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In this Book "TIME" is a year; "TIMES" is two years; "ONE-HALF TIME" is $\frac{1}{2}$ year. All together this is $3\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Concerning the Beast of this book, it is worthwhile to call your attention to the changes in this beastly thing. In chapter 13 it is the same beast with 7 heads and 10 horns and upon his horns, 10 crowns. When you realize that the showing of these different phases of that last period of time is in a very, very brief period, we get some idea of the marvelous changes that are to transpire rapidly as the Word of God comes to a full.

Rev. 13:4 "And they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" That verse shows you the tendency of the time when the world is going to be engulfed in demon worship.

Rev. 13:5 "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."

Here is the same period of time designated again in a different way. The same wording as that in Chapter 11:3 "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth."

Rev. 11:2 "But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles; and the holy city shall they tread under foot FORTY AND TWO MONTHS. 42 months is $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. In a prophetic year there is always 12 months. 3 years would be 36 months and add to this $\frac{1}{2}$ year or 6 months, which makes 42 months. A time of 42 months in which the power of the Anti-christ will be supreme in this world of ours.

Rev. 13:7 "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." Those who are left in the tribulation time. All of God's saints are not going into the tribulation.

How many of us have come to know that, prior to the second coming of Christ, there is a vast system of Divine operation to unfold and also a vast system of wickedness to unfold, and the two are to operate side by side. More and more as the days go by we realize, as Christians, that the powers of Satan are gathering force and strength with the one express purpose of overwhelming the people of God. A strange thing in the world today is the antipathy to Christ. Folks have a high regard for Christian Science. They think it is such a lovely and respectable religion, but I am not so interested in respectability as I am in Christ. When you become a Christian you don't lose your holiness; you add to that, but in the eyes of the world you lose a great deal of respectability, and when you come into Pentecost you really lose your religious respectability altogether. Pentecost does not have a good reputation. The first sermon that was ever preached, the preacher had to get up and apologize to the people and tell them that the Christians were not drunk; Peter said, "They are not drunk." Why do you suppose he had to say it? For the simple reason that the power of God was so strong upon the people that it was impossible to act in a normal way. You get so filled with the Glory of God and your actions will be different altogether. They always have been. At the same time, when the Spirit of the Lord comes in us, something is set up in there. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire and the New Birth set up in you a throne of God -- God's holiness -- and it goes out from you, a Divine something that is absolutely forever against sin.

When sinners come into your presence, when you are filled with the Word of God and the Holy Spirit of God, immediately the sinner begins to realize that you are something different and the fact is pressed home into their heart that the thing in you is against them, and they feel you are against them. The Holy Spirit in you is against sin. Their hunch is right. Sin is against the Holy Ghost. The more of the Spirit of God that we allow to come into the tabernacle of our body, soul, and spirit, the more the opposition of the world will develop. The reason we are not getting the perfection we should have is because we have not the measure of the Spirit to stir up hell. This is the realist conflict there ever was. God is bringing into existence a Church for this purpose.

The one and only Agency in this world of ours that is able to cope with Satan and sin is the Holy Ghost in the Church the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit in you and me and in God's people everywhere. If you haven't prayed through into the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, don't let anything interfere with your progress. So there is a reason for the antipathy of the world; there is something in us that is against the sin, but not against the person. The Holy Ghost in us despises sin. Thank God, there is a moment ordained when we will get rid of sin.

In Rev. 11 this period of time is designated as 42 months, which is $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, the last $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of time prior to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. At the end of that period will come the 120th Jubilee and when that trumpet sounds, Christ will come. Nobody knows just when it will sound, but as we see today the Word of God is unfolding more and more and we can see the Word of God being fulfilled before our eyes, exactly along the lines that have been recorded in God's bible.

For 42 months Jerusalem, God's Holy City, is to be trodden down of the Gentiles. Many people are looking for a Eutopia in Palestine, but you will not get one because Israel is going back under wrong conditions. Judas Iscariot was the only Jew among the Disciples. He had that anti-christal spirit that is upon the Jews today. The return of the Jews today in Palestine is in unbelief. In the greatest Jewish city, Tel Aviv, no missionary is allowed. The name of Christ cannot be mentioned. It touches the entire company of more than three-hundred-thousand Jews. That is the reason I say there is going to be no Eutopia in Jerusalem. There is going to be an ever deepening opposition until God pours out on this earth, in the latter rain, the gift of the Holy Ghost in a revival that will touch every nation of the world.

I have come to know, from the bible, that God is going to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. Every Nation of the world is going to see and touch and taste and become partaker in the power of God. That is only right. I want God to save every soul on this earth whatever they look like. I want God to sweep through every nation of the earth and He is going to. There is going to be a mighty Army come from every tribe, nation, and people, and they are going to be saved by the power of God. Right ahead of us is the shadow of the greatest revival the world ever saw. Nothing has ever been like the wind-up will be.

The Catholics have been brought up under a system and instructed in it, and no Catholic has had a fair chance to render a proper verdict concerning God's word. I believe that in the Catholic church there are millions of people who love the Lord Jesus Christ. They will sacrifice in a way that many Pentecostal folk don't like to do. They will suffer and are willing to do it for Jesus' sake. I know they are all mixed up. It is just a mixture of the old law and Roman paganism of 2000 years ago. The first thing in the Catholic hospital that will greet you is a statue of Christ and folks going in will pay homage to that image. Those things are all pagan. The people have never had a fair chance.

That is also true of the Jews. Those living today have never had a fair chance. They are not all anti-christal. There are almost one million Jews in the world who are born-again and filled with the Holy Ghost. Christ didn't hate anyone. His last prayer was, "Father forgive them!" The Spirit of Christ forgives everything. That is what the Church of Christ in every Christian must do. The first and last thing we must do is to forgive. Peter said, "How many times are we to forgive. Seven times a day?" Jesus said, "Until seventy times seven." Behind this is a prophecy. The seven times ends at the beginning of the Tribulation. That is when the Gentile times reach their climax. The 70 times 7 does not reach its climax until the end of the Tribulation.

All these forces that are gathering here are powers of darkness -- Principalities so dense and deep in Satanic power that no force will be able to cope with it but the Spirit of Christ. In Matt. 24:22 Jesus said, "Except those days should be shortened, there should not flesh be saved; but for the Elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Anyone who believes the Church will go through the Tribulation should study that scripture. When you understand that last $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, the period of the Tribulation, you will understand that every soul in the un-wise Virgin class of Rev 12 the remnant of the Woman's seed, missed the taking out of the Church into the wilderness. Every soul that gets into the tribulation period without the Name of Jesus on their hearts will die by the sword of the Anti-christ if they refuse to worship the Beast. This is the company that Satan makes war with --- never with the Church of Christ.

If you will locate the vision of the Church in your bible you will see positively that the Church does not pass through the period of the great tribulation. Jesus said those days were going to be shortened for the Elect's sake those who touch the divine standard. What is that? The divine standard of Christ always has been and always will be manifested by this Woman in Rev 12 "a Woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." This Woman reveals this fact of the divine standard. If you will locate the time, you will never make a mistake in the interpretation.

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One man says one way and another says another way, and 10,000 voices are preaching 10,000 different ways. There is an excuse for the world not knowing which is the right way, especially when they are not born again. Before you can be illuminated in God's word you must be born again of God's Spirit. The greatest scholar in the world, minus the new birth and the baptism of the Holy Ghost is ignorant of God's way. A man with the greatest degrees in the world, without the new birth is so ignorant of God's word that he is no authority at all.

When the moment came for the commencement of the Ministry of Christ, He knew there were 72 members of the San Hedrin; the 72 Rabbis in Israel that stood highest in their education, ability and their knowledge. Their knowledge was all supposed to be biblical and spiritual and they studied the law. But Christ did not put any emphasis on their knowledge. He passed them all up. He went down by the seaside among the low down fishermen, the working men. He chose out twelve of them. Eleven of them were devout men and the 12th one was a devil. Christ chose him with His eyes wide open. When Jesus came, He came to conform to the bible. Jesus knew everything written in the bible. Why did Jesus do this? Because knowledge puffs up and that spirit in man is an incurable disease. Being full of pride and puffed-up is the most dangerous state a Christian can get into. That is one reason why religions of today are so objectionable. When I read of Christian Science it makes me grit my teeth. It is a doctrine of devils. Just a lot of demonized words. That thing is a sure barrier to the incoming of the Spirit of Christ.

Paul tells us that knowledge puffeth up. Even if you know a lot about the bible you must be careful. I tell you so often that Paul had to have a messenger of the devil tacked on to him morning, noon and night and God refused to take it from him. When you are receiving divine revelation you must be careful to walk humbly before the Lord. There are many folks today who will not humble themselves and receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit, when that is the one thing necessary to the out-working of God's plan in the church.

Rev. 12:17 "And the dragon was wroth with the Woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. This is after the Woman, the Church, is taken out. Here is a company of people having faith in Jesus and keeping His commandments and yet are left on the outside when God takes His Church out. In the Parable of the Virgins we have the same thought. (The moon under the feet of the Woman is not Israel with the law at her feet, for Israel is still bound by the law.)

The sun clothing of the Woman is the power of God, clothing the Church in the last days of time until it brings that Church to the absolute perfection of Christ, until it makes her fit to be presented to Christ. Paul says in the resurrection there is one Glory of the Sun, another Glory of the moon, another of the Stars --- so shall it be in the resurrection of the dead. The same standard presented in the last days of time as the standard of Christ upon the Church, is the same standard that will be on Christians when they are resurrected from the dead. The measuring line is Christ .. "Until we all reach the fullness of the measure of the standard of Christ." We have got to receive and touch the power of Christ in the new birth and baptism of the Holy Ghost until we shall be as immortal and as incorruptible as the Christ, Himself.

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