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REPLENISH THE EARTH, AND HE WAS NOT TO PARTAKE OF THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. HE FULFILLED THE COMMISSION TO REPLENISH THE EARTH, BUT DID NOT DO IT ACCORDING TO GOD'S PERFECT PLAN. THAT WAS BECAUSE HE DISOBEYED GOD CONCERNING THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. AS YOU KEEP THAT IN MIND, LET US CONTINUE ON WITH THE MESSAGE, GOD THE CREATOR - GOD THE REDEEMER. WE WANT TO TRY TO CLEAR UP A LOT OF SILLY IDEAS A LOT OF PEOPLE STILL WANT TO HOLD ON TO.

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I have something written down here, to read to you, I wrote it out because I wanted it to be presented in a certain way. Last Sunday night we closed out that portion of the message with the earth illustrated as you see it over here. (Pointing to chart.) That is the earth that was to be brought into this era of time. When we use these illustrations of the earth’s shapes and so forth, we are doing our best to try to show you, that you find nothing written concerning redemption for anything back there in the

prehistoric world. God was the Creator of everything that existed back in that prehistoric world, just like He was the Creator of everything in this present world. He created the universe and everything that is in it, and He created the angels. Time wise, that could have covered eons, of thousands and billions of years. It is immaterial and immature for us to become occupied in arguments as to how long that time lasted. When we see the results and realize and accept the fact that there was a prehistoric world era, and that the world was not made in six days of twenty four hours, we are in a place that God can show us some other things. The earth we live in today, is the same earth He created millions of years ago, the same earth that was without form and void coming into this era of time. The first thing to remember, so that other things will make sense to you, is that none of these creative days were days of only twenty four hours each. You have to look at them as extended periods of time that God used in various phases of restoring the earth back to a useful state for the next life He would put on it. Those days were no less than one thousand years each, which

means God rested for one thousand years from all His work, after He had created the spirits of all that is in the world today, and after that rest He began manifesting all that He had already created. As you study this, there is one important thing that could be overlooked, but we should notice, It says, This is the generations. Any time the Bible speaks of generations, He is not speaking of months, He is not speaking of one year, nor one day. It is pointing to an era of time. Therefore those six creative days we read about in Genesis, those that are related to our beginning, before man was put on here, we have got to accept the fact that this covered many, many years of time. As we get back into this, what this circle represents is the earth, as we read of it in Genesis 1:1-2. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" period. He does not go into any kind of an explanation. "The earth was without form and void." That lets us know, it had absolutely been inhabited in another era of time. When God looked at it here, He was looking at the earth ready to begin another era of population, to fulfill a purpose of His own. He did not have to get permission for anything He was

doing. This is why from now on, everything we read is going to type and carry out and show forth redemption. This is why God the Redeemer is not a hard picture to see. When we get finished with this message, I pray that you will every one understand why certain scriptures in the New Testament actually sound like Jesus Christ made everything in the universe, when in fact He was not even in the picture until about two thousand years ago. He only comes into the picture when we come to the time that something needs to be redeemed. If there is any misunderstood scripture, keep in mind, most all our translations were translated by Trinitarian doctors of divinity. They all, in that era of time that the translations took place, held to the theory that the earth had been created in six twenty four hour days, so how can we expect that they would have translated the scriptures any different than what they believed? They just made those certain scriptures sound the way their mind looked at things back then. On the other hand, if you and I can look at the facts we have before us, six twenty four hour days for the total creation is out of the picture. I

absolutely declare unto you that the earth was already here. That is why God is now letting the earth, the crust of the earth, speak of its ancient past, because there is a generation living on it, that God has determined should know the truth. On every continent, this planet is now giving up the evidence that there was an animal kingdom here in the eons of time past. How long it lasted we do not know. Only God Himself knows that. We can just let God keep that to Himself: because, as far as I can see we have no need to know that. It is evident though, however long that time lasted, that it did come to a catastrophic end. We can certainly know, because of the evidence we have witnessed, that their end did not come about through normal circumstances so that they just gradually deteriorated. No. It was just the opposite of that, from all the evidence we have been able to verify. When we have evidence from the polar regions, as well as from the deserts of the various continents, that prove to us that in many places across this great planet, life did come to a drastic end, all of a sudden, we need to point our study in that direction. When life ended like that, God

allowed certain things to develop that began to bury the evidence, to be revealed in another time. Man, for centuries upon centuries of time, did not dig those things up, but even two or three hundred years ago, when men would dig and find some of those fossilized bones, their first thought was, that this is bones from the animal kingdom that perished in the flood of Noah's hour. I have my serious doubts, that you would ever find anything like that from those animals that were buried in the flood. There was really no reason for God to preserve anything like that from the animals that perished in the flood of Noah's day: we have written records of all of that. From the very onset of this new era God started with the planet, He began to show redemption. What state was the planet in, in Genesis 1:2? Darkness was upon the face of the deep. Right? Then God said, Let there be light. What was God about to do when He said that? Why was He going to speak light into existence? What was His objective? He was setting forth a type: When He reaches out and speaks forth light, He is going to bring that planet back into a relationship where He is going to fulfill His ultimate plan.

We read in our New Testament, that we are justified by faith through the imparted grace of God. Therefore we can say this, Right then and there, when God said let there be light, that light was definitely destined to begin to separate the darkness that had covered the vast deep of space. When that light begins to penetrate, it begins to drive back all the elements of darkness that has held the planet looked in a deep freeze state of condition, so as light begins to break forth upon the planet, this is God's way of saying He is now justifying the earth, because He is bringing it back into fellowship, or usefulness. That is a type of how He works with you and me. We are born in sin, shapen in iniquity, and at the very onset of our birth, we are born as children of darkness. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," so do not bother to tell me we do not need to be saved. The question is, How can we be saved? You do not just make up your mind yourself as you go along in life: We can try to change, but we find the more we try to do something, the bigger mess we make of it. God has to impart grace; just as when He justified the earth. From the time He started, it was a

long way to the finished product. That is just like when God justifies you and me, picks us up from the gutter of sin and unbelief, many times it is a time from the beginning point before we begin to see any noticeable results, any real difference in our life. After so long a time, the earth was completely justified, and the word justified, actually speaks of a condition just as if it had never existed in that previous state. We find that every so often something comes on the scene and we see how God is speaking of redemption. As He brings the earth into that final state, where He puts life here, and man being the last species, he is put here and given a commission to replenish the earth. That is why, when man was put here, one man and one woman, and given a commission as to what to do, they did not wait for many many years to be tested, like maybe the angels were in their hour of time.

MAN'S INITIAL TEST

Adam and Eve were tested right at the onset, before they had even

begin to fulfill their commission. If God would have killed the two right then and there, His whole purpose of justifying the earth would have become useless, unproductive. That is why we find that God provided a temporary means of redemption. What did He do? He provided sheepskins to cover their nakedness. Is that not redemption in action? That speaks loud and clear of God's mercy. Why did that not happen in the other time, back in prehistoric time? Because nowhere in the scriptures do we read that angels are given a second chance. With man, it is a different story: Just as He provided sheepskins for Adam and Eve, that lets us know God is not going to be defeated in the objective that He has determined to fulfill here on this earth. God left them alive, but He provided a means of pushing their sins forward to be paid for at a future time. For sixteen hundred years then, the earth became populated and multiplied in various areas by the offspring of Adam and Eve. In process of time, sin began to be manufactured by every carnal, devilish means. When God looked down upon the earth, (as we see in Genesis 6) what He saw going on

in the earth caused Him to say, It repents me that I have even made man. Gen 6:5 "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. Gen 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them." The entire earth was filled with violence. He had to deal with it in process of time. Well our government officials today are saying, What are we going to do about all this violence? Take a good look at them. They manufactured it themselves, or at least made the way for all of it. They have laws that are as worthless as a Sears Roebuck catalog from fifty years ago. They do not intend for this thing to change. They want a world, and a society that can live like the devil, but they do not want any killing, and things like that. You just do not accept one thing that is negative in the eyes of God and try to avoid the

after affects: He (God) will give it all to you until it runs out your ears. That is why we know we are living in the last days. We are moving right toward the end of time now. I have to say, As far as the world socially and politically, getting any better, it is not going to happen. It is going to get worse. The hour is going to be, when violence will fill the earth with such intensity it will not be safe for the average person to go to the grocery store. May God help us: He is the only ONE that can. Who wants to live in that kind of society? Only those who are like that of course: It vexes the soul of righteous people when they have to be surrounded with that kind of life style. Well according to the scriptures, sixteen hundred years transpired and God looked at the mess man had made and said, It repents me that I have even made man, And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, but the Bible says one lone man and his household found grace in the eyes of the Lord. That was Noah: God told Noah, (Here comes the next type of salvation and redemption.) Build a boat. He told him how long, how wide, how high and everything,

(why?) For the saving of his household and a certain percentage of the animal kingdom. A hundred and some years Noah was in the process of building the boat. He preached for a hundred and some years, warning that generation of the impending judgment, but who would heed his warnings? None except his own family. During all those years, there were people that no doubt in their hearts, believed, but they died before the flood came. You must keep in mind the fact that people did not stop dying the minute Noah started preaching. The reason I am explaining this, is because you have to understand how we must read 1st Timothy, the 1st chapter. When that boat was finished, it was a type of Christ. A type of redemption. What was going to happen to the rest of the people who did not repent of their ways? God was going to destroy them, because they typed the sin that has been propagated on this planet, and God does not want anything left to remember it by. The earth then went through a baptism of water. After it was justified, then it faced a baptism of water. That points ahead, to us as being believers one day, a time when we too are asked to follow

Christ in water baptism, which signifies accepting His death, burial, and resurrection as that which frees us from the condemnation of sin, death and hell. Please turn in your Bible's to 1st Peter, chapter 3, verses 18-21 and let us read what the apostle Peter wrote concerning this very thing. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison: Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God.) By the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Brothers and sisters, my point is this, Redemption was not even typed in anything pertaining to the prehistoric era. When it came to an end, it came to an end, period. On the other hand, no sooner does God start dealing in this era of time, the time that leads to our coming into

existence, and we see salvation, redemption, practically at every turn of the road. The types, that is what we have got to look at, as we study the scriptures. Some time after the flood, God called a man by the name of Abraham. He gives Abraham a revelation and begins to multiply his seed. Abraham's seed starts out as just a small element of people, but we notice that over a period of decades, his seed began to be identified as tribes. While they are small in number, circumstances prevail, and Abraham's seed is down in Egypt. They remain there for four hundred years, roughly speaking: They multiplied to the point that they began twelve large tribes. God had a plan for them and He is prepared to deal with them. He shows forth in these people, that by the time they have become this large, the nation where in they are in bondage has now turned against them. They begin to look upon them with hostility. They even begin to mistreat them, and kill them. They went there when they needed a place of refuge, but rulership in Egypt changed and the Jewish people no longer had the benefits they once had. The longer this condition lasted the more it showed that these people of

Abraham, the seed which literally is God's chosen people, are going to be used to set a beautiful type. He is going to show once again that He is going to deliver them from that terrible bondage they are in. This is also a picture of you and me. We are born on this planet. We are not born perfect. We are born in sin and darkness. The minute we come to an age of accountability, we find ourselves more and more a tool of the devil. The more we begin to hate ourselves and despise ourselves, the devil just keeps making life worse and worse. If God does not deliver us from that terrible state, we are definitely destined to die in that state and be lost. When those people begin to cry unto Him, then we find that He delivered them. As He did, He delivered them by the hand of Moses, a prophet. He took them to the Red Sea. If you watch how Paul speaks of this Red Sea, what it types, he speaks of the children of Israel having been baptized in the sea, and in the cloud. Right? Again we see a type of redemption, because as they came through the Red Sea, they were baptized in water, to separate them from the things in the world where in they were once in bondage. The symbol

of it was never to see that cursed place again. Then having crossed over, for forty years they lived under the cloud by day and pillar of fire by night, a type of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I said, it is a type. God gave them the Law. All this went together. It shows they were God's children. Then He took them to the land of promise, to the very covenant land God had given to Abraham. God told them, As long as you do such and such, I will never turn my back on you. I will shine on you with blessings. He also said, But the day you turn your back on me, I will turn my back on you. He even spoke in Deuteronomy, if they kept it up, the day would come He would drive them completely out of the land. As we follow this on through you see that whatever God had started with this particular nation, shows the eternal security of God's plan of redemption for a people. It is not typed in the individual Jew, but it is typed in the nation as a whole. God cannot destroy the nation just because the nation went wrong. He would tear down His own word. How many understand that? That is why you will never be born again but one time. One time, if it is a genuine birth, is all it takes. From

then on God either deals with you as an obedient child of His or a disobedient child of His: You are not unborn when you do something against what the Bible teaches. With this in mind, we can see redemption is with us all the way through. It is typed and characterized all the way through the Bible. The nation of Israel lived fourteen hundred and some years under that dispensation of the Law. In that Law, was types that pertained to that era of time they lived in, as well as prophecies that pointed ahead to the era of time that you and I live in. The animal sacrifices, the other sacrifices and rituals, the feast and all of that, typed the era of time we now live in. This goes to show, This is not an era that we can say God just created it and put it out here, and set back to watch and see what would happen. God is completely interested from the time it began all the way through. God gave the Law to the nation of Israel, and then after a period of time, as it says in Galatians, in the fullness of time, when the Law itself had served its objective, the Bible says Christ was born of woman under the Law. It was to bring an end to the Law, and institute the beginning of the Age

of Grace. I thank God from the depths of my soul for the revelation of Jesus Christ. I am glad He included me in His plan of redemption, and I cherish the day I was led into partaking of the benefits of that redemption. I have to say as I stand here today, I thank Him for allowing me to see this kind of picture in His Bible. When I look back and see what the church world is locked up in, it sure lets me know, if you would go into one of those large congregations of Trinitarianism this morning, and start bringing up this subject, you would have an argument, and maybe something worse on your hands. The people would be getting real angry before you could get very far into your subject. That is the way they would look at this message in this hour. I have to say though, It is a beautiful picture when you view it the right way, because it lets you see, when you read the New Testament, that Jesus whom they believe helped create all things, did not come into the picture until around two thousand years ago. He was His (God's) Word for redemption. He was not His (God's) Word for creation. How many understand that? Only the translators, men who are of a

Trinitarian mind, translated those certain scriptures to give forth the thought that Jesus was helping the Father create all things. It is because they do not have a revelation of the Godhead. How could people who believe in a three person God, a trinity, be trusted to translate certain scriptures? First of all, the fact that they have never seen in the scriptures the evidence that there was a prehistoric era on this earth that ended with a total judgement, impairs their ability to think right as they translate. That is why Moses, while He was out there in the wilderness, was instructed by the Creator to start writing a record, so the right generation would have scriptures for what they would need to know, here at the end of the Age. He wrote the book of Genesis as well as the other four of the first five books of the Bible. The book of Genesis was never in a written form until Moses was told by the Creator to write. That is why it opens up in those first two verses, "In the beginning God, the great eternal Spirit that He was, created the heaven and the earth." When I begin to look back over that era of time, I have to say, God is so great. He is the omnipotent. He is the omniscient. He is the omnipresent

God. Yet He has no form, no shape whatsoever. No man had ever seen Him, except in some theophany form, and then in His only begotten Son, but as far as what He is, (A SOVEREIGN SPIRIT THAT CANNOT BE SEEN) no man has seen Him even yet today and cannot see Him. Because He is invisible, the New Testament writers, when they would begin to write the various epistles, would speak as the apostle Paul did, when he would speak of Christ, how He is the image of an invisible God that no man had ever seen. As we look at this, we realize that for two thousand years we have lived under Grace, an era designed by the Creator before the foundation of the world. We have lived under the dispensation of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Is that not right? Does not the New Testament say, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost?" That is the fire of your personal experience with Christ. It was John the Baptist that first spoke of that fire, saying, (Mat 3:11) "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I,

whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.” It is that fire of the Holy Spirit that really begins to burn in the soul of a human being. As it burns, it begins to burn the very traces, the attributes, the roots of carnality in that person that has caused us to many times act like a devil, out of you. When this dispensation comes to a close, and it is moving rapidly toward it, the Bible says in 2nd Peter 3:10, that the earth is going to go through a baptism of fire. Right? In fact, He is going to destroy the very traces of wicked men and their wicked deeds, and the entire wicked society by fire. That goes to show, that once God justified the earth and brought it into a relationship that He could put mankind on it, He also put an animal kingdom on it but it was not the animal kingdom that sinned: It was the man that sinned the man that was created to rule over everything else. He was the one that was guilty of introducing this sin trait into man’s heritage. He is the one that God held responsible for paying the penalty of sin. Well just as the earth (in the great flood) went through its type of water baptism, now the earth will face its

day of baptism by fire. No. The fire will not destroy all human flesh, because we know from the scriptures, that God will preserve a small remnant of mortal human beings of the earth, from the nations of the earth, to repopulate mortal beings in the Millennium. Those are the people that God will judge, based on character, behavior and conduct, deeds and such like. (That is found in Matthew 25). When the Millennium starts, the earth has been renovated and mortal subjects the Bride will rule, them and their offspring. The literal earth is not burned up: It is just simply cleansed by God’s judgment fire. I know some preachers have preached that this baptism of fire does not come until Christ comes at the end of the Millennium. That does not fit the Bible picture of redemption. I want to remind you that all of this is typed in the scriptures and that there is a certain result to be obtained, so if you can follow the point of redemption, you will see that the kind of picture they portray is not right,. The baptism of fire comes at the second visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ, as He comes to earth to rule and reign. That is why it is worded like it is in 2nd

Peter 3:10 for the day of the Lord. The day of the Lord, is pointing to His visible, second return, when He comes back in bodily form, with His Bride Saints to rule and reign a thousand years, and it has nothing at all to do with the rapture of the Bride Saints, an event that will have preceded the coming we are speaking of.

RAPTURE OF THE BRIDE **OF CHRIST**

The rapture takes place at Jesus' mystical return; somewhere around the beginning of the seventieth week of Daniel's seventy weeks. The visible return of Jesus will be at the end of the seventieth week, when He comes back with His Bride, to cleanse the earth and get it ready for the Millennium of peace and restoration, to finalize its total redemption. It is evident, by the scriptures, that this is when the earth will absolutely be brought through a baptism of fire. It takes this to purge the earth of the corruption and evil that carnal mankind throughout this era of

time has been responsible for on the planet. As the earth goes through its baptism of fire, just think of it, that is a catastrophic judgment that is going to bring a lot of life, both of animal life and human life, to a sudden end. It will not exterminate all life: We must remember that, or we will get confused when we read other scriptures. God knows who He is going to leave alive. There is one thing sure, All the Old Testament saints, as well as all the Bride saints that have lived and died through the ages, are going to be resurrected at the time of the rapture; and they are returning with Christ in glorified, immortal bodies. That is why you see that great host of people riding white horses. You see it in the 17th chapter of Revelation, as well as the 19th chapter. What are they coming for? They are coming to take hold of the reins of rulership of the nations. I believe it is Revelation 5:10, where it says, He hath made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth. We will return with Him in power. I used to wonder, why would nations in that hour, be so foolish as to assemble their military might in a certain geographical spot in the Middle East, like it says in

the latter part of the 19th chapter of Revelation, the false prophet, the beast, and the kings of the earth are assembled in that one strategic, geographical spot to wage war against Him that sitteth on the white horse. What fool would dare to launch out in an adventure like that? Well the time we are living in right now, lets me know it will be those like we have on earth right now, because of the spirit that is taking control of the minds of carnal mankind. When you begin to see the modern philosophy that is creeping in on society today, from nation to nation, you can see political leaders getting that kind of spirit on them. They are ready to oppose anything that wants to project that there is a supernatural God coming back to this earth. You even have it in existence in the Jewish society. When I say that, I am not pointing my finger toward every Jew, but you definitely have some Jews alive today that do not believe in the supernatural God the prophets wrote about, nor do they believe in the fulfillment of the many prophecies that still must be fulfilled. They do believe that because they are Jews, they are the seed of Abraham, and therefore they have a right to that land of

promise. That is why as we look at the end from this standpoint, God is compelled by His own word of promise, to bring that nation of people back into the land He gave to their fathers, and it is only in the last days that He will do this. What they are missing, is that He has also promised that He will manifest His power in the Middle East, on a scale that the world has never seen before. I have just heard that Arafat, back in 1998, made the statement that this year (1999) on May 4th, he would declare a Palestinian state. However because of the fact that the Jewish people have an election coming up, I believe the 14th of May, for the sake of preserving peace and keeping things calm, He is putting the declaration of statehood on hold until after their election is over. All of that kind of talk lets us know, that once that thought is in the minds of the political leaders of the Palestinians, the day will come that they will have to live up to their word. When we begin to see that God is going to send Christ Jesus and His bride saints back to this earth very shortly, and we know it says in Revelation 19, that a sharp sword proceeds out of His mouth, that with it He will smite the

nations, we know what all of that is designed to do: It will cleanse the entire earth ultimately, and only the righteous will dwell on it afterward. We can read that scripture, to get the picture together. Rev 19:11 “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. (12) His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. (13) And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God. (14) And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. (15) And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (16) And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” The fire spoken of by Peter, is to burn the wicked to devastate all the evidence of the wickedness man has accumulated here. I am sure

that the flood water of Noah’s hour washed away a lot of things and buried a lot of things, but we really do not know just what they did accumulate on the planet. We just know the Bible says every thought of man was only evil continually. Well the fire of God will make a complete cleansing of the planet earth. Turn to 2nd Peter 3:8, and notice how he speaks of this fire of God. 2nd Pet 3:8 “But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (9) The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (11) Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, (12) Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be

dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (13) Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” The heavens being on fire, and the earth shall melt with fervent heat, does that mean God is going to annihilate the planet? No. As the prophet Isaiah looked through it, and also John, it comes to this, Nevertheless according to His promise, we look for a new heaven and a new earth. Is it going to be a new ball spinning out here somewhere that we have not found yet? No. It is going to be the same planet. I bring that out to try to show you, God is a redeeming God. With that in mind, here comes the fire. When they have all these kinds of weapons of modern technology that can destroy a nation, that can destroy a society within a matter of minutes, what a foolish thought for any mortal man to think, when he thinks he can trust in his jet airplanes, his modern weapons of atomic energy and such like, and that he can stand off a supernatural power, when that supernatural power is God. What an evil thought, I am glad I will be in the army that is destined to be a winner. Do you not feel the same way? Just

think, When that fire does begin to hit the planet, it is God Himself, the eternal Spirit that can control just how far to let a volcano go, and just how far an earthquake will be allowed to express itself. It tells us in the book of Revelation, that there will be an earthquake in that day, one so gigantic there has never been one like it before and neither will it be afterward. Cities of the nations will fall simultaneously. We have heard about what the scientists have projected to take place out in California. It is over a fault. There is a whole mountain chain that goes up that west coast, and on up through Alaska, and down through the Asiatic and Orients: They call it the ring of fire. When you fly over in an airplane every once in awhile, if you look down on the mountain ranges, you see the old ruins of a volcano peak sticking up. I have no doubt, deep down in the heart of the earth there is still a bowl of molten hot fluid waiting for just the right time. When that builds up to a certain pressure, (and it will do that right on time) all God has to do is open a valve. The whole Asiatic, the whole west coast, the Pacific islands and many things will begin to quiver. When it is all over

thought, there is still going to be a few mortal people left alive. WE can say this, It is the people that God Himself has foreknown for this time. Nothing happens by chance with God. He will not let any mortal creature perish, if He has already foreknown for this time. Nothing happens by chance with God. He will not let any mortal creature perish, if He has already foreknown him in His mind, to come to such an hour. The main thing is, those that are with the coming of Christ, are going to be given power to execute judgment. That is why it says in the words to the Church at Thyatira, To him that overcometh will I give power over the nations. If God has invested in the person of Christ, His very begotten Son, the authority to execute this terrible hour of wrath and destruction, then what do you think it means when the Messiah, the King, our Bridegroom, will delegate to His Bride certain potentials of power? He shall rule them with a rod of iron. Whatever Christ Himself is to be in the beginning of this Millennium, the Bride is to share in that same power to execute wrath and judgment. Now we can say this, The earth, from that time on, for a while, will

show the scars of such a devastation. I have no doubt it will show the scars of the terrible volcano eruptions that have spued out and covered villages and societies of the earth. I have no doubt the earth will show the scars, the traces of where earthquakes have shaken the various areas where huge cities that housed millions of people have been shaken to pieces. Just think of New York City, what a terrible earthquake could do to it. I have to believe there is one in the plan of God for it, because I believe He will shake this entire planet with such a shaking, even as it says in Isaiah, so that the earth shall reel like a drunk man, and shall be clean removed. For a period of time, as the earth is going through this catastrophic upheaval, mortal flesh will scream and flee to the rocks and mountains and cry for them to hide them from the face of Him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. When the era that encompasses all of that is finalized, then according to what we find in Revelation 20, Christ is ready to take over the government of the world.

THE RIGHTEOUS RULE OF CHRIST

Where will the seat of authority be? IN Jerusalem of course. In that day, He will come, whose right it is to rule and reign, and He will take His throne, which is the ancient throne of David, and the law will go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem in that day. The nations will begin to learn what it is like to live on this planet when there is a government of supernatural authority and manifestation being administered unto them. There will be a true people that are immortal, and they will have also been delegated a portion of this great wisdom and authority that God put in Christ. That wisdom is going to be put in the Church, which is His mystical body, in the end time. If Christ is the image of an invisible God, and God put all His headship in Him, then what is the Church to be? The body of Christ, mystically, will be endowed with a portion of what Christ has. I hope you understand, as I preach and talk like this, and stop thinking that you can still go to the church of your choice and sit

there and twiddle your fingers. Not if you are called to be in the bride of Christ. Oh leave me alone, preacher, I don't believe in that nonsense. We are moving into the closing out of this age, so if you are one that feels like that I hate to think what you may be facing. We are going to know what Paul meant by saying certain things the way He did, before we leave here. We are going to know the true thought and meaning of some things that are not quite as clear yet as they will be later. For a thousand years, as Christ takes over the rule of this planet, He is the manifestation and the embodiment of the power of the omnipotent God. That is God in redemption. That is why certain epistles read like they do, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. Himself is who? Christ? No. It is God, the Creator. He is our Father. Just think, for a thousand years this earth is going to be ruled and completely controlled by a supernatural people. From God's standpoint, what is He in the process of doing throughout that thousand years? He is working through The Messiah and His Queen, which is now still the bride Church, but then His immortal Queen ruling with Him to redeem

the planet earth. The fire is to purge out all traces, all the effects of the sin of these centuries up to then. When the Millennium reign starts, the law shall go forth from Zion, just like the prophet Micah wrote: (Micah 4:2) “And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.” When I read that, I think of places like the islands in the South Pacific. I have seen my share of them. Some are on the map, but there are some that are not on the map. They are too small. Some of them are about the size of a cornfield, but much to your surprise, there are a few natives that live on them. On some of those remote islands of the earth, there are people that have never heard a thing about Jesus Christ, but they will: That is part of what the Millennium is for. The law will go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. It is not going to be the word of the United Nations, and it is not going to be a bunch of New World Order environmentalists out there

instructing them. The instructions they get will be pure and simple, you could say, From the very mind of God. I can see how when the Millennium starts, the earth is going to be scarred, but remember, there will only be a few people left alive, compared to the multitudes that have been slain. All this wickedness is going to be done away with. You will have all the immortal saints there, but you will have only a small number of mortal representatives of all the nations that are now on the face of this planet. That is why the planet earth must be ruled by the righteous. That is why He has made us kings and priests. There is going to be displayed through the immortals, the knowledge of God and His basic laws, what God wants carried out on this planet. It is for the sole purpose of restoring the planet back to an original condition, the way it was before it was tainted by sin. That is God’s objective. One thing is sure, We will have no money mongers with their hands out, in the Millennium, if you can accept my terminology. There will be no one trying to take all the earths wealth, trying to be the richest man on the planet. When that Millennial reign starts, everyone on this planet is

going to know what God wants done. They are going to know also, that it is not something you attain in a day of twenty four hours or in a year, but you and I are going to know there is a finished picture in the end of that time that is going to be attained. The mortal people will repopulate the earth, but there will never be any more jail houses. Undertakers will be out of business. Isaiah 65:20, speaks of the fact that there will be death, but what is death for then? It is only a disciplinary means, to cut off that young person that refuses to adhere to what God wants. Isa 65:20 “There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.” Compared to the one thousand years, a one hundred year old person would be considered a child. That is long enough for anyone to make up their mind as to whether they will be obedient or not. The person that is willing to walk with God will be beneficiary of longevity of life which will be restored to man. That is going to be a wonderful time: like the old song says, There will be peace in the

valley. Let us try to visualize this Millennium setting. These mortal people that are kept alive, only God knows who they will be, and to us right now, it will look almost like an impossibility to bring the earth back to a fruitful picture of peace and righteousness, but we have to remember, In that day everything will be working in harmony with God’s perfect laws, and there is strict discipline involved, and of course the earth may not look beautiful at the start, but by the time it goes a thousand years, the Bible says the desert will blossom as the rose, and the tree of the field shall not withhold its increase. He that treadeth the grain, meaning those that are harvesting, they will not get out of the way before he that soweth the new crop will come right along. Everything will be moving in a perfect cycle. Amos 9:13 “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soeth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.” There will be no shortage of housing in that day. It says this, and they shall build houses and they shall inhabit them. Isa 65:21 “And they shall build houses, and inhabit

them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. (22) They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.” For as the days of a tree are the days of my people. That means the life span of it, so shall be the life of His people. They shall not build and another come along and take it away. This planet is going to yield its increase every time it is expected to. What a wonderful Age! I do not see any need for armed policemen in that hour. God Himself is going to minister death to some, strictly as a disciplinary thing. That is why there is a sword still involved. It is the word of judgment. I can visualize the earth then, when you do not have money crazed people grabbing for the best of this or the best of that, and you have a people on the earth that only want to do things the way the heavenly Father would have them to and I can see the scars begin to disappear from everything that had been scarred. I can see where once there were forests that had been wasted, and the days of God’s wrath and devastation has wasted

and scarred the surface of the earth, the earth begins to come back out of this state, back to the way it was in the beginning. Have you ever noticed, that there is something about the design of this planet we live on, that no matter how scarred a certain area may look, if man will not disrupt nature, God has instilled in this earth’s surface every means of survival and restoration. When you think of the Grand Canyon, one of the largest valleys, the longest there is on the face of this earth, a mile deep, you know that somewhere in the ancient past, there had to be a tremendous amount of water flowing in that area. Down in the flood of that, you can see little islands pointing skyward. When you look at these islands like fingers reaching skyward, you cannot help but realize, Somewhere in eons past that might have been level country, but underneath the crust of the earth there was a shelf that began to push up: Then over the centuries of time that just kept rising: That causes the water to begin to rush to escape this plateau. Maybe it took millions of years, but one thing is sure, that ditch could have been started by an earthquake splitting the earth, but it took water to finish

the rest of it. Here are these little islands reaching skyward. To show you that God put everything here in the form of some kind of life to rehabilitate that catastrophic situation, what about when you see little evergreen bushes hanging from the side of a rock, so it looks like a bird just went along with a seed and dropped it? It sprouts and wraps roots around that rock, and is hanging on for dear life. Hundreds of feet below it, is the canyon, but there hangs that little evergreen. God provided some kind of life to rehabilitate a waste area. On the farm where my wife and I lived when we were first married, back in the WW1 period, that place had many acres of open fields over those hills. Those fields began to grow up in cedar and sassafras. I could not help but notice, in parts of those thickets you could drive a tractor through and not injure it at all. Fifty years later though, it was a different story: The cedar and the sassafras trees had taken over. A few years later there was brush of all kinds growing there. My point in saying that is, Where it is scarred, a few years later it now begins to heal itself. The Millennium is going to be a wonderful, glorious era of time for

the Bride and the righteous of God to rule and reign, as they supervise the restoration of this planet. What does it say in Isaiah 65, and also in 2nd Peter 3:10? How we look for heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. That is not another planet? That is the same planet we have been talking about all along, redeemed and restored. God created it way back here in the eons of ages ago, so in here, the time when He is dealing with redemption for mankind, He is also dealing with the redemption of the planet itself. It is in the Millennial reign of Christ as the King of all kings in the earth, so He is the Lord of everything: God has invested in Him the authority and the plan, and He will sit here for a thousand years in that position while the nations of the earth go to Jerusalem to worship their Lord. In His first advent He fulfilled that certain scripture in Isaiah 7:14, “Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel,” meaning, God with us. It was God with us, because this was the Father’s beginning of displaying Himself in a manner wherein He would be seen as the true redeemer.

God is now redeeming a people to be the new creation, but He also has a plan that includes the redemption of the earth, and as we have been showing, that will be accomplished in the Millennium that is just ahead, and Christ Jesus is the One all eyes will be fastened upon, because He will be in charge of the entire design, or process. I hope all of you understand what I mean by that: Because God has given Him the authority to orchestrate the entire process. Christ will rule on this planet for that thousand years, and His reign will have brought this planet back to a fruitful, restored earth. Every rock will be just the way God wants it, perfectly in place. Every tree likewise. Every forest will be the way God wants it to be. Every rolling prairie will be the way God wants it to be. I think you will have to say, the earth will be a beautiful place when the Millennium is over. I certainly pray that you can all see that God was not only in Christ Jesus to save and redeem you and me from sin, death and hell, but also to reconcile us and all of His creation back to Himself. By understanding that, we can now see how Christ is the beginning of this new creation. It is God's way of bringing about

redemption for a lost family of His children. That is why there are many scriptures that read the way they do: because He truly is the beginning of the creation of God. He is not the beginning of the old creation back in the prehistoric hour: He is the beginning of the new creation, which is the redeemed of all ages. I am so thankful God is going to share His plan with us, so that every verse of scripture in this Bible is going to come alive to us. Yes saints, I thank God for His mercy and grace and for allowing me to be a part of His great plan of redemption.

UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES

Some of you may wonder why we approach certain subjects the way we do, so let me say this, You have to read certain scriptures from the standpoint of the revelation you already have, in order to understand them. They can only be understood by those who already have a revelation of certain other things. How could we really

understand what Jesus meant when He looked at a contentious bunch of Jewish leaders one day and said, Ye are of your father the devil, if we did not already have an understanding of what really took place between Eve and the serpent, there at the onset of this Era on the planet? I hope our way of approaching this message is sufficient to show you that as certain things are written in the epistles in the New Testament, we have to read it with an understanding, that this planet earth has been here for a long, long time. It is part of the original creation that God created somewhere in the eons past. He did not need any help creating it: It was a sole act upon His part. Therefore, time, in that realm and that era did bring the planet to a place where something had happened. The devil, Lucifer, and some of those angels that had been set in charge, went beyond what God had set them in charge to do, and selfishly exercised their own will: That is what caused God to have to judge all of that back there. That is why the earth was without form and void, when you read Genesis 1:2. Naturally the scientists will say, Why do you say that? I say it because God does not

do anything just for curiosity's sake: He always has a plan for everything He does. When we find in the epistle of Peter and the epistle of Jude, how angels kept not their first estate, but they left it to do something else, we have to understand that it was on this earth, that they did something contrary to God's will and purpose, that caused God to cast them down from their former estate. They were not on Mars, nor on Jupiter nor any other solar area: They were right here on this earth. That is why Jesus, in the 8th chapter of St. John, as He preached to the Pharisees, could speak to them as He did: He could see them begin to rise up with resentment. They began to say certain things that revealed their own makeup. That is why He then said to them, You are of your father the devil, the lusts of your father you will do: He was a murderer from the beginning because he abode not in the truth: He is the father of lies and so forth. That lets us know that somewhere in Lucifer's beginning, he did something so terrible that when God cast him down from His exalted position. His sin was so great there was no remedy for it. This is why Isaiah 14, describes his

position like it does, and why Ezekiel 28, describes it the way it does. Thou was perfect in all thy ways in the day that thou was created, “until” iniquity, lawlessness, disobedience was found in thee. There, is where God called a halt to his extreme behavior. When God called a halt to their manipulation of those animals, that multitude of disobedient angels became judged, never to be redeemed, never to be reconciled, so that is why it says in 2nd Peter 2:4, that some of those angels that sinned, were cast down to hell, and delivered into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment. They will never be allowed to come out and torment you and me like other spirits are permitted to do. I have to say, It is because they did something so terrible, God did not want them left here where they would have the opportunity to do anything of such a drastic nature ever again. There are enough demons here as it is, enough to create all the mess and chaos that they have been responsible for in the time since Adam was put here. Therefore knowing all of this, we need to take a closer look at this justified earth. WE said earlier, that when God

brought the planet earth out of darkness, He justified it. Then, 1600 years later, as man began to propagate himself, his sin began to fill the earth. That is when it got its baptism of water, by the flood in Noah’s hour. We have come more than four thousand years beyond that flood and man has again filled the earth, the whole planet with his sin and rebellion which is all orchestrated by the same spirit. This is the day man has talked about, that has everything going on now that went on before the flood, and all that went on in Sodom and Gomorrah before God destroyed them. Actually it is all multiplied many times over. The earth is now just right at the threshold of God ending it all. At the literal coming of Christ, when He comes visibly, and physically, He is going to bring this planet through a baptism of fire. The Bible says so in very easy to understand words. That is why 2nd Peter 3:10, speaks of how the heavens being on fire shall melt with fervent heat, seeing therefore that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of men ought we to be? That does not mean the planet is going to be annihilated, but it does mean there is going to be fire, and plenty of it.

There is going to be earthquakes, and there is going to be volcanoes and everything God intends to use to destroy the existence of sinful man. Yet He is going to shorten those days of destruction enough to save a little element of mortal flesh.

WILL THE EARTH REALLY BE NEW?

At this point in our message we want to take a look at the new heaven and the new earth. We read of them in Revelation 21:1, but we must try to get the right picture in our minds. When Christ comes from heaven with His righteous Bride and all the righteous, Old Testament saints, and the wrath of God is poured out upon wicked mankind, dead bodies of every society of every nation, will be lying from one end of the earth to the other. They shall not be buried, neither lamented over, but shall become as dung over the face of the earth. The days of hygiene, as man wants to propagate it now, is just about over with. When God turns the stink loose, the way He wants,

it is going to be a stinking place for a long time. The first thing we begin to pick up is in Revelation 20; and the first thing that is done, Lucifer, or Satan the dragon, is taken and cast into the bottomless pit. That is in the heart of the earth. He is going to be chained down, it says, for one thousand years. As for the literal earth itself, it will not be a newly created planet: That is not what makes it new. What makes the heaven and earth new, is the fact that there has been a complete redeeming and a total cleansing from all the polluting of Satan and his helpers, and from all that mankind has perverted and misused through time.

BRIDE SAINTS AND TRIBULATION SAINTS

After Satan is bound in chains, the next thing we see as we proceed with our message, are all the souls of them that have just passed through the dark tribulation hour of time, which is actually that last part of Daniel's seventieth week. They have been slain because of their

faith in God. In that period of time the devil will try to exterminate all Bible believing people; and that includes Jews as well as Gentile foolish virgins. I want to clear up something that many stumble over. The Bible tells us in Revelation 20, I believe it is the 4th verse, that John saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the witness of Jesus Christ and for the word of God: That is both Jews and Gentiles. All of these were raised up, to live with Christ in that Millennium age. They are not bride saints: They are all those tribulation saints that never went with the Lord in the rapture. A lot of the denominational realm, the doctors of divinity included, say, No, the tribulation saints that were left here, they are not saved. I have to differ with you, whoever you are that would say that: They are the ones that are saved. You can read about it in the 7th chapter of Revelation, and you see it confirmed in the 20th chapter. The rapture has already taken place somewhere around the time the week starts. That takes out of the ground all justified, glorified saints that have been redeemed by the shed blood of Jesus Christ at Calvary, filled with the Holy Spirit

down through the Grace Age of time and kept their lives in tune with the Spirit of God. When the rapture comes, it takes out of the ground all of those people, leaving in the ground only the wicked and unbelieving that have died. The next people that go into the ground are those tribulation saints, both Gentile and foolish virgins and Jewish believers that will be martyred during the dark tribulation hour of time. Going into the Millennium, there is definitely a resurrection. When that resurrection is brought up, read it, it says, (Rev 20:4) “And I saw thrones, (Thrones is plural, not just one, but plural thrones.) and they (They is also a plural word, and it points to the bride of Christ. Did He not say He has made us unto our God kings and priests. So there are thrones that the Gentile Bride will be positioned on?) sat upon them, and judgement was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (That tells us exactly, when those saints were

martyred: It is during the time when the mark of the beast is in effect; and that can only be in the last half of the week of Daniel, while the bride Church saints are at the marriage feast in heaven with Jesus.) Rev 20:5 but the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.” The rest of the dead are the ungodly and unbelieving of all ages that go into the ground without ever partaking of the saving grace of God. A lot of people say, I am going to Jerusalem to sit on the throne with Jesus. No, you are not: If you are of the number of the bride, you are going to be positioned right here on this earth, right back among the race of people you are from. There, is where you are going to live immortal and you are going to rule and reign in that category. There is going to be a delegation of certain powers into your life, so that you will have ruling authority over those people. That is the way it is going to be set up. The point is this, When the Bride is in that position, the first thing then, is to give attention to these tortured and martyred saints that have been martyred during the great tribulation hour. They are out of the

ground and in their immortal bodies. I want to ask you a question, to show you redemption in process. There is no more bodies of righteous saints in the heart of the earth: Their bodies have all been resurrected. This empties the ground of all bodies that belong to righteous people. The only thing it leaves in the ground is Cain and his bunch, and that covers all of his kind of all ages. They will just lay there in the ground until after the thousand years expires; and then they will be raised up and have their judgment pronounced upon them, and then be cast into the lake of fire where the devil that deceived them already is. That is why it says in Revelation, This is the first resurrection. When it says that, it means that this resurrection of the martyred saints has taken out of the ground for all time, all bodies of the righteous, and all that is left in there, are the bodies of the unrighteous. The first resurrection is in three phases: That includes the Old Testament saints which went up at the ascension of Jesus Christ. You read it in Ephesians 4. Then it takes out of the ground all saints of the Grace Age period. Then when we see these tribulation saints raised from the dead at the

beginning of the Millennium, it leave nothing but bodies of the doomed and damned. There, is your three phases of the first resurrection, and “On such the second death hath no power.” There is no life in it. There is left then on this earth, out of the remnant of the nations, a certain category of mortal people that will live right on through that thousand years repopulating the earth with their kind. Therefore if we are living in the final days just before the coming of Christ, first to translate His Bride Church, and then later on, to take up His earthly rule and reign on this planet earth, there has to be some young people scattered here and there over the face of this earth today, that will never die. I have to say then, Oh God, may you hasten that day, because there is a spirit of Satan at large, and he is going to do everything he can do to defile the minds of human beings, to further defile this planet. As I have already stated, When the Millennial age starts, the planet is going to look very scarred, even look totally ruined, so it is going to be in need of redecorating. That will be done as time passes; and the mortal subjects that pass from this era into

that era will partake of the entire process: God will use them to repopulate the planet; and thanks be to Him, those babies that will be born, will be brought up under a system of righteous rule. Every little child will be brought to a place of learning that is designed to produce proper conduct. There will be a law of righteousness that will be enforced with a rod of iron, because - authority and discipline will prevail. Still within the realm of human, mortal flesh, there will be the possibility of the genetic reproduction qualities passing on this devilish nature to their offspring to rebel against God. That is why Isaiah 65, speaks of how the child shall be a hundred years old before it dies. That means God is going to let them live long enough to have ample opportunity to learn and heed the righteous laws the planet will be governed by. Then, if they refuse to abide by them, death will be used, not to fill a lot of graveyards, but it is a disciplinary means of eliminating all of that evil attitude from the planet. Fear will come upon the multitudes of people when death is administered in righteousness. God will not tolerate violence, rebellion and the evil that multitudes want to propagate

today. I can see the earth in the Millennium, though scarred in the beginning where earthquakes have devastated parts of our continents, coastlines and mountains have sunk down, and new ones have been raised up, so that the whole contour of the bodies of our planet have changed, and in process of time, how beautiful the entire planet is. Out of all the devastation, those people are going to begin to put together this time of peace of earth that all of us have longed for. The Bible tells us, as I quoted earlier, that the earth shall not withhold its increase: There will be an abundance of everything that is vital to their lives, food and all such. Nothing will prevent the earth from giving forth its abundance. There will be a regulated climate that will be so favorable to raising crops, that while one man will be in the process of harvesting his crop, another will be on his tractor plowing ground to sow. Bro. Jackson, why do you say tractors? Why not? Do you mean to tell me, that if God is going to leave a certain element of this mortal flesh to carry over into the Millennium, to multiply life upon the earth and to dress it, that He is going to cause

all this technology of the agricultural age to be dumped, and everything return to primitive means of doing things? Oh no. Well I thought we would go back to the way it was in the beginning. Back to what? Digging the earth with a hoe? Planting seed like we did a thousand years ago? Think about that! How many understand what I am talking about? That tractor is not what brought sin upon the earth. Neither did the automobile bring sin upon the earth. It was you and me, before we knew the Lord, that did that. I am certainly not going to preach against modern technology, and I will say this about it, The Lord will have modern technology harnessed in a right way, for benefit without the bad effects. The rich will not rule over the poor in that kingdom. There will be a kingdom of righteousness set up and sin will be eventually wiped from the picture. Do not question as to why I have just said those things. Common sense tells me God is not going to take away the modern technology. That is an aid to help them in redressing the earth according to God's program. God is going to be in the process of redeeming this planet because this thousand years

is going to be a period of time where the earth is being redeemed; and becomes the new earth God wants for eternity. By the time a thousand years have expired, the great ocean bodies, the Pacific and Atlantic are going to be disappearing. Look at it in a practical way. When John saw the new heaven and new earth, that was not because it was coming from far off outer space. That is what the present earth was made to look like after it has been completely redeemed and renovated throughout the Millennium when Christ is ruling. That is what put it in that new state. When we begin to think about Satan being loosed for a little season as the Millennium comes to a close, try to understand, God is not going to turn him loose to pollute any part of the planet. You can see right before your eyes as you read it, he is loosed for a little season of time, to go out upon the breadth of the earth, because through that thousand years there has been multiplied hundreds and thousands of human beings born, and all of the mortal flesh realm that have been born here during that time have to be tested. It starts out with the few that God will let pass out over this era of time into

that era, but a lot of babies can be born in a thousand years and God would be very unjust if He let all those mortal human beings get by without ever having to be tested by Satan. When you look back upon your own life in this era of time, how you have suffered this and that, been tried in so many ways, suffered the pains of sickness and all such like, we know God is not going to let all this mortal realm pass into the eternal age without having been tested also. I want you to understand. It says he goes out upon the breadth of the earth from Gog to Magog. I used to think those terms were synonymous, but not after having been in Russia, watching the people in their reaction, and seeing how the Russian society acts. It looked like everybody you saw walking the sidewalks was carrying a book, going to a college or a university. You cannot help but think, All these people want is some kind of intellectual knowledge, but when it is over, they still do not know God. To know Him, is most important of all. I just have to say, How did this devilish thing called Communism every become embedded in those people? Russia was the incubator for it. I think the record shows that

Lenin came from France, and that he was expelled from there because France would not tolerate the thing he was propagating. God know where that thing was to be, so into Russia it went. Young people, you ought to thank God you have been born in the United States of America. When you stood on the sidewalk watching the Russian people, it almost looked like they were afraid to speak to one another, I suppose because the government has ruled and dominated them to the point they cannot trust anyone. I am glad you do not have to live like that, in constant fear, at least not until now. God have mercy upon America, because of whatever the politicians in Washington want to try to bring this nation into in the next few years, just before it reaches its end. With the devil inspiring them there is just now telling. I am thankful to know we will not have to live in this Satan-led society much longer. When the devil goes out upon the four corners of the earth at the end of the Millennium, he will have some kind of message because we already know he is going to deceive many of those mortal subjects that have been brought up under that righteous rule of Jesus Christ and

His Bride. Some people are like that: They just simply refuse to give up. They are not content with anything: They always have to find out if there is something new they can get involved in, thinking, Surely there ought to be something different. That is what the devil throws at them: That is why he succeeds in gathering together a great army. Read it, in Revelation 20: it says those he is working with are in number as the sands of the sea. They compass the beloved city, Jerusalem, ready to battle the saints, but fire comes down out of heaven and devours them. Jerusalem will be the capital city of the whole earth in that hour. It is called the Bride's headquarters. It is the city that is to rule over all the nations. What is this final move of Satan for, when he deceives all this great host of mortal people? He has convinced those that follow him, You join with me and we will take over the rule of this kingdom; and then we will be able to use it the way we want to. That is always the devil's business; to change something God has set in motion. God can create something that is righteous; and he comes along and changes it. The sad part of it is, there is always an element of

mortal minds that like to play the game along with him. Do not ever think God is going to allow that great multitude of deceived people to manufacture arms, weapons of high technology, that they can use against the people of God: They are not going to have that opportunity. Armageddon will be fought at the end of Daniel's seventieth week: That will be the last land based war that will ever be fought with weapons of human instrumentality. This type of war is when carnal flesh is trying to stand before a supernatural God, and for some reason or other contest the kingdom as though they are going to have power to take it over. Well what does the Bible say about that? God destroys them by a supernatural means. They are not coming against the saints with planes, tanks, guns, and all that kind of weaponry. No. God lets them assemble around this city. He lets them go on just like some of these skirmishes and demonstrations we see people involved in today. Just imagine if you can, thousands and thousands wanting to surround Jerusalem and contest the righteous kingdom that the earth has flourished under for a thousand years. They want to bring all of that

to an end. What is the answer to it? God lets them all assemble there. He lets them get to the verge of doing whatever they are ready to try to do: Then, what does the Bible say about it? What happens next is not due to an F-15, nor a cruise missile releasing their strength, but Fire proceeds from God out of heaven and hits that entire assembly, completely liquidating them. This is where supernatural intervention against carnality really cleanses the earth of a lot of perverted minds. This is a little period of time the earth passes through, just prior to reaching God's ultimate goal of having the entire earth rehabilitated. All the geological elements of it are now functioning precisely the way God wants them to.

RESURRECTION OF THE WICKED

Next as we continue on with our message, we see the great white throne setting, where a final judgement takes place. Jesus takes the position invested in Him, with

all the supreme court authority of heaven itself. All the angels of heaven are surrounding this great throne. All the righteous saints are there, sitting, waiting for their cue. This is where, according to the apostle Paul's writing in the Corinthian letter, the saints shall judge the world. They are not only going to assist Him in the judgment of the nations to start the Millennium, which is the judgment of Matthew 25, but they will take part in this last great judgment also. Here is where the evil ones, the wickedness of all the ages are brought before the throne of God to have their sentence pronounced upon them. Every person, man or woman that went into the ground without knowing God or His plan of salvation, will stand there. That is why you find in the 20th chapter, that the sea gave up the dead and so forth. That takes out of the sea, the massive bodies of water of the earth, the body of every evil person that has ever lived, died and been left there. Those evil spirits had a tabernacle of flesh also, just like the righteous have a tabernacle of flesh that God indwells. Every graveyard that still holds a body in it, is holding a body that an evil spirit dwelt in. Why do you say that Bro.

Jackson? Because the bodies of the righteous have all been resurrected at a prior time. What does the scripture say about this resurrection of the wicked? (Rev. 20:12-13)

“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things where were written in the books, according to their works. Rev. 20:18 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.” And death, which is the grave, and hell, he place which still

holds the spirits of the wicked, gave up the dead. When you put that together, what has that done? That does away with hell, regardless of what some may believe. The critics want to condemn Bro. Branham for saying that hell is not eternal. Brothers and Sisters: Hell did have a beginning. The first man that went there was Cain. Nimrod, Pharaoh, Hitler and thousands more who lived and thought like they did are waiting there. When Jesus Christ takes that position to be the final judge, the saints of the ages will be the living jury. Each wicked body that comes up to be reunited with the spirit and soul that dwelt within it when it was alive here on earth, is going to be judged accordingly, and witnessed to by the generation of the righteous that lived accordingly in that hour. Common sense tells you that. Notice, All whose names were not found written in the book of life. That certainly tells you that the book of life is not composed of just one chapter. There had to be righteous souls before the flood. There were definitely righteous souls after the flood. When we come on down through the dispensation of the law, as we move along, God the Creator is

requiring each human being, from the knowledge he has, as to what he knows about how to live, God will require obedience based on that. This is why a man living four thousand years ago, is not going to be judged on the basis of what you and I are judged by. You can forget an idea like that. Even speaking of Noah, the scripture says he was a righteous man in his day, but not necessarily according to our standard of righteousness in this day and hour. The beauty of the whole thing is, the bride of Jesus Christ will know exactly what is required. Therefore knowing that the saints shall judge the world, it means the immortal saints are going to judge every wicked spirit that has oppressed and tormented people through the ages. Not only that, but think of all these evil spirits that have been chained down in that bottomless pit for this entire period of time: Their final judgment will be administered then also. That is when the saints are going to judge angels, which is also in the writings of the apostle Paul. (1st Cor 6:2-3) “Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know

ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?” Whosoever’s name is not found written in the book of life will stand there for that final judgment. Therefore I will say to you, All of those mortal subjects that will multiply upon earth during the Millennium Era will be tested by Satan when he is loosed for that little season, so those that live faithful to God’s wishes, not allowing Satan to influence them, you can be assured that their names are written in the book of life. The book contains a chapter for them that consists of a thousand years. That is why they have to be tested at the end of that Millennium. God knows what each one will do, because of His foreknowledge, but the test still has to be allowed. Not to give any a chance to pollute the planet, but to separate the two groups. Think of it. When death and hell give up the dead, that takes the bodies and the spirits of all the unrighteous out of where they have been held. There is no more righteous spirits coming from heaven. Hell holds captive all the wicked spirits from the beginning of time until that very hour. Therefore when that happens we can say this, At that great white

throne judgment, there is finalized forever the destiny of the wicked and damned that have been held back through the centuries of time. Where are they disposed of? They will not be cast back into hell: They will be cast into the lake of fire for destruction. Let the doctors of divinity come along and scream and fuss if they want to: This is what the word of God teaches. They have preached it their way, just because of one certain illustration where Jesus spoke of where the worm dieth not and the fire is never quenched, believing it means that hell is eternal, that it has no ending. Forever, as used in the New Testament pertains to a period of time; and in now way speaks of eternal. Explain that Bro. Jackson. I will explain it: What do we see over in the book of Hebrews, where the writer is speaking of Christ being high priest? (Heb. 5:5-6) “So also Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee. (6) As He saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.” As the apostle Paul was describing Melchisedec, he who had no father or mother, he that left no descent, we know

Melchisedec was an angel, but it was God using this angelic being to characterize something, both of a King to be, and a Priest. Paul said this, in referring to Christ being taken up and seated upon the right hand of the Father, that He has received a Priesthood forever after the order, or the type of Melchisedec. Doctors of divinity, do not argue with me. Forever, in that sense of the word, is not eternal. The Bible proves that two thousand years ago Jesus ascended, but the Bible proves also that He is coming again in like manner. When He comes again, He will no longer be the mediator between God and man, like He has been for the last two thousand years. He is coming back to earth to be King of all kings, never to be High Priest again, so how can you interpret forever as eternal? It has to pertain to a period of time. I will say though, Since our mortal life span is so short, it is almost like eternity. However we must try to see these scriptural truths for what they really are, lest we be guilty of perverting the word of God.

THE REDEEMED EARTH **- MAN'S LONGEVITY OF** **LIFE RETURNED**

Think of it, man living a thousand years, when our average life span now is about seventy years. Well that is what God had in mind in the beginning, but when Adam and Eve sinned, they had to die before that first day ended, as well as all who have been born since then. The planet has been redeemed during this one day of a thousand years, so longevity returns to everyone that is left. It has been redeemed by the righteous rule and reign of the immortal Christ, the One who bore the sins and reproaches for the whole human race. He bore it in His physical body, and through the offering of His life, we were purchased back to God. This is why it is reading how that God has saved you and I by and through the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not that Jesus the Christ designed the program: He just became obedient to the Father to perfect it. He was not the architect of any of the plan and purpose God has been working out through His creation. The great eternal Spirit (God) was the

architect. What many people are confused about, is the relationship between the Father and the Son when He (the Father) came down and took up abode in the physical body of His Son, so that it was God in the flesh, revealing Himself to those who could understand. We cannot see an invisible God, except He incarnate a body for some specific purpose. When that great white throne judgment is over,)Please do not ask me how long it will last: It will last long enough for all to be judged.) they whose names were not found written in the Lamb's book of life will be thrown into where? The lake of fire. That lake of fire is referred to as perdition. The word perdition means destruction. There is no one there yet. Remember that. There is no one in perdition yet. The lake of fire is waiting for its first victim, just like hell waited for its first victim six thousand years ago. When Cain finally died on the face of this earth, we have to say, Hell is where he had to go, because he was the product of Satan himself. With these thoughts in mind, let us try to realize, There is nothing evident on the planet, because she is getting ready to pass into this era of time when there is the new heaven and

the new earth. Redemption will have brought it to that state of being. We can certainly say we want to be a part of that glorious plan. It is pitiful to think that religion today is so confused, Like for instance the Seventh Day Adventist, (not because they are worse than anybody else) but they have harped for years, that everybody that worship the Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday is doing wrong. That is why we published the article dealing with the eighth day. They did not see in the Old Testament what we talked about, that in that period of God giving the Law to Israel, there were two important aspects of it. There were those things that were mandatory and Israel was bound to observe and fulfill all of them, but there were also those things that pointed to another era. It is found in the book of Leviticus. You read of the eighth day. Right? Also in the book of Ezekiel, you see the eighth day. That is where our early church fathers got the revelation that caused them to choose the first day of the week for worship. Reading those scriptures of the eighth day, they saw how God, through time, would bring things through a Sabbath era, and that is the

Millennium, a time of rest, but we can say this, The Millennium is not the perfect age. The fact that mortal subjects have to be ruled with a rod of iron, and that death is a disciplinary means, lets us know the Millennium has run its course, and the earth is purged of everything that has ever defiled it, and even hell itself is cast into the lake of fire and destroyed, you can say for sure that God is not leaving anything whatsoever that in any way has fallen short of perfection. With hell no longer in the heart of the earth, and everything else that does not meet God's plan of redemption cast into the lake of fire, God has the earth ready to enter into the eternal age. Everything that is cast into the lake of fire is there to eventually be disintegrated. Well Bro. Jackson, I thought people were going to spend eternity suffering. No. That is just the way religious doctors of divinity have portrayed it. Here is something for you to look at: Open your Bible with me, back into the book of Ecclesiastes, where I want to use this scripture to clarify a meaning of what we put in one of the Contenders a few years back. When we said that the man Jesus, who is the Christ, God's anointed

one, did not always exist like your denominational doctors of divinity say He did, a lot of people questioned it, so I want to state again as strongly as I can, that Jesus the Christ did not exist anywhere except in the mind of the Creator before He was conceived by the virgin girl named Mary. The highly educated doctors of divinity both trinity and oneness, refer to the Son of God as though He had a former existence with the Father in creation. That is as wrong as wrong can be: You have to jump over a lot of other scriptures to get an idea like that. There was no need for Him to always be there. That is why, when we talk about the prehistoric era, you read nothing in the scriptures to indicate that God NEEDED ANY HELP. When we go into the book of Ephesians, which is the Genesis of the New Testament, the apostle Paul who had the revelation of how you and I were predestined by the foreknowledge of God, makes it very clear who always was and HE is the only ONE who always was. God the Creator, had no beginning, nor will HE have an ending of days, because HE is ETERNAL in the most extreme usage of the word. We were predestined by the

foreknowledge of God before all time, before the foundation of the world, and we were chosen to be in Christ as a finalized, finished product before there was ever a twinkling little star or anything else, but be assured that only the Creator Himself existed back then. Right there in Ephesians, it tells us that He does everything according to the counsel of His own will. There was nobody there talking with Him! I hope I do not sound like I am angry: I just have to express it this way. In pulpits all over the nation, all over the globe, you will find men standing in what is considered to be a sacred position, with their collar turned backward, and robed in beautiful attire, but their rhetoric of theology is a far cry from the truth of God's word. You can hear them say, Well I see it this way, I believe it is like that, and I say it is this way, but they are only feeding their people a bunch of ideas. They do not even know why certain things are written like they are. I have to say, It is pitiful, that thousands upon thousands of people through the years of time have had to be subjected to this kind of theological concept of God's WORD. When we take that beautiful thought

about the Son of God, let us say this, Before there was ever a star or anything, God had already foreseen how He would create the universe, how He would bring these planets into existence, and as far as the time involved, time could have lasted millions and millions of years before any living thing was ever manifested upon the planet, so only God Himself was there, watching over every minute of what transpired. I can see this great Creator, as He looked upon this planet. I can see the great forest of the west, where the petrified forest is laying on the ground, broken logs, but at one time those giant trees stood upright reaching hundreds of feet into the air, with beautiful foliage on them: I call it the dinosaurs playground. They would eat the leaves off of those huge trees. The giant ferns were growing there also. IN that prehistoric time, there was every kind of life imaginable. There were huge birds that had teeth: They could pick up a sheep and carry it off to the mountain top, eat the flesh from its bones and leave the bones to bleach in the sun. Oh Saints: I am so thankful that we do not have to put up with that type of creatures today. God knew what He

was doing. Every phase of earth, was for a specific purpose that He purposed in His own mind when He counseled with Himself before He ever created anything. Try to imagine your small child out in the yard playing and one of those birds swooping down and carrying it off somewhere, never to be seen again. Wouldn't it be terrible, to have to live like that? That is why I have to say, Thank God, for not having those animals here in our time. He made angels to rule over them, and you see what some of them got into: They ended up in perversion and disgrace, but when God created man, to put here for this time, what does it say in the book of Hebrews about him? It says, (Heb. 2:6) "But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Heb 2:7 Thou madest Him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set Him over the works of thy hands: Heb 2:8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under His feet. For in that He put all in subjection under Him, He left nothing that is not put under Him. But now we see not yet all things put under Him. Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was

made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." You can see, as it goes further and speaks of the Christ again and says, He too was made in the likeness of sinful flesh. For what purpose? Not to rule over an animal kingdom, but to rule over death. He was begotten into this world. God brought Him forth into this world, Him who knew no sin, because He did not have a nature like ours. But after He had fulfilled His hour and delivered the word that God wanted to be delivered to the human race. He became obedient to death, paying the sin debt for all mankind. Let me say this for the benefit of those who need to hear it, The things that Jesus preached were not His own ideas: He spoke only what the Father gave Him to speak. You can see this in the 17th chapter of St. John, when He prayed the last public prayer, saying, Father, I have given unto them thy word and they have believed it. He was talking about His disciples. The works that He did, that was not His idea to do them. He was obedient to His Father in everything He did and taught. Did He not say, I can do

nothing in myself? That is what He was referring to. Critics around the world have criticized me for saying this man Jesus, was more than just a physical body of flesh for the Father to dwell in: I have said this man consisted of a spirit life that came out of the bosom of God, that same way ours did. They say I deny His divinity by saying that. I say, You poor creatures! Where is your mind? That life He was composed of came out of the bosom of God, whose is a divine life. Jesus was not created like you and me. He was begotten, which means the Spirit which is God, moved on that virgin womb and created in it the little cell of life that was born into this world from that very womb. God Himself furnished the sperm and the egg combined, bypassing the egg of the natural woman and the sperm of man, so that He had none of man's fallen genes in Him. I have to speak it like that, so it can be easily understood. God begat it Himself: That is why His life was divine. When He created the cell of life, He created it with the potential that there is a divine life coming from God into that cell, which was to become the beginning of God's only begotten Son. For the first thirty years of His life, He was no

more able to do any kind of miracle than anyone else. He was born as the Son of God. He was born with all the potential to be the manifestation of God Himself, our Emmanuel, or God with us, but the first thirty years of His life He was in most ways like any other boy: He grew up like a man, He walked like a man, He ate like a man. He washed His face. He combed His hair. All these things He did to show He was perfect man. But the life in Him was a divine life. The first thirty years of His life He never did one miracle. When the time came, He went to the Jordan River to be baptized by John: he did not have to resort to any commission, or any committee, about when to go: He knew when to go. He knew every scripture that pertained to who He was, because He was born without sin. His understanding of the scriptures was without limitation. God could speak to Him from the pages of everything written. He knew exactly when to go to the river. That day when He came walking down the river bank and John looked up and cried out, Behold the Lamb of God! Jesus stepped into the water to be baptized. When you pick this up in the last part of the 3rd

chapter of Matthew, and you carry it over into the 3rd chapter of Luke, you see the two settings right there. Here is where the Son of God that has been begotten, and for thirty years has proved Himself to be perfect man who knew no sin, born without sin, yet He is tempted like everyone else. He was tested in every wise as man is, yet He knew no sin. He stepped into the water, John baptized Him because He was to be a sacrifice according to the Law, and all sacrifices had to be washed. Therefore when John dipped Him into the river of Jordan, Jesus, the Lamb of God, the sacrifice to be, was washed, which was a preparatory work for the day He would be hung on the cross. As He came up out of the water, what does the scripture say, The heavens were opened unto Him. Right there, you see Isaiah 40:3-4, looking right at you. There, was a display of the power of Jehovah Himself. Down the streams of this beautiful light came the fluttering of a dove. This was all symbolic, that the Spirit of God in that divine nature was going to take up His abode inside this vessel of clay. An audible voice from the beams of that light, echoed across the river to the multitude, “This is my beloved

Son, in whom I am well pleased.” The Spirit of God entered Him. Immediately Jesus stepped forth from the water. As HE climbed the bank, now that anointing of Jehovah, which is in the fullness of all its divine characteristics for redemption, was in Him. Do you understand what I mean, for redemption? Immediately, that Spirit drove Him into the wilderness, or we can say, Let him. For forty days and forty nights, He never touched a thing to eat or drink. He prayed and agonized. But when that period was over He was very hungry and weak and the devil was right there to tempt Him. Old Satan knew exactly who had been out there all those days and nights, so he lost no time in showing up to tempt Him: If you be the Son of God, do thus and so. Jesus defeated Him on the terms of the written scripture, the same way we have to defeat him. He did not have to prove to the devil that He was the Son of God, nor anything else.. Satan had no right to demand anything from Him. This lets you know how God became manifested to the human race through the person of His Son. I say this, The Son had a life of His own. He consisted of a life, yet critics say,

that I say He was created. I say He was begotten of God. Let God be the Judge. He was not created in the sense you and I were created. We are created by a natural law of reproduction. God bypassed that natural law, because it had been perverted. It now has sin embedded in it. God bypassed that and created, by his own divine act, a cell of life in the womb of a virgin girl, that was the beginning of His only begotten Son. Inasmuch as the begotten Son of God for our era of time, for redemption, was started this way, then here is how we have to start looking at all the scriptures that were written pertaining to Him. From that very moment, we can understand why Jesus would talk like He did, saying, It is not my words, but His that sent me. The miracles I do, it is not me that doeth them, but the Father. They name I have given unto them, heavenly Father. Well we know the name Jesus, is a compound name. It is the family name of the Father, a name the Father has chosen, that His whole family in heaven and earth may be called by. Whether you believe it or not, our last name is Jesus. Do you understand that? That is why there is no other name given among men whereby we

must be saved, than the name Jesus, who is the Christ.

FINAL ESTATE OF THE DEAD

Let us now go to Ecclesiastes. In that lake of fire, that place of perdition, the word itself means a place of destruction. Somewhere, as all these evil spirits and everything is put in there, in the period of time that they are there, there will be a time of extreme pain and suffering. This is the penalty for those people that have been judged, that they will suffer for a period of time, but that suffering is to be brought to an end. Here in the book of Ecclesiastes, it is talking about death, when it comes upon a loved one in the community. We are starting in the 6th verse of the 12th chapter, “Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.” All these are reminiscent of the traditions of the centuries of time, what ancient people have done at a time of death.

Verse 7 is the end. “Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” This lets us know when we say this, that lost mankind is not going to spend eternity, endless ages in a place of torment, just to lay and wail, and wail, and wail. The end purpose of it is, there is the penalty of death. There is the penalty of suffering, but all life that has been projected and brought into existence in this era of time by God the Creator, the life that you are composed of came from God. Otherwise you cannot say He is your heavenly Father. There is only one source of life in this universe. That is God Himself. Angels are spirits. They definitely had a beginning. Many people have the idea that we were all created beings in the presence of God, and He just waited until the century He wanted us to live in, to put us down here on earth. When you preach that, you are destined to end up in a tree when you start talking about serpent seed. I would hate to think I had been created a righteous spirit and had floated around in the realm of God for ages upon ages, then when it was time for Him to send me down here to the earth, He let me come through a physical means

that my physical existence dominates my spirit. I would have to say, Lord, keep me up there. Yes, the first man Adam and Eve were created beings in the presence of God, but serpent seed had not come into the picture at their beginning. Even when God created the body that Adam was put into, serpent seed had not come into the picture yet. Everything is righteous as the plan of God unfolds. When the serpent began to come on the scene though, the law that God had established began to activate. By and through this law, as man and woman begin to propagate themselves, there was an imputed attribute. This imputed attribute will dominate the physical existence of the spirit of life that comes from God by that law of reproduction. I do not believe you ought to get upset and climb a tree when I say it this way. Every man that has been sealed, every man or woman that has been looked upon as redeemed spirit beings in the ages of time, there is a place in the book of life for them.

THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S NEW CREATION

I am thankful that the Bride of Christ has the highest calling of God in Christ Jesus, of any group in the entire world. As I think of this, I think of these verses, and you can write them down if you want to. In Colossians 1:15-18, it refers to Jesus the Christ as being the firstborn. The firstborn, means He is the very beginning of God's new creation, as redemption from Calvary begins to unfold its objective. In Revelation 3:14, John heard this voice behind him speaking. He turned to see who was speaking and you can read what He saw. Then this being began to communicate with him. HE said, I am the beginning of the creation of God. Read it right. He is not the beginning of the creation of the prehistoric world. He is the beginning of the new creation. The new creation, is speaking of the beginning of God doing something new. When we read Revelation 1:5, the introduction by the angel of the Lord, it refers to this man being the faithful witness. Revelation 1:11-19, He who is the faithful witness

saying to John, I am the Alpha and Omega, I am the first and last. If He is the first, He is the first begotten Son of God. He is the firstborn among many brethren. And He is the last. Where do you get that? Go to 1st Corinthians, chapter 15, how god hath delegated unto Him all power and authority to rule and reign until He has put down all authority and power. That is what the Millennium is for. When the last thing is destroyed, which is death itself, that is when it takes out of the earth, out of hell, these wicked spirits and judges them and casts them into the lake of fire. As we have already said, When that takes place there is no more sin left on this planet. What did Paul say about it then? Then shall the kingdom be delivered back up to God the Father. He is the end. Everything has a beginning in redemption, and there is an end to it. That is why He can claim, I am the beginning and the end. He is not pointing you back to the time of the dinosaurs. It just thrills my heart to know that God can take an uneducated mind and cause His Word to come together in such a beautiful picture as we are seeing. It is like a picture of a beautiful red rose. Hebrews 1:6, He is the first

begotten. All these verses point to Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God, Him who holds the investment, or the embodiment of everything that God is. He, the Son has exemplified this by being here three years and a half. I have delivered unto them thy word. I finished the works you sent me to do. I have given unto them thy name, and they have kept thy name. Then he said, on the cross, It is finished! I see in Jesus Christ my Savior, the very beginning of what I am part of, when He has accomplished all of it: That is why you and I are going to spend a thousand years with Him, finishing this thing up. When death no longer is evident on this earth, that means God, through Him, has finished redeeming the earth. He has redeemed Him a family of people, who through the various ages have overcome every evil device the devil could throw against them. I am thankful for the victory we have in Jesus Christ, because God has purchased us through Him, His only begotten Son. IN St. John 7:28-29, we find these words, “Then cried Jesus in the temple as He taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but He

that sent me is true, whom ye know not. But I know Him: for I am from Him, and He hath sent me.” Let us go right on over to St. John 16, now. All along the way as the multitude followed Him, He never came out and told them in plain words, how to understand the great mystery, but here, he comes to a point, knowing His hour is just about ready. In the 25th verse, we find this, “These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I am come forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again I leave the world, and go to the Father.” He came as the Spirit of life into that little fetus that grew, and was born just like all the rest of us, but from its origin to its conception, and then to its birth, there was a divine objective behind the whole thing. That was the beginning of the Word of God. Try to understand, as I have to say something like this, that we

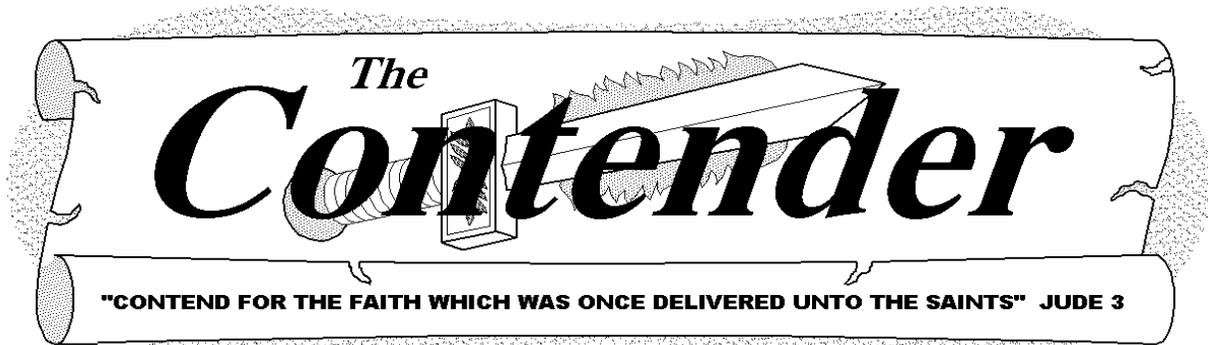
understand by faith, according to the book of Hebrews, that God created all things by His Word. Do you mean He sent Jesus Christ to do this? Not at all. Before there was a Jupiter, there was a Creator. Before there was an explosion, there was this Creator. If God had not been the author of that explosion, there would have never been an explosion. We must understand that. If God designed a plan in His mind before the foundation of the world, I have to say, He did not need a laboratory to experiment with. He first devised everything in His mind, so in the beginning was His mind, His thought, and His word was His thoughts expressed. If it is in your mind, it can be called you, until it is separated from your mind and your thoughts go into action. You can say in your mind, and it is settled once and for all, I am going to build a new house. It takes your own mind to think that. That is your word, because it is a thought, it originates from you. As long as that thought remains in your intellect, it is you. I cannot see it any other way. When you set those thoughts in motion, to accomplish whatever they pertain to, in our case they require a blueprint on paper, but not

in God's case. Then you hire the people to do the work. Once the thought is separated from your being, there is your word in action. It is evident. When you look up and see the little star twinkling at night, that is God's Word expressed. Do not tell me Jesus Christ was God's WORD for creation: He is the Word of God for redemption. That is the only way we can understand it, to have it come out right. Yes saints, before all time, everything there is in this universe now or ever, was first designed by the intellect, the great mind of God. That is why it says in Ephesians 1, we were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. The writer said it so beautifully, how God did this, after the counsel of His own will, for His good pleasure. Do not argue with God. He can do anything He has purposed to do, at any time that fits His plan. You can say, That is not right, but where is your proof? God can just say, Shut up, I am the Master. I am so thankful He is a wonderful, loving heavenly Father, that is always watching over His seed, to protect and provide for them. He allows us to see that He has not done anything foolishly, without a perfect plan. When Jesus went back

to the Father, He did not go back just as a substance of life: He went back as the full, materialized Word, the begotten Son of God. He had come into this world, grew into manhood, preached the word of His Father, tasted of sin and death for every one of us, and He has been raised from the grave to immortality, and now sits at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for all who are willing to come to God by His provided way. That is why I can say, If you want to know what He looks like, look at Him in Revelation 4, and you see. You do not see two thrones there either, do you? You do not see but one profile of a man, and that is the immortal Christ. All this rainbow, and all these other stones, these reflections, just go to show that the embodiment of the supernatural God, the Father of all creation, has invested His authority and attributes into this obedient Son until such time as He (the Son) has finished all He came into the world to accomplish. There, He has sat for two thousand years, fulfilling that one office, but one day soon, this immortal Christ will step forth from that throne to fulfill another investment of authority and power. He first becomes our

Bridegroom: Then He becomes our King, and we become kings and priests with Him.. Then when you go to St. John 17:4-17, you can read His prayer to the Father that constitutes the whole reason why He was here. It starts in the 4th verse, I have glorified thee on the earth, I have finished the work you gave me to do. What was the work of Jesus? The miracles He did, the things He did to show the power of God in demonstration. Did He not feed the five thousand with the five loaves and two fishes? Did He not, at the wedding of Cana in Galilee, change plain water into wine? ON and on these things He did can go. He did not get up at morning and say, Well now, let me see here, I think I will do such and such today. He never thought like that. He got up each morning as the man He was, as the Son of God He was, ready to do whatever the Father showed Him to do. He was perfect in His intelligence and attitude, but He did not go about to do His own thing: He was fully dependent on Him that had taken up His abode in Him at the Jordan River that day, knowing that there was something in Him, something greater yet, that was using His vessel. That is why He could start out in any morning

and before the day was over, He had absolutely done untold numbers of miracles, from one end of Galilee to the other, having planned none of them Himself. As He prayed His last prayer, (I have manifested thy name) that tells us of the threefold purpose He was on earth to fulfill. He did the works, He manifested the name, and gave the people the Word of God, without a bunch of theology. What a beautiful picture! Amen.



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