

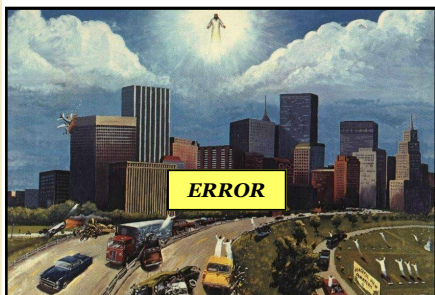
Our GATHERING TOGETHER unto Christ...

If you are a *Christian*, then this message is for you. *Jesus Christ* is coming for **YOU**. To the world, he will come as a thief in the night unknown to its' inhabitants, but for you who are observing the signs of his return, **%COMFORT one another with THESE words+** (1 THESS. 4:18).

The *Holy Spirit* is responsible for the *invisible* church, and has been since the day of *Pentecost*. He will *escort us in the air* to meet our Lord at *the last trump*.

Organized Religion refers to this event as the *%apture+*, but God did not use this *word* when *%holy men of God SPAKE as they were MOVED by the Holy Ghost+* (2 PETER 1:21).

Organized Religion envisions the event to be a time of chaos, when all the *millions of church members* will meet the Lord in the air, leaving crashes and disasters of all kinds behind them.



But after *%RIGHTLY dividing the Word of Truth+* (2 TIM. 2:15), and *%comparing SPIRITUAL things with spiritual+* (1 COR. 2:13), we **KNOW** that the ratio of saints at our departure will be *like* in Noah's day, when only 8 were saved, or *Lot's day* when 3 were saved, or the 2 that entered the *Land of Promise* from the multitudes that left Egypt, for *%MANY are called, but FEW are chosen+* (MATTHEW 22:14),

While the disciples of Jesus observed him ascending to heaven, they were told *%this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come IN LIKE MANNER+* (ACTS 1-12).

But when will this occur? Jesus said, *%But of THAT day and hour KNOWETH NO MAN, no, not the angels in heaven, but my FATHER ONLY+* (MATT. 24:36). Only our Heavenly Father knows when we will leave.

Beware of man's *predictions* which bring *disappointment*, and also a parade of *scoffers*, *%saying, Where is the PROMISE of his coming+* (2 PETER 3:4). Remember, God **ALWAYS keeps His promises**.

Christ will return *%when the TRANSGRESSORS are come to the FULLō +* (DANIEL 8:23), and *watching the perilous times* we are living in today should tell us that the time of His return is near.

Earthquakes, famines, pestilences (*diseases*), wars, fearful sights, along with man's *degrading* nature (2 TIM. 3:1-7), are also signs to *pay close attention to*.

One great sign was fulfilled in our time when God spoke to Jeremiah saying, *%the days come, saith the Lord, that I will BRING AGAIN the captivity of MY people Israel and*

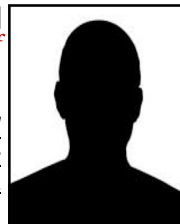


Judah...and I will CAUSE THEM TO RETURN TO THE LAND that I gave to their fathers, and they shall POSSESS it+ (JEREMIAH 30:1-3). God kept his promise to *His people* in 1948 when the state of Israel was born.

But Israel is still *blind to their Captain of the host of the Lord* (JOSHUA 5:14-15), Jesus Christ: *%I would not...that ye should be IGNORANT of this mystery...that BLINDNESS IN PART is happened to Israel+* (ROMANS 11:25).

This *blindness* will usher in God's solution for Israel: *seven years of tribulation*, *%for that day is GREAT, so that NONE IS LIKE IT: it is even the TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE; but*

he [JACOB OR ISRAEL] shall be SAVED out of it+ (JEREMIAH 30:7).



Israel will be *purified* during this *terrible time* as the *antichrist*, the *son of perdition*, and his False Prophet reign. The Prophet Daniel wrote: *%a king of FIERCE COUNTEenance...understanding dark sentences, shall STAND UP+* (DANIEL 8:23).

He will *first* come for three and a half years in **PEACE**, bringing stability to a *warring* earth, and *then* he will *replace* that *%peace+* with *bloodshed*.

But, he cannot **STAND UP [OR REVEAL HIMSELF TO THE WORLD]** until someone else is **TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY**, the Holy Spirit.

The *Holy Spirit* is our *Comforter*. He **GUIDES US** into **ALL TRUTH**; He **TEACHES** us to **DENY ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly and righteously**; He forever **ABIDES** in us, and **SEALS US** until the day of redemption (EPHES. 4:30).

Jesus said the **PURPOSE** of the Holy Spirit is to: **%REPROVE the world of SIN, and of RIGHTEOUSNESS, and of JUDGMENT+** (JOHN 16:8-11), but man is *defiantly* opposing all attempts by the Spirit to **HEAR**.

Jesus said, *%when the Son of Man COMETH, shall he FIND FAITH on the earth+* (LUKE 18:8)? If you are *spiritual*, you know the answer to that question.

Concerning *the return of our Lord Jesus Christ*, His first **WARNING** is **THIS**:

%let no man DECEIVE YOU by any means: for that day SHALL NOT COME, except there come a FALLING AWAY FIRST+ (2 THESS. 2:1-3).

There has never been a time in *the history of the church* when so many *professing* Christians are **FALLING AWAY** from **FAITH**, trusting instead by *sight, feelings, experiences, others*, and their own *intellect*.

"Wherefore COMFORT ONE ANOTHER with these words..."

Only when transgressions are at their **FULL** will the %**MAN OF SIN** be **RE-VEALED**, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth **HIMSELF** above **ALL** that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he **AS** God **SITTETH** in the temple of God, showing himself that he **IS** God+ (2 THESS 2:3-4).

From this, we know that the Temple of God will indeed be rebuilt in Jerusalem. Right now, the Islamic Dome of the Rock stands on the temple's foundation.

Paul said to his fellow-believers, %**NOW** ye **KNOW** what **WITHHOLDETH** [TO HOLD FAST] that he [ANTICHRIST] might be **REVEALED** [TO TAKE OFF THE COVER] in his **TIME** [PROPER TIME]. We **KNOW** that it is the Holy Spirit dwelling within us that is **HOLDING BACK** the antichrist from revealing himself to the world until his proper time.

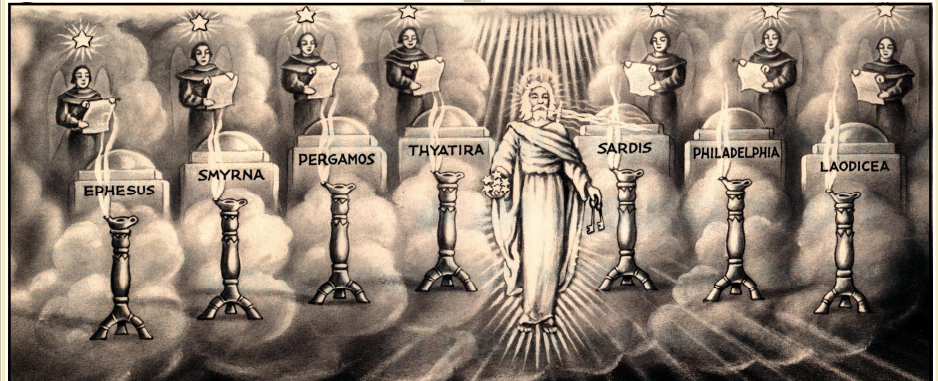
%**For the MYSTERY OF INIQUITY** [VIOLATION OF LAW] doth already work. This world is fully intertwined with religious iniquity (violations of God's pure Word) that is fully accepted as DOCTRINE.

%**Only HE** [THE SPIRIT] who now **LET-TETH** [TO HOLD FAST] will **LET**, until he be **TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY** [MIDDLE]. And **THEN** shall **THAT WICKED BE REVEALED**+ (READ ALL OF 2 THESS 2:1-12).

He will reveal himself through deception, %**and behold a WHITE horse: and he that sat on him had a BOW; and a crown was GIVEN unto him: and he went forth CONQUERING, and TO CONQUER**+ (REV. 6:1-2).

The messages to the seven churches in Revelation, chapters 1-3, represents one picture of the history of the New Testament Church since the day of Pentecost.

The number **SEVEN** in scripture is the number of **COMPLETENESS**, and as each individual church overlaps the next, they show the growing infiltration of the



wicked, the deterioration in obedience, and the increase in suffering of those who stand fast, while at the same time, the numbers of true believers dwindle, %**for thou HAST LITTLE STRENGTH, and HAST KEPT MY WORD, and HAST NOT DENIED MY NAME**+ (REV. 3:8).

Today, we are living in history during the 6th church (Philadelphia) and overlapping with the 7th, known as Lukewarm church of Laodicea.

But we, the body of Christ, **WILL NOT MEET** that man of sin, as God has promised us: %**Because thou hast KEPT the WORD OF MY PATIENCE, I also will KEEP THEE from the HOUR OF TEMPTATION, which shall come upon ALL THE WORLD, to TRY them that dwell upon the earth**+ (REV. 3:10).

We, who are few in number, will be caught up to meet our Lord in the air, while the lukewarm church, who are many and popular, will be left here with the rest of the unbelievers.

%**or IF** we believe that Jesus **DIED** and **ROSE** again, even so them also which **SLEEP** in Jesus [DIED IN FAITH] will God **BRING WITH HIM...we which are ALIVE** and remain unto the coming of the Lord **SHALL NOT PREVENT** [OR GO BEFORE] them which are **ASLEEP**.

%**or the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a SHOUT, and with the voice of the ARCHANGEL, and with the trump**

of God: and the dead shall rise **FIRST: then WE** which are alive and remain shall be **CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS**, to meet the **LORD IN THE AIR: and so shall we EVER BE with the Lord. Wherefore COMFORT ONE ANOTHER with these words**+ (1 THESS. 4:13-18).

This question always arises: Will we be missed after we are gone? Religion says **YES**, because they think of themselves in great numbers.

But those that are left behind are those who will be sent %**STRONG DELUSION**, that they should believe a **LIE**: that they **ALL** might be damned who **BELIEVED NOT THE TRUTH**, but had **PLEASURE** in un-righteousness+ (2 THESS. 2:10-12). More than this, Isaiah the Prophet wrote, %**the righteous perisheth, and NO MAN LAYETH IT TO HEART: and merciful men are taken away, NONE CONSIDERING that the righteous is taken away from the EVIL TO COME**+ (ISAIAH 57:1).

In summary, Jesus said, %**TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES**, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with **SURFEITING**, and **DRUNKENNESS**, and **CARES OF THIS LIFE**, and so **THAT DAY** come upon you **UNAWARES**. For as a snare shall it **COME** on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. **WATCH** ye therefore, and pray always, that **YE** may be accounted worthy to **ESCAPE** all these things that **SHALL** come to pass, and to **STAND** before the Son of man+ (LUKE 21:34).