

## ***NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS***

*an historical account of one man's walk with God*

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Boldly declaring the **new things** of Isaiah 42:9 and the **greater things** of John 14:12 in this generation

### **RESTORATION OF MAN AND THE EARTH Part Four**

Jesus instructed His disciples to pray as recorded in the sixth chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Here are fourteen words from that model prayer, "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."<sup>1</sup> All we need to do is look around at the activities of man on the earth and wonder about the validity of that prayer. But on the other hand, if Jesus instructed His disciples to pray that prayer, obedience will enforce it's validity and it will occur.

Before we explore how and when He will establish His will on the earth as it is in heaven, you need to know that things will grow worse. They will grow much worse, if you believe biblical prophecy, particularly as found in the book of Revelation, for example. The last three and one-half years of the Tribulation, called The Great Tribulation, is when unprecedented destructive events will occur on the earth.<sup>2</sup> Great disturbances will also occur in the sun, the moon and the stars.<sup>3</sup>

For that reason nothing will be a surprise to the Lord and should not be a surprise to serious students of bible prophecy. One of the problems in interpreting bible prophecy is timing. In this regard, the Lord once said to me, "Theologians present alternatives. Revelation presents solutions." You may insert "serious bible students" in the place of "theologians" in that statement and do no harm to that truth.

Here is something to allay the concerns or the fears of believers. In Revelation 4:1 it is recorded that "**a door was opened in heaven.**" That's the rapture of the church **at the beginning of the seven-year Tribulation.** In Revelation 19:11 it is recorded that, "**I saw heaven opened.**" That's the return of the Lord to the earth **at the end of the seven-year Tribulation** with His resurrected/raptured church to rule and reign for the Millennium. *These are the only two places in the book of Revelation that mention heaven was opened.* The first opening was at the beginning of the Tribulation, the second opening was at the end of the Tribulation as recorded in the book of Revelation. This means that the church,

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<sup>1</sup>Matthew 6:10.

<sup>2</sup>On two different occasions one-fourth and an additional one-third of the earth's population will be destroyed. Either way you do the math sequentially, one-half of the world's population will be destroyed during The Great Tribulation. See Revelation 5:8 and 9:15-18.

<sup>3</sup>See Revelation 6:12-17.

except for Tribulation saints, to include those martyred for refusing to worship the image of beast or to take his mark on their right hand or forehead, will be in heaven for the seven-year Tribulation. While they are there, they will be busy. The judgment seat of Christ will take place, the bride will be married to the Bridegroom followed by the wedding feast after which His bride will be trained for the positions she (they) will have for Armageddon and during the Millennium.

Resurrection of the Tribulation saints, to include those martyred during the tribulation, will occur at the Second Coming at the end of the Tribulation. These saints will join those who return with Christ to rule and reign with Him for a thousand years.<sup>4</sup>

What we will do in this letter is explore the revelations given to Me by the Lord<sup>5</sup> in the light of biblical prophecy and see if we can arrive at a conclusion. If you have never done this, it's a fun thing to do and that is a mild description.

What you will read in this letter will be new to you. But it will be in line with the "new things" of Isaiah 42:9 as revealed to Me by the Lord.

Fasten your seat belts!

The three Gospel narratives record that the hypocritical Sadducees<sup>6</sup> presented Jesus with this dilemma: One of seven brothers married and died with no offspring.<sup>7</sup> His widow married the second brother who likewise died without children and also the third through the seventh. In the resurrection whose wife of the seven will she be? The answer Jesus gave is recorded in parallel passages in the three Gospel Narratives. Matthew's account reads, "You are mistaken, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God, for in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, **but are like the angels of God.**"<sup>8</sup> Mark's account

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<sup>4</sup>See Revelation 20:4.

<sup>5</sup>Intellectual research (study) of bible prophecy with regard to timing may lead to erroneous conclusions whereas the same research done as the result of a prophetic word received from the Holy Spirit will always accurately confirm bible truth or true knowledge, since revelation is the source of true knowledge.

<sup>6</sup>The reason the Sadducees were hypocrites is, while they did not believe in the resurrection, they asked Jesus a question, the answer of which was dependent on belief in the resurrection.

<sup>7</sup>The law of Moses allowed a woman married to a man who died with no children, to marry his brother to produce offspring that would bear the name of the deceased brother so that his name would not be blotted out of Israel. (See Deuteronomy 25:5-10).

<sup>8</sup>Matthew 22:29, 30.

reads “but are **like angels in heaven.**”<sup>9</sup> Luke’s account reads, “they are **equal to the angels and are sons of God.**”<sup>10</sup>

In his first letter, the apostle John wrote concerning ourselves as children of God, “. . . it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know when He (the Lord Jesus) is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.”<sup>11</sup>

The obvious conclusion is that resurrected and raptured believers will have bodies like the angels and Jesus. You will recall that the resurrected Jesus was no longer flesh and blood, but flesh and bones. After His resurrection, He placed His own blood on the mercy seat in the third heaven<sup>12</sup> and sat down at the right hand of the Father. At that time, He was given all authority in heaven and earth.<sup>13</sup>

Thereafter, over a forty-day period of time, Jesus, in His new resurrected body, appeared to His disciples on the earth at least twelve different times. On one of those occasions Jesus suddenly appeared in the midst of the eleven and two disciples from Emmaus. They were terrified and supposed Jesus was a spirit. After He calmed them down so they all wouldn’t split for unknown destinations, He said to them, “Why are you troubled (frightened)? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I, Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.” He then in their presence ate a piece of broiled fish and a piece of honeycomb.<sup>14</sup>

Notice that Jesus said He was not a spirit, but flesh and bones since His blood had been placed on the Mercy Seat in the third heaven.

From these facts we learn:

(1) Resurrected/raptured believers will have bodies like the angels.

(2) Resurrected/raptured believers will have a body like that of Jesus.

(3) Resurrected/raptured believers with bodies like Jesus and the angels will no longer be subject to physical laws but will be governed by higher spiritual laws.

(4) The life of Jesus and all resurrected/raptured believers will be in the Spirit, instead of the blood as is the case with believers on the earth in physical form.

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<sup>9</sup>Mark 12:25.

<sup>10</sup>Luke 20:36.

<sup>11</sup>1 John 3:2.

<sup>12</sup>Hebrews 9:12.

<sup>13</sup>See Matthew 28:18-20.

<sup>14</sup>See Luke 24:36-43. Notice that His life was then and is now in the Spirit for He was not then nor is He now subject to physical laws but to superior spiritual laws. He has the capacity to instantly disappear from and reappear to normal eyesight unrestricted by anything physical such as a physical wall, while having the capability to ingest physical food.

(5) Both Jesus in His present form and resurrected/raptured believers will have bodies of flesh and bones governed by spiritual laws and will be able to then visualize (appear) and vanish (disappear from visual sight) and eat or ingest physical food as do human beings whose life is in their blood.

Now let’s examine specifically what God for millennia has been up to in order to completely establish His will on the earth as it is in heaven.

As I have previously written, God does it right the first time. He doesn’t have to practice to get it right. This rule, of course, applies to the pre-Adamic earth over which Lucifer and his angels ruled.

Lucifer was an anointed cherub, full of wisdom, perfect in beauty and perfect in his ways, with God’s seal of perfection.<sup>15</sup> He was God’s prized creation among the heavenly hosts and was created to rule the earth.

The earth, over which Lucifer was given authority to rule, was also perfect, as was the earth restored to the same perfection over which Adam and Eve were given authority to rule under God’s direction.<sup>16</sup>

When Lucifer committed iniquity, he and his angels were deposed by God. The pre-Adamic earth was then destroyed – was completely obliterated in God’s fierce anger.<sup>17</sup> God then began a plan to reestablish another perfect earth, as well as replacements for Lucifer and his angels, to govern it.

However, God was faced with a dilemma. The angelic hosts were originally created in perfect number **as a finished completed work.** God, therefore, by the authority of His previously spoken word, was prevented from **creating** a replacement for Lucifer and his angels. Lucifer knew that. He also knew that the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.<sup>18</sup> Lucifer then reasoned that God could do nothing about his rebellion. **And he was right! There was nothing God could do about immediate replacements for him and his angels!** But Lucifer overlooked one thing: **Iniquity negates God’s calling and election – for angelic beings and human beings – both then and now!** He also overlooked the fact that the Creator is smarter than His creation. God, by the authority of His own previously spoken word, was prevented from **creating** replacements for Lucifer and his angels

Lucifer’s rebellion, however, did not catch God by surprise although he thought otherwise. In time, God’s plan would prove that Lucifer **was only fifty percent right. Immediate replacements were impossible, but long term**

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<sup>15</sup>See Ezekiel 28:12 (b) -15.

<sup>16</sup>The specific way they were to rule is covered in my letter No. 111 dated October 15, 2008.

<sup>17</sup>See Jeremiah 4:26.

<sup>18</sup>See Romans 11:29.

**replacements were inevitable.**

From the moment of Lucifer's rebellion, God began to plan for replacements to rule the earth. These replacements would out of necessity have to be on the same order as was Lucifer and his angels **or God's original plan would not have been perfect.** Prevented by His own previously spoken words to **create** replacements, God had to devise another plan.

That plan, the completion of which was delayed for millennia, was this: God would send His only Son to earth to give His life as a ransom for mankind. This sacrifice was necessitated by the failure of Adam. Although Adam was created to fail (about which I have previously written in letter No. 111), it was the only way to replenish the earth and provide a solution to replicate God's original perfect plan to rule the earth. God's Son would have to be born of woman, since that was forever established as the method of replenishing the earth through Adam and Eve. The Son would out of necessity have to be in the form of a human being in the exact similitude of Adam. He would have to die and be resurrected with the body of an angel and recruit followers, whose bodies would be exactly like His at birth and exactly like His in resurrection. Those followers with resurrected/raptured bodies like the angels would become angelic support for the Son to rule the earth for a thousand years, just for starters!

After the thousand years reign, God's Chosen Replacement for Lucifer would then destroy His fallen nemesis and his evil support system forever. All of that was planned after Lucifer's iniquity.

We have no way to measure (1) the time it took God to create the original pre-Adamic earth and its furnishings nor (2) the time Lucifer ruled the earth prior to his fall, nor (3) the time from the destruction of the pre-Adamic earth to the refurbishing of the Adamic earth as recorded beginning in Genesis 1:3. For that reason the total of these three time-frames could be any estimate you might choose up to millions or billions of years.

We have biblical records which indicate the time, beginning with Adam, to the present, to be a little less than 6000 years. With knowledge revealed to me by the Lord, I can assure you that the rapture of the church will occur in this generation. Many believers living today will not die but will be raptured. We are that close to the seven year Tribulation. Add to that the Millennial reign of Christ and his angels and you get approximately 7000 years, after which, at the Great White Throne judgment, Satan and his evil followers will be destroyed forever.

What that means is this: As these things transpire, beginning with Adam's sin, it will have taken God about 7000 years to produce replacements for His original team to rule the earth and destroy Satan and his evil support system. This delay was caused by the fact that when God creates, He speaks into existence Truth that governs His creation which

may not be rescinded, modified nor altered in any way whatsoever. He must live with His previously spoken words of creation **as a finished work**. This has necessitated the delay in replicating His original plan to govern the earth through Christ and those who return with Him at His Second Coming at the end of the Tribulation.

Now lets fill in some of the blank spaces in this story. There will need to be a large number of angels to support Christ's ruling the earth during the Millennium and thereafter. Here is the way that will happen:

As you read these words, the Lord himself is training super apostles who will be fully equipped, anointed, commissioned and sent armed with John 14:12. They will be empowered to do all the works Jesus did during His visible ministry as well as the works neither Jesus nor His first apostles could do. Their ministry will "mushroom" world wide into the greatest harvest of souls ever. Here are the reasons why: First, miracles engender faith. Next, imagine one of those super apostles performing the works (miracles) in the D/FW Metroplex that Jesus did about 2000 years ago with television cameras beaming the event live to TV sets and cell phones in cities, towns and villages around the world. Those miracles will engender faith and become the source of a massive harvest prior to the rapture of the church. Faithful pastors will need to have multiple services just to take care of the crowds.

The number of angels produced by the resurrection and the following rapture of the church will almost equal to the perfect number of angels created and assigned to Lucifer originally. Here is the way the remaining number will be completed during the Great Tribulation:

The Great Tribulation is when Satan, the beast and the false prophet will literally control the earth. Everyone will be required to have the mark of the beast on their forehead or their right hand in order to buy or sell. Those who will not worship the image of the beast will be beheaded. Here is how the additional angels will be produced to bring the total to the exact perfect number originally assigned to Lucifer. The following prophetic words were given to the apostle John by the Lord Jesus while John was banished to (imprisoned on) Patmos Island by the Roman emperor Dominican "for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ."

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

"And they cried with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?'

"Then a white robe was given to each of them, and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, **until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was**

completed.”<sup>19</sup>

The moment the soul is beheaded that will bring the number of resurrected/raptured saints **up to the exact number** God originally created as angels in support of Lucifer, that will trigger the return of Christ to the earth with His angels to do a number of things that will include ruling with Him for the Millennium. This is the exact way God’s perfect plan to rule the earth will be replicated some seven thousand years after the failure of Adam.

The New Testament reveals that only at His Second Coming will Jesus have authority over angels – **over His angels.**<sup>20</sup> The following eight excerpted New Testament references support God’s method of replacing Lucifer and his angels with the Lord Jesus and His angels to rule the earth beginning with His Second Coming:

#### The Second Coming

(1) “For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father **with His angels** . . . .” (Matt. 6:27)

(2) “After the Tribulation . . . . the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven . . . . **And He will send His angels** with a great sound of a trumpet . . . .” (Matt.24:29-31).

(3) “. . . . before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ **with all His saints.**” (1 Thess.3:12,13).

#### Great White Throne Judgment

(4) “Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. **The Son of Man will send out His angels** . . . .” (Matt. 13:40, 41).

#### Other References

(5) “To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father,** to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.” (Rev. 1:6).

(6) “**And have made us kings and priests to Our God;** and we shall reign on the earth.” (Rev. 5:10). This scripture and the one in item (5) above describes areas of authority given to His ruling saints.

(7) “Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, **have authority over ten cities.** And the second came saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned five minas.’ Likewise he said to him ‘**You also be over five cities.**’” (Luke 19: 17, 18). This scripture enforces the concept of each resurrected/raptured saint

being given a specific assignment in the world government headed by the Lord Jesus.

(8) “Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, ‘**Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,** to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way . . . .’” (Jude 14-16). “**Ten thousands**” is a plural indefinite number. The exact number will be set when the last saint will be beheaded at the close of the Great Tribulation!

#### Comments

Notice that those of us who will rule and reign with Christ are described as angels, saints, kings and priests. All are “saints and angels” but “kings and priests” are further descriptions of authority delegated to specific individuals (angels) by King Jesus at the beginning of the Millennium.

Jesus said, “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”<sup>21</sup> *Think that through.* This emphasizes the importance of those of us who are born (again) into the kingdom, while on the earth as followers of Christ, who will rule the earth under His authority!

Now you may understand these words the Lord said to me the morning of July 26, 2008: “**Once the pattern established by Lucifer on the pre-Adamic earth is understood, all of My activities thereafter may be understood.**”

You may now understand also more clearly these words He said to me on September 26, 2008: “**You cannot overemphasize the fact that one must hear what I say in order to understand what I said.**” Everything I write now has been birthed by spoken (rhema) words of the Lord. He has taught me as I have learned to take time to listen to Him. Faith comes by hearing.

All praise, glory and honor be to Him throughout all eternity!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

from Jim & Dale

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<sup>19</sup>See Revelation 6:9-11.

<sup>20</sup>In the one incident, during the earthly ministry of Jesus, that He spoke of summoning angels to His aid, Jesus said that He could pray the Father and He (the Father) would send the angels. This means that the angels would come under the Father’s authority, not under the authority of Jesus. See Matthew 28:53.

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<sup>21</sup>Matthew 11:11.