

# **The Woman of Revelation 12/ The Last Day church (5)**

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GIVE ME CHILDREN. Or else I die. An emphatic and desperate cry from Rachel, [ewe]. Under the circumstances Rachel is anything but a docile lamb. The whole story of Jacob, Leah and Rachel is a prophecy reaching down to the end of the age. Jacob was deceived into receiving Leah as his first wife, when the love of his life was Rachel. So great was his love for Rachel that he worked for his father-in-law for fourteen years in order to have her as his wife. Gen. 30:1 The human problems displayed in this family are recorded in this chapter. One thing is certain, where there should have been rejoicing and gladness because of the children given them, there was anger, envy and competition.

THE LORD HEARD RACHEL. We see in the history of these women who conceived after a long period of time and waiting on the Lord, that they went through many testings and trials. The Lord had not forgotten, Rachel but in the process of working out His will and timing, He closed her womb. He recognized her petitions which she had made to Him. He hearkened, He responded to her appeal. Rachel rejoiced at the birth of her son and proclaimed that the Lord had removed her disgrace and reproach of being a barren woman. Child bearing was of utmost importance to the women of that day. In this case it was the building of a dynasty who were to be the people of the Lord. She birthed Joseph [meaning, adding] and prophesied that the Lord would add another son to her. Gen. 30:24 Joseph became the deliverer of Israel and is beautiful type of the Lord Jesus.

A NEW NAME. Jacob, renamed by the Lord. With his new name came a new character. He was no longer Jacob [usurper] but now is Israel {he will rule as God}. Had Israel, man and nation, walked consistently with the Lord what great authority they would have had in the earth. Gen. 35:10 The same is true with the church of our day. Walk with the Lord and rule. The Lord gave promise of a great posterity, perhaps even

more extensive than most imagine. The promise of the Lord also included the land. For these promises to be accomplished there must be a commitment to the Lord. No responsibility, no land. Israel can only be delivered from their dilemma by a full, whole hearted surrender to the Lord Jesus. He is their answer, and the solution for all of mankind's problems. Jacob erected a stone for a pillar to commemorate the promise of the Lord. As they journeyed on Rachel, gave birth to her second son. She died in giving birth. Odd, she had prayed for children or death and she experienced both. With her last breath she called this son, Ben-oni [son of my sorrows], but his father called him Benjamin [son of the right hand]. The church in facing the sorrows of the last days will be delivered of a man child, who is caught up to God and His throne. The son of her sorrows, but the son of the right hand or a ruler of eternity. The ultimate purposes of the Lord are foreshadowed through out the book. Rev. 12:5.

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A MOST AMAZING AND UNUSUAL PREGNANCY. The Lord works in ways which are impossible with, and puzzling to men. Out of hopelessness He fills the hopeless with not only hope, but a full realization of the accomplishment of the thing hoped for. That which, with men is impossible, with the Lord is highly possible. Mt. 19:26 The Lord chose a strong spiritually active family through whom He would bring forth a blazing prophet. One, who, though definitely not Elijah, would come in the spirit and power of Elijah. Luke 17:17 Jesus noted that this John the Baptist was the man with a ministry like Elijah who was to come, preparing the way of the Messiah. Mat. 11:14 The man, the father of John was named Zacharias [Jehovah remembers]. What a happy thought, the Lord never forgets us. We are always in His thoughts. Ps. 40:5 Zacharias, was of the priestly rotation of Abia or Abijah [My Father is Jehovah, or worshipper of Jehovah] According to the appointments made by King David, the course of Abia was the eighth. The number of life after death or resurrection, a new beginning. 1 Chron. 24:10 His wife's name was Elisabeth [God is my oath or a worshipper of God]. In as much as Bible names were often prophetic, this gives us an insight to the spirituality of Elisabeth. She was also a descendent of Aaron, the high priest.

THEIR SPIRITUALITY, UNDER THE LAW, IS MOST IMPRESSIVE. The witness and testimony of their lives was that they were both righteous before God. That gives them a good solid standing before the Lord. This seals it, walking in ALL the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. BLAMELESS. That speaks volumes of their deep, deep devotion to the Lord. Luke 1:6 For them to have achieved such a high standard of obedience to the Lord and a life of righteousness, under the Law truly shows forth their love for the Lord. Blameless, is the standard that the Lord has established for His Bride. It begins with love, that agape love which is His. A love for Him which consumes the whole heart, soul and spirit of man. A love of equal proportions for our fellow man, saved and unsaved. The ultimate is the establishing of hearts which are blameless and holy before the Lord. 1 Thes. 3:13 Those who really have an anticipation of the work of the Lord in these last days are going to be diligently, found of Him in peace, WITHOUT SPOT, AND BLAMELESS. The Lord has not established goals which are out of reach. They are obtainable, but it takes great effort and dedication. 2 Peter 3:14 This is achieved in a time of great wickedness and lethargy in the church world. There will be a people who shine with the Glory of the Lord, The glory of the Sun as seen in Revelation twelve. In the midst of the apex of unrighteousness, the Lord will find Himself a people who are blameless and harmless. Phil. 2:15 They will reach the highest pinnacle of righteousness and purity. They stand in absolute holiness before the Lord of heaven and earth. They are fully and totally His. They have no thoughts nor time for anyone else. They are solely His.

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THE PROPHECY CONCERNING JOHN. Jehovah is gracious. Better known and identified as John the Baptist or baptiser. John was to be a source of great joy and delight for his parents. Not only for them but for all who would be influenced by his ministry. He too was to be greatly effective in the spiritual life of many a person. He was to abstain from all intoxicants. From the womb of his mother he was to be anointed and motivated by the Holy Spirit. Lk. 1:15 Many Israelites were to be turned to the Lord under his anointed ministry. He was to create a great religious stir among the people. All with the purpose of preparing the way of the Messiah. He was to be a sign and a witness to the coming of the Messiah. John prepared the nation for the coming

of the Christ of God. He influenced the renewal of faith for many in Israel. Lk. 1:16

JOHN WAS TO PRECEDE CHRIST. He was to be motivated by the same spirit and power which was manifest in Elijah. Any and all who are anointed by the Holy Spirit, walk and perform their duties in the same spirit that was upon Elijah. John testified that he was not that Elijah who was to come. John 1:21 There is only one Holy Spirit and he has occupied the hearts and anointed men, in all the ages of time. It is fitting that we consider Elijah at this point of our study. Elijah has never died. He was translated alive into the kingdom of the Lord. 2 Kings 2:11 Elijah appeared, with Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration and they proceeded to carry on a conversation with Him in relationship to His coming crucifixion and departure from this earth. Lk. 9:30-31 Elijah will yet minister on earth ushering in the second coming of the Lord Jesus. As at the time of Christ first visit to the earth, John came in the spirit and power of Elijah, so prior to His second coming, according to the prophecies, Elijah will yet minister to the peoples of the earth and in particular to Israel. Note, Jesus said that Elijah will come first, [the pattern is Elijah, then Jesus] and also that he has come. Elijah is yet to come. In the days of Jesus, John represented that person anointed by the Spirit who proclaimed the coming of the Messiah. Mt. 17:10-12 Elijah will yet be a witness before the return of our Lord, and must come first, working all the miracles and manifestation of the Spirit, which are common to men of his stature. As John came in the day of Christ, Elijah will come in these last days, before the second coming of Christ. Mal. 3:1-3 This is not a substitute Elijah, nor some individual who like John will come in the spirit and power of Elijah. The literal, physical man who was caught up to the Lord will take part in those events which portray the closing of the dispensation of the fullness of times. John came, in accordance to the prophecy of Malachi. Elijah will come as the messenger, the prophet, the ambassador of the Lord. He with his compatriot, Moses will minister in particular to Israel but at the same time to the whole of the world. They are the forerunners of the coming of the Lord Jesus. They have a particular and very effective ministry which will be a dire warning to the world of the impending judgments.

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THE LAW OF A WITNESS. One witness was insufficient to condemn a person for iniquity or sin. At the very least there were to be two witnesses who could verify the act which had been committed. Three, was even better. Deut. 19:15 Inasmuch as this was the commandment of the Lord, He would certainly follow it to its full. There are two, whom He calls His two witnesses. A witness is one who has seen, and is an eye witness to the events of which they will testify. They must have been there and clearly observed the events. The witness and testimony of the Old Testament was heralded by the Law represented by Moses and the prophets represented by Elijah. We then look to the scriptures to find a ministry prior to and leading up to the second coming of Christ.

THE TWO WITNESSES OF POWER. These men are to give personal and factual witness of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are distinguished as being my two witnesses, in other words they must have observed certain events in the life of Christ. Unless they had been present and personally have seen the occurrence, they could not be a witness. We therefore need men who were present in the days of Jesus and who can bear witness in the end of the age, some two thousand years later. The ability to prophecy, to speak forth the will and the purpose of the Lord is found in the Law, Moses and the Prophets, Elijah. The New Testament builds a case for the two witness to have seen Christ at vital parts of His life. To begin with there were at least two, their number is not defined specifically, who came to Him when He was a child. Mt. 2:11 They will be able to witness as to His birth. Jesus was ministered to after His temptation. Mt. 4:11 They were present and are identified as Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration. Mt. 17:2-3, Mk. 9:2-4 Mary, on coming to the sepulcher saw two angels [or messengers], in white [Gr. leukos, light]. John 20:12 Their garments were comparable to the garment of Jesus. Mt. 17:2 White as the LIGHT. In other words shining with the light of the Lord, glistening with the glory of the Lord. They are good witnesses of His resurrection. Again, at a very important moment of His life, they put in an appearance. At His ascension they came to the disciples with a message that this same Jesus would so come in like manner as they had seen Him go. Acts 1:10 The pertinent happenings in the life of the Lord Jesus were observed by two witnesses who were special beings who had served the Lord and were preserved for a special work in the end of the age. Not created angels but men who had been taken from

this earth with a specific future and purpose prepared for them by the Lord. Moses and Elijah are perfectly suited to be witnesses to Israel and the world during the great tribulation period. We will see that this period of time is perfectly adaptable to the ministry of these two men of the Lord, who were bold and fearless in their time of ministry past. While they are not identified in the book of Revelation by name as being the two witnesses we shall see that their works certainly give an assurance as to their proper identity.

Friday, September 12, 2003 (74)

A TIME TO BE MEASURED. This measurement is directed toward the Temple of the Lord. The dimensions of the Tabernacle and the Temple were to be exactly according to the instructions given. The Lord is meticulous in building His Temple and all must be according to the blue print. See His instructions to Moses. According to the pattern showed thee.\ Ex. 25:9, Heb. 8:5 When it comes to the Church, in particular the Bride She is composed of saints, made perfect. A people prepared of the last day ministry of the church. Those who will experience an edified church. A completed church operating in perfection, in all the power and gifts of the Spirit. A people who exemplify and magnify the Lord Jesus. Eph. 4:12 A church with all of its adherents in perfect and absolute accord. All discord to be eliminated. Perfect unity, perfect faith, perfect knowledge having acquired the stature of the fullness of Christ. In other words, being what He is. Measured by the Lord Jesus who is both the measuring rod and the workman who measures. Eph. 4:13 The Temple will be carefully measured and any stone not up to standard will be eliminated. The outer court, that which is a type of the Law is not measured, it is excluded. It will be trampled by the gentile nations and in particular the antichrist for the three and one half years or forty-two months. Rev. 11:2

THE TIME ELEMENT INVOLVED My two witnesses. Jesus, the revelator claimed these two as His witnesses. They witness of Him and for Him. They witness with power. Their witness is effective during the entire tribulation period. They will appear on the scene at the beginning of the tribulation and the tribulation will conclude with their death, resurrection and ascension into heaven at the second coming of the Lord Jesus. Not only are they witnesses but they are also prophets. Prophets who will be clothed in sackcloth, a sign of mourning. That is

proper clothing for the events of that period of time for it will be a time of sorrow such as never has been, nor ever will be. They will declare the Lord Jesus to be the Messiah while prophesying concerning each event of judgment sent on the earth by the Lord. The period of time allotted to their ministry is three and one half years or a thousand two hundred and sixty days. Rev. 11:3 The same period of time as in verse two, only a different event. They are also identified as the two olive trees, trees whose fruit is crushed to make the Holy Anointing oil. They are the sons of oil, or the anointing. They are situated immediately before the throne of the Lord. They not only are anointed but they are instruments or golden pipes through whom the golden oil of their crop of olives is poured forth into the earth. Zech. 4:11-14 They are anointed by the Lord for service. Even though they come with judgment and punishment, if their messages are received they will be a blessing to those who would believe them. Their ministry will be mainly to the Israelites and they will be located in Jerusalem. rest assured that their every act will be closely followed by the nightly TV audience around the world.

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THE TWO WITNESSES IDENTIFIED BY THEIR WORKS. These men are fearsome and mighty during the three and one-half year ministry. They are absolutely untouchable by any enemy until their ministry is finished. Any opposition will be met with dire consequences. When confronted by those who would harm them they have unusual and unlimited powers of immediate punishment.

THEIR ENEMIES JUDGED BY FIRE. Each of them will have equal ability to manifest any and all of their powers and judgments. MOSES. In the history of the life of MOSES, we find a manifestation of FIRE destroying two hundred fifty men who were in rebellion. Num. 16:11-13, 35.

MOSES, pronounced a judgment of blood upon Egypt. Ex. 7:20 The plagues in Egypt instigated by MOSES at the command of the Lord are an example of how the Lord used MOSES. Ex. chapter 7 and 8. Plagues are not something that would be foreign to him. He need not repeat these plagues, nor would he be confined to them. The ability to produce plagues has certainly been demonstrated by his works.

ELIJAH. Elijah pronounced a three and one-half year drought on the Land. 1 Kings 17:1 Now, is not that significant? Since the measurements of time, given in the Book of Revelation, for the duration of the tribulation period are all three and one-half years. Lk. 4:25, James 5:17. ELIJAH, challenged the false prophets, the prophets of Baal, to produce fire upon their sacrifice. For the God who answered by fire would be the true God. 1Kings 18:24 The LORD answered ELIJAH by fire. Consuming the animals sacrificed, the wood placed on the altar, the stones of the altar, the soil on which the altar stood and the water which had been used to thoroughly soak the whole. Five elements were consumed [five is the number of atonement]. 1 Kings 18:38. The judgment of fire against those who came to take him. 2 Kings 1:10. Repeated with the second group. 2 Kings 1:12 To further help us determine that these two witnesses are Moses and Elijah we must return to the Mount of Transfiguration For here they are plainly named, as Moses and Elijah. Mt. 17:3 The work of these two will not end until the close of the tribulation period. The Lord himself buried Moses and until this day no one knows where. Deut. 34:5-6 Obviously, the Lord did not leave him in the grave. There came a moment of time, shortly after his burial, when he was raised. The argument that erupted is mentioned in Jude 9. Michael [who is like God], the archangel, the angel of resurrection claimed the body of Moses. In so doing, He rebuked the devil and loosed Moses from the grave. There is no other way for Moses to have appeared on the Mount. There is no concourse of the spirits of the dead between heaven and earth.

Tuesday, September 16, 2003 (76)

MARY. Of all the women of the Scriptures which gave birth to sons who were promised, there is none more famous than Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was a descendent of Judah and David. In the sixth month of the pregnancy of Elisabeth, the Lord sent an angel named Gabriel [Man of God, the Holy Spirit} to Mary [Bitter]. A strange name given one who was to be the Mother of the Lord Jesus. Her experience was to be a joyful one. She was to have a Son, one who was to be most unique, the savior of the world. She was to know the bitterness of the cross as she stood by watching her son die. Mary was a virgin. The salutation of the angel included the fact that she was being highly favored of the Lord. The grace, mercy and love of the Lord prepared her heart for the amazing events that were about to take place in her

life. She who was to receive the ultimate of the grace and honor of the Lord. Lk. 1:28 She was to bear and bring forth Immanuel or God with us. Isa. 7:14, Mt. 1:23

THE HOLY GHOST. The Spirit of the living and eternal Lord was to overshadow her. She was to be overwhelmed with the precious presence of the Spirit. Literally lost in the Spirit. Like the cloud on Mount Sinai, she was to know the atmosphere of heaven in the person of the Most Holy. Lk.1:35 She was to receive the seed of the Lord and conceive a son, who was to be named Jesus, or Savior. Lk.1:31 That seed, was the eternal Word, the logos, The Lord Jesus Christ. She believed the Word of Gabriel, therefore that word became alive in her and the prophecy was fulfilled. That Word which is the infallible, living, life giving Word. Not only was that Word with God, but He is equated as being God. In this divine and holy achievement, the Lord became one with man, and became a man. Astonishingly, in His great and majestic love He became like us that we might become like Him. He thoroughly humbled Himself, not only to take on the body and nature of a man, but was willing to commit Himself to the cross in order to rescue us from our sin. Phil. 2:8

HE SHALL BE GREAT. The actions of the Lord yields winners. Christ is more than conqueror. Contrary to general beliefs of His days on earth, He did not come to build an earthly kingdom. His kingdom is Spiritual and is that which is eternal. The six days or six thousand years of time in which the Lord has dealt with man are but a shadow of that which is to come. Gabriel said concerning Him, that He would rule as king on the throne of David. A throne established by the Lord which was a shadow of that which is eternal and is to come. Lk. 1:32 His is that, of which there is no end. The Lord blended heaven with earth to receive unto Himself a King and a race who will inhabit His everlasting New Heavens and New Earth with a people who have been born into that eternal kingdom of the Lord. The woman of Revelation twelve gives birth to her first born who is immediately caught up unto the Lord. He so is very special to the Lord. Rev. 12:5.

Wednesday, September 17, 2003 (77)

THE KINGDOM COMPARED TO TEN VIRGINS. The kingdom is that which is the eternal order. The number ten is a number of divine order

and completion. This parable is for the church in the end of the age. This is the time of the bridegroom, if we will listen there is a call of the Spirit to prepare ourselves for the most important of events in the history of the church. The marriage of the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ. The virgins knew that the hour of the wedding was approaching. They went out to meet the bridegroom. Mt. 25:1 They had been attracted to Him by the sweet perfume of His name. Song 1:3 There is no name, named among men like the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every need for body, soul and spirit is met in great sufficiency by calling upon that majestic name. The virgin is a very significant person in the Word. She is one set apart, pure and dedicated to the Lord, in this particular instance. The virgin is depicted as one whose interest is toward the Lord and has a great desire to please Him. 1 Cor. 7:32

THE VIRGINS WERE A SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP. They were in a category of persons who were in tune with the workings of the Lord. They were aware of the time and season of His coming for a Bride. To find that there are two classes of virgins is amazing. They had all heard the same messages but reacted differently to their instructions. They were split right down the middle, five were wise and five were foolish. The wise, heard the Word and responded in an intelligent manner. They made certain that the equipment necessary for their wait, however long, was with them. While the foolish, the stupid, those who were hearers but not doers made no preparations. They were misled by their feeling of self sufficiency. What can be said of them? They were just plain dumb. Mt. 25:2 This is a situation that is found in every body of believers. There are those who are extremely serious about their spiritual condition and there are those who are very casual about Spiritual things.

THE DIFFERENCE HINGES ON ONE COMMODITY. That was oil for their lamps. Of a certainty they all carried their lamps with them, but there had been no preparation for a refill, if necessary. Mt. 25:3 The anointing oil is the assurance of the availability of the power of the Lord. At times, it is difficult to distinguish between that which is the anointing and that which is religious professionalism. There is a form, a mannerism, which duplicates the true anointing but lacks the power of the Spirit. Of this we must be aware and avoid any contact with that which is spurious. 2 Tim. 3:5 The anointing of the Holy Ghost has been given to the church that we might know and recognize the true Spirit

of the Lord. He, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth and will illuminate the truth to the body of Christ. 1 John 2:27 How desperate is the need for the true anointing of the Spirit on the body of Christ in these last days. It is time to make certain of our supply of the Holy anointing oil, it is so vital to our spiritual well being.

Thursday, September 18, 2003 (78)

THE INVITATION HAD GONE FORTH. They had gone out to meet the Bridegroom. The call had been delivered to the those who were bidden. These are a people particularly blessed of the Lord. They were to enjoy the marriage supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:9. The possibility of missing or rejecting the invitation is noted again in the letter to the Laodicean church. The church which more than any of the others represents the religious order of the last days. Having upbraided the church for its lack of spirituality Jesus is seen standing at the door, might we not conclude the door of each and ever one of their hearts. He is knocking at the door. Seeking entrance, which tells us that He was not too frequent a visitor and perhaps would feel a little unwelcome. His voice is heard, he had to cry out to them to attract their attention. How pathetic. We would certainly include these in the unwise class of virgins. Jesus should always find a heart with a door wide open in welcome. Those who will respond will find themselves dining together with Him, at the marriage supper? Rev. 3:20

THE TIME HAS ARRIVED. What excitement. A wedding to exceed all weddings. The most beautiful Bride of the ages. A virgin Bride who has fully and completely prepared herself for that glorious and wonderful day. Her preparation is most vital. It is an essential that she is found wearing the Bridal gown prepared for her. She is given and privileged to wear fine linen, clean and bright which is the righteousness of the saints. Rev. 19:8 The Bride is urged to put on Christ. There is nothing more sacred than He. Being in His embrace is full assurance of righteousness and true holiness. Rom. 13:14 The church is destined to experience a work of sanctification and cleansing such as has never been before. The Bride will be thoroughly cleansed by the power of the Word. There is not an area of righteousness and purity found in the Word which she will not achieve. It may sound sacrilegious, but His Bride will have the same holiness of body, soul and spirit as the Lord Himself. She will share to the utmost His being and character. She is

what He is, in totality. Eph. 5:26-27 Her garment is white, bright or glistening. The linen she is wearing is of the finest and of itself would be most beautiful. There was a fine linen made in Egypt which was noted for its shine. The word white as used here in the Greek is lampros, radiant, gorgeous or bright. Of itself it would be spectacular but the Lord has added His glory making it a shining garment, a garment of light. Rev. 19:8 It is a garment of purity and righteousness for it is the clothing given to the saints as a sign of their belonging to Christ. There is another source of cleansing found in the scripture which is most important. The robes of the tribulation martyrs are cleansed and made white by the blood of the Lamb. Rev. 7:14 Walking in fellowship with Him, His blood cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7 Absolute, perfect forgiveness and cleansing from every sin imaginable is acquired by the blood of the Lord Jesus. The cleansing wrought by the Lord is complete.

Friday, September 19, 2003 (79)

THE BRIDEGROOM LONG IN COMING. He had not delayed His coming, His time of arrival had simply not come. Our timing and the timing of the Lord are different. A day with the Lord is as a thousand years. 2 Pet.3:8 Then again, a thousand years are but yesterday and as a watch in the night. Ps. 90:4 How interesting, a thousand years as but a watch in the night, which was four hours long, or three watches in the night. Surely this is the cry of the Spirit of the Lord concerning the watches.

THE FIRST WATCH. This is watching in prayer. Not the vain repetition of words which are commonly used in prayer but an earnest, [Excuse the words] gut wrenching prayer. That which comes from deep within the spirit nature of a child of God. Commonly known as travail. This is that prayer of the Spirit and most certainly will produce positive results. Rom. 8:26 The same call is heard here as in Matthew 25, ARISE, cry out into the night. In this beginning of the last days, pour out your heart. This indeed is the call of the Spirit to pray for the youth of our world, most of whom have been deprived of any Spiritual life, of any kind. Lam. 2:19.

THE SECOND WATCH. Known as the middle watch, the watch of victory, from 10: PM to 2 AM. Known for the miraculous deliverance of

the children of Israel from their enemies the Midianites. Gideon, [ tree feller or warrior], with a whittled down force of only three hundred men. The Lord called Gideon, a valiant warrior. Judges 6:12 He had the best of equipment. The sword of Jehovah, which was also the sword of Gideon. The swords in their hands were more than temporal weapons, the LORD made them His swords. Their burning torches were hidden in pots of clay until the vessels were broken. The Lord uses broken vessels. Ps. 51:17 The Lord is moved by a prayer which involves tears. We are praying too many dry eyed prayers today. Victory came when the pots were smashed and the lights shown around about the Midianites. The sounding of the trumpets was probably magnified in the ears of the Midianites striking fear in their hearts. Having done all this, the Israeli army stood still on the outskirts of the camp of the Midianites. It was not even necessary for them to attack the camp of the Midianites. The enemy was so confused and frightened they all began to fight each other while fleeing. Our God has unique ways of granting victory in the lives of His children. Judges 7:19-22 The Lord is seeking water pots which are filled with fire. All three relate to the church and her experience in these last days. We are the vessels of the Lord, and have need of being broken. We are filled with the water of the Spirit and the Word and need to be broken in order for the contents to be poured out to a lost and dying world. More than ever before the fire of the living Lord must be in the vessels as they are broken, allowing the light and the fire to be made manifest to all the world. The Lord has great things for His church as soon as she fits His pattern for His church. complete.

Monday, September 22, 2003 (80)

THE THIRD WATCH OR THE LAST WATCH OF THE NIGHT. As illustrated in the Bible it is the watch of surprise attack. We find here a time of confusion of the enemy, cause by the Lord. The Lord looked down on the pursuit Egyptians and threw their camp into utter confusion. It would appear that the Egyptians had planned and were executing a predawn attack, but they were up against a General who was far wiser than the Egyptians. He caused the wheels to fall from their chariots. The Egyptians then realized that the Lord was resisting them and were ordered to retreat. Too late, they had already committed themselves to the battle. At daybreak, the Lord commanded Moses to stretch forth his hand. The waters returned to their normal place and the Egyptians

were defeated and drowned. There were no survivors. Ex. 14:24-28 Saul also used this strategy in defeating the Ammonites. 1 Sam. 11:11 Sounds like the battle of Armageddon. When not only the enemy will be destroyed but all the ungodly forces and inhabitants of the earth will be eliminated, just prior to the millennial reign of Christ. Rev. 16:16

A CHANGE MADE BY THE RULING ROMANS. They change the three watches into four. Jesus alluded to this in His warning to be prepared for His return when He said that it could be during the evening, the midnight, the cockcrowing, or the morning watch. Mark 13:34 He referred to the night watches only, for Jesus will return when men walk in abject darkness. The time of day or night when He returns will depend on the time zone in which one lives. For some it will be night, for others it will be day. Coming at the speed of light He will circle every one of the time zones almost simultaneously. When He comes, in the clouds, every eye shall see Him. Even those in the grave will see His second coming. Those who pierced Him are specifically mentioned as beholding Him when He returns. Rev. 1:7

AN AMAZING MUTUAL BLUNDER. The wise as well as the foolish were found sleeping. There is nothing evident that there was any difference between them. The fervency of the ensuing event had lost its glamour until ev