A judgment of something that does not meet the standard. Now, in this chapter we're going to see the wrath of God "poured out" – is the word that's used – and it's in detail; and its going to come in seven golden bowls. And it's another one of those chapters in Revelation, in Revelation 14 and 15; particularly here in 15, we're talking about this panoramic view of the last three and a half years. And it came up before in previous chapter, and it'll come up again in another chapter; but we're going to look at it in those terms. In 15:1 it starts out by saying, another sign. And the word used for "another" here is *allo*. And you'll see it there in your outline on page 173. It says, *allo semeion*. And that indicates a similar sign but with a different emphasis. In other words, *allo* is another one, and it's a little different. If it was going to say another – yes?

Patsy Brown. [Inaudible]

Betijean Kennerly. That's last week's ....

Patsy Brown. Oh. Excuse me. I wasn't here.

Conrad Bowman. You need this week's outline?

Betijean Kennerly. Last week's. This starts at 175. This is the one you just handed out.

Lady. One seventy-three was done last week, in here.

Conrad Bowman. Oh.

Betijean Kennerly. This is Sunday.

Conrad Bowman. I'm sorry. I backed up a page, didn't I. I'm looking at – and your outline didn't have a hundred and seventy-three ....

Betijean Kennerly. It starts at 175.

Conrad Bowman. Ok. Well, you're going to have to, you're just going to have to remember all of this stuff until I get two pages over. I'm looking at the original – I punched it and put it in – I thought yours said the same thing. Alright, on 173, which you don't have, it starts out with another sign. And the word *allo* or *allos*, which is what this comes from, means here's a sign like others that you've seen, but it's different in terms of the message its delivering. So the important things of that in verse 1, chapter 15, is *allos* – another sign in heaven. Now its great and marvelous – is the way this sign is described.

1.... seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last of the plagues [of this period], because in them the wrath of God is completed.

So the seven last plagues which you're going to look at, are the seven plagues which follow in the three and a half years that finish or complete the pouring out of the wrath of God.

2. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mixed with fire ...

We talked about that last week. Again, it's a sea of glass mingled with fire. Fire is playing through it. And you remember the sea of glass. The sea represents, in most cases, mankind, which it does here. And its mingled with fire which is God's judgment. So he sees a sea of glass shimmering with fire.

2.... and those who had come off victorious from the beast [they're the overcomers] and from the image and from the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, and they're holding harps of God.

So they're the source of harmonious sound and music.

3. And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

"Great and marvelous are Your works,  
O Lord God, the Almighty;  
Righteous and true are Your ways,  
King of the nations!"

And that's a statement of the absolute nature of the attributes of God. [Good grief. I'm sweating bullets up here this morning]

4. "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?  
For You alone are holy;

And "holy" means "set apart."

For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE  
YOU,  
FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."

5. After these things - [statement] - I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened,

The temple refers to the hard rock temple. The tabernacle of testimony refers to the tabernacle in the wilderness. Now what had happened is, when they built Solomon's temple in Jerusalem, they left enough room right in front of the pulpit, where we usually put the table of remembrance – they left enough room right in front of the table – in front of the pulpit, so to speak, to erect the tabernacle in the wilderness. The tabernacle was included in the temple. So when they went in there, that's where the Ark of the Covenant rested. It was in front of them, in the temple, and the whole thing was erected in there, just like it was in the wilderness. And it had the Ark of the Covenant. It had the tables of Law. It had Aaron's rod that budded. And a bowl of manna from the wilderness. And that was inside the Holy of Holies where it always was. So when he's talking about the temple, and the tabernacle of testimony in heaven, it was open. What it's describing is something that exists in heaven, just as it existed on earth. The only difference is, it's come down from heaven in a vision and it's in the heavenly Jerusalem which is there just over what we know as the Holy Land, and over the earthly city of Jerusalem. So you've got two – he's seeing a vision here of both earth and of heaven

6. and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean and bright,

Which is describing white.

6.... and girded around their breasts with golden girdles or breastplates.

So you've got seven angels coming out of the temple in heaven, and this is what John is seeing. There're golden breastplates around them, and they're dressed in clean bright white garments. White represents righteousness – always. And that's what you see. So you see the righteousness of God coming out of the temple.

7. One of the four living creatures ...

And you remember, from the very beginning of this Book, around the throne of God are twenty-four elders and four living creatures. And these four living creatures had eyes all the way around them, and

7.... they gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls [or vials] full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.

8. And the temple was filled with smoke from the Shekinah Glory of God ...

Now you remember when Moses built the tabernacle in the wilderness, and God's presence came down and rested right on top of the Ark. And God's presence was the Shekinah Glory, or this brilliance coming from a source that could not be identified even. It was just a brilliant light. And, from the light, came a cloud of smoke. During the day, they followed that column of smoke wherever they went. At night, it was a column of fire, or the brilliance of God's presence. And they followed that wherever they went. Well that's the same thing that they see here.

8. The temple was filled with smoke that came from the Shekinah Glory of God [or His presence] and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven spirits were completed.

Because of the presence of God and the thickness of the smoke. So the temple was off limits, and only the angels were there and came out of it. Now in chapter 16.

1. I heard a loud voice coming from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go now and pour out the seven bowls into the earth.

Now on it, but into it.

2. And the first angel went and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore ...

We talked about this before. Its just like a painful nerve end-sore, like a herpes, who had the mark of the beast. I poured it out upon the men ...

2... it broke out on the men who had the mark of the beast and who worshipped his image

3. The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man [thick and congealed]; and every living thing in the sea died.

You don't want to forget that, because that's early in that last three and a half years.

4. The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they too became blood.

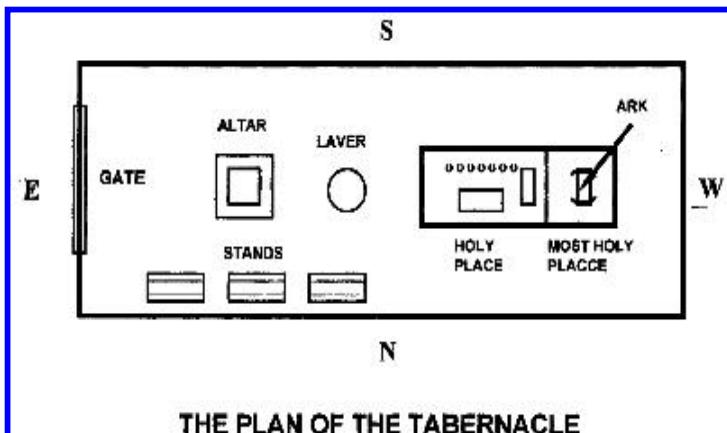
5. And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who was, O Holy One, because You did judge these things;

6. for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They are getting what they deserve."

7. And I heard the altar saying,

A voice coming from the altar, and this is the Altar of Incense. And you know that because the Brazen Altar is outside the tent of meeting in the courtyard. The Altar of Incense is inside the courtyard.

[Conrad goes to the Board].



You always find it – the Tabernacle itself is like this. And the Ark of the Covenant is here. And the Altar of Incense is here. And the Table of Showbread is here. And the Manoria is here. So there's a voice coming out behind the Altar of Incense. Now what did the Altar of Incense represent?

Lady. Prayers of the saints.

Conrad Bowman. Pardon?

Lady. Prayer. Prayers.

Conrad Bowman. Prayer. Yes. Sorry, I couldn't hear very well. It represents the prayers of the saints. The Altar of Incense does. The Altar of Incense was fired with ashes. The incense was put on those burning coals or ashes; and the coals or ashes came from outside from the Brazen Altar, where the peace offering and offering of sacrifice was made. So the Brazen Altar outside represents Christ dying and shedding His blood for our sins. The Altar of Incense on the inside represents the fact that it was His blood that was spilled that provides the power for the prayers of the saints to ascend to the Father. But that Altar of Incense represents those prayers. Now, here in this chapter what we're seeing is when the angels carrying the plagues are doing their work, the instructions or voice comes out from the altar on the inside of the Temple; and that's the angel – its where the angel has just come and that's where the smoke is obscuring everything. So the only thing they connect – that they connect that with, is the voice of the angel coming out of the smoky place. That's -

4. The third angel pours out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became as blood.

5. And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who was, O Holy One, because You did judged these things;

6. for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets [verse 6], and You have given them blood to drink; and they are getting what they deserve."

7. And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

8. And then the fourth angel pours out his bowl [or vial] upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire.

We talked about that last week. Sun spots and other things that are changing in the physical world in which we live that are going to make that a possibility.

8. The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire.

9. And men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.

This is the amazing thing in the face of all of this. They know where its coming from; they know why its coming; and still it doesn't change their attitude toward God.

11. So they curse the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

They didn't change their mind one bit.

12. And the sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the great river, the Euphrates; and its water dried up, that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.

To come and join in the battle of Armageddon which is coming.

13. And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;

14. for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

15. ("Behold,

He says. And this is talking about the battle of Armageddon at the end of these seven years.

15. ("Behold, I am coming like a thief Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame.")

16. And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew was called Har-Magedon.

Or the Hill of Megiddo, which we know today as Armageddon.

17. And the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done."

Or it is finished. The final bowl is poured out.

18. And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be on earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.

19. That the great city [Jerusalem] was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell [and crumbled] and Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.

So it is centered on Babylon.

20. And every island fled away ...

I want you to pay attention to this.

20. Every island disappeared, and mountains were not found.

Now that's talking about a shaking of the earth so hard that every island that we know of disappeared. That talks about – that's including, in my opinion, island nations and continents as well as just small isles. It all disappeared, and we end up with just one land mass again; just like it was in the beginning.

21. And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

Now when you think about that, the thing that causes hail, we already know, is when you get huge updrafts that blow that – Oh, where's your bad other half? She's on her way in here?

Gil Parks. Pardon?

Conrad Bowman. Where's your bad other half.

Gil Parks. Oh, we had an argument this morning.

Conrad Bowman. Uh oh! Well you won again. [Laughter]. That's great

[Banter back and forth]

Conrad Bowman. Ok. So these huge hailstones weigh a hundred pounds apiece. Now what that suggests to you, it should, is that we know how hail forms. Water droplets start to fall, and updrafts blow them back up into the clouds where it's cold. It gathers weight and they fall again; and it blows them back up there again. And then every time it blows them up there, they get bigger because they collect more water. Now you're talking about hail – a hundred pound blocks of ice. Now that gives you a clue as to the conditions of the wind that were going on. This is tornado activity, like the earth has never seen before, and it results in huge enormous hailstones; and there're falling on men. This is not anything that's normal. Even the hail that fell in Egypt was not that big, but it was firry. When the hail fell in Egypt, you remember it included something that would burn. So when it fell on the ground, it burned. This is different. This falls on men and crushes them. It will just beat them to a pulp.

1. One of the seven angels [in chapter 17] who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me [John], saying, "Come here, I'm going to show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,
2. with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality."

The word for immorality is the word we get pornographic from. Its *porneia*. And *porneia* means an act of immorality that involves two people who are not married. That's exactly what it means. They may be married to other people, but they're not married to one another. So its talking about sexual immorality. Furthermore, its talking about sex – acts of sexual immorality of an unnatural nature. It's a kinky or perverted. Now, if you carry that over into the area of commerce, you can see something that's quite different; because its an act of immorality involving commerce that is completely against nature of man doing business with other men. You have to look at these symbols, find out what they stand for, and then what there're being applied to. The woman was clothed in purple so she appeared to be royal, and scarlet. Well, I skipped a verse.

3. He carried me away in Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, and having seven heads and ten horns.

That's the beast. I've got a couple of wood cuts, and one or two in this outline early on; and I found another one of this very scene done by Albrecht Durer. He's Dutch, and – in sixteen hundreds – and he did wood cuts. He was very good, and he followed a biblical theme; and he spent a lot of time in Revelation doing wood cuts. So in your final version, you're going to get some of these inserted in you're text. I would suggest that you take those and get you a set of creyolas like you used to have and go look in your kid's toy box – grandkid's toy box – great-grand children's toy box [laughter]; you'll find you a set of creyolas crayons, and get those out and color – because these are all going to be black and white wood cuts. And I was playing with those on the weekend. I found my creyolas crayons and went to work on them. And its amazing what you see when you do that, because you've got this scarlet beast, and a woman sitting on that scarlet beast. Now we know already – we've talked enough about the beast to understand that the beast is a picture of something. And a scarlet beast represents a beast opposing his royalty. Now that's the way – this is the way the

Anti-Christ will come. He'll come as a man holding public office, posing as a great and noble royalty, and promising mankind everything that they ever wanted. He's a politician. Ok. And he's a very slick politician. People will believe him. I'm not suggesting that Obama is the Anti-Christ. He hasn't got the pedigree for that. Ok. It's going to be somebody that would make Obama look like a Sunday school teacher. Ok. Because the Anti-Christ is going to be thoroughly believable in everything that he says; and empowered by Satan in his lies. We don't know anybody on the scene today who would fill that bill. Not yet. Patsy?

Patsy Brown. Would he be after or before the Church is taken?

Conrad Bowman. He's after the Church is gone. The Church is taken – here's the sequence of events. The Church is taken before the Tribulation Period starts. The Church's being raptured out, or taken out, is not the event that starts the seven year Tribulation. It's the taking out of the Church is just a preceding event. The thing that starts the seven year calendar is the signing of the peace treaty between Israel and the King of the North. Somebody under the direction of the Anti-Christ who is under the direction of Satan will come to those people on earth who are faced with a complete war on the part of the Middle East. Israel is going to be the thorn in everybody's flesh. The rest of the nations will agree. They'll get together and they'll going to manage oil; because if they manage oil they manage the world's money. All money is going to be expressed in terms of how much oil it can buy. That's how big this thing is going to get. Right now we're talking about and we're hearing that every year we're sending seven hundred billion dollars of U.S. money into the Middle East and into the coffers of people who hate our guts. They don't like anything about us. They don't like the fact that we have technology; that we're a consumer nation, and that we control so much power. They don't like that. But they're taking out seven hundred billion dollars in commerce out of here. Now when the Tribulation comes, that center of commerce is going to move into Babylon the city. Somebody is going to come up with the bright idea that if we just take this center of world's problems and hatred – which is the way its being described – and change it into a center of world commerce, that that will mollify everybody; and it will modify the United States' ability to influence world commerce. So they're going to build Babylon up as a center of commerce. It'll be easy enough to do. You move the World Bank there. It's almost there anyway. You move the World Bank there. You move the United Nations there.

John Young. Is that a figure of speech, or is that actually Babylon that's going to be really there?

Conrad Bowman. I think its actually Babylon. I don't see any reason for it to be anything else. We toyed with the idea that Babylon could be the United States. Its been posed as that. That it could be Rome. That it could be Paris, because that's where the Rothschild Bank and the control of gold has always been. But I tend to think its one of those places where – Scripture says Babylon.

Mary Ann Jacobsen. Wasn't Saddam Hussein rebuilding Babylon?

Conrad Bowman. Oh yeah. He was busy about that. Saddam Hussein believed that he was Nebuchadnezzar reincarnated, because he believed in reincarnation. So he had his money over there cast in coin with his picture on one side and Nebuchadnezzar on the other side. And he was rebuilding Babylon. Now he's rebuilding it as a tourist attraction, but – I had a guy that worked for me that I had to let go before we closed the company, and he joined KBR in Iraq. And he was running a supply depot in Iraq and he knew I was interested in that. So he took a lot of electronic pictures of Babylon and its reconstruction – of the city of Babylon, and sent those to me. I've got a lot of stuff on the computer. And as soon as he comes home, I'll go back to this outline and incorporate some of those things in it. But there's been a lot of work to make Babylon again that center that's being described here in Revelation.

Now, you notice that the woman who is the goddess figure head of false Christianity – that's the best way to describe it. The woman is the mother goddess of false Christianity. It – all the way up through the eighteen hundreds, most Evangelical Christians believed that was Rome. They couldn't conceive of that being anywhere else. They could not conceive of Israel being re-gathered or reborn outside of God's movement; or they couldn't just imagine that happening in the Middle East. So they believed it was Rome. They believed specifically that the Catholic Church was that harlot because of all the elements of Babylonian worship and religion that were incorporated into the Catholic Church. And we covered this when we studied Genesis some three years ago – four years ago. A lot of you were not – we weren't a blip on your radar screen three or four years ago, so you missed that. We'll have to go back and pick that up. But there's just an awful lot of Babylonianism that got carried right over into the Catholic Church and existed and was institutionalized right up through Constantine; and we can talk about that sometime, but its there. Ok. So the authors of books up through the eighteen hundreds believed that it was Rome. I for years have

always believed that when it said Babylon, its talking about Babylon. Babylon is not a symbol here, but it is an actuality of things. And today we can see Babylon rising. I mean, its there. Its on your radar screen and its coming. And I think somehow its going to be changed into a center of commerce. Well when you see this woman dressed in red riding the beast – the scarlet beast – what you're seeing is religion attempting to control commerce. That's the picture you get. And that's what's going to happen. False religion, under the leadership of the False Prophet, is going to become so big that it attempts to control commerce by making spiritual demands on the leaders of nations. And that's what the Anti-Christ is up to today. Ok. If you corrupt the leaders you corrupt the nation; and its happening all the way around us.

4. This woman was clothed in purple and scarlet [representing royalty], and adorned with gold and precious stones [representing great wealth] and pearls [representing purity], having in her hand a gold cup, but its full of abominations and of all the unclean things of her immorality,

5. and upon her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

And this started with Nimrod back in Genesis right after the Flood; who became a mighty hunter of men; and built his ziggurat; or his tower; the Tower of Babel, which was intended to elevate him to the same status of God.

6. And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered greatly.

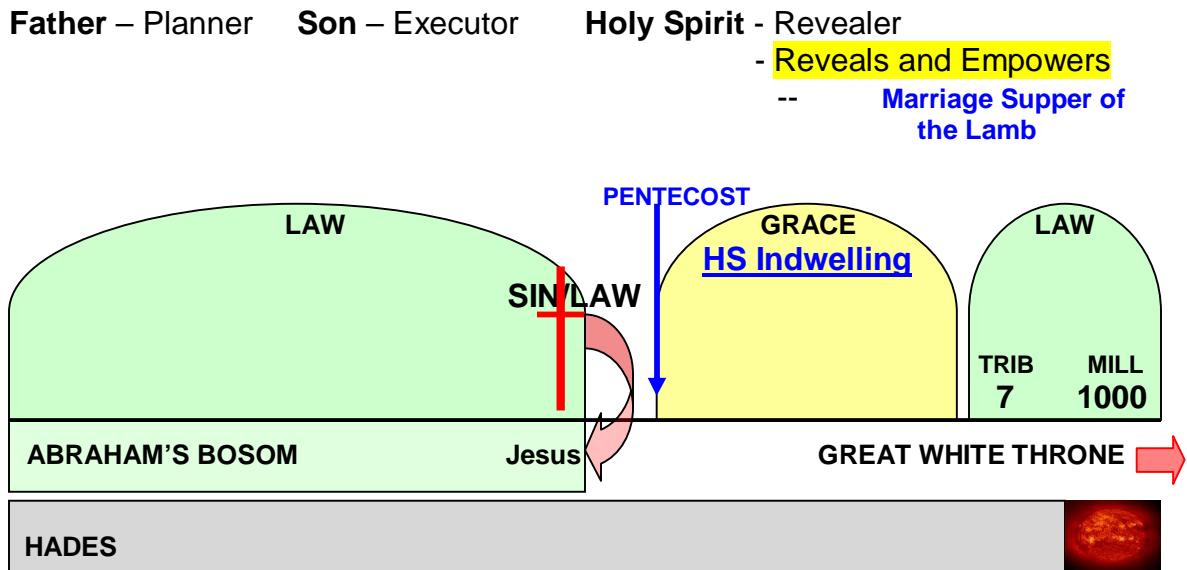
7. And the angel said to me, "Why are you wondering? I shall tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has seven heads and the ten horns.

8. The beast that you saw used to be [it was], and it is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and to go to destruction.

Now that peculiar little sentence is the beast you saw – was. That's the Anti-Christ who existed under the power of Satan. He has been taken and chained and bound up in the abyss. So he is not. But he is about to come up again out of

the abyss and go to destruction. And here's that panorama again. The beast that you saw used to be. That's when he was free to do his work during the Tribulation Period. But he is not now, which is the period from the time he was chained by a great angel and thrown into the abyss. That's the period of the Millennial Reign. At the end of that period he's going to come back because he's going to be released from the abyss. And his release is going to bring him back so he can go to destruction. That's his judgment immediately after the rebellion at the end of the Millennial Reign. So you get that sequence of events.

[Conrad goes to the Board].



The Church is taken out here. The next thing that happens is in the turmoil that follows the disappearance of all Christians worldwide, the King of the North, who is powerful, is going to sign a treaty guaranteeing peace to the Middle East and to Israel. I see it easily done because he's somebody who can broker a peace treaty that says to the nations, I can guarantee you that no rebellion will happen. All these guys will listen to me. Now remember, the earth has been shaken so thoroughly that every island has disappeared. Every river and sea is polluted. There is no food. Everybody is in a panic. And they're turning their attention to Israel who is still the recalcitrant hard-headed dip-stick little nation that's causing the world to move to the brink of war. And Israel is a nuclear nation. They can do it. So here's somebody that comes on the scene empowered by Satan in his deception, and he says, I can cause these people to listen to me. He goes to Israel and says, I guarantee you, you won't be attacked. And Israel – whoever the leaders are – buys into that, and they sign a treaty with him. That starts the seven

year calendar. The treaty. Not our leaving. So an indefinite period of time could follow. I don't think its going to be long, but an indefinite period of time.

Now, the harlot comes along who is the leader of worldwide religion. Now you remember, during this seven year period, the False Prophet who leads this organization, has a statue built of the Anti-Christ. And they take that statue and they put it up in the most irritating place in the world. They go to that Temple in Jerusalem; and they erect in the Holy of Holies the idol right where the Ark of the Covenant sits.

John Young. Excuse me. Is this the rebuilt Temple?

Conrad Bowman. Yes. They go to that Temple and he has that idol set up right here. Ok. In Jerusalem. Now he says to the idol, anybody who doesn't fall down and worship you and the person you represent – the Anti-Christ – you have the power and right to take their life. So the idol now has the power of life and death over men. Now you think there's anybody who can withstand that? Anybody? Anybody on earth? Rational men have to look at an inanimate object that has come to life and has the ability to kill them if they don't do what he says. Now that's the conditions under which people are being controlled and moved in that day. That's the harlot on the back of the beast. The scarlet beast represents the sinfulness of the beast; because the beast is the Anti-Christ powered by Satan. Ok. Full of deception. And the Anti-Christ is speaking very smoothly, and very calmly, and offers peace. And people will do anything to get it. Now does this sound like a fairytale to you? It does. It does. It sounds like something out of ...

Julie Green. The Wizard of Oz.

Conrad Bowman. The Wizard of Oz. Or move it up. Who's the modern wizard? What's her name?

Lady. Potter.

Conrad Bowman. Potter. Harry Potter. Thank you. Thank you. My brain's not in gear. It sounds like Harry Potter, doesn't it? People are being prepared. Turn on your TV. How many shows do you see today on TV that are talking about people – witchcraft? Ok. Power over other people. The power of the mind. Suggestive. Ok. We're surrounded by it. We're being prepared for it. Now I'm not one who says we need to put our head in the sand and hide from all this stuff. I'm just

saying we need to be real about what we see around us and what's happening to us; and the way we're being conditioned. Patsy?

Patsy Brown. I know Oprah is ... [inaudible].

Conrad Bowman. Oprah is thoroughly new age.

Patsy Brown. She's leading all these people in the wrong direction. I don't watch her, but, you know, I know what she ...

Conrad Bowman. She's pushing it.

Patsy Brown. She's very ...

Conrad Bowman. Yeah. That's the way the enemy works. He doesn't take people who are hidden in corners in order to get his message out. He works right on top of the pile. Ok. And we're being prepared for that, right this minute. Ok. So don't be surprised. The only out that I know of is to get thoroughly saturated with this Book.

6. I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered greatly.

The blood of saints refers to the blood of saints from the beginning. The witnesses of Jesus refers specifically to the witnesses that were taken toward the end of the Tribulation Period. The two witnesses in Jerusalem.

7. And the angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I shall tell you the mystery of the woman and the beast that carries her, who has the seven heads and the ten horns.

8. The beast that you saw was and is not and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth [and wonder], whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast, who was and is not and will come again.

9. Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits,

That used to be identified as the seven mountains or seven hills of Rome. I still think they're wrong about that; and that it is Babylon.

10. and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one still is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

And that's talking about the political organization within the revised Roman Empire which is the empire surrounding the Mediterranean

11. "And the beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth king and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction [when he's put in the abyss].

12. "And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.

Which means a very short period of time. This is a kingdom and an empire that will spring up at the time during that seven year period and will only last a short period of time.

14. These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."

And that's referring to the hundred and forty-four thousand and all who receive the message of the hundred and forty-four thousand during the Tribulation Period. Questions?

Gil Parks. I've got a question about the Anti-Christ.

Conrad Bowman. Yes sir?

Gil Parks. Does he come out of the Middle East?

Conrad Bowman. I don't know.

Gil Parks. The Bible doesn't tell us?

Conrad Bowman. Doesn't tell us where he comes from. It tells us – it gives us few clues. One is says, he will be a great statesman. Gil, it says that he will, he will come out of a nation and disregard the God that his fathers introduced him to. Most people, most scholars, take that to mean that he will either will have been a Jew, and disregards the God of Israel; or that he will have come from a nation that is largely Christian, and disregards the God of Christianity. The strongest people – the ones that I admire most – all take the position that he is a Jew, in terms of his heritage, and disregards the God of Israel. Patsy?

Patsy Brown. That he won't be married ...

Conrad Bowman. No. He has nothing to do with women. Nothing to do with women. That eliminates almost everybody that we know today. So I think it's a person yet to be identified.

Ed Welbourn. Do you believe that Russia is the kingdom that's referred to?

Conrad Bowman. Yes. Yes. I think the King of the North is the Russian confederation; which I see getting stronger and stronger and stronger today. You know. There're so many things that I seen realigning today. The revived Roman empire and the ten nation confederation that – the revived Roman empire includes that national entity – it's the oil rich countries that control the wealth of the world. That's were it is. You know. And we'll run into some verses later on in Revelation that says, to the angels, and see that you hurt not the oil. Oil plays a big part in this thing, and its two minutes to go. I uh – are there any other questions on what we've covered so far this morning?

Evelyn Wamble. Is the Anti-Christ to be in charge of those ten nations?

Conrad Bowman. Yes.

Evelyn Wamble. Ok. He's over them.

Conrad Bowman. Yes ma'am. And there's going to be war between those ten nations as he takes power from them; and he's going to die. He's going to get killed. He's going to die of a head wound; and during his – during his service, his funeral service, he's going to resurrect himself; right out of the coffin. He's going to come alive again. And that's going to be startling. There's going to be after that little event, its going to be almost impossible to find anybody who

doesn't believe and follow. That's the reason that that hundred and forty-four thousand were sealed in their foreheads ...

Evelyn Wamble. Against deception.

Conrad Bowman. At the very beginning. They're sealed against deception. Now we're going to go back and we're going to look at the, at the, parables that Matthew recorded in 22 through 25. And we're going to look at those, because they talk about these different groups. One of the parables refers to the hundred and forty-four thousand. One refers to Israel as a nation. There're different ones, and we'll go by and look at those, because they give us some details that are not given anywhere else. That hundred and forty-four thousand are not protected from death or from harm. They died. Daniel tells us that they fall by famine, by sword, by fasting; many of them die; in order to test those around them who say they believe what they say, but are just lying about it; or hypocritical. So many of those saints will fall. They're not protected from danger one bit. They're protected from deception. They know completely what's going on; and we'll look at that and why I believe that, and study that a little bit, in some detail.

Father, we thank You for the time You gave us this morning. Just lead us in our continued study of this marvelous Book, and You're preparation for what's to come. Keep us ready, Father, for the return of Christ at any moment, and we thank You for it, in His name because He paid for it. Amen.