

REVELATION RESEARCH (PART TWO), CHAPTERS 14-21

A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR C.K.C. CLASS ON THE APOCALYPSE FALL SEMESTER- 2009 A.D. (OF OUR LORD).

This is the third semester for the class of 2008-2009. The first semester covered Chapters 1-7, the second covered 8-13 (with an emphasis of the last two sessions dealing with a power point presentation of The Destruction of Jerusalem presented in response to the request of some of the students), and the third will cover 14-21.

The first semester requirement was a production of detailed notes by the credited student along with a research paper on one of the topics given by Jesus through John. The second semester required answers to 165 questions on the submitted classroom presentation of the text of the Apocalypse. This last semester will follow the same classroom plan for the credit-earning student. The Revelation chapter and verse will be given on the left hand margin and the question will follow.

- 1) 14:1 Why is this vision one of the most pleasing sights in the universe?
- 2) Are these the same 144,000 we saw in Chapter 7? Explain.
- 3) Why is mention made of the fact that the Name of Christ's Father is written in their foreheads?

Explain the difference between the forehead symbolism of 13:16 and this verse.

- 4) 14:3 What is the new song?
- 5) Compare Rev. chap.7 with 14.

Notice the seal, the numerical significance of 144,000, the Name given on the forehead, and that it is a NEW name.

How did they learn a NEW song that was similar to the song of Moses and the Lamb at the Red Sea? Why were they previously strangers to the true sense and spirit of this song before meeting the Lamb of Mt. Zion?

Compare also the location of Mt. Zion and THE Lamb, the TRUE Lamb, the Lamb of God.

Compare with the counterfeit lamb of 13:11.

How were they redeemed from the earth?

Romans 8:10-35 gives copious information that redemption is yet to come for the New Covenant Kingdom Congregation. How can it be that 14:4 portrays the 144,000 as being in the presence of the Lamb (Chap. 7 also portrays the same) and redeemed (past tense) from the earth?

Is there plain evidence of a special redemption here? Matthew Henry refers to a “special redemption” in this text but he does give information on how it could be. He simply says, “They were distinguished from others”.

- 6) How are they first fruits? (See I Cor. 15: 20). For the harvest to be over what three things must happen?

If there are first fruits, what logically follows?

Can we see these three things in the Rev. 7 and 14 thesis? Explain.

How can the 144,000 be virgins?

There was no “guile” in their speech. They had universal, eternal integrity. They did not speak one cunning, shrewd, sly, soulish clever or wily word from the point of their redemption and henceforth forever. Controlling our speech is the hardest discipline in the world. How did they do it?

Are they all babies or children? Are they simply upright and moral souls or spiritual virgins? Are they married, but undefiled because they only had intimate relations with their spouse (Heb 13:3-4). What would following the Lamb continuously have to do with this? (14:4) Where is the only place in the universe that a person can literally commit adultery or fornication?

Why are God and the Lamb mentioned here?

How can these (if they be Old Testament souls in keeping with the chapter 7 context) be without fault before the Holy throne of God?

Are they in the actual presence of God whereby they can see His Holy Face?

Trick question.

- 7) How does the multitude of those on earth (14:6) compare with the white robed throng of Rev. 7?

How is the Gospel everlasting? How does the example of the 144,000 teach those who hear the Gospel Evangel (14:6-7) to fear God and give glory to Him?

Why is judgment eminent after the transaction of the 144,000 is finally terminated?

If God can keep a creation covenant with the heaven, earth, sea and inland waters can He keep a salvation covenant with the people of the book?

14:8 How does Babylon compare to the Seventh Seal of 8:1 in the order of harvest?
How does the sharp sickle of 14:18 fit the image of the three-stage harvest?

14:6 Compare the angel of the everlasting Gospel with the angels of the congregations in Revelation 2-3?

What kind of difficulties would we be faced with if this were a reference to one personal angelical being?

In Hermeneutics we study personification, characterization and synecdoche. The kings of Tyre and Sidon are represented as Lucifer or Satan. Even the virgin who was to conceive to Ahab and have a male child is a prophetic synecdoche of the Christ child.

Since Angels are nowhere assigned to preach the Gospel, then whom does this Angel characterize. What does the word "Angel" mean?

What does Paul mean when he said, "We have this treasure in earthen vessels?"

How does this truth fit the great commission?
Is the great commission in all four Gospels? Explain.

What has the evangelist, and evangelism done to Papal Rome?

14:7 Why does idolatry creep into the congregation when the Gospel ceases to be preached?

Is there any other God than the ONE who created the worlds?

14:8-9 Notice the order of threes in Revelation. One Angel follows the other. If the first angel was a synecdoche, then would it not follow that the next three evangelists are of the I Timothy 4:1-6 model who are compelled to reprove, rebuke, admonish and adjudicate the apostasy with longsuffering and doctrine.

What did the preaching of the Protestant Revolt and Restoration Gospel of the 18th -19th. Century do to Babylon?

What famous debate in Cincinnati Ohio took place, January 1837 between a leading Babylonian scholar and a Restoration scholar in 1826? Who were the participants? After the debate what title did Reformation Historians bestow upon the Restoration scholar?

What are the seven heads (Rev. 13:1, 18:9) upon which the Babylonian Whore sits?

Spiritually speaking a city is called Sodom and Egypt for wickedness and cruelty and Babylon for pride and idolatry. What city is known by all three designations?

The greater the wickedness, the greater the fall. Why does God need Babylon?
How does Babylon serve God's purpose?

Is Babylon a future entity yet to be dealt with?

What institution has been employed by the Dragon to be the greatest opponent of New Covenant Christianity in history?

Is the judgment of Babylon of 14:6 the same as the end of the world in 14:10?

Daniel refers to the Roman apostasy as being "shaken until the end". How does this figure into the picture of judgment?

Is Babylon as great a threat to the New Covenant Kingdom today as she was, say in 666 A.D.?

- 8) The judgment of 14:9-12 is very severe. How do we know that 14:11 is divine retribution?

How long is the punishment of 14:11 to last

Does the fact that 14:11 is apocalyptic inscription lessen the severity and length of the punishment?

Why is Babylon held to a more severe punishment and greater accountability before the throne of God?

- 9) Why does the second angel's prediction of the fall of Babylon follow the prediction of the proclamation of the world wide Gospel of the first angel?

- 10) How does the statement "What God has foreordained and foretold shall be done as certainly as if it were done already" figure into these events?

11) Babylon will drink of the wine of the wrath of God. The word “Orogos” is used of God’s wrath. What does this mean?

12) 14:9-10 The downfall of Babylon is predicted. Would persecuted Christians down through the ages know who Babylon is?

Do some scholars believe that no such institution has ever existed to the present?

Do some scholars teach that there will rise some day in the far off future such an institution as is described by John’s pen as being Babylon?

If such an institution has never existed for the 2000 years that believers have been reading Revelation what can be said about the practical, sensible and useful character of the book so far as John was addressing covenant believers and witnesses who were being persecuted, imprisoned and subject to the most cruel and unusual torture and death known throughout all history?

13) Give a brief explanation of the word “Inquisition”.

Why would millions of souls obstinately adhere to an institution after the Lord has predicted its downfall?

What is the only attitude that a soul (that still has hope) should have toward Babylon? (18:4)

14) What does the expression “drink deep of the wine of God’s wrath” mean?

Fermented wine will intoxicate and render the physical senses dull and void. Does the wine of wrath affect the spirit and soul as well?

15) Who will inflict this punishment? (2 Thess. 1:5-7).

16) 14:12- Patience must be exercised before it can be rewarded. The class of people in this verse is very special. Although millions of Covenant Christians will be rewarded, why is the group in this verse given special rank and honor?

17) What does the expression “I will put a division between Israel and Egypt” mean?

(Ex. 8:23) What do the plagues of retribution have to do with this division in both the Exodus and Revelation teachings on retribution such as Chapters 9 and 16?

18) Babylon teaches people to sin, they draw off God's people to follow them and they are responsible for the false doctrine that we encounter every day, every month and all yearlong. Although there is false doctrine in all of the world's religions, how can we trace such heresy either directly or indirectly to the apostasy of Religious Rome?

19) In the context of Babylon being "drunk with the blood of saints" (Daniel says She "wear out the saints") how does (14:13) fit the context?

How does "henceforth" in the text delineate the difference between death in the Old Testament and death in the New?

Jesus told John to "write". Why was it so important to the Lord for John (and the rest of the Apostles) to write these things in a record book?

How does this verse influence the context that began in this chapter (14:1)?

How would you interpret this verse (14:13) in preaching a funeral?

Why could this verse not be preached for just anybody's (even church members) funerals?

What were the people doing the day they died?

How do a Christian's works follow him?

20)-14:17 The angel of the avenging sharp sickle is ready to act. Why is the angel of the altar particularly interested in his using the sickle immediately (? When you answer, remember the problem we had in 6:9.

Is there a difference in the work of the temple angel (v.15) and the altar angel?

14:14 One of the avenging angels looks like Christ. The other two are so vitally linked to the first that they act as one. The Thessalonians 1:8 gives a general depiction of Christ coming with His holy angels. How does this verse give more detail to this awe inspiring portrayal?

How many designated angels are there in 14:15-19?

How did we exegete the meaning of the temple in Rev. chapter 11?

From this context who is most desirous for Christ to execute judgment?

Why did Jesus know that John was interested in this final judgment?

Should every Christian be interested in judgment? In Psalms 119, David expresses interest in God's divine judgments 18 times (verses 13, 20, 30, 39, 43, 52, 62, 75, 102, 106, 108, 120, 137, 156, 160, 164, 175 with Psalms 89:14) Who is not interested in judgments? (Pro. 28:5) Why?

Why do we desire to see the wrath of God falling?

How like Simeon is he who can say, "Let thy servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen thy salvation!"

21) Christ is coming in the clouds, yet there is only one "white cloud" in 14:14. Could this be a reference to Acts 1:9? Explain.

Who is the only angel with a crown on His head?

Who is the King of angels?

Explain this the light of Hebrews 1:6,13.

22) Why does your professor teach the judgment of Matthew 13:41,49 is a perfect counterpart to 14:15-20?

23) Why is the earth reaped in 14:16 but the “winepress was trodden without the city” in verse 20?

Why is winepress wrath mentioned in 19-20 and not in verse 16?

There are two figures given, the first is the harvest of first fruit plucking, second fruit plucking and then the burning of stubble, and secondly, there is the treading of the grapes and the hyperbole of the juice flowing from the vat like a flood covering a circumference of 200 miles and a depth of six feet.

Explain the use of hyperbole to illustrate reality?

How does sin and sinners ripen unto this awful place of divine indignation?

GET READY FOR THE BOWLS OF WRATH

I am wordless to describe the wonder of God’s apocalyptic journalism. There is nothing in all the world’s literature that can compare with the amazing organization and parallels of subject matter in Revelation. The hand of God’s pen moves smoothly from one of the seven parallels to the other. The Lord tacks this book on to the other 65 books of inspiration and yet all of the foremost subjects of the entire Bible are alluded to in some facet of the book’s content. When a new subject is introduced the Spirit leads John into a new vision and as the curtain rolls to both side of the stage signs and symbols are remarkably displayed. The book is so sense staggering you could spent a life time uncovering new parallels, new numerical groupings, new analogies to Old and New Testament prophecies and new sections and themes within sections. The book is also breath taking as it grabs hold of our spirit and soul in apocalyptic literature what plain scripture could not do in quite the same manner.

“Is filled up” (15:1). The angels do not receive the vials until vs. 7, but here it is as if they already have them. Why is this?

“Is filled up”- is a remarkable statement that can only be said by an Omniscient God.. Explain the phrase, “The prophetic past is as good as the future?”

How sure is the prophetic word?

Until the Lord’s coming, there are no more plagues after these. Chap. 18 brings all of the plagues to an end with the fall of Babylon. Why does this institution bring all that is wrong in the universe to an end?

In regard to all of the plagues mentioned in this Book why is this institution mentioned last?

In Daniel's vision (7:5) under what symbol did he see the worst enemy God's people ever faced at the date of his vision?

Daniel saw in a vision an anti-messiah force, represented by a symbol that expressed danger and threat to God's people in the immediate future. What was that symbol and what did it represent? (Dan. 8:9, 23)

Daniel saw a symbol in (7:11, 20-21) that expressed a danger to God's people in the long range future. What was that symbol? What did it represent?

Compare Daniel's visions with John's vision of Babylon?

What did Daniel think of his congregation's present?

What did John think of his?

What did Daniel think of his congregation's future?

What did John think of his?

What conditions were Daniel's people experiencing?

What of John's people?

How successful were their enemies?

What of John's enemies?

Daniel foresaw 3 events affecting the enemy? What are they? What 3 events affects (Dan. 11:45,7:19-21, 26)

John's (Rev.11:13, 19:20-24
20:12-14)

What one historical event affects Judaism only? It is mentioned by Daniel and Jesus but not by John. What is it? (Mt. 12:25, Luke 21:20).

How many times would the Old Testament Temple be made desolate? (Dan. 8:13, 9:27)

The Preterist find a lot of Scripture to validate their claim that much of the New Testament prophecy's events that are already past. But why do they have a hard time proving this from Revelation?

Here, we have an interlude, or a pause from the intensity of what John wrote (14:13) and a preparatory vision of the pouring out of the seven bowls of God's final wrath.

24)–15:1 Why are we about to be introduced to seven angels and not five, or fifty?

25) What is the difference between the seven bowls of wrath and the seven trumpets in chapter 8?

26) Why are these called “last plagues” (15:1). The trumpets are not called last plagues.

27) Are Babylon's sins filled up at this time?

28) What two things did John see in 15:2?

What does the symbol, “Sea of glass” mean?

On the edge of the Red Sea, Israel played music on timbrels, here they have harps of God. Explain.

The captain of our salvation (Rom. 8:37) has a song like Moses and Israel sang in Ex. 15. Explain.

How does Isaiah 12 foretell this song?

How is the Red Sea and subsequent events a type of Christianity and the trials it faces after immersion and especially the beast, false prophet and Babylon? Compare with I Cor. 10.

The people of god always have trials and enemies- The enemy is always defeated

The Red Sea Enemy

Those of New Testament witness hated by the beast--
So Noah and family opposed by the world-
Christians opposed by Judaism, fled to Pella-
The pillar of fire stood between them and Pharaoh-
The enveloping and covering of the cloud-
The Lord of clouds and fire
Catch up His people into clouds of heaven
Song led by Moses and Miriam

The 144,000 learned the song quickly

The Red Sea Victory

The last vial poured out on the beast
-The deluge destroys all
-Titus Vespasian destroys Judaism
-Fire of purification and the world
-The congregation versus the world
-Coming in clouds and flaming fire
-Destroy wicked with flaming fire
-The Lamb is a song leader (14:3)

-The Gentiles learn it over a lifetime.

29) What is the song of Moses and the Lamb? (15:3)

30) -15:3 In the context of the critical issues of eternal destiny being discussed why was it so important for those who overcame the Beast to sing a song which vindicated the Holy God and in praise of His righteous acts, justice and truth?

The Bible is filled with songs of praise, but this song deals particularly with judgment. Why do saints love to sing about God's judgment? (Psa. 50:1-6, 145:17).

"Who shall not fear Thee!" is an understatement in 15:4. Moses sang of this in Exodus 15:14-16. How did the enemies of God react to His judgment?

When does Christ ascend to the throne of David?

How long must Christ reign on the throne of David?

Explain this from Psalms 2 and I Cor. 15:

When will all nations come and bow before Him? (15:4)

When will Matthew 13:39-40 be fulfilled?

What happens before Matthew 13:39-40?

What happens after it?

On the eve of the final judgment, announced by the seven vials the most important question is, “Who is the king of nations?” There are two candidates set forth in this section. Who are they?

31) Is Babylon as powerful a foe to God’s covenant people as was Pharaoh and his seemingly invincible armies? What is the difference?

32) Why did they rejoice in the near prospect of hope and deliverance though it was not yet accomplished?

33)–15:4 How can we call upon all nations to render unto God fear, glory and worship that is due Him because of such a discovery of His truth as revealed in this verse?

Note, Babylon is powerful, numerous, well armed and influential throughout the world. If Babylon is not God’s select people, and most of the world is lead to believe they are His first and only Holy Apostolic Church then what kind of shock waves will make the universe tremble with great alarm and distress if the whole institution of the beast comes toppling down in an hour?

If it can be proven that what the world thought was Christ’s church, the first and only, the one apostolic and true people of the Lord was in truth an imposter and fraud, what kind of revelation would it be? Wow!

NOW THE FORMAL INTRODUCTION OF THE SEVEN ANGELS AND THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

34)–15:5 John takes a closer look. The Holy of Holies Temple is opened. Could John have looked into the Old Testament Holy of Holies where the Testimony was? Where the mercy seat covered the ark of the testimony? And God occasionally communed with His people? And God heard the prayers of the High Priest?

What Testimony is this?

The tabernacle of the testimony, found also in 11:19, 16:17 is the solitary basic and criterion upon which New Testament servants operate. It is the decisive factor and supreme standard upon which the Christian army marches to war against the world. It is the “modus operandi” operating principle and vision statement that keeps them on track.

In the fierce struggle for truth we can only win the war so long as we have an intense view of the heavenly testimony and its truth as revealed to us on earth. It is our secret spring of refreshing vitality and the assurance that we are dead center in the middle of God's righteous dealings and everyday justice in our brief sojourn on earth. Give an illustration of how this knowledge as helped you in your ministry?

Can your knowledge of the New Testament that is applied by wisdom be different from the tabernacle of the heavenly testimony?

If we look at the book we get knowledge.

If we view the tabernacle of testimony we get wisdom and knowledge.

Explain.

Who is the High Priest of this temple?

Was the authority of this High Priest impugned and usurped?

Did antichrist Babylon, Gnostics and Judiasm oppose His propitious death?

Were His saints worshipped in His place?

Everywhere the people went on earth they could see the religious cabarets, mosques, cathedrals, temples and shrines. In comparison to these man made structural masterpieces, what kind of vision did John have?

35)–15:6. The angels had pure white robes and golden girdles What is the import of the typology of the High Priest and it's application here?

36) The priests prepared a supper. These angels will prepare a supper of the great God (19:17) Explain

37) Armed with the power of God, any mortal man is explosively powerful and dangerous to the wicked world, much more an angel of God. In what manner do these angels perform their duties?

38) From whom did the seven angels receive their bowls of fiery, wrath filled fluid?

What does the presentation of the seven vials to the seven angels signify?

What do angels know about the congregational Kingdom of Christ? (Eph. 3:10)

If they are to assist us, what should they know?

A vial is a broad shallow cup, shaped like a bowl. It has a narrower bottom and wider upper part making the contents pour out all at once. How would this be symbolic of the judgment?

What would be the symbolism if it were a narrow necked, vase like jar?

In Chapter 8:2-3 we see a censer filled with sweet fragrance. What is that fragrance?

What is the difference between that censer (vial) and the vials of Chapter 15?

39) -2 Chron. 5:13-14 What is the shekinah glory of God? How would you compare the cloud here with that of Moses (Ex. 16:10, 19:9, 19:16, 24:15, 16,18, 34:5, 40:34,35,, 36,37,38, Lev.16:2) and that of Solomon's temple?

Read Isaiah 6:4

Which is the antitype? The Old Testament Tabernacle or this heavenly Tabernacle?

40) -15:8 Why could no man enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled?

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

50) –(16:1) How did the Trumpets, introduced in Chapter 8 affect the world?

How do the vials affect the world?

Both the Trumpets and Vials come in divisions of sevens. Which of the sevens shake the world in a long drawn out process throughout all ages?

Seder Olam says that there was an interval of a month between each of the ten Egyptian plagues.

Which of the seven affects a sudden and swift overthrow?

Do the Trumpets affect both the Old and New Testament ages?

Would we need the Trumpets if there had been no Beast, False Prophet and Babylon?

51) After the bodies of the sacrificial beasts were burnt, the ashes actually had sanctifying power to cleanse (Heb.9: 13 with Lev. 6:10-11) Moses took the ashes from a furnace and scattered them in the air. They became fine dust that spread boil producing viruses (Ex. 9:8) Comment on how that what should be a blessing to earth kindles a fiery, descending curse.

52) “A great voice” MEGAVOICE (16:1) This reflects back to the announcement of Rev. 14:18-20. The parallels here are frightening. God does not forget. This is a detailed expansion of the “vintage” or very last stage of the process of the harvest of judgment. Paul says it will come with a loud shout, a voice of the archangel (Michael) and the trumpet of God (I Thess. 4:16) Hardly a secret rapture!

Why is such emphasis placed on loud sounding voices?

\ How are the first four seals distinguished from the last three? (Rev. 6:6 ff)

How are the first four trumpets distinguished from the last three?(Rev 8:6ff).

How are the first four vials distinguished from the last three? (Rev. 16 ff)

Think in terms of judgment in general, affecting the universe and created things in contrast to a personal and particular judgment upon individuals or certain places. For instance, we shall see some very particular judgments in Chs. 17-20.

53) The first vial has the same effect as the sixth Egyptian plague. Just as the magicians, Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so the beast, false prophet and Babylon withstand “the testimony”. (2 Tm. 3:8) It was the sixth plague that broke the magicians back (Ex. 9:11). It was not just a general plague, it was very personal to Jannes and Jambres and the other sorcerers. They had loathsome boils like the others did. Explain the marks of boils on their bodies in contrast with the grievous sores that marked the bodies of those who submitted to the mark of the beast.

Compare the importance of having a mark either for God or the Dragon? (Rev. 7:3, Ezk. 9:4,6)

54) The rivers turn to blood (16:3) Why does Jesus give an analogy to the sixth Egyptian plague first (under the first vial) and then He gives an analogy to the first Egyptian plague under the second vial?

55) Why is a third of the three clauses (or parts) of (1:4,8, and 4:8) omitted in Rev. 11:17 and 16:5?

56) How do this and the two passages below anticipate 18:20? THIS IS A FANTASTIC QUESTION!

Gen. 9:6 I will demand an accounting

Isa. 49:26 I will demand an accounting.

57) (16:7) Why is the altar calling for judgment on earth? The altar is supposed to be a place of forgiveness?

58) A third part of the sun is darkened by the trumpet of (8:12), why is the sun's heat intensified here?

THE MARK OF THE BEAST IS A REOCCURRING THEME THROUGHOUT THE BOOK OF THE APOCALYPSE. MEMORIZE WHAT HISTORIANS SAY ABOUT THIS EXPRESSION.

A) Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Commentary (p. 1555) The inner sanctuary is called "naos" is used of the temple of New Testament Christianity (I Cor. 3:16-17). This is the true temple of Ezk. 40:3,5, which is apocalyptically measured in Chps. 41-44). The true temple is Christ, and therefore we do not measure it in parts (See Rev. 21-22). The "naos" is distinguished from the "hieros" which stands for the Mark of the Beast. (J.F.B.) lean toward a literal, carnal millennialism with a rebuilt physical temple, but they give abundant evidence for the exclusive spiritual temple that contradicts what they want to believe. They are intellectually honest enough to present overwhelming evidence from Scripture that simply will not loan so much of a shred of evidence to support their views that the true temple is, and always has been spiritual, completely spiritual, and nothing but spiritual, for God is Spirit.

B) THE EVALUATION BY WORDSWORTH. On page 1556 (Zondervan 13th. Printing, 1975) (J.F.B.) quote Wordsworth-

"In the 25 passages in Acts, wherein the Jewish Temple is mentioned is called "hieros" not "naos", and also in the Apostolic Epistles"

WORDSWORTH'S OBSERVATION IS DEVESTATING TO THE NONSENSICAL IDEA THAT THERE WILL BE A FUTUREA MILLENNIAL REBUILDING OF A PHYSICAL TEMPLE.

Recognizing the absolute merit of Wordsworth's statement, (J.F.B.) attempts to refute it by saying that Acts 7:48 (also 17:24) is an indirect reference to the Jewish Temple as being a "naos". To ignore Wordsworth Scriptural scholarship by citing a one verse technicality is "grasping at straws" to say the least. The fact that Christ's temple is never called "hieros" and the Jewish Temple is always called "hieros" is crushing evidence that

Christ's temple is nothing but spiritual, and never by any stretch of imagination a physical one.

The evidence is 25 to one in the Acts, and 26 to nothing in the Epistles and Revelation where the congregation of Christ, both individually and collectively is always called "naos". The only time heiros is used is when Paul refers to the Old Testament temple priest who received of the tithes to support his ministry (I Cor. 9:13). And the one time the temple literalists cite a verse to favor their viewpoint (Acts 7:48, 17:24), it is in the plural, "God does not dwell in temples made with hands". What is so absurd about this deduction is the fact that by using the plural reference to support a view that God will command a rebuilding of one physical temple "made with human hands", is precisely what this verse is condemning by adamantly insisting the complete opposite "God cannot dwell in such a place!"

By the way, the word "Naos" means basically a dwelling place, shrine or temple, whereas "heiros" refers to a holy, sacred place. Gerhard Kittel who favors the word "abode" for "naos" gives a detailed study of these two words. (Theological Dictionary, edited by Geoffrey Bromiley, pgs. 349,625). The difference is in the words "dwelling" on one hand and physical structure on the other. Naos looks more at a living presence of God and heiros looks more at a physical structure that worshippers think is a holy shrine in itself. The reason Paul used the plural of "naos" once (on two occasions) in Acts is because the worshippers of heathen Gods actually called some of their temples "naos". For instance, the woman who irritated Paul in Acts 16:16 was said to have a "spirit of divination", but the actual Greek phrase is "A spirit of Python." The serpent spirit was worshipped at the famous Temple of Delphi where the serpent supposedly gave oracles or inspirational communications to promote soothsaying (ramblings that were sometimes true but mostly false) and divining (revealing hidden knowledge or prophetic utterances) without evidence, accuracy or manuscript authority. They argue they have a "message from God," which is the Devil. Thus Paul refers to their temples as ("naos"-in the plural) with the dubious distinction that the heathen thinks his Gods dwell there but it is not the only true and living God.

All who stresses that God can be worshipped through a physical temple are some how marked, more or less with the "mark of the beast." I go on record with that.

C) "The mark of the beast" is associated with 3 1/2. 1260 or 42 months representing toil, pilgrimage, persecution, secluded and unnoticed. For 3 1/2 years the Jews rejected Christ, for 3 1/2 years they rejected the Apostles, Antiochus tread down the temple, after 3 days Christ arose, the witnesses were resurrected, Israel sojourned 42 times (Numb. 33:1-50), Elijah's famine lasted 3 1/2 years, and likewise the siege of Titus on Jerusalem. The sacred number 7 is halved, and doubtless the congregational Kingdom of Christ knew this numerical figure meant nothing but trial and trouble when the worldly religious power wields supremacy over the suffering witnesses for Christ.

D) 18 times in The Revelation, the words "witness" or "testimony" is used of the evangelistic presentation of the New Testament message to the world. Those who have

the “mark of the beast” oppose them. Since we know that 3 ½ days is not literal, and thus neither are 3 ½ years, times, time and ½ time, 42 months or 1269 days literal, then we must look in the history of New Testament Christianity to find out when the beast had the most success in silencing this message world wide. There is no period in history, right down to the present that can compare to The Dark Age period of time from the Papacy’s ascendancy to power to the infringement upon that power by a mass revolution and protests in Germany against the Catholic Diet of Spires, 1529 (which urged military action to put down anti-catholic rebellion) and later in 1793 a Restoration Movement. This is not to say that The Beast’s power is completely broken, for only Christ can “Slay Her with the breath of His mouth”, but every time we exercise freedom and boldness to proclaim a return to the authority of Christ only, and His Apostolic Kingdom as set forth in the New Testament, we make the beast of Babylon shutter to her dragonish feet.

The two witnesses of Revelation 11:3 cannot be two literal individuals because whatever witness means in this verse it means the same in the other 17 verses where it is found. It refers to one person (John in Rev. 1:9), but it refers to thousands in Rev. 20:4. It is therefore a synecdoche where the part is put for the whole. Jesus told all of the Apostles, “You are my witnesses”. When the seventy were sent out “2 by 2”, they were called witnesses. Wherever they went, those who heard them did not call them by name (their names are no where given in Scripture”, but whenever they seen them shake the dust from their clothing or shoes it was a testimony “witness” against them (Mark 6:11). Remember, a testimony can be for, or against..

Also, in (11:8) the ancient manuscripts read “Their dead body shall lie in the streets” referring to the witnesses. The two are considered one. Some translators add an “s” to body thinking no doubt the ancient manuscripts was in error, but they do not understand apocalyptic language or the use of a synecdoche.

D) The Beast makes war against the saints (11:6) which is the same sense and expression given in Dan. 7:21. Babylon is called The Great City eight times (14:8, 16:19, 17:18, 18:10,16,18,10,21). Thus the “mark of the beast: can only be associated with Rome, for the old Babylon had been permanently destroyed, and in John’s day the reader could only be thinking of one great city in the known world of his day. Just as Babylon was an opponent and nemesis to God’s people in the Old Testament, Rome would be in The New. The term is obviously used to appeal only to the apocalyptic student for it is used “spiritually”, in a spiritual sense in the same way God’s people would view the past enemies of truth in Sodom and Egypt. In fact, Isaiah calls apostate Jerusalem “Sodom”, as does Ezekiel in 16:48. call Sodom, “Your sister”.

Babylon would exceed all of the combined sins of Sodom, Egypt (her treatment of Israel) and Jerusalem “Where Lord was crucified”, because she almost stopped the Gospel witness. Using one’s time, energy and substance to silence the truth of the New Testament exceeds the crime of murdering Jesus. Jesus takes the slaying of His witnesses as a personal insult, and even though His is the only propitious death, all who follow Him in martyrdom are said to suffer with Him, and He with them (18:24).

E) The religious Beast enjoys the power, wealth and influence of the world, while the Woman (like Mary fleeing with Jesus to Egypt) flees into the wilderness (12:6). She had no earthly support, but was fed by, nourished and kept in existence by God alone. Daniel learned this as an alien in Babylon- “The heavens do rule” (Dan. 4:26) Like two modern day church members, one in covenant the other apostate, the woman stands for two institutions- one who opposed the beast was of the wilderness, the other the woman who served the beast was the harlot.

F) The motto and slogan of the saints in dealing with the beast of verse (13:10 is “Patience and faith”, and of the false prophet who is one with the beast of (13:18) is opposed by wisdom.

G) The beast (pagan) aligned with the false prophet (priestly) constitutes the persecuting sacerdotal power, pagan and apostate Christian. We recall that scholars have associated 666 with Romulus, Lateinos, Nero and Tietan. The numerical value of these names in Greek and Latin is 666. All are associated with pagan Rome. We know that the pagan priests made an image of the Emperor, forcing Christians to bow before it and professing to work miracles and wonders through magic and omens or premonitions.

The apostate Elders and Bishops established a separate Papal Priesthood and they inherited from the “wounded head” the pagan rites, images, and superstitions. They later compelled adoration of the clergy and papacy. Christians they professed to be, but were dragon like in word and deed.

Alford uses the Spanish Jesuit LaCunza as a prime example of such fraudulent deception and hoax operating under the disguise Christianity. He led Edward Irving, Margaret MacDonald and John Nelson Darby astray by his book “The Coming of Christ in Majesty and Glory”, under the name Ben Ezra. But, Irving, MacDonald and Darby were primed for the deception; they loved it, and were willingly deceived by it. No such author as Ben Ezra ever existed. It seems almost incredulous that the Devil can employ such useful idiots so easily. Incredulous further, that these minions follow him so discreetly, secretly and dependably. Alford gives us, in LaCunza a tremendous illustration of a lion who dresses in the costume of a lamb.

Impersonating the Lamb is the lowest, most vile trick Rome could lay on innocent Christians. The difference between the lamb of God (5:6) is He had seven horns, the lamb of Satan has two. Both the beast and God’s lamb received wounds, and both continued

after the wounds. Christianity wounded the idolatrous beast, but it was revived so as to advance Christianize, pagan idolatry. The false prophet's rise coincides in time (13:12-14). with the reviving of the wounded head The land going beast along with Babylon correspond to the to the "little horn: of Daniel starting up among the fourth kingdom of Daniel (Rome).

This little horned beast has a mouth of great blasphemy (13:5) and although not possessing the "eyes of a man" (Dan. 7:8), yet matches Daniel's beast with cunningness, and intellectual culture (13:13-15, 16:14). The sea going beast is political power the second, land going beast spiritual power and connivers through knowledge. They have devilish wisdom from below, perfectly aligned with each other and with the world's philosophy. The Dragon (Satan) gives his power to the false prophet so that he speaks like a dragon ((13:2,11).

The second "land going beast) is out of the earth (11:7, 17:8,) "ascending out of the Devil's bottomless pit"(Hades) which is a think-tank for anti-Messiah, criminal activity (just as a prison cell is for criminals) and has been so since it's formation as a prison house of fallen angels. Satan himself was consigned there permanently after Christ's ascension and will be there until his final destiny in the Lake of Fire.

As the archives in The Vatican library have amassed volumes of literature concerning the religious beliefs of world religions, denominations and various cults, so they have access to the polemics and contradictions that may counter opposition to their system. They want to be familiar with all Scripture that exposes them and answer the truth with lies, spacious arguments and denials. Some of their Orders are far more trained in empty rhetoric and meaningless disputing then the average Protestant clergy today. They are also quite familiar with Monism, Idealism, Situation Ethics, Egalitarianism, Pantheism, Animism, Pluralism and will use any worldly philosophy available to them at the time to advance their cause, whether they believe in it or not. Look up the word Jesuitical in a dictionary.

H) The Beasts (Papacy's) claim to double power by way of Investiture (signified by a ring for the finger and a staff to rule) is indicative of spiritual and secular power on earth. This is a sample of the beast out of the sea (secular) and out of the pit (spiritual).

I) Primasius of Adrumetum , a Sixth Century writer said, “He claims to be a lamb, that he may assail the lamb-the body of Christ.” The sea going and the land going beast are as ONE (as God the Father and Son are ONE) if I dare make such a comparison. But the Devil is a copy cat, and he only mimics what he sees and hears. Just as the Holy Spirit arranges the marriage of Christ to His congregational bride, so evil spirits (18:2) arrange the marriage of the world to the devils harlot-the apostate church-Babylon. The false prophet urges men to worship the beast and the beast carriers the harlot. There is unity in evil design here. However, as we shall see later, there is a distinction. The beast and the false prophet are judged together, but the harlot is judged separately. Probably because She has done more damage to the bride of Christ than the other two.

J) The land going beast can work miracles, not merely tricks, but supposed miracles of the demonic variety and with the aid of demons similar to those the Egyptian magicians worked (13:13-14) The miracles are calculated to deceive by the energy “working” of Satan. The New Testament believing “select covenant ones” are not deceived by pseudo miracles. The witnesses called down fire from heaven which we take to be power over nations and the Word as a living fire to consume evil, and they knew the difference between the true and the counterfeit. See O. J. Lambert’s “Catholicism Against Itself” for the alleged miracles that were supposed to have been worked such as talking fish, weeping bleeding statues and multiplying splinters of the cross of Christ just to mention a few. Catholicism has mellowed considerably at this point today. In fact, Her Protestant denominational children- especially Charismatic minded Pentecostal denominations are far worse in their demand for sensationalism and sight seeing miracles now then their mother was in the 2nd..through 5th. Centuries when miracle working was in it’s hey day. As we shall see later, many of her children turned on Her, but the turn was for the worse and even at the time of my writing, many Catholic Conservatives have a far better view of politics and morality than Protestant leaders have. But, this too is in their archives to study and adjust for survival. Where Bible knowledge is supreme and the Word is hidden in the heart there is no demand for signs and wonders. The demand for miracles in our age is indicative of a great deficiency and drought of God’s Word among the people.

K) The false prophet ordered the deceived people to set up an image of the first beast whose head was wounded (pagan Rome which fell in 476) and whose head was healed (Papal Rome in 533 with John as the head). Nebuchadnezzar set up an image on the Plains of Dura and commanded all to bow and worship. Hitler, Stalin, Mao, Hussein, Kim and other dictators put up huge flyers and statues of themselves in conspicuous places throughout the country and cities. In America, the Media puts up as many pictures as they can of their presidential, media darling. The more evil the dictator or leader, the more he delights in seeing himself. All who object to dictator worship are sought out to be executed, or silenced.

Pliny, the popular Roman writer wrote a letter to Trajan stating that he consigned to punishment all Christians who would not worship the emperors image with incense and wine It is possible That Paul was executed for this very reason. He appealed to

Caesar, but Caesar loved to be called “Augustus” which means Reverend. The honorary Senate of Rome bestowed this title of divinity first on Julius Caesar and succeeding Emperors wore the title with dignity. Underlings were to salute the Emperor as they did Hitler during the Third Reich (or rule of Rome through Fascist Germany. Governor Porcius Festus addressed Caesar as “Sebastious-Augustus” (worthy of worship) in Acts 25::21-25 where the word is translated His Excellency or just plain Emperor, but the word is Augustus in both verses. Paul simply called him Caesar and may have gotten into trouble for this. The reason for Paul’s death is not given in Scripture.

When the Caesar=Papacy was established the Papacy would do the Caesars one better. They called their church emperor “Pontiff Maximus”, or “Vicarius Filii Dei”, The Lord God the Pope- When Papal Rome succeeded Pagan Rome this title was transferred to the clergy. The Protestants accept the title “Reverend” without protest. We see a lot of tradition that has come down to us in the religious world from the “mark of the beast”.

So Julian, the Apostate set up his own image with the idols of the heathen Gods in the Forum so that the Christians who did reverence in it might be seen as also worshipping the idols.

L) The mark (13:16) History is full of idol worshippers marking themselves with brands or symbols of their idol worship. Even in today’s world, marking the body is very popular and the symbol is either the worship of an idol of life or self-idolatry and more than often it is rebellion against some kind of authority. The mark in the head shows profession and intellectual service. The mark in the hand shows manual servitude. The copycat Devil wants some kind of symbol in his disciples to take the place of the sealing of the Saints forehead with the name of The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

There is a difference between a sign showing Christ’s spiritual possession of a covenant believer and a fetish such as the sign of the cross of popery. The sign of the former is a holy life; the sign of the latter is mere ritual.

Papal interdicts commanding traders and commercial enterprise to cut off business to those who are non-Catholic and the excommunicated is documented through the Dark Age history. See the laws of boycott by Pope Alexander III, 3rd. Lateran Council, 1178, and Pope Martin V in his laws of boycott at the Council of Constance.

M) It is the number of a man (13:18) In the back of your Interlinear Greek-English New Testament you will see a number with each Greek letter of the alphabet. This is called the numerical alphabet. Since the numerical scale had not yet been invented each letter served as a corresponding number. 666 is not ONE man, it is the NUMBER of a man. It

is not ONE ruler for it says you must have wisdom to figure the equation out. Wisdom is the only answer to the mystery of iniquity. This is not a God, this is a man who exalts himself above what is called God. Irenaeus, of the 2nd. Century, a student of Polycarp, John's disciple settled this problem a long time ago. He explained this number as contained in the Greek letters of Lateinos , L 30, A 1, T 300, E 5, I 10, N 50, O 70 S 200 . The Latin race stems from Lateinos. The Latin language and ritual dominated both Pagan and Papal Rome. Although Papal Rome had not yet succeeded Pagan Rome, She would be the successor to carry religious Latinism to succeeding generations of nations.

The word apostate "apostaths" in Greek is 666, The Hebrew for "Rome" is 666. An interesting discovery was made by Andreas Helwig (1572-1643) who computed the Latin title on the Popes miter "vicarious filii dei" translated "Vicar of the Son of God". The Roman numeral value is V=5, I=1 (6 times), C=100, U=5 (U and V have the same value. See under Alphabet) L=50, D-500. All other letters equal O. At his coronation, the Pope wore his Triple Tiara with this inscription on it. Helwig's wisdom was so overwhelming that the Papacy (like the Jewish clergy's reaction to Stephen's sermon) could not resist it. In the 17th. Century, "vicarious filii dei" was expunged from the miter. (See Steve Gregg, "Four Views of Revelation", p. 306 Thomas Nelson).

It is interesting that the Hebrew letters for Balaam amount to 666 and he is certainly a type of all opposition to God's counsel. The number six is one of evil, and it falls short of the perfect seven. The end time judgments on the world always come under the number six in Revelation.

J) The sea going beast with the Babylonian whore-riding beast back, and the land going beast are the three last beasts of prophetic history. The nations that opposed the Messianic Seed of Israel-Judah in the Old Testament were represented by symbols of a beast. A beast is non-human. If the beast has the face, or eyes of a man then the beast combines the savagery or brute, rapacious force of a dumb animal with the intelligence of a human. Beastology is a study of heathen nations that oppose God's program. Satanic princes and demonic powers control them. Some of the beasts are fiercer than others. The lion, bear, and leopard are less fierce than the ten headed dinosaur and dragon. The ram and shaggy goat are set forth as Persia and Greece. There is an intended irony in the sacred text when the shaggy goat butts the ram (who is stronger and should do the butting) into oblivion. Thus Alexander's weaker army triumphs over Cyrus' vast armies of over one million troops.

There are no longer in Scripture, prophetic beasts representing one anti-messianic nation. The reason for this is because the Messiah has come and His Kingdom is in all nations. The Kingdom of Christ is with us to the end, and so is the whore from Rome. While the whore from Rome used the last beast (The Iron Dinosaur) to achieve Her power, yet we see ten other Kingdoms arise and in particular the three "horns-powers" of Daniel that assisted her in saint killing-they being the Exarchate of Ravenna, The Kingdom of the Lombards and The Roman States (For a full discussion, see Albert Barnes on Daniel, Vol II, Baker Book, p. 86). Thus, the whore can employ any nation in particular, or any in general down through history to satisfy her ambitious quest for

power. Also, nations in general have at one time or the other opposed true Christianity. Opposition has come from countries such as Fascist Germany who was supported by Rome during W.W.II and hardly anyone knew it, to Islam who hates every brand of Christianity because of The Crusades. They think that Christianity is Catholicism and Catholicism is Christianity. Even Billy Graham called his religious rallies, “crusades”. Since the whore has so many children and affectionate political lovers we can see extreme hostility from any nation in general under the symbol of the sea going an land going beasts, but Babylon is not a force to be reckoned with in general, She is definitely a continuation of Lateinos-Rome. As mentioned, the two beasts of Revelation continue with us in some measure and form unto the end when they go down together, but Babylon is judged separately in Rev. Chps. 17-18)..

So, we are continuous running historicists throughout the Old Testament study of prophetic Beastology, but in Revelation we are Recapitulationists seeing any anti-messiah national force or ideology represented under the sea and land gong beasts. We are Historicists in the matter of the continuing existence of the “woman” New Covenant Witnesses and the one enemy that She faces throughout her history, Latinized Rome. She got off to a good start with the last beast of prophecy “Rome”, and on the seven heads “hills” she still sits on her throne, but she no longer needs Rome as she once did and there are other nations to rape and receive power. She needs political nations to survive for she has no breath in herself. The seven famous elevations of Rome are Aventine, Capitaline, Palatine, Esquiline, Quirinal, Viminal and Caellan. Coins bearing an inscription of The Annual Septimonium Feast of Rome, with seven hills in the background have been excavated from the ruins of ancient Rome.

J) The Beast blasphemes. Pope Nicholas, “The Roman Pontiff judges all men, but is JUDGED BY NO ONE. I HAVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE king of Kings. I am all in all, and above all. Wherefore, if those things that I do be said not to be done of man but of God, who can you make me but God?” pope Leo III. “We hold the place of almighty God on earth”. (Apostolic Letter, June 20, 1894). Pope Pius XI, on April 30, 1922 said, “I am God on earth”.

K) The beast made war against saints (Dan.7:25, Rev. 13:7). Historicist estimate the unknown number of persons killed, raped, tortured, crushed, burned, impaled, dismembered, their children killed before their eyes to be in the millions. Tens of thousands of Vaudois murdered in N. Italy (1247-1342) Thousands of Lollards slaughtered in England (1300-1413), Thousands of Hussites murdered in Bohemia (1421), The Spanish Inquisition slaughtered or burned alive over 31,000, and tortured 300,000 (1481-1808), 3000 Vaudois were suffocated in a cave in Piedmont (1488), 50,000 German Protestants were hanged, burned or buried alive by Emperor Charles V (1546), Bloody Mary burned alive 300 Protestants (1555). The story is too long for me to tell. 26,000 die in the Netherlands, in France 60,000 die in St Bartholomew Massacre. It just goes on and on. Rome has not denied this, but they have finally issued a statement of apology to this generation.

L) He is led into captivity (13:10). It is interesting, that while it does not completely fulfill this prophecy, yet when Napoleon captured Italy he took the Pope captive and incarcerated him.

M) The beast holds sway for 1260 days. I give here the reason why I take the 1260 days to be the year-day prophecy (according to Numbers 14:34) and Daniels 70 weeks prophecy. I do not think it could be a literal 3 ½ days because so much happens during this period of time that 84 hours could not do justice to it. Again, if it were 3 ½ years we would not know whether to compute it by the 360 days of the Hebrew year, or 365 days of the Roman year. If 24 hour days were intended the Spirit would have used a figure like the 2300 evenings and mornings of Daniel 8:14. This is the exact amount of time that Antiochus held power over the Jews, their city and Temple. It was 1290 days from his vile desecration of the temple until Judas Macabees restored sacrifices and celebrates Hanukah “The Feast of Lights” (12:12) and it was precisely 45 days later (1,335 days) that Antiochus Epiphanies died (12:12). It does not take a mathematical wizard to figure this out. These are literal, 24 hour days in any ones book.

But the Spirit give five designations to ONE period. These designations are “times time and 1/2 time, 3 ½ days, 3 ½ years, 42 months and 1260 days. Several attempts have been made to associate this period of time with historical episodes. Some say it was from May 5, 1514 when it was said at the Fifth Lateran Council “All resistance to the Papacy has ceased” to Oct. 31, 1517 when Luther nailed his 95 Thesis to the door of Wittenberg Church, 3 ½ years later. Caringola suggests the period began in 254 and ended in 1514. I have not found the reason for his conclusions, but I am sure he can find some noteworthy history to support him. The Preterist say the 3 ½ years refers to Titus war with Jerusalem, but again are these 360 or 365-day years?

More importantly is the fact that the period gives us a time for those who are witnessing or giving “testimony” during this period of time. It must also correspond with the persecution of the beast who makes life next to intolerable for the witnesses. It also has to be a lot longer time period than the literal days and or months given because it corresponds with the growth of the little horn into world dominating power. This period of time would be in the neighborhood of roughly one thousand years and not days or months.

Like Sir Isaac Newton, I take the development of The little Horn”, or Babylon to have a very important starting date. I do not agree with Caringola on his earlier estimates, but I do agreed with him, and Cunnighame that the head of the Roman beast could not have been healed unless the eastern emperor, Justinian by official codex elevated the Bishop of Rome, “Head of all the holy churches, and of all the holy priests of God”. This was the first time the Roman Bishop was given authority above the Bishops elsewhere in Christendom. It prepared the way for the rise of full blown papal supremacy which emerged under Pope Boniface III according to Guinness. By adding 1260 years you have The French Revolution, the Pope taken captive and a serious set back for the papacy. But also, it was on Dec. 25 of 1793 that James O/Kelly announced that his Methodist Church would break AWAY FROM THE Republican

Methodist Episcopal Denomination and be Christian Only, following the New Testament in Faith and practice

This development of The Papacy would be a serious, ongoing problem to those who wanted to be New Testament Christians ONLY, and they needed to be warned with secret, apocalyptic language. A lot of people are confused by these five designations of time, but really, in order to inform the Kingdom, and yet keep the information away from the enemy lest they too understand the time element and intensify their efforts to destroy the woman altogether, before the prophesized time the tables turn on her, I do not think the Lord could have said it better. If it were just a short period of mere days and months it would have only meant something to readers in the First Century and people down through the years could not have taken hope, and courage and cheer as the prophetic time period was being down toward the destruction of the beast. Remember, those persecuted witnesses during The Middle Ages (Dark Ages) were comforted by this Book, and you and I are witnesses also. We too are comforted as we relive the persecution of that day (as if it just happened) and suffer persecution for the testimony of Christ (19:10) in our day just as bravely. We are fellow servants to the angel of this Book, and brothers to John and the fellow servants who suffered yesterday..

End of special section on The Beast. Memorize at least ten of what you think are the more salient points given above.

QUESTION FOR PROF. DOUGHTY “ARE YOU SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY OR HISTORISTS?”

My answer to this question is, “I am both.”

My prevailing view of Revelation is School of Philosophy, and the Recapitulatory parallels are too obvious, even for a cursory reader to miss. The Old Testament book of Zechariah has a somewhat minor view of Recapitulation in the visions of The Myrtle Trees, The Four Horns, The Measuring Rod, The Gold Lamp stand, The Flying Scroll, The Four Chariots and the Woman in the Basket: but there is nothing in the great apocalyptic of the Old Testament that even remotely compare to the wisdom, complexity and unity of the New Testament Apocalypse.

As mentioned, the Old Testament subject of Prophetic Beastology is nothing but historical. It could not be recapitulation because it constituted continuous history from Egypt to Rome. There was really only one option opened to the student of prophecy and that was Historicism. Prophecy centered only on one issue and that being the history of The Seed from Eve to the Woman “Bride of Christ”. Prophecy deals with the opposition to The Seed also. The Devil used Beasts-Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome to attempt to check and destroy the Messianic Seed. But once The Seed of the Woman has come in the days of the Fourth Beast of Daniel (which is the last beast-Rome) then looking in history to find particular nations to fulfill apocalyptic symbols historicism is no longer a valid proper interpretation. You are not going to find a succession of nations from the Parthians, to the Sythians, to Turkey, to the Russians, to

the Chinese or any other nation as a beastly symbol as was, say Persia as a Bear Revelation narrows the search down to only two prophetic institutions, they being the Woman from the New Jerusalem and the Beast of Rome producing an apostate woman from Rome. To be sure, the symbols in the book can depict such anti-Christ men and nations as Attalla the Hun, The emperor of Japan, Hitler in Germany, Lennon-Stalin in Russia, Mao in China and many other anti-Christ institutions in general. But there is no longer ONE specific Beast. I read a book by James White who saw the end of the world with the Spanish American War. The Commentary by (J.F.B), one of my favorites sees the end coming with Napoleon.. This is the problem with rank Historicist, they do not live long enough to get a look at future history, and they believe that the history of their day marks the end of prophecy for their day, and consequently the end of the world Historicists are smart, but they have very small minds when it comes to seeing the place of God's people on earth in relationship to His eternal council of Heaven.

So, tomorrows Historicist have to revamp the history where yesterdays Historicist left off. But, I do see continuous history in Revelation in regard to the beginning of the Kingdom of Christ on earth (in the days of the Roman Beast) and the final end when Christ returns. But this history is in regard only to the continued opposition of the "little horn" of Rome "Babylon", and the continued testimony of The Woman (The true Apostolic Congregation).

The opposition continues through the support given from the Ten Heads (European Nations) to the Dragon's Harlot (17:12-15). It is prophesied (Dan. 7:26) that even they shall turn on her, obviously as a result of the Testimony of The Witnesses (17:16-18).

Indeed, there is weakening of the Little Horn before Christ comes. This is set forth-in Daniel's prophecy (7:26). The phrase there is "consume unto the destruction". As (J.F.B.) notes it is a two fold operation, consume first and destroy in the end. When the 1260 years came to a close, the Papacy was struck a severe blow, but not completely destroyed. Christ will slay her with the breath of His mouth in the final end (2 Thess. 2:3)

The seat of The Beast is both the Abyss and the seven-hilled city. This we believe because the seat (throne) of the true congregation is Heaven, yet Christ is in the earthly assembly of those who meet in His Name (Matt. 18:20). Thus we pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven", but Babylon can practice their "Vatican" divination with an address to their patron God, "They will be done on earth as it is in Hades". Thus, we cannot separate Heaven and earth for The True Woman, nor can we separate Hades and earth for the Harlot. One moves in the world of apocalypse, the other in the occult world.

Let us look at an out line of comparisons

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Wounds the Devils head

Depends only on the God of Heaven

Realizes that history recapitulates in their favor

Controlled from The Throne Witness to the Word

THE KINGDOM OF HADES

Heals the Devil's head

Depends upon earthly beasts

Wants control for a day, a time

Control by Hadean council, synods

Evangelists, Pastors, Witnesses in Christ's hands	Demons, "locusts" sent on earth
The Testimony is finished for all ages, all nations	The Testimony must be crushed
Success during the days of the Apostles	The Dragon attempts to kill them
The Post Apostolic Age	The Dragon decides to join them
The Woman is radiant, beautiful	The woman is artificial, a harlot
The woman produces legitimately through N.T.	The Whore mothers through heresy
The Woman flees into the wilderness-1260 days	The Whore and her lovers rejoice
The Woman becomes obscure	The Whore is world famous
The Woman manages support from Heaven	10 Kingdoms of the world support it
The Woman must testify truth to all nations	Nations admire her synthetic beauty
The Woman labors in the strength of Spirit	The Whore has not the Spirit of God
The Woman "witnesses" strike fear into the beast	Defeat-after 1260 years of tyranny
End 1260- Restoration of "Resurrection Gospel"	Consumed till the end
Renaissance- Increase of knowledge-transportation.	Children of Whore exceed her sins
Continuing as the Remnant	Eschatological end (2 Tim. 3:1-8)
Dwindling of numbers of true witnesses "The Faith"	Final assault on "little camp"
A new world order-Beast-False Prophet	Political-religious antichrist go it alone without Babylon (after adopting Her ways).
Christ destroys all oppositions	The Dragon, Beast, False Prophet go down first, then Babylon
The Saints rewarded	The anti-Christ forces cast into Lake of fire

We see School of Philosophy, cyclical history throughout the Revelation, but we see the continuous historical time cycles of Pagan and Papal Rome and their interaction with antichrist political policies in the history of nations, many of which as The Alans, Burgundians, Franks, Visigoths, Ostrogoths, Vandals and Lombards have disappeared from the map of history.

All things considered, the Bride from Jerusalem will be with us to the end, and the Whore from Rome will be there also.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT FLEMMING

Robert Fleming, in the first decade of the 18th. Century published two books from the Historicist viewpoint. The first was "The Apocalyptic Key" and the second "The Rise

and Fall of the Papacy”.. Fleming informed King William III that the bowls of wrath in Rev. 16 would begin to be poured out on the Latin Kingdom in the years 1793-94. I stand in awe of Robert Fleming. It is easy for us to look backward at the rise of the Latin Kingdom and look at history “ex-post-facto” (after the fact and based our interpretation of past prophecy on what we already know to be the obvious fulfillment. But wonder of wonders, by using the year-day method Fleming calculated the starting date of 1260 years to have begun when Justinian crowned the Bishop of Rome the head of all churches in 533.. He predicted 1793 to be the year that judgment would fall on Rome-a year that saw the beginning of the French Revolution. What is amazing is that the prediction came true about a century after he died. This tells me that there is some merit in the 533-1793 interpretation of the 1260 days (42 months, 3 ½ years) because there were advocates of this method of interpreting Biblical prophecy long before it happened, and what the French Revolution started, The Restoration Movement continued from James O’Dell’s statement of New Testament faith in 1793 and hundreds of other witnesses such as Alexander Campbell who scored a decisive victory over Bishop John Purcell in Cincinnati. Protestants of all Faiths labeled Campbell “A defender of The Faith” when the Debate was completed.

The point is, if Fleming believed it, we know he must have heard of others who believed it before him. Heaven only knows how many thousands of witnesses understood this prophecy prior to it/s fulfillment, while it was being fulfilled and after it was fulfilled. I am a great admirer of Robert Fleming.

Barnes takes the “seat of the beast” to be The Roman See, and the word “sores or ulcers” in 16:11 as being the painful character of the French Revolution. He cites Burke’s “Letters on a Regicide Peace”, in which the author had no intention of drawing parallels with the scene in Revelation, yet used the following expressions in describing the French Revolution, “The epidemic of atheistic fanaticism”, “The malignant French distemper”, “A Plague with its fanatical spirit of proselytism, that needed the strictest quarantine to guard against it”.

The Revolution was aimed at the Papacy and in two years two million people were slain, including 24,000 priests. 40,000 churches were converted to stables. The power of the Pope in France was shattered

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- 59) Where is the throne of the beast? (16:10). How did the beast get this throne? (13:2).

God the Father and Son are a co-regency. Is there a counter part to this in the kingdom of the Dragon?

- 60) 16:9 Why are people who have the mark of the beast cursing God when His created sun scorches them, and coupled with darkness, why are they experiencing the most excruciating pain imaginable? The pain is unbearable, but is it fatal?

Jesus mentions also “gnashing of teeth”. Are these people angry?

If so, why?

- 61) 16:11 Are these successive plagues or are they a continuance of proceeding plagues?

- 62) (16:12) What kind of philosophy is associated with the Kings of the East?

Is there still a difference in philosophy of Eastern and Western thought?

Does the religion of the East pose a threat to modern day Catholicism

- 63) This sixth vial finds it’s parallel to the sixth trump and is bring us to the end. (9:14)/ The trumpet announces war in general, at any time “an hour, a day or a month”, but here we have finality. Both the trump and the vial affect the Euphrates River. Give a brief review of the Euphrates and it’s relation to war.

Babylon was situated on the Euphrates (Isa. 8:7-9). The drying up of the waters is equivalent to the kings stripping, eating and burning the whore. (17:16). Matthew Henry says she is a whore because she left her husband Christ and committed adultery many times. He says the true meaning of a whore is one that used to be married.

Babylon fell when the Persians (under Cyrus) dried up the headwater that flowed through the city and the soldiers entered the city by way of the riverbed. This is a reference to spiritual Babylon, but since it is the sixth trumpet it prepares the way for the end of the world and the end of all nations.

When Babylon falls the world falls with her. Explain/

- 64) (16:13) What does Zechariah say about unclean spirits? (13:2).

- 65) Why are they compared to frogs?

When do frogs croak?

What do the leaders of the world take them to be saying?

Are the Beast and False Prophet distinct from Babylon in this verse

The Dragon and His anti-trinity are united as The Father and Son (Jn. 5:23), and assign authority to the beast as the Father does the Son. He gives them ten diadems (13:1) (something saints refuse), while Christ has many diadems. The False Prophet, like the Holy Spirit, speaks not of himself, but tells all men to worship the beast, and confirms the testimony by miracles, so the Holy Spirit attests to Christ's witnesses. Stand in wonder, amazement and marvel at the ways of the menacing impersonator who knows our Scripture better than we do, and imitates everything the Lord does.

66) (16:14) The Kings of the earth are contrasted with the Kings of the East. Why do we take this to be both the end of Babylon and the end of the world?

The battle (of Armageddon)

Give some details about this mount of Megiddo, and some of the famous battles fought here?

How do the following people and places figure into this famous place?

Deborah and Barak

Plain of Esdraelon

Josiah

Mourning at Hadadrimmon and its application to Josiah and Jesus (Zech 12:11)

Antiochus Epiphanes

Megiddo comes from the Hebrew root "gadad" and means "cut off" or slaughter. Joel 3:2, 12, 14 refers to it as "The Valley of Jehosaphat", meaning in Hebrew "The Judgment of God, or "The Lord Judges".

67) Is this battle ideological, philosophical, literal, or what?

How many atomic bombs will be needed?

How many infantry troops will be needed?

- 68) The Kingdom of Heaven is the Kingdom of light. The Kingdom of Hades is a Kingdom of darkness. God permits satanic miracles to harden Pharaoh's heart. As Aaron's rod turned into a serpent, so did that of Pharaoh's magicians. Aaron turned water to blood, so did the magicians. What was the last thing Aaron did that the magicians were able to imitate?

When does imitating, mimicking of God cease?

- 69) The final battle. What is this battle all about? (19:17-21)

How long shall we wear the spiritual robe of righteousness, placed on us when we put on Christ (Gal. 3:25-27)

What does, "coming as a thief" mean? (Mt. 24:43, 2 Pt. 3:10)

If we do not keep our robes, who will see our shame (unseemliness, tastelessness, rudeness, insolence, disrespect)?

- 70) (16:16) The world order of Kings are given over to the convincing croaking of the unclean spirits (incarnated in frog flesh). Who gives them over to this delusion?

Zech. 12:11 Hadadrimmon was located in the Valley of Megiddo.

- 71) (16:17) Megiddo stands for judgment. "It is done". Jesus said, "It is finished".

- 72) (16:17) A voice, thunders, lightning How does this expression compare to the close of the seven seals and seven thunders? (8:5,11:19).

- 73) What is the difference between the closing of the Seal and Trumpets and the closing of the vials of wrath? When you answer, look at the consequences and the effects that follow.

What happens to Babylon, and all other cities in league with her?

What is the "fierceness of God's wrath?"

- 74) (18:21) Who blasphemed God, the ones struck by hail stones, or others?

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN BEGINS A NEW CAPITULATION.

THE HARLOT AND THE BEAST UPON WHICH SHE RIDES
CHP. 16:12 ANNOUNCED THE VIAL JUDGMENT ABOUT TO BE POURED
OUT ON HER, SO CHAP. 17-18 GIVE THE SAME IN MORE DETAIL. CHAP. 19
GIVES IN DETAIL THE JUDGMENT UPON THE BEAST AND FALSE
PROPHET SUMMARILY ALLUDED TO IN CH. 16:13-14.

Thus, when we are introduced to an important person or institution in one parallel section, we can expect to pick up on it later in another section.

75) (17:1) Babylon sat on many waters (Jer. 51:13), and the many waters are explained. What are they? (17:15)

76) The whore is the Apostate church. The Devil seduced someone else with the allurements of the world. Who?

What happened to the woman after the Dragon seduced her in 12:13?

Is she still the wife of Christ?

Is the harlot pagan or papal Rome?

The judgment comes on her in (18:2) and the spiritual fornication she is guilty of (18:4). Is this just the Roman Papacy or the entire Apostate system including the Greek and Protestant apostates, seduced from their first love (2:4).

By what designation is the pure woman “bride” known who survived the seductions of the Dragon? (12:17)

She seems to be lost in the wilderness. When and where does she appear again for all the world to see and know (21:2)?

77) (17:3) Contrast what the woman had in 12:6,14, a place but no permanent home, a sojourner, looking for the city to come to what we see in the woman now?

Scarlet colored (same as 13:1) To John, this ten headed beast is exactly the same as what he saw in 13:1. Blasphemy is written all over it. Name some blasphemies that Rome uttered?

The Pope is placed in God's temple to sit there, and the Cardinals kiss the feet of the Pope. The Romanish writers call this the "Adoration". (Lettenburgs's "Notitia Curiae Romane, pub. 1683, p. 125). There are three other books that record this. A Papal coin (Numitmata Pontificum, Paris, 1679, p. 5) has the legend. "Quem, creant, adorant" (kneel-kiss-adore). Nine times John, in his writings strictly forbids kneeling, kissing and worshipping rival Gods. It is an abomination to kneel and worship a person or an idol. (See J.F.B.p1574).

- 78) All Historicist teach that this Harlot definitely corresponds to the little horn that grew up out of the ten horns of the beast. The little horn grew and waxed strong. Did this horn ever break off; say in 70 A.D., or 476 A.D.?

Will the horn, or the Harlot abdicate or hand over their power to the God of Heaven? Or do they go into perdition?

How long will the horn "Babylon" be in power?

Are the Futurists correct in teaching that the horn will be revived in the long distant future?

What does revival mean?

Can we revive something that was never lost, or diminished?

- 79) (17:9) Is there any connection here to Pope Paul II issued a dogma that made it a penal sin for anyone but Cardinals to wear hats of scarlet "Caremoniale Tom., Sect. 3, 5,C.5. this book was compiled by Marcellius, Archbishop and dedicated to Leo X. The color scarlet is remarkable and reserved only for Popes and Cardinals. In Marcellius book five different articles of dress are mentioned that have the scarlet color. A vest is studded with pearls. The Popes miter is of gold and precious stones. Thrice Revelation assigns these very characteristics to Babylon. Paul says that if a man prays with a covering on his head, he dishonors his head.(I Cor. 11:4) The apostle forbids all religious head coverings, including bonnets, miters, turbans or any kind of skull cap. Thus, Joachim, an Abbot from Calabria 1200 A.D. was summoned to Palestine and ask by Richard "The lion hearted" to address the subject of antichrist. Joachim replied, "He was born long ago in Rome and is now exalting himself above all that is called God!"

(Your Professor does not wholeheartedly endorse Joachim's answer, for there have been many antichrist since John wrote his first epistle, but Joachim did know what an antichrist is.)

The true congregation is clothed with the sun "son" (12:1), but the apostate is clothed with the glittering jewels of the world. Even the beast will throw her off and judge her (17:16). Instead of the cup of suffering for Christ, she holds a cup full of filthiness and abominations. She meets the world half way. The church becomes worldly and the world becomes Christianized.

The beast's head is wounded, so he needs the harlot (13:3) and then return worse than ever (17:11-14) The true priest has "Holiness to the Lord" written on his head, but what a contrast "Mystery Babylon"

80) What is a mystery? (Eph. 5:31-32)

What is the mystery of iniquity (2Thess, 2:7)

In the Great Commission given by Christ, we have the potential to bless the whole world. Conversely, if that commission to the world is tainted by human ambition and greed it brings a universal "catholic" curse. Give a brief explanation on how that when those who impersonate the genuine Christian minister corrupt Christianity it actually becomes the greatest curse upon the people and nations of the world, beyond even the wildest dreams of the Devil.

How does the Harlot give rise to other corrupted religions, and even corrupted sects within "Christendom"?

What a colossal mystery! Contrast the mystery of iniquity to "The mystery of God" (10:7) and that of the Godhead (I Tim. 3:16).

81) How is the invisible New Covenant Kingdom hidden and dispersed by the visible impersonating monster?

What are the boundary lines that separate the true “Israel” from the Babylonian system with all of her children?

How have all nations become drunk on Babylon’s intoxicated beverage of fornication (17:2, 18:3, 19:2)

When the nations view her wealth, pleasure, external, ornamental , religious pretense and show what opinions to they form of Christianity.

The true woman was “clothed with the sun”, and as the sun sheds it’s light on the whole world, the purpose was to bring pure, spiritual and holy light to the earth, but the harlot is decorated with gold, purple and scarlet. She is the Mother of every religious harlot on earth. Who is our mother? (21:2, Isa. 2:2-4, Gal. 4:26)

Cyrus restored Old Testament Israel to their home. Our home is Heaven. The word Cyrus in the Persian language means, “sun”. When is it possible for Him to bring a Restoration to His New Testament Israel?

Has the Protestant revolt reformed Catholicism?

Has it restored (brought back the “remnant”) of the New Testament spiritual Israel?

What do you think of the claim made by Protestants, “They changed the Whore(in the West) from a “state-church” to a “church-state” institution?

In this regard, what position does the Catholic Church in the East occupy?

Has The Eastern church ever had a Protestant Revolt?

Is there any connection between the Harlot here, and her prototype, the mysterious woman named “iniquity”, “wickedness” or “lawlessness in Zech. 5:7,8 and her male counterpart in 2 Thes. 2:4)? Shinar is another name for Babylon.

At first glance you have one woman, then later there are two. Why?

82) (17:6) John is in wonder with great admiration. Did John admire this beautiful beast, and its luxurious lover? The Greek has a double exclamation using the same word, "Admired with great admiration!"

The same exclamation is given of how all the world felt about the Whore (13:3) Did John share the same attitude the world had toward her? Was he surprised? Was he in a state of shock?

Could a faithful woman become an outlandish, eccentric whore?

The Kingdom of Heaven is higher than the world, but show some modern day examples as to how it can sink lower than the world?

Do you know of any modern day "churches" of Christ who are undergoing a change that resembles very closely what John sees in this text? Are you astonished?

There is no article with woman in 17:3 as she is called in Rev. 12, 3,13,14,15,16, "THE" Woman.

Who thinks she is the woman of Rev. 12?

83) (17:8) The healing of the wounded head is identical to the its ascending out of the pit. This was a great war strategy on the part of the Devil, concocted in the depths of Hades. Having been beaten decisively by Christ the Devil resorts to a war of attrition against His congregation, to wear them down gradually in a long drawn out war of doctrine, might and contradiction. If you are a part of the covenant remnant you will have experienced this. Give one illustration.

What does "perdition" mean? Is there any hope for the whore?

How were The Protestants in error on this point of interest?

How do those "whose names are written in the Lamb's Book" feel about these developments?

It is interesting that this beast has a reputation "'who was, and is not, and yet is". We contrast it with Yahweh "'who is, who was and who is to come".

How does Rome fulfill this riddle?

WHO WAS
AND IS NOT
AND YET IS

84) (17:9) The Seven mounts. “Rome had a national festival called Septimontium, the feast of the seven hilled city, and on the imperial coins, she is represented as a woman seated on seven hills” From the Roman author Pliny, and the coin of Vespasian described by Captain Smyth, Roman Coins p. 319 also Ackerman, Vol.1 p. 87 (J.F.B. p.1575)

These seven elevations pale greatly in comparison to the Lord’s lofty, majestic Mountain Zion (21:10, Isa. 2:2,Dan. 2:3-5)

How does the Lord’s Kingdom present an eclipse in our mind and overshadow the flimsy hills of the beast?

From reading of the 7 heads of vs. 9, and the ten horns of vs. 12, how do we know that The Book of Revelation is not to be interpreted literally?

What are the seven (Dan. 7:4-7) God-opposing monarchies of history? Daniel gives some of them in Daniel chp. 2.

The woman sits upon, and is supported by seven kingdoms of the past.

Also, who were the Caesars of Rome in succession? How many were there?

85) 17:10 – Who are the five who have fallen?

Which one existed in John's day?

Daniel gives a few of them (8:3-7, 20-22, 10:13, 11:2, 11:4)

Ezekiel adds others to the list (chps. 19-30 with Nahum 3:1-19, and Jer. chps. 50-51)

Who is the one that is now?

If the seven are Caesars, which one existed in John's day?

If it were not for the hordes that attacked and sacked Rome from the North (and Vandals from the south) what would Rome have done to the woman? (12:16)

How did Rome try to recover itself, and yet for a "short time" (17:10)

85) (17:11-with 13:3) How was the wounded head healed?

Who were the three horns plucked out of the ten?

How much time elapses between the 7th. and the 8th. heads?

The 8th, while being distinct from the 7th is actually an embodiment of it, and the two are as one.

Are the ten kings "kingdoms" contemporary with the 8th? (17:12, 14-16)

The 8th does not fall like the former seven, but is destroyed "goes into perdition" by the Lord. What does this fact do to the Futurist and Preterist interpretations?

86) –(17:12) with Dan. 2:34,44 "ten toes", which are "ten kings" (41-44). Christianity destroyed pagan Rome-Papal Rome healed her. How did these Kings receive power to rule?

“One hour” is an apocalyptic figure for a short time. How long did the Alan Kingdom last? The Suevi? The Burgundian? The Ostrogoth? The Visigoth? The Vandal? The Lombards?

To whom did they surrender their authority?

How long can an institution survive who relinquishes their authority and rights to another? (17:13)

Religious Rome could lay claim to being King of Kings.

How long did the religious Rome kingdom last?

8) How did this confederacy go to war against the Lamb?

Notice the contrast, He too is called Lord of Lords (also 19:16)

The war will last until (19:19), and the Harlot must go down first (17:15-16, 18:2)

How are the saints with Him in the final battle (18:14 with I Thes. 4:14-Jude 14)

Are Angels “saints”?

(17:14)- is a good three point preaching expository sermon. How are we called, chosen, faithful?

What does this verse do to the Calvinist viewpoint of eternal security?

Are Christians now in Heaven with Christ now, unseen?

87) (17:15 with Isa. 8:7) It is not impossible for every individual who has ever lived to be singled out by their Lord and Maker, God and Creator to be judged individually on every thought and action of their whole adult, responsible life.

Whether they are members of the institution or not they have been confused by Babylon. None will be missed. They made a lot of religious choices. They sat upon the waters. The Lord also, “Sitteth upon the waters! (Hab. 2:14, Jer. 51:13, Psa. 29:3) A flood of water (Psa. 29:10) leaves nothing untouched or unturned.

Pope Boniface VIII in the Bull “Unum Sanctum”, reveals double supremacy over all peoples with two swords and two keys. He is crowned universal bishop with the miter of spiritual power and exercises temporal power with his tiara crown in token of his imperial supremacy.

88) (17:16) As Rome turned on Jerusalem under Titus, so the Kingdoms that grew out of Rome will turn on her. What are some of the historical episodes that led to the shaking of Papal Rome, bringing her to her knees?

How did the European nations begin to hate the Whore?

“They ate her flesh”-a figure of carnality. How did this happen?

An Angel having great power announced this (18:1, 19:5)

A voice from Heaven announced it (18:4,20)

Then a mighty angel (18:21,24)

Psalms 14:4, 27:2, Mic. 3:3 uses “eating flesh”, what does it mean there?

Napoleon’s Edict, published at Rome in 1809 made it lawful to confiscate all of Rome’s possessions and property and funnel it to France.

How striking a retribution. Papal Rome obtained her first temporal dominions, The exarchate of Ravenna, The Kingdom of the Lombard’s and the State of Rome by sanctioning the usurper Pepin as lawful King of France, now she is stripped by another usurper of French authority, the Napoleonic Dynasty.

89) (17:17-18) Comment on the word “fulfill” in these verses.

90) God’s will is supreme. The things that have not happened are in His sovereign will already happened. The evil man or nation may think it is his will, but God somehow put it in his heart to fulfill His divine will.

Do you think Napoleon knew he was extracting retribution from God’s worse enemy?

Do you think Titus Vespasian knew what was going on in 70 A.D.?

Do you think Antiochus Epiphanes knew what was going on when he profaned the Temple in 168 B.C.?

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN SHOULD NOT BE A NEW CHAPTER HEADING, IT BELONGS TO CHAPTER SEVENTEEN. BUT WE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE REALLY ONLY A TOTAL OF SEVEN COMPLETE CHAPTERS IN THE BOOK, WITH SUBDIVISIONS OF SEVENS IN THEM.

91) 18:1 What do we mean by a “prophetic present tense”? This same expression of Old Babylon is used in Isaiah 21:9, and Jer. 51:8.

Was the fall of Babylon still future? (18:4)

92) Explain the metaphor of the “wine” in 18:3, with Habakkuk 2:14-16

Compare “abundance” and “delicacies” with I Tim. 5:11 where the same word is used in verb form, “wanton luxury”. The emphasis is not on physical merchandize, but making merchandize of the souls of men. How does religion accomplish this?

93) 18:4 “Come out!” from Jer. 50:8, 51:6. How can an institution as vile as Romanism have God’s people?

What is there only recourse?

At what time in history are they to obey this command?

What would a Preterist do with this verse? A Historicist? A Futurist?

Can Babylon be converted?

How can we be partakers of Babylon?

In Genesis, the builders of Babylon’s tower wanted to reach to the heaven. (18:5) How did they finally make it?

94) (18:6) What has Papal Rome given to the world? “J.F.B.” on (18:6) says Rome gave the world “Populus vult decipi , et decepiatur”.
See 2 Thes. 2:10-12

Receive double for sins (Isa. 40:22) How can punishment in Hell be worse for some than others?

Explain the “cup of wrath”?

95) What does the boast of 18:7 mean?

Rome was queen of the West “The eternal city-inscription on her coins”, , Babylon was queen of the East. “ Babylon is a former Rome, and Rome a latter Babylon.” -Augustine

Romish idolatry has been the greatest stumbling block to the acceptance of Christianity by rational people.

96) Instead of the luxuries she boasted of in 18:7, what does she really get in 18:8?

When does judgment fall on her?

97) Compare (18:9) with (11:10). How luxurious did the “witnesses” live?
What about them tormented Babylon?

Who gave an opiate to the sinner’s conscience?

Who gave the sinner a license to indulge his lusts?

Why would anyone “bewail” her?

Have you ever known society to “bewail” the death of an ordinary harlot?

98) “Merchandize”. Which city was the most famous for shipping, merchandize and commerce-Jerusalem or Rome?
What would a Preterist say about this?

What would the average Christian merchant in Rome hope for the most, the reward of his merchandize, or Heaven?

Was their commercial endeavor honest or dishonest?

“All of the merchandize mentioned here occurs repeatedly in the “Roman Ceremonial” (.J.F.B.)

“Fine linen” should be figuratively used for the true Bride (19:8), but here it is the attire of the apostate (11:8).

Precious stones and pearls are figurative of heaven, but here are coveted.

What is thyine wood?

How do perverts use cinnamon? Prov. 7:17

Odours of ointments , Frankincense (Psa. 141: Mal. 1:11)

Flour “similago” of the Latin’s –Used for the cakes offered to the Mother of Heaven.

Souls of men, (Ezk. 27:13) – How does all of the wealth and external pomp and religious array steal souls away from their rightful worship of Christ?

How much money does collecting fees for the Mass of a sead Romanist make?

“Indulgences are purchased from the Papal Chancery by rich merchants in various countries to be retained at a profit” (Mosheim !!!, 95-96).

(18:14-17) Try to compute the wealth in modern currency, found in these verse?

“Vessel were freighted with Pilgrims to various shrines , so that in one month (1300 A.D.) , 200,000 pilgrims were counted in Rome (D’Aubigni, in Reformation).A source of gain not only to Papal Rome, but shipping merchants as well.

What would the witnesses of Chapter 11 have said about these things?

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99)(18:20) Why are Saints and apostles mentioned together?

How does this verse [rove that this hapter is not just talking about the fall of physical, Pagan Rome?

Who are these Apostles?

How did Old Pagan Rome feel about them?

How did Papal Rome feel about them?

Why are The Apostles so involved in this? They all died in the First Century?

Why is there more rejoicing in Heaven at the Fall of the Harlot than the fall of the other Two beasts?

Did the woman appear as a beast, or did she retain her human shape as a woman?

How did the apostate church forfeit the riches of heaven?

Did she succeed in being a worldly power?

Describe the effects of the millstone- Ex. 15:5, 10, Neh. 9:11?

Contrast (18:21-23) with Rev. 22:5.

Using these verses, compare sensual worship with spiritual worship?

Contrast the love affair of the prostitute with that of the true bride and bridegroom (19:7-9, 21:2,9; Isa. 62:4, 5)

100) Aringhus (writing in Bengel) “ Rome was the general shambles for slaying the sheep of Jesus..

Fred Seyler (also writing in Bengel) said, “Papal Rome, between 1540-1518 slew more than 900,000 Protestants.

Remember three reasons for the Harlots downfall-

- 1) Unholy traffic in merchandizing, both merchandize and souls
- 2) Her sorceries (witch craft), juggling tricks, in which the false prophet can outdo her (21:8,22:15)
- 3) The retribution owed the Apostles and saints.
- 4) Her deliberate effort to obscure the true New Covenant bride by masquerading in Her place.

CHAPTER NINETEEN IS STILL A PART OF THE SIXTH PARALLEL SECTION. IT SHOULD SIMPLY BE A CONTINUATION OF THE SIXTH SYNCHRONIZED PART THAT BEGAN WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE ‘VIALS OF WRATH’.

WE REMEMBER THAT THE FIFTH PARALLEL SECTION ‘THE VIALS OF WRATH’ BEGAN IN CHAPTER 15 AND CONCLUDED IN CHAPTER 16.WE ARE PRESENTLY IN THE SIXTH SYNCHRONIZED SECTION THAT BEGAN IN CHAPTER 17. CHAPTER 19 IS STILL A PART OF THAT SIXTH PARALLEL AND SHOULD SIMPLY BE CONSIDERED AS A CONTINUATION OF CHAPTER 18.

ACTUALLY, IF WE EXAMINE THE WAY THE HOLY SPIRIT WROTE THIS BOOK, THERE ARE ONLY SEVEN SEALS (CAPLETS-CHAPTERS), AND CHAPTER 19 IS ACTUALLY THE CONCLUSION OF THE SIXTH CHAPLET ‘SEAL’ OF THE BOOK. CHAPTER 20 WILLO BEGIN THE LAST CHAPLET OF THE SEVEN DIVISIONS OF THIS FANTASTIC BOOK OF GOD.

101) (18:1) As this sixth vision comes to a close there is a song of praise. All communication with God should open with praise “Hallowed be thy Name” (4:8, 5:9) and at the close of prophecy and prophetic events as seen here (19:1-7) “Yours is the Kingdom, Power and Glory”. Compare this with Chapter 7:10, 11:15-18, 15:3, keeping in mind the corresponding harmony that exists in each of the seven parallel sections.

102) In what tone of voice were the lamentations of Chapter 18?

What kind of voice is mentioned in 19:1? Note Jer. 51:48>

103) What does Alleluia mean?

What does Alleluia mean in Russian? Chinese? German? French? Spanish? Korean?

Is the Word “Yah” in the New Testament?

What is the Father called in the New Testament?

Compare this with Psa. 149:4-9 where it appears four times?

What does “present help” and destruction of the ungodly enemy have to do with this praise word?

What is “tsaba” warfare? When will it be ginsihed?

Who gets the glory?

104) What should earth expect of the true bride?

What did the whore give? (19:2)

What did she get?

What do we mean when we speak of those professed Christians who shrink from the reproach of the cross and show unkindness to those who bear it?

What did Preacher “D” mean when he told the wife of one of our greatly persecuted preachers, “You are married to a warrior? He is a good soldier of the cross. Both you and your husband have been called to holy warfare. Like any military force, the government rewards them with monetary sustenance and treatment centers for those who suffer wounds. The families of casualties of war are also rewarded. Your husband is a great witness, and you need to quit feeling sorry for him and yourself and rejoice that you are counted worthy to suffer for Him who suffered ALL!”

(19:3) Can you give reference to any witness you know who has given his “blood of the servants” for His Lord.

What does singing and praise have to do with war?

(19:4) Do you believe the creatures of 19:4 are the same as those in Ezekiel 1:4-5, 10:2,20 ?

What is their purpose in these texts?

(19:6) What was keeping the reign of the Lord-God from being recognized?

Is Lord-God ONE identity? (Trick question)

See Genesis 1:1 and 2:4 and note the difference. Write a paragraph on it.

105) How did Babylon make the whole world a harlot?

How do we know that Babylon is distinct from the world?

After His rise, how long did it take the beast to go into perdition?

In 2 Thess. 2, when did Paul say the “Mystery of Iniquity” would begin?

105) (19:7) When does the marriage of the Lamb come?

Read your Author’s Syllabus on this verse.

What does (J.F.B.) mean when they speak of the full and final consummation of this marriage is in 21:2-9?

106) Why does the Holy Spirit wait until now to write of the final marriage of the true bride?

107) What role will the true bride of Christ play in the End Time judgment?

108) Reading Mt. 22:2, 25:6, 10 and 2 Cor. 11:2 list briefly the following ways in which we participate with Him,

are in union with Him

reign with Him

suffer with Him

loved of Him

judge with Him

How does His bride differ from the harlot?

109) According to 19:8 WHO makes the Bride ready for the groom?

Cf. Eph. 5:27

What is the difference between inherent righteousness and imputed righteousness? (Rom.5:18)

Discuss “openly walking with Christ in white” as opposed to being cleansed in title and unseen possibility

Comment on the development from the woman (Chap. 12) to the whore (Chap. 17) to the bride (19:7).

110) !19:9) What is the word for “called” in this verse? (Strong’s 2564)

What is the word for those who are “called out”? (1577)

How many times is the word “church” found in the original Greek?

(Note-do not look for “church” as a translation of the original word. We are looking for the word itself in the Greek manuscripts.)

What are we called to partake of (I Cor. 1:9)?

111) What supper do we partake of on earth that typifies the Great Supper of Heaven?

What is the⁴ supper of the Great God (19:17)

What happens to those who are “Taken” in. 24:28, Lk. 17:37? (Isa. 34:15).

112) What do you think of John's behavior as he became as good as a dead man (1:17) wept much in Rev. 5:4, was astonished with horror (17:6) and wants to worship an angel in 19:10 with 22:8.?

How should we react on the impulse of adoring joy at so blessed a prospect as we see presented to us in these verses?

John saw God's people as a prostitute and as a beautiful bride.

What did Paul say about angel worship? (Col. 2:18)

How many religions do you know base their doctrines upon the initial revelation of a single angel?

What is "The testimony of Jesus?"

Give a few other times this expression "testimony" is given, and the context of its usage?

113) This may be the angel with the everlasting Gospel (14:6). He represents the patron angel of all evangelists?

He would orchestrate angelic assistance to those taking the Gospel as a witness to all nations. Peter's angel assisted him greatly. An angel assisted Phillip in converting the eunuch. Are you aware of angelic assistance as you evangelize?

The angel may have said, "John, the revelation is not coming from me, it is coming from Christ. You bowed before Him in the beginning of this book "as a dead man", and that was perfectly acceptable behavior. But I serve Him also. I am helping you receive this revelation from Him, and most of all record it for all other fellow servants to read. When they read this they will have the spirit of this testimony."

By the same Spirit, angels assist us, and we all speak the truth of the New Testament. Every one who knows and speaks New Testament truth as the Holy Spirit of Testimony.

What does this truth do to the Romanist idea of making saints and canonizing them?

114) WE ARE INTRODUCED TO A BREATHTAKING, CULMINATING VISION OF THE COMING OF CHRIST TO CONFIRM HIS ETERNAL REIGN AND JUDGE THE WORLD FINALLY AND FOR ALL.

The white horse of 6:2 had a purpose

What is the purpose of the horse of 19:11?

What weapon did the one in (6:2) have?
The one in 19:11?

Is Christ coming here to set up a Kingdom on earth?

What does it mean that He is coming in glory?

How do we compare His Kingdom of suffering and tribulation (Rev. 1:9): and having an inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God (Eph. 5:5), with the Kingdom triumphant in 19:12?

Christ comes to us when we are converted. How will His coming for us in glory differ from His present, indwelling with us now?

“Son of Man” used in 1:14 is a favorite title of Christ. Why?

115) (19:12) What are diadem crowns?

What are stephanos crowns?

116) Compare the Papal tiara crown with three diadems?
Compare the three horns- The exarachte of Ravenna, the Lonbard Kingdom and the state of Rome given by Pepin, the usurper of the throne of France to Pope Zachary and Stephen !!.

Compare the seven crowns on the head of the dragon (12:3).?

The ten diadems on the ten heads of the beast?

117) What are some “new names” that no one knows?

How does this make the disciple like his Lord?(Rev. 3:12)

Judges 13:18

I Cor. 2:9, 11

I Jn. 3:2

How could the name be written and seen, yet John knew it not?

Are we fully united with our Lord in glory?

118) (19: 13), why is His vesture soaked in blood? Compare Isa. 63:2.

What blood did the Harlot shed?

119) What is the difference between “Son of God” and “Word of God”?

Which phrase indicates His incommunicable Godhood. Joined to His manhood, which He shall manifest, in eternal glory?

Why does not the bride fear the bridegroom?

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes the sin of the world away. Only sin fears the lamb.

How will His enemies view that coming?

How will those who have clothed themselves with the cover of darkness stand in the presence of Him who is unapproachable light? (I Tim. 6:16)

120) Why are His armies, (19:14) His saints (!Thess 4:17) His mighty angels and “They that are with Him” (17:14) considered a part of His coming when in truth Christ could accomplish everything by Himself.

Whose garments are white and clean?

121 (19:15) What is the sword of His mouth? (1:16, 2:12, 16 and 19:15).

Why is this phrase found four times?

What is it called in 2 Thess. 2:8? Isa 11:4.

What is the difference between this and the Sword of the Spirit?(Eph. 6:17) Heb. 4:12)

Does this contradict the Word as a convicting and converting means?

Who will judge the whole world?

How is “rule” used here? Is it in a pastoral sense?

Is it in a Kingly sense?

Is it in a punitive sense?

How can “rod of iron” be applied here?

Isa. 63:3

Why does the Vulgate, the Coptic and Origen call this his “boiling indignation?”

121) (19:16) What does Christ’s fleshy thigh represent?

His divine name, nobody knows represents what?

(17:14) The usurper King, the Beast had ten Kingdoms given him. How is Christ different?

122) The Banquet of God represents what?

123) (19:18) “The flesh of all people”, free, slave, great and small. How would you compare this to 13:16?

124) Gathered together (Armageddon-16: 14, 17:14) the war foretold. Briefly describe Armageddon again.

125) The miracle-working beast, (false prophet) closely aligned with the first beast in 19:20.

Briefly describe how the two work together?

What is secular power?

What is ecclesial power?

From what Greek word does the word Ecclesiastical come?

What do most people call that word today, as referred to earlier?

If the ecclesiastical beast did not rely on secular power, what would be the only recourse open to her?

They were worshipping the beast (19:20), not just an act of worship, but also a habit.

Cast alive into the Lake of Fire. This means that the beast is a symbol of real, actual living bodies and souls of those who worshipped him.

What is the difference between a living death and annihilation?

19:21 What is Gehenna?

How does Psalm 2:10 bear upon this verse?

IS THIS A REFERENCE TO THE END OF THE WORLD/

IF IT IS, WHY DO WE START ALL OVER AGAIN IN CHAPTER 20, AND HAVE THE SAME END DESCRIPTION FOR THE DEVIL IN 20:15?

Chapter twenty is the beginning of the last synchronized section. The last three chapters form one chaplet, or seal of the book

What is the key?

What is the bottomless pit?

When was the Devil cast there?

Who cast him into the pit?

What is a thousand years?

What does Rev. 12: 7-10 say about this?

Is Satan completely, unrestrictedly loosed on earth right now?

How has the doctrine of a physical, millennial reign of Christ on earth caused a degeneration of Kingdom theology into gross, carnalism?

Where are the thrones at in Rev. 20:4-5?

How is judgment given to the throne inhabitants in connection with Dan. 7:22?

How did disembodied souls come to life again?

What is the first resurrection?

What is the “rest of the dead?”

Is there a second resurrection?

Is there any suggestion in these verses that the reign of Christ will be on earth?

Will His reign be over fleshy individuals?

When do citizens of Christ Kingdom become Kings and priests of God?

Did Christ ever promise another Kingdom for the Jews?

20:8 Who is Gog of Magog?

Gen 10:2 is just a hint

Who is the camp of the saints?

What is the beloved city?

Can Satan reach to the beloved city?

What does Ezekiel 38-39 have to do with this?

In what condition will the world be at this time?

In what condition will the ecclesia be?

(20:10) what does “day and night” mean here and in 22:5)

(20:11) who sits on the throne?

Who shall reign forever and ever?

What happens to the old heaven and earth?

(20:12) Who are the dead here?

How does John 5:24 apply?

Rom. 14:10?

2 Cor. 5:10?

Matt 25:31:32 refers to these my brethren in judgment, How do saints judge the world? I Cor. 6:1-2

What are the books?

Dan. 7:10

Psa. 56:8

139:4

Mal 3:16

The same words that Christ spoke (John 12:48)

Rom. 2:15-16 The law of conscience

Psa. 139:16 Eternal council

The Law? Rom. Gal. 3:10

Book of life Dan 12:1, Ex 32:32, Psa 69:28, Phil. 4:3 (3:5, 13:8, 21:27).

(20:13) death and hell means what?

First death cannot be annihilation if it followed by a second death “separation”.

How can the second death be far worse than the first?

CHAPTER 21

