

FOT 2022 — DAY 5

THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION — PART 2

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We suggested yesterday that the 7 Churches of Revelation Chapters 2 and 3 May all fall within the final 7 years ... correspond with the 7 Seals — not historic or a type of believers?

Designed to give us instructions and advice.

EPHESUS: Watch out for deception. Corresponding with the White Horse. They are also reminded to repent and rekindle their First Love.

SMYRNA: Danger ... poverty ... suffering. Fear not! Corresponding with the Red Horse.

PERGAMOS: Satan's throne in Turkey. Does he still have his headquarters in Turkey? Great False Prophet (like Balaam). The Mark of the Beast? The Third Horse — the Black Horse.

Now to the 4th Year. Green Horse: Ridden by Death and Hades — with power to kill ¼ of the earth.

The Fourth Year would correspond with the mid-point of the 7 Years. The Abomination of Desolation is set up ... the sacrifices stopped ... the Great Tribulation begins.

THYATIRA

Revelation 2:18, 22, 25

18 “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write,

‘**These things says the Son of God**, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

25 But hold fast what you have till I come.

End-time? **Great Tribulation** (doesn't say "The" — but the context is "hold fast till I come").

Verse 18 Jesus is "The Son of God". This is very rare — **Jesus mostly calls Himself the "Son of Man"** (78 times in the Gospels).

But — in this particular year we have the Man of Sin in the Temple ... pretending to be God. **An imposter! Jesus throws down the gauntlet!**

Revelation 2:25-28

25 But **hold fast what you have till I come.**

26 And **he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—**

27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron;

They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'—

as I also have received from My Father;

28 and I will give him the morning star.

The Nations will be ruled by Jesus and His saints. Not this imposter! **The Son of God will rule the world!**

We're now 4 Years in! With all of the pressure ... probably some compromise ... but we need to "hold fast"!

Revelation 2:20-23

20 Nevertheless I have a few things against you, **because you allow that woman Jezebel**, who calls herself a prophetess, **to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.** (*False teaching — false doctrine*)

21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. (*God normally allows an amount of time to repent*)

22 Indeed **I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.**

23 I will kill her children with death, **and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.**

The name Jezebel is there for a reason!

The original Jezebel was a pagan — not Apostate Israelite. Supported by the priests of Baal.

Allah = Baal. So what pagan religion might worship a pagan god today — worship Baal? **Islam!**

(Most countries mentioned in prophecy — in the Middle East — are Islamic today). They feature highly in end-time events.

I can't see saints "converting" ... but it looks like the danger of many people — including Christians — being influenced? They call it "Chrislam". Islamic Antichrist ... False Prophet ... Mark of the Beast etc.

Jezebel and her "children" (Moslems) dying by supernatural plagues?

That might be when Believers are protected as per Psalm 91?

In the days of the original Jezebel ... Elijah the Prophet confronted the priests of Baal. **Perhaps the Two Witnesses will confront the priests of Allah** (Two witnesses are likely to be "in action" in Year 4).

SARDIS

Into Year 5. Seal 5 is martyrdom.

Revelation 6:9, 11

9 **When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.**

11 **Then a white robe was given to each of them;** and it was said to them that **they should rest a little while longer**, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed. (*White robes symbolic of a spirit body?*)

Martyrdom for the followers of Christ.

Revelation 7:9-10

9 After these things I looked, and behold, **a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes**, with palm branches in their hands,
10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, **“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”**

These people are standing before the Father and before the Son — before the throne.

Revelation 7:13-14

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, **“Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?”**

14 And I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

So he said to me, **“These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”**

Revelation 3:1-6

1 **“And to the angel of the church in Sardis** write,

‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: **“I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.”**

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for **I have not found your works perfect before God.**

3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; **hold fast and repent.** Therefore **if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.**

4 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

5 **He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life;** but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

6 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Hold fast and repent! This appears to be end-time as Jesus says He is coming — as a thief. Let's check when this might be.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

2 For you yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.**

3 For when they (*the world*) say, "Peace and safety!" then **sudden destruction comes upon them**, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

4 But **you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.** (*Unless you are not watchful*)

5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but **let us watch and be sober.**

Be watchful — or I will come as a thief!! It comes as a snare on the world ... and on those believers who are not watching (many in Sardis).

Hold fast!

Revelation 3:7-13

7 **"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia** write, **'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":**

8 "I know your works. See, **I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.**

9 **Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.**

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

11 **Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.**

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

13 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

The people in the 6th Year will be delivered.

What happens at the 6th Seal?

Revelation 6:12-16

12 **I looked when He opened the sixth seal,** and behold, there was **a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.**

13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 **Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.**

15 **And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,**

16 **and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!**

Cosmic — Heavenly Signs!

Mankind seeking refuge and to hide from the wrath that has come — THE HOUR OF TRIAL THAT IS COMING ON THE WHOLE WORLD!

The Wrath of God arrives at the 6th Seal and ...

Matthew 24:29-31

29 **“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the**

stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 **Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

31 And **He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet**, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

When Jesus returns — the saints are resurrected and changed and meet Jesus in the air (HARPAZO — the Catching Away). Taken away from the Hour of Trial that is coming on the whole world.

Revelation 3:7-8

7 “**And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write,** ‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “**He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens**”:

8 “I know your works. **See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it**; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

Jesus has The Key of David which opens the door. Then the saints can go through the door. (Heading off to their mansions!)

Not everyone goes through the open door.

Matthew 25:6-13

6 “**And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’**

7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

8 And **the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’**

9 But **the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’**

10 And while they went to buy, **the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.**

11 “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us!”

12 But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’

13 **“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.**

“When I come — the door will be open”. Those who are ready will go through that door. Other believers will be left behind! The door will be closed. This is in Year 6.

Luke 21:34-36

34 “But **take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.** *(Talking to believers)*

35 **For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.**

36 **Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass,** and to stand before the Son of Man.”

You have to watch to make sure you are worthy to escape.

On to the 7th Year.

Revelation 3:14-16

14 **“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans** write, These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

15 **“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.**

16 So then, **because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.**

Lukewarm is a bad place to be. This is terrible that you were not found worthy. If you are “hot” for God — you will be taken away through the Open door.

The “cold” are the unconverted.

Revelation 3:17-18

17 **Because you say, I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—**

18 I counsel you **to buy** from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; **and white garments, that you may be clothed,** that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; **and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.**

Jesus grieves over those who are lukewarm.

Revelation 3:19-21

19 **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.**

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. **If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.**

21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

There might be a few that will repent — that will still have a future — Eternal Life with Christ.

Matthew 24:36-44

36 **“But of that day and hour no one knows,** not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

37 But **as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.** (*The “Coming” — the Parousia*)

38 **For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, (the same day)**

39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, **so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.**

40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. *(one taken to Jesus — the other left)*

41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. *(One taken to Jesus — the other left behind)*

42 **Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.**

43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

44 **Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**

Luke 17:26-30

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

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

28 **Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot:** They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

29 **but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.**

30 **Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.**

The self-same day — those who are worthy are taken away. And 7 Trumpet Plagues and Wrath of God start. **So as the saints disappear through the Open Door — the world and the “Laodiceans” enter the Wrath — the Hour of Trial.**

These 7 Letters may turn out to be extremely valuable in the last 7 years?!