

**What Happens
In the
Great
Tribulation?**

Short Bible Study from Scripture

Verses taken from KJV

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Chapter 1

Christians that defect to the mark will receive it in the forehead

The mark in the forehead will only be for Christians that defect to the mark. Satan knows that God will seal Christians with the seal of God in the forehead for protection during the great tribulation called the wrath of God. Satan will mark all known Christians taking the MOTB in the forehead to block the seal of God. MOTB in the hand will be non-Christians only.

Rev 7:3 saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we shall have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.

Rev 9:4 And it was said unto them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only such men as have not the seal of God on their foreheads.

The Mark (Seal) of God.

We learn about the Mark (Seal) of God in the Bible book of (John's) Revelations given to him by Jesus. Please note that the Bible states that Revelations is a revelation from John. No it's a Revelation from Jesus to John. John was only recording it.

I just wanted to set this clear!

Rev 7:3 the angel said, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees, until we mark the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads."

Rev 9:4 they were told not to harm the grass or the trees or any other plant; they could harm only the people who did not have the mark of God's seal on their foreheads.

In Revelations 7: God gives the Angels orders not to do any damage to the Earth until all His people received the Mark.
In Revelation 9: God gives orders to the Demons powers not to harm the ones marked with the seal of God this being all Gentiles.

Every Child of God that wants to enter the Capital City = The Golden City called Heaven; The Holy of Holies has to have a Mark of God they are sealed with.

I prayed to God, to please tell me what this Mark / Seal is and how will we receive and qualify for this?

God answered me.

You Qualify by being Sin free for a while, The Mark is given after the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit seals you with the Mark of God for Eternal life!

The Holy Spirit of God gives us a stamp of approval to enter Heaven (If I may explain it like this). We as Spirit filled Children of God have to be approved / motivated to enter the Glory of God The Holy Spirit Himself will place the Mark / Seal on your forehead. When He is happy with your life and when He sees you are totally sin free and stayed sin free for a while. You have to live according to the constitution of the Kingdom of Heaven, after you received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Read more about this in my book. "Are you Heaven Ready?"

The Constitution of Heaven

= the beatitudes as in Matt 5 v 1-14

Mat 5:1 Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him,

2 and he began to teach them:

3 "Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

4 "Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

5 "Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!

6 "Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!

7 "Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!

8 "Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God!

9 "Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!

10 "Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

11 "Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers.

12 Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted.

13 "You are like salt for the whole human race but if salt loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless, so it is thrown out and people trample on it.

14 "You are like light for the whole world a city built on a hill cannot be hid.

Then the Holy Spirit Himself will write your name in the Book of Life as per Revelations 20

Rev 20:12 and I saw the dead, the small and the great, stand before God. And books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead in it. And death and hell delivered up the dead in them. And each one of them was judged according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death.

15 and if anyone was not found having been written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the Lake of Fire.

If your name is not written in the Book of Life, you will not be allowed in Heaven.

The seal of God = the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. According to Eph 1:13 in whom also you, hearing the Word of Truth, the gospel of our salvation, in whom also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

A special mark of God (the NCV Bible) you have to be motivated by the Holy Spirit to enter the Capital City of the Kingdom of God. Live according to the Kingdom of God's rules and regulations.

The Bible is very clear on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and you have to use your Gift/gifts given to you by one or a combination of the 7 Spirits of God, and bear the fruits of the Spirit in you as per 1 Co 12 and Gal 5 v 22.

Note this: we as Children of God already Baptized by the Spirit and you have to bear these fruits and use our Gifts to build the Kingdom of God. But we also need regular top ups from the Holy Spirit to stay full of the Spirit.

Rom 8:16. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. And the Holy Spirit witnesses to God about the condition of our spirit, if we are ready or not

1Co 2:10 but God has revealed them to us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For who among men knows the things of a man except the spirit of man within him? So also no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

Without the Mark / Seal of God – no access to Heaven

3+9=12 "3+9=" Revelation from God in my book "Living with Eternity on my mind"

Accepting Jesus as your savior 3 being the number of Jesus and Step 3 to the 12 Steps to Heaven.

Being baptized by the Holy Spirit – 9 being the number of the Holy Spirit – Step 9 of the 12 Steps to Heaven

And our destination – 12 being the number for Heaven and Step 12 of the 12 steps to Heaven.

The Baptism Team from Heaven investigates your spirit to see if you are Heaven ready.

In the last day the sinners will even offer the Children of God money to receive the Seal of God. Just as in Acts 8 v 18 as Simon did

Even Satan (Lucifer) has jumped on the band wagon, to get false prophets within your church to mislead the Christians, in thinking and even believing they are baptized in the Spirit. While they are not!

To explain this statement: Some False Prophets will come with the message “get baptism of the Holy Spirit here”! Then they will invite you to the front. And say to you, by taking in false tongues. Copy me, copy this tongues I speak and when you get it right, they will slap you on the shoulder and tell you even assure you, you have now been baptized by the Holy Spirit.

These followers of Satan will copy the gifts of the Spirit with the help of the spirit of darkness.

The Christians will believe them, and fall for the biggest deception anybody can ever fall for. Thinking they received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and that they are Heaven Ready. Watch for this False Prophets – they come as the Angel of the light!

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is extremely special. And you will know, as you know, you baptized. It will be a supernatural happening in your live.

Everybody that ever received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the past will witness, it's an experience you will never forget. An experience out of this World

Pray to God for this wonderful gift; don't trust anybody with your future. Make very certain you reach Heaven!

According to Rev 14 v 4

4. These are those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, as a first fruit to God and to the Lamb.

5. and in their mouth was found no guile, for they were without blemish before the throne of God.

Those clean and pure with God's seal on their foreheads will be the one's allowed in Heaven, minutes after the Great White Throne Judgment.

In the Old Testament of God, and instructions from God to Moses, a sacred Medallion of pure gold was made to be worn by the High Priest. This Medallion was tied to the head of the Priest over the turban with a dark blue – purple cord. Aaron was the High Priest at that stage and without this medallion he was not allowed into the Holy of Holies – The presence of the LORD. Engraved on this sacred medallion the words

“Set Apart as Holy to the LORD”

Without this Medallion no High Priest was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies – The room where the Ark of God was kept the Holy of HOLIES. Now Heaven is the replica of this Holy place. The New Jerusalem in all its splendour and the Presence of the Almighty God

The Mark (Seal) Medallion of God
The Seal of God

Ex. 39:30 they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription, like the engraving of a signet, “Holy to the LORD.”

31 And they tied to it a cord of blue to fasten it on the turban above, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

“Set Apart as Holy to the LORD”

Naturally you have to be declared / approved as Holy by the Holy Spirit to enter the Holiness of the Holy City = Heaven. That the number 3 means Jesus and the number 9 means The Holy Spirit – so the number 9 is the word “Holy”

In another revelation “Living with Eternity on my Mind” the 12 steps to Heaven. We see that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is also step 9, the way to the Holy of Holies. The Curtain between the Holy section and the Holy of Holies is also step nr 9 according to the Old Testament.

The Comforter Baptism Team also brings 9 Gifts of the Spirit and 9 fruits of the Spirit as per 1 Co 12 and Gal 5v22

All this not just by chance – God planned everything to the finest detail.

We then come to the mark of God – the Seal of God.

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9= Holy 9= Holy 9= Holy

Rev 4:8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

The Elders, the 4 Living Beings and all present called out the whole day!

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

We need to be set apart as Holy to enter the Holy of Holies

Having the seal/mark/medallion of God

But as always the useless copy cat jumps on the band wagon.

Satan always does exactly the opposite that God does.

This Copy cat copies this Mark of God.

And it’s now known as the mark of the beast.

666

Exactly the mirror image of the Mark of God and twisted.

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In the Bible it’s mentioned several times and at the Great White Throne Judgment. The Sheep and Goats will be separated.

The Sheep – The Children of God – Spirit filled with the Mark of God on their heads 999. Those set aside as holy to the LORD.

The Goats – The followers of Satan = filled with sin – set aside for the Eternal Punishment – Hell with the mark of the beast on their heads 666.

This is our choice!

Step 11: Of the 12 Steps to Heaven.

“Living with Eternity on my mind” a revelation from God

“Sealed for Eternity”

We have two options on this

1. Sealed for Eternity in Heaven. Bearing the Mark of God

2. Sealed for Eternity in Hell. Bearing the mark of the beast.
I hope you selected to right option.

Follow the 12 Steps to Heaven.

1. Admitting you're a sinner in the World without God.
2. Turning away from sin.
3. Accepted Jesus Christ as your salvation.
4. Having Mustard seed faith in the Trinity.
5. Giving and receiving forgiveness.
6. The Baptism of water. Now a New Born Christian.
7. Bible study.
8. Building on Prayer, Faith and continues forgiveness.
9. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
10. Accepting your Discipleship.
11. Sealed for Eternity.
12. Heaven your Home.

After you where Baptized by "The Comforter Team" The Holy Spirit and the 4 Cherubim. And you accepted your discipleship according to Matt 28 v 18 – 20

The Great commission from Jesus to His Disciples

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, all authority is given to Me in Heaven and in earth.

19 Therefore go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you.

And, behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world.

Amen.

And you live within the Constitution of Heaven = the Beattitudes, Bearing the Fruits and giving the Gifts of the Spirit.

Living with Heaven on your mind!

You will be sealed for Eternity – Approved for Heaven.

Set Apart as Holy to the Almighty God.

Mat 25:46 and these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life.

Eph 2:8 for by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God,

Eph 2:9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Chapter 2

Is the Great Tribulation a Christian Tribulation only?

This Article ever Christian HAVE TO and should Read, if you had the believe of a Pre tribulation Rapture or a Mid Tribulation Rapture , after reading this article and the proof supplied , your fear will go away , and you will realize there is no reason you still need to cling to the lie called the Pre or Mid Tribulation Rapture anymore.

This article will proof to you that the Great Tribulation is not in full a Christian Tribulation, But mostly a Tribulation for the Unbeliever.

“Time, Times and Half a Time”

The Words by John in the Book of Revelations describing the Time Period of the Great Tribulation and the Time Period where the Jews that Fled from Judea / West Bank / Country of Palestine to the Wilderness of the Jordan Valley, was Taken care of by The Angels.

Rev 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Time = Meaning One Year = 365 Days
Times = 2 Years = 730 Days
And Half a Time = 6 Months = 183 Days

Jesus confirmed this fleeing of the Jews in Judea!

Mat 24:15-22 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Jesus calls this Time Period of Time, Times and Half a Time. – The Great Tribulation.

In Rev 12 we see that the Jews that will remain in the West Bank during the 2 State Solution, where Israel will give the West Bank to Palestine and in price of this, Israel

will receive the Approval to Build their 3rd Jewish Temple on Temple Mount Jerusalem next to the Dome of the Rock (The Muslim / Islam Temple on Temple Mount).

But 1290 days After the Building of the Temple started and Sacrifices kicked off, the Jewish Messiah that arranged the Peace Agreement will walk into the Temple, go and sit on the arc of the Covenant and claim to be the God of Israel. He will demand the stopping of the Daily Sacrifices in the 3rd Temple. (This is called the Abomination of Desolation).

The Prophet Daniel spoke of this and again confirmed by Johns in his timing of the Great Tribulation, but this Time in Number of Days. = 1290 Days
Dan 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

John Confirms the Time period before the Abomination of Desolation, from the Point the Corner Stone of the Temple was Place and Completed,
Rev 11:1-3 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

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.

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.
Note that John confirms the Time Period before the Great Tribulation twice.
V2, 42 Months and Just one verse down 1290 Days.

Please Note that John gave us 3 Descriptive Phrase to confirm 3 and half year Period.

In Rev 11
42 Months = 3 and half Years
1290 Days = 3 and half Years
AND in Rev 12
Time, Times and Half a Time = 3 and Half Years

Why did he use 3 Different Terms to describe the some time span?

I believe it's a Clue, in this Timing of the 3 and Half Years, gives us the timing of different events during the last 3 and Half Years Leading to the Battle of Armageddon.

This 3 and half Years of the Great Tribulation is Split into 3 Parts according to John!

Time = 1 Year = 365 Days

Times = 2 Years = 730 Days

Half a Time = 6 Months = 183 Days

Let's see what Events will happen during this last 3 and half Years on Earth!

1st Ly it will all start with the Abomination of Desolation.

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

v16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Dan 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

v4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Then the Marking or Sealing of the Judean Jews with the seal of God must take Place.

Rev 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

v3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

v4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Then the Jews that are in Judea have to Flee.

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

v16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

Then The 666 Mark of Beast is implemented.

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.

v8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

v9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

v10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

v11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

v12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

v13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

v14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

v15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

v16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

v17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

v18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Then Christians are marked with the Seal of God in their foreheads.

Rev 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

The 5th Trumpet Sounds

Rev 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

The 5th Trumpet Happens during the Great Tribulation just before the Wrath of God is Poured Out, Months after the 666 Mark of the Beast was Implemented!

Rev 9:1-6 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God

in their foreheads.

And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

What Will Happen During the 5th Trumpet?

A Super Volcano will erupt and will affect the Earth for 5 Months. The Result of the Lava and Ash from this Super Volcano will birth insects that will sting, the Bearers of the Mark of the Beast and sores all over their Bodies will appear. Sores with amerce pain and no remedy!

The 1st Plaque of God's Wrath.

Rev 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

What tells me this still have to take place and it will happen during the Great Tribulation?

According to Rev 9

Rev 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Christian then go into Angel Protection before the 5th Trumpet Sounds, Just before the Wrath of God takes Place on Earth against the Bearers of the Mark of the Beast.

Psa 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

v2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

v3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

v4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

v5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

v6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

v7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

v8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

v9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

v10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

v11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

v12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

v13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

v14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

v15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

v16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

The Wrath of God Starts

Rev 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

The 1st Plaque of God's Wrath

Rev 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

The 2nd Plaque of God's Wrath

Rev 16:3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

The 3rd Plaque of God's Wrath

Rev 16:4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

The 6th Trumpet Sounds

Rev 9:13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

v14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

v15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

v16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

v17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

v18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

v19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

v20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

v21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

The 4th Plaque of God's Wrath

Rev 16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

v9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. = The Sun Explodes

The 5th Plaque of God's Wrath

Rev 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

v11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds. = The Earth in Darkness

The 6th Plaque of God's Wrath

Rev 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

v13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

v14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

The 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ

Rev 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Mat 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

V30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

v15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

v16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

v17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The Rapture takes place.

1Th 4:v16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

v17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mat 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

And then finally the Battle of Armageddon.

Rev 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

V17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

– ALL These events in 3 and half Year Period. –

With this Info, I personally think that the full 3 and half Years of the Great Tribulation will not be a Christian Tribulation only, I Think that a Larger Part of this Great tribulation will be an Unbeliever Tribulation that we as Christians will witness!

I would like to break this 3 and a half Year Great Tribulation up into 3 Sections according to John's Clue he left us in Revelations Chapter 12.
Time, Times and Half a Time.

S1. The 1st Year. (Time) Let's call this "The Antichrist's Year!"

In this Year the Following events will happen!

- The Abomination of Desolation.
- Then the Marking or Sealing of The Judean Jews must take place.
- Then the Jews that are in Judea have to flee.
- Then the 666 Mark of Beast is implemented.

– Then Christians that did not take the 666 are marked with the Seal of God in their foreheads.

S2. The 2nd and 3rd Years. (Times) Let's Call This "The Wrath of God's 2 Years"

In these Years the Following events will happen!

- Christian then go into Angel Protection before the 5th Trumpet Sounds, Just before the Wrath of God takes Place on Earth against the Bearers of the Mark of the Beast.
- The 5th Trumpet Sounds.
- The Wrath of God Starts.
- The 1st Plaque
- The 2nd Plaque
- The 3rd Plaque
- The 6th Trumpet Sounds

S3. The Last 6 Months (Half a Time) Let's Call This "The Rescue in the Darkness"

In these 6 Months the Following events will happen!

It will start with the Sun Exploding!

- The 4th Plaque , Great Heat and Fires
- The 5th Plaque , Sun burned out , total Darkness on Earth and the Heavens
- The 6th Plaque , Armies of the world get ready to Battle God
- The 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ
- The Rapture of the Christians

And then finally the Battle of Armageddon.

This Statement of Jesus Comes to mind!

Mat 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Yes ! We will be prosecuted in the 1st Year of the Great Tribulation, the Antichrist forcing the Christians and the Jews to take the Mark of the Beast.

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.

But the Majority of the Great Tribulation Period will be 100 % for the Bearers of the Mark of the Beast. Actually 2 and Half Years of the Great Tribulation will be a Un Believer Tribulation.

AND I also believe that the Holy Spirit will assist us to flee the Antichrist in the 1st Year called the "Year of the Antichrist"

For this we need to look at what happens in the 1st 3 and half Years of the Peace Agreement, the 1290 days before the Abomination of Desolation.

What will be the Events prior to the Great Tribulation!

- The Arrival of the Jewish Messiah.
- The Peace Agreement
- The Birth of the Country Palestine in the Old Judea (West Bank)
- And The Great Christian Revival and Last outpouring of the Holy Spirit

We see that the Last Great Revival will take place in the 1st 3 and Half years of the Peace agreement, just before the Great Tribulation and the Wrath of God takes place!

Acts Chapter 2 Confirms This:

Act 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
 v17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:
 v18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:
 v19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:
 v20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:
 v21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

99 % of Christians never read the full description of these verses; this actually confirms that the Great Revival and Last Holy Spirit Baptism will take Place before the Great Tribulation before the Abomination of Desolation.

Most Pastors and Teachers only teach verses 16 to 18. But never looked on the clue of the time that was left for us so clearly!

Let's Look at Verse 19. This describes the Wrath of God and what Jesus Told us in Matt 24.

Blood – Fresh and sea water becomes Stall Blood, Plaque nr 2 and 3 of God's Wrath,

Fire – Plaque nr 4 of God's Wrath = Sun Explodes and Heat Burns people and causes fires on Earth.

Vapour of Smoke = The Super Volcano that erupted during the 5th Trumpet.

Let's Look at Verse 20; this all confirms what Jesus said in Matt 24

The sun shall be turned into darkness = Plaque 4 of the Wrath of God.

The moon into blood = Plaque 5 of the Wrath of God

before that great and notable day of the Lord come. = The 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ and the Rapture.

What will be the Role, the Holy Spirit will play in the Great Tribulation. The portion the Christians calls the "Year of the Antichrist"

The Role of the Holy Spirit during the 7 Year Peace Agreement

Helping us to identify the False Prophet and the Antichrist!

(1Co 12:3) Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

1Jn 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
Then during the Peace Agreement Time powering us with Fire to evangelize like never before with Truth!

(Eph 1:13) In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

Mar 13:11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Then pouring out the Spirit into us for the Last time at the Last Great Revival during the 1st Part of the 7 Year Peace Agreement! Just before the Great Tribulation, the Wrath of God and the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ

Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

v18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

v19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

v20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

v21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

And then His Comforting Role will be needed when we need to leave all our Luxuries and current home behind when the 666 are implemented!

Jud 1:17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;
v18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.
v19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.
v20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,
v21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.
v22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:
v23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.
v24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
v25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Then we need the Leading Power of the Holy Spirit to guide us to Safety to flee the Antichrist that wants to enforce the Mark of the Beast unto us!

(Luk 4:1) and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

(Rev 13:10) He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

O ye of little faith? God will take care of Use during the Great Tribulation!

Mat 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

v32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

v33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

v34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Another Revelation God showed me for the Period called the Year of the Antichrist comes from

Rev 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

The antichrist will mark all his followers and unbelievers with Mark of the Beast in their right hand under the skin. But all the Christians and Jews, That has taken this mark of the Beast, The 666 voluntary or un-voluntary will be marked in the Forehead.

Why in the Forehead? This is a fail save the Antichrist will bring in against God sealing His people in the Forehead with His seal of protection!
There will be 2 Groups of People that will receive the Seal of God in their foreheads.

The Jews that fled from Judea, from this group only 144 000 would be selected 12000 out of the 12 Tribes of Israel. They will be sealed in the wilderness before they go into Angel Protection.

Rev 7 = Sealing and Rev 12, Angel Protection.

The 2nd Group will be the Christians all over the world that makes out the Great Multitude of Revelations Chapter 7.

Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

And the Sealing of this Group will take place just before the 5th Trumpet sounds, Rev 9.

Both these Groups will be under Angel Protection on Earth during the Last 3 and half Years prior to the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ.

This describes a scene in Heaven after the Great Tribulation.

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

v14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

v15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

v16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

v17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Verse 16 and 17 Confirms all Christians will be under Angel Protection, and we will be taken care of!

V 16 Mentions events that take place during the Wrath of God.

Hunger and Thirst = With all the water on Earth that turned to Blood, There will be no food and water, and the Bearers of the Mark of the Beast will Hunger and Thirst!

Heat of the Sun = the 4th Plaque of the Wrath of God, as the Sun Explodes!

Jesus and His Angels will take care of us during the Great tribulation and Beyond in the Wrath of God time period!

I want to close with verses from Psalm 91, Psalm 91 was written to describe the Christian view and witness of the Wrath of God Period!

Psa 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

v2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

v3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. *(The Armies of the Antichrist)

v4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. *(Angel Protection)

v5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; *(The 6th Trumpet War)

v6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

v7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

v8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. *(The Reward of the Wicked = The Wrath of God)

v9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

v10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. *(The Plaques of God's Wrath)

v11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

v12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

v13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

v14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

v15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

v16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

PUT ALL YOUR TRUST IN GOD, AND REPENT TO GOD FOR BELIEVING IN THE BIGGEST LIE OF SATAN , THE PRE AND MID TRIBULATION RAPTURE!

Chapter 3.

Bride of Christ Prepare!!

How Does the Bride Prepare? Imagine that your wedding is three weeks away. Your life-long dream – your Desire – will finally come. You will be married. But this will be no ordinary wedding—this will be a Royal wedding! But now you realize you are in a dilemma. You have not prepared for the wedding. Nothing is ready. What do you do?

Your personal affairs have not been taken care of. Your wedding clothes have not been selected, nor attended to. You are now in a state of shock, as you realise just what there is yet to be done, to prepare or your wedding. You then ask yourself, “What steps should I take to prepare for the wedding?”

You know that this wedding is a very special wedding. You then begin to realise that you will be taken away to a Far Country, so there can be no ‘loose ends’ when you leave with the Bridegroom. You then sit down hurriedly, and scribble out a crude check-list, a To-Do List. You must have everything done at the proper time. You then understand that each item on your List is ‘prophetic’ of a certain characteristic describing the readiness of all who would be a part of the Bride company.

You pick up a tablet, and a pen, and begin your list. It might look something like this:

My Wedding Preparation To-Do List

The Bride’s Personal Preparation

1. Pay off Monetary Debts
2. Pay off Unforgiveness Debts
3. Make Restoration where needed.
4. Be up-to-date on tithes
5. Give away imprudent excess to the poor
6. Make out a will

The Bride’s Wedding Preparation

1. Wash the Body
2. Pick out the Clothes
3. Wash the Clothes
4. Iron the Clothes
5. Put on the Clothes
6. Put on the Belt
7. Put on the Bridal Veil
8. Be Ready and Watching

You then begin to put down details on your list. Now Your list looks something like this:

My Wedding Preparation To-Do List Personal Preparation Details

Our list of 'Personal' preparation details now looks like this:

1. Pay Off all monetary debts:

Owe no man anything, but to love one another (Romans 13:8).

2. Get all unforgiveness debts taken care of:

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. 25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. 26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing (Matthew 5:23-26).

3. Make restoration where needed. Give to the Poor:

And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold (Luke 19:8)

4. Be up-to-date on the tithe, which is Yahuweh's portion:

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it (Malachi 3:10).

5. Sell all that you have, and give to the Poor:

Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me (Luke 18:22).

6. Make out a will. Good stewardship requires that the rest of the Father's house be provided for:

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children...(Proverbs 13:22).

Our list of 'Wedding' preparation details now looks like this:

Wedding Preparation Details

1. The Bride Washes Her Body

a. The first part of the Bride's preparation is the washing of the body. Notice the command is for you to do the washing:

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (Isaiah 1:16-18)

We see above that the washing of our body speaks of 'cleaning up' our doings, our daily walk. However, the cleaning is done from inside-out. The cleaning must first come to our innermost being — our 'heart.' But we then realise we ourselves cannot do this cleaning. Only by the Blood of the Covenant, sealed by Yahushua's Blood, can we be cleansed within (1John 1:7; Psalms 51:7; Exodus 12:22).

b. We then realise that we must cry out to Yahuweh to do the washing, the cleansing. He will do so when we acknowledge our sin.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. (Psalms 51:2-3)
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Psalms 51:7)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1John 1:9)

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood... (Revelation 1:5)

For everything regarding the bride's preparation must be by Yahuweh's Grace — by his own power, by the Holy Spirit, to accomplish.

c. We then realise that we have tried to wash under our own efforts, our 'own works,' but we have not really accomplished the required washing.

There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. (Proverbs 30:12)

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (Titus 3:5)

So we see the first step, of washing the body, is the Regeneration that occurs initially, and is the Righteousness Yahuweh imparts to us by the Holy Spirit.

d. Our washing must be accompanied with prayer and fasting.

But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; (Matthew 6:17)

e. Our own washing includes allowing 'Messiah-in-you' to wash the feet of others. It is in this way that we show the humbling of self:

And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. (Luke 7:44)

If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:14

...Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. (Matt 25:40)

2. The Bride Chooses Her Clothes.

After washing the Body, the Bride must then choose the clothes, the Garments she will wear. We are told much in Scripture that we must have clothing, and we must wash our clothes before coming into the presence of the King:

And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

(Exodus 19:10-11)

In the above passage we see a very important principle. We must wash our clothes, before we may come into the presence of Yahuweh, the King. We are given a similar word in Ephesians:

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:25-27)

Some today have thought the only washing necessary is the washing of the body—the Regeneration, and imparting of Righteousness, as seen in the first section

above. Thus many have heard that if they have been Born-Again, they are 'ready.' Many have assumed that since a white robe was first given to them at salvation (See Isaiah 61:10), there is no garment-washing needed. When we were first redeemed, we were each given a Robe that was white. However, over time we have all soiled, spotted, and dirtied our robes—and they must be washed, and made white again.

There is now much washing needed for our clothes. Our Garments have become full of spots, and wrinkles, and full of blemishes. How has this happened?

“Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins...” (Psalms 19:12,13). Every day we face the possibility of sinning, and thereby ‘spotting’ our garments (See also Matthew 24:12 and James 3:2). Our garments need to be prepared. But in order to wash our clothes, and prepare our garments, we must know and understand just which clothes to wash. We must understand exactly what our wedding clothes—our garments, and our robe—really are. Let’s look at these in Scripture.

What are the Bride’s Garments?

Before we look at washing the garments, we must first understand what our garments are.

In this section we will give a brief recap of what we saw clearly from Scripture, in Righteousness Sown, Righteousness Harvested. We found that that the Scriptural, prophetic meaning [the ‘now’ meaning for us] of our garments, and our robe, is our works.

Garments, Robes, and coverings in Scripture speak of many things. In general, they speak of what we do. These ‘works’ consist of two types of Garments:

a. Filthy Rags (Isaiah 64:6)

b. Fine linen, clean and white (Isaiah 61:10; Revelation 19:8)

We saw that these garments can either be filthy rags — works produced from our own efforts, in our own strength, in trying to keep and observe Yahuweh’s Word (Isaiah 64:6). Or they can be clean and white garments, works of righteousness produced by the leading and strength of Messiah-in-you, as He gives Grace for obedience to all of His Word (Isaiah 61:10; Colossians 1:27; Revelation 19:8).

In all cases, the clean and white garments of Righteousness originate only from Messiah, who gives the garments to those who desire them, and who willingly receive them.

We saw also that Scripture shows a parallel example, in that the Fruit we produce is likewise our works, both good and bad. The Fruit and the Garments are one and the same parable — to teach us that both garments and fruit can be either good fruit or bad fruit [bad fruit is evil or ‘wicked’ fruit]. They are good if they are works of Messiah-in-you, in obedience to Scripture. They are bad if they are works done in the imagination of our own heart, or by our own initiative or ambition [See 1Corinthians 3:9-15, showing the contrast of good and bad works].

We also concluded that our clean garments are NOT the works of Titus 3:5:

“...not by works of Righteousness, which WE have done...” (Titus 3:5)

We saw clearly that it was 'not by works of Righteousness, which WE have done' that we are saved. No, these works are merely filthy rags and barren branches in the sight of Yahuweh, no matter how good, how Righteous, noble or sincere they may be.

We saw that the Garments we are to prepare, however, are the works of Righteousness as seen in Isa 61:10:

"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness..." (Isaiah 61:10)

We must make it absolutely clear, that what counts for our garments, or works of Righteousness — is ONLY what Yahuweh Himself has done, by His grace, and not we ourselves.

We found that the clean and white garments of our 'works' consist of two parts:

a. The initial work of the Holy Spirit, "by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

b. The ongoing life of 'Messiah-in-you' to produce the Fruit of Righteousness in us, by His Life in us, and by His Grace to accomplish. This occurs only when we allow Him to walk in us, in obedience — obedience to the Father, obedience to His Word, to His Holy Spirit, and obedience to His own Commandments. We found that in order to identify which Commandments He refers to, we need only imitate Messiah, and do what He did when He was on earth 2,000 years ago. We then saw that what He did was to simply obey the Torah that Messiah [as the Word of the Father] gave to Moses — which He calls 'My Commandments' (Romans 5:9-10; Colossians 1:27; 1John 2:7; 1John 5:2-3).

The net result is that both the initial work, as well as the ongoing, daily life of Messiah-in-you, is all by His Grace — His power in us to accomplish and complete the work. We saw that it is Messiah Yahushua Himself — as both the Seed and the Tree — who is our Righteousness.

Likewise, we saw that what He produces in us, becomes both the Fruit of works, and the Garment, or Robe of Works — of His Righteousness — of His obedience in us, as He lives in our bodies, and as He provides the Grace to accomplish the works. With this understanding, we will go on to discuss the next step: the washing of our clothes, our garments.

3. The Bride Washes Her Clothes

We have seen that our works — what we do — are our Garments, our covering. So how do we wash our Garments — our works? We saw the answer above, in Ephesians 5:25-27. It is by the 'washing of water by the Word.'

This washing of water by the Word is not simply 'reading' the Bible. It is in reading, hearing, and in particular, the doing of the Word, that brings the cleansing of our garments — our works. However, again we must be warned, that even the cleansing of our garments can NOT occur by our own efforts:

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (Titus 3:5)

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrews 9:14)

Notice that any 'works of Righteousness, which WE have done...' can not, and will not, avail anything — because these are 'dead works.' It is only what 'Messiah-in-you' does, that 'serves the living Yahuweh.' It is only the Holy Spirit in you, that can make your garments clean. We are told why this is true in the following passage:

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. (Isaiah 64:6)

But we are told which righteousness does produce much:

Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:11)

Remember, fruits of Righteousness are works; Garments and Robes of Righteousness are works. Filthy Garments [works of iniquity] will be removed, resulting in nakedness (Isaiah 59:6; Rev 16:15). Fruit and Garments are one and the same parable.

We must fully understand that it is ONLY 'by works of righteousness which HE has done' that will become clean garments for us. You ask, "How does this happen?" It is only when we allow 'Messiah-in-you' to do works of obedience in us.

The only clean garments we can have, are the works of Righteousness which 'Messiah-in-you' has done, when we allow Him-in-us, to walk in obedience to the Scriptures, as He lives in OUR body. This is the making of the clean Garment. This is the washing of water by the Word—by Messiah-in-you.

In order for you to wash our Garments — to produce 'good' works — we must Allow 'Messiah-in-you' to keep his own commandments today, while walking around in our body, in the same way he did when he walked around in his own body 2,000 years ago (Luke 4:16).

Therefore if we want to wash our clothes, we must allow 'Messiah-in-you' to wash our 'garments' — to bring the 'doing' of His Word into our life and daily practice. And that includes allowing 'Messiah-in-you' to observe His weekly and annual Sabbaths, while living in our body.

As was said previously, when we were first redeemed, we were each given a Robe that was white. However, during the long waiting period, we have all soiled our robes, and they must be made white again. Only Messiah-in-us can clean the Robe.

But Messiah-in-us will do only what we allow Him to do. He will not force us to do obey His Word. If our 'doctrines' prevent Him-in-us from walking in full obedience to all of His Word, He will not force us to obey. It is in this way that He knows who chooses to love Him, and who does not (John 14:15, 15:10; 1John 5:3).

At this point it would be good to summarise the washing that the Bride-Candidate must choose to do, if she would be ready.

Washing the Clothes – A Summary

In the list below, each item is covered in specific articles, along with the Scripture passages that give us the details.

My Clothes Washing List: Turning from Works of Darkness to Works of Righteousness

Learn and understand who Messiah really is — and demonstrate my love for Him, by keeping His commandments [consisting of all of Scripture, both 'Old' and 'New' Testament writings], as follows:

Remove all Graven Images and Idols from my home and office — from my decorations, collectibles, and from the childrens' toybox;
Remove the abominations from my religious customs and practices — cease celebrating man-made and pagan holy days;
Begin to observe the Biblical holy days — Yahuweh's weekly Sabbaths, and His annual Sabbaths — for example, Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot; Find others who observe these in a Biblical manner, and learn from them;
Cease eating things sacrificed to idols, the man-made 'substitute Passover' initiated by Rome, also called communion;

Begin to discern clean from unclean — what is 'set-apart' by the Word of Yahuweh, from what is common (2Co 6:17-18);

Remove myself from, and have no fellowship with, those who continue to walk in darkness; Messiah exhorts His Bride to come out of Babylon, and to flee from the 'strange woman' congregations.

The above list is not exhaustive, but are most of the majors, for those desiring to follow Yahushua, and to walk with Him in Everlasting [New] Covenant Truth. For details on these and others, see Related Articles listed below.

What is NOT included in this washing instruction is the special Robe-washing that will take place, for those Virgins that will come later — who do not ascend alive as the Company of the Bride. As a result, these Virgins must go through the furnace of testing, and perhaps physical death. This washing may be seen in (Rev 7:14).

After washing, the Garments are ready to be ironed.

4. The Bride Irons Her Clothes.

After the clothes are thoroughly washed, to remove the spots, they must next be ironed, to remove the wrinkles:

...not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:27b)

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2Corinthians 4:17-18)

The heat and pressures of the day are our 'light affliction, which is but for a moment' — and indeed it does work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. However, these afflictions do us good only on one condition. And that is ONLY 'While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen....'

These afflictions are our preparation and testing from Yahuweh, who is unseen. If, in our afflictions, we lash out at the affliction, or at those around us who cause the

afflictions — we then tend to forget that the affliction is from Yahuweh, for our good. The final result of that affliction is, that the affliction does us no good at all!

In this example the garment has not been 'changed.' It is still 'wrinkled,' because it did not respond to Yahuweh's heat-and-pressure ironing of our garment. How we respond to the affliction makes the difference. Notice the result of patience [patient endurance] in the following passages:

Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (James 1:3-4)

We see above that the result of patience is 'perfection.' One of the hallmark goals of the Bride's preparation is the word perfect. The Bride's main goal of preparation is seen as perfecting of Love (1John 2:5, 4:12, 4:17-18), and how she accomplishes this perfecting of Love is revealed in her Garments.

With patient endurance comes perfection [of love], and we thus see that the wrinkles are gone, because of how she responded to trials and afflictions (See Revelation 3:10; Revelation 14:12). The Bride may now proceed beyond the ironing. She may now begin to put on her Garments.

5. The Bride Puts On Her Clothes

The Scriptures are abundant in describing the putting on of the Garments that are prepared for the Bride. In the first section above we saw one overriding Truth. This is the Truth that all of our Righteousness — both the washing of the Body in Regeneration, and the Washing of the Garments of Works — must be done by 'Messiah-in-you' in order to avail anything.

With this said, we will now look at the 'putting on' of these garments. Let us first be reminded that it is not merely 'Garments' that are to be put on, but proper 'Wedding Garments' as we see in this passage:

And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son... And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few chosen. (Matthew 22:1-2; 22:11-14)

In this parable for the Bride, we see the importance of the 'Wedding' Garments. These are not just any Garments; these Garments are not just 'Good Works' that one may perform. We will look at the Scriptures, to confirm what the Bride has chosen, and to give us a further clue of what else she is to put on. First we will list the Scriptures, then note what we see in the Scriptures:

I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem. (Job 29:14)

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the

dragon? (Isaiah 51:9)

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. (Isaiah 52:1)

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

(Romans 13:12)

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. (1Corinthians 15:51-54)

For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ. (Galatians 3:27)

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (Ephesians 4:24)

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (Ephesians 6:11)

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (Colossians 3:10)

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. (Colossians 3:12-13)

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

(1Thessalonians 5:8)

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. (1Peter 5:5)

In the above passages we see many things that the we are to put on. As Bride-Candidates, we should investigate each aspect of the above passages diligently. The one central idea is that we are to put on Messiah Himself. When this occurs, His attributes begin to shine forth, through our own individual personality, as seen in the above passages.

First we see 'Righteousness,' as the male noun, in the passage in Job 29:14. As we saw in Righteousness Sown, Righteousness Harvested, the Hebrew word for Righteousness, Strongs number <06664>, is the noun of the male gender, telling us that this is the Seed of Righteousness, the living Word from Yahuweh Himself. We are then told in the above passage in Job, "It [Righteousness] clothed me."

Indeed, this is just as we saw, that the male Seed of Righteousness [Yahushua] sprouts, and brings forth the female tree, which produces the female fruit of Righteousness, which is our works, and our garments — with the result that 'He'

clothed me. Again, it is 'our' Righteousness, and 'our' Garments — ONLY to the extent that 'Messiah-in-us' has done the producing!!

But let us be warned at this point. It is the many 'Good' works produced by self, that could find us clothed in filthy rags.

With this understanding, we can see the many attributes expressed in the remaining verses — the 'one new man' that is Messiah-in-us; the attributes of righteousness, holiness, mercy, forgiveness, and love — are all attributes Messiah-in-us desires to express, as living out His life in our bodies. It is these attributes that are produced by Messiah-in-us, that become the Wedding Garments that clothe us.

Let us now proceed to the Girdle, or Belt.

6. The Bride Puts On the Belt

The next item the Bride is to put on is the Belt, or Girdle. The Girdle is an outer belt, or band, used to secure the clothing, and to hold it in place during various activities. Like the clothing, the Girdle has many prophetic qualities very similar to those of the Garments. The one special quality we may see related to the Girdle is that of 'perfection' — perfection indicating wholeness, completeness, ripeness or finality of preparation.

Again, we will show a few of the Scripture passages, with highlighting, and then make a few observations. Let's look at the following passages:

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. (Genesis 17:1)

And the curious girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. (Exodus 28:8)

And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle of needlework. (Exodus 28:39)

He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on. (Leviticus 16:4)

Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. (Deuteronomy 18:13)

Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day. (1Kings 8:61)

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. (Psalms 18:32)

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. (Isaiah 11:5)

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)

Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. (Matthew 19:21)

And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. (Luke 8:14)

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in

peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

(2Corinthians 13:11)

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; (Ephesians 6:14)

Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. (Philippians 3:15)

And above all these things put on charity [love], which is the bond of perfectness. (Colossians 3:14)

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

(2Timothy 3:17)

Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen. (Hebrews 13:21)

Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

(James 2:22)

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; (1Peter 1:13)

But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. (1John 2:5)

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. (1John 4:12)

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. (1John 4:17-18)

And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. (Revelation 1:13)

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

(Revelation 3:2)

As we look at the passages above, we can begin to notice several things. First, the prophetic items that make up the Girdle appear to be similar to the items we saw as Garments in the previous section. Like the Garments, these qualities appear as both fruit and works, and include such attributes as Righteousness, Faith, Love, and Perfection [maturity and completion].

One great illustration of the Divine Commentary aspect of the New Testament can be seen in two companion verses above. Notice that one of the items of priestly Garments was the 'Curious Girdle' of Exodus 28:8. The name for this garment in Hebrew is chesheb, Strong's number <02805>, from <02803> meaning "devise, think, imagine, consider, purpose." This definition reveals the importance of our thoughts, and our motives — how we think, and purpose in our minds. The Apostle Peter tells us we are to "gird up the loins of your mind..." (1Peter 1:13a).

We then see in Exodus 28:8 that the 'Curious Girdle' shall be the "same work thereof — even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen." These items are regarded by all as very costly or valuable, and are items to be guarded and treasured. The meaning thus portrayed is that for a priest ['Believer'], his thoughts

and works are to be the same. They are to be of 'gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen' — all of which are prophetic terms, each of which speaks of one particular, treasured aspect of the working of 'Messiah-in-you' within our heart and mind [our thoughts], and our actions.

The one additional quality we see over and over in the above passages is that of perfection. This implies to us that the putting on of the 'Girdle' is the bringing to perfection — bringing to completion — of the Bride-Candidate's Garments. She is now ready to put on her veil.

7. The Bride Puts on Her Veil

The Bride is the Glory of the Husband (1Co 11:7). As such, she has a covering, and even a hidden quality with regard to the rest of the virgins. There are several things we must know about the Bride's veil. First we will notice the following about the Bride:

She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. (Proverbs 31:22)

This covering is first of all, of her own making. But in other passages, we have seen that the Bride's covering is given to her (Hosea 2:9; 1Co 11:15). So again we must conclude that the Bride's covering veil is the result of a co-operative effort, between the Bride-Candidate and the Holy Spirit.

The Bride's covering veil is a sign, or indicator, of one who is a Bride-Candidate. In this regard we must be warned: the Bride's covering veil, the token of her Bride-Candidacy, may at times be in jeopardy. Notice the following passage:

The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me. (Song of Songs 5:7)

As we saw in The Bride-as Seen In Chavah [Eve], it is the 'Watchmen' — the Church Leaders — those that are charged with keeping of the 'Walls of Salvation' in the lives of the people — that smite the Bride. These 'Watchmen' going about the City are 'Shepherds' in name only, and they do not really guard the welfare of the Sheep (See Eze 34:1-10). The goal of satan is to use these well-meaning Leaders to remove the Bride qualities from the Bride, through the Leaders' ignorance of Scripture.

The Bride is hereby warned, that it is only by studying Scriptures for oneself, that will allow one to break free of the 'paradigms' that the Doctrines of Men have created.

We must trust that we can hear from the Holy Spirit, who promises to lead us into all Truth (Psa 25:5; Psa 119:104,128; John 16:13; 1John 2:27).

Additional insights into the Bride's covering may be seen in Covering Principles for the Bride. As a finish to the preparation of the Bride's Clothing, we will list the final verses of Proverbs 31, without comment. Notice the great number of 'Bride attributes' that can be seen:

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.
(Proverbs 31:17-31)

8. Now Ready – Watching and Waiting

After going through the long process of preparation, the Bride is finally prepared. She hopes she is Ready for the Bridegroom's knock, but still she can not be sure. The Apostle Paul was not sure that he would make the First Resurrection Company, so how much less can we be sure? The only thing left to do, is to watch, and keep our Garments (Rev 16:15). We must keep the Garments, to prevent them from becoming spotted, or soiled. Then we must 'Watch.'

How does the Bride Watch? Let's look at a few passages, then comment on what we see.

Bind up the testimony, seal the law [Torah] among my disciples. And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.
(Isaiah 8:16-17)

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. (Matthew 24:44)

For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you, I say unto all: 'Watch'. (Mark 13:34-37)

And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. (Luke 1:17)

And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.
(Luke 12:36)

Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.
(Luke 12:40)

The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. (Luke 12:46)

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. (Hebrews 9:28)

It is apparent from the above passages that the Bride is to 'watch.' This is a process that involves seeking, waiting, making ready, and looking for His appearing. Above

all, it includes the command to watch – a reference to several Old Testament Hebrew words. The word *tsapha*, Strong's number <06822>, meaning "watchman, watch, behold, and look," occurs 37 times. From *Prophetic Numbers in Scripture*, we understand that the number 37 speaks of the Word of Yahuweh. Thus we see the word *tsapha* refers to watching, beholding, and looking, to the Word of Yahuweh. Another Hebrew word for 'watch' is *shamar*, Strong's number <08104>, meaning "observe, watch, beware, watchman, heed, and keep." The BDB Hebrew Lexicon gives further understanding: "to observe; celebrate; keep sabbath or covenant or commands; perform a vow."

From these and similar words for watch, we see that the one who is 'watching' is one who chooses to observe, keep, and heed, the Word of Yahuweh, and who is watchful to keep His Covenant Commandments!

After making ourselves ready, this now becomes the primary work of the Bride-Company — to watch, as we wait, and look for the Bridegroom.

How does the Bride Prepare?

She simply allows 'Messiah-in-you' to perform the work of obedience, by His Grace, as He lives within.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him:

for the marriage of the Lamb is come,
and his wife hath made herself ready.

(Revelation 19:7)

The Bride of Christ will be a radiant, holy church

I. Various biblical symbols represent the Church. Among them is the Church's calling as the holy, radiant, spotless bride of Christ.

A. In the Bible, God has likened the church to many things— among them a body, a flock, a family, an army, a building and a planting.

Now you are the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:27)

Be shepherds of God's flock. (1 Pet. 5:2)

It is time for judgment to begin with the family of God. (1 Pet. 4:17)

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. (an army) (2 Tim. 2:3)

You are... God's building. (1 Cor. 3:9)

They will be called... a planting of the Lord. (Isa. 61:3)

B. Another magnificent light in which the Bible portrays the church is as the bride of Christ:

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. (Rev. 19:7)

1. Vast segments of the Christian church are unaware of the glorious calling of the church as the radiant, spotless bride of Christ. Even among sincere Christians who see and teach this truth, there seems to be much misunderstanding.

2. My goal in the study that follows is to bring clear and biblical definition to the scriptural concept of the bride of Christ.

II. Is there a bride of Christ?

A. The very thought of marriage between God and his people is not a uniquely New Testament idea. It also occurs in the Old Testament.

Your Maker is your husband— the Lord Almighty is his name. (Isa. 54:5)

You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But

you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah [which means married], for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you. (Isa. 62:3-5, [brackets] added for clarification here and throughout this chapter)

I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the Lord. (Hosea 2:19-20, God speaking to his people)

B. Jesus speaks of himself as the bridegroom.

Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?" Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast." (Mark 2:18-20)

C. John the Baptist spoke of Jesus as the bridegroom.

"You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.' The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and is now complete. He [Jesus] must become greater; I must become less." (John 3:28-30)

D. The church is betrothed, espoused and promised as the intended bride of her husband, Jesus Christ. The marriage is not consummated. That is yet to come.

I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. (2 Cor. 11:2)

E. At the end, we see the bride married to Jesus.

"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) (Rev. 19:6-8)

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.... One of the seven angels... said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God. (Rev. 21:2,9-11)

F. The thought of both men and women as a bride need not puzzle you. For although God made us male and female (Gen. 1:27), that distinction is relevant only in our earthly perspective. As far as our relationship to Christ, and our position of being in Christ, there is no relevance of gender to him.

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3:26-28)

Note: In Verse 26, both men and women are called 'sons' of God. In our relationship to God, gender distinctions are not significant.

G. There will be a bride, who will be presented perfect to Jesus Christ.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Eph. 5:25-27)

This is a profound mystery— but I am talking about Christ and the church. (Eph. 5:32)

H. The bride-church — a holy church, a blameless and radiant church — is called to measure up to the stature of Jesus Christ!

Those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (Rom. 8:29)

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Eph. 4:11-13)

Unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. (Eph. 4:13 KJV)

I. In Eden God created a bride for Adam, a help meet for him (Gen. 2:18 KJV). The bride was meet for him— that is, suitable, fitting, adapted to and completing him; as Lamsa's translation says, "a helper who is like him."

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."... Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. (Gen. 2:18,22)

1. The Bible (1 Cor. 15:45-49) gives certain parallels (and contrasts!) between Adam and Jesus, calling the former "the first man Adam... the first man," and calling Jesus "the last Adam... the second man from heaven."

2. I am convinced that just as God presented a suitable bride to the first Adam, so he will present a suitable bride to Jesus, the last Adam.

III. Who is the bride of Jesus Christ?

A. The church in its entirety is espoused to Christ. But not all will make it to the altar! Please Note: I am not saying that they won't stay saved. When talking of the church as the bride of Christ, we are talking of a relationship with Jesus while we are still here on earth — a relationship that is so close and spiritually intimate that the best imagery to capture and portray it is that of a bride and groom. And not all of the espoused will press in to that kind of wonderful intimacy and closeness to the heavenly bridegroom.

I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. (2 Cor. 11:2-3)

1. All Christians are betrothed for marriage to Christ. But not all will maintain their "sincere and pure devotion to Christ." Some will set their affections on other things over and above Christ, and will thereby become guilty of what the Bible speaks of as, in effect, a spiritual adultery.

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? (James 4:4 KJV)

2. In all five chapters of his epistle, James addressed the hearers as "brothers" or "my brothers" or "my dear brothers." They were Christians whom he branded (in an obviously non-literal sense) adulterers and adulteresses. This verse in James refers to believers, not to the harlot church of Revelation 17.

3. Just the fact of being a Christian is not a guarantee of receiving all the Lord's blessings. Among other things, Jesus demands of his people a watchfulness and a prayerfulness.

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. (Luke 21:36 KJV)

B. The bride of Christ will be a perfect bride, with no spot or blemish.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle, or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Eph. 5:25-27)

C. In the last days a measuring rod will be applied to the church. The standard of measurement, of evaluation, will be "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13 KJV).

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there." (Rev. 11:1)

D. The Apostle Paul, who spoke of the church as Christ's intended bride, also in the same epistle pointed that church-bride toward the standard of perfection.

I promised you to one husband, to Christ. (2 Cor. 11:2)

Our prayer is for your perfection. (2 Cor. 13:9)

Finally, brothers, good-by. Aim for perfection. (2 Cor. 13:11)

E. The parable of the ten virgins is an important key to understanding the bride of Christ. It is quoted in its entirety below. It is critically important to notice that this speaks of a distinguishing, even a separation, among the Lord's people.

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.' (Matt. 25:1-13) [bold type mine]

1. "At that time" (vs. 1) and the preceding context indicate this is an end-time event. The kingdom of heaven is likened to ten virgins, not five. All ten are within the kingdom. This is not, as some have taught, a teaching about a saved group and a lost group.

There were 10 virgins. "I promised you... as a pure virgin to him [Christ]" (2 Cor. 11:2).

They all had lamps. They all had the word of God. "Your word is a lamp to my feet" (Ps. 119:105).

They "went out to meet the bridegroom." All of them were looking forward to the

coming of the bridegroom. This is certainly not true of the unsaved! The bridegroom, of course, from our earlier study (Mark 2:18-20; John 3:28-30; Rev. 19:7) is the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. But “five were foolish and five were wise” (vs. 2). They were all called “virgins”. They were all spoken of as part of the kingdom of heaven. All had lamps (the word) and all were looking forward to the Lord’s coming. They all had oil. Then what differentiated the foolish from the wise? The answer is found in Verses 3-4.

3. Only the wise had an abundant supply of oil! (vs. 3-4)

a. The oil symbolizes the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul’s head and kissed him, saying, “Has not the Lord anointed you leader over his inheritance?... The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you in power.” (1 Sam. 10:1,6)

Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; he is the one.” So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power. (1 Sam. 16:12-13)

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. (Acts 10:38)

In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 1:5,8; 2:4)

You have an anointing from the Holy One. (1 John 2:20)

b. The ‘wise’ category had a plentiful supply of oil. Wise Christians will have an anointing — the baptism with the Holy Spirit — and will have an abundant, ongoing operation of the Holy Spirit in and through their lives.

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning. (Luke 12:35)

4. “After a long time in coming,” the bridegroom will indeed come forth to meet his bride! (vs. 5-6) And note that this occurs in a midnight-hour time frame. Only at the end of the church age will the bride of Christ be prepared, identified and enabled to enter into that very closest of relationships with her bridegroom.

5. All the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps, (vs. 7) They all had some degree of oil. But (vs. 8) the oil of the foolish was running very low, and their lamps were going out.

All Christians have the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. And Spirit-filled Christians have additionally partaken of the anointing of the Holy Spirit, with power (Acts 1:8). But the only ‘wise’ Christians, in this context, are those who possess an abundant measure of the Holy Spirit, as evidenced by their having their lamps burning brightly at the time of the bridegroom’s arrival.

6. When the bridegroom goes forth for the marriage, it is too late for the foolish to secure this abundant supply of oil. As they scurried about in a last-minute effort to secure oil, the wise virgins entered into the wedding banquet with the bridegroom. The key was readiness (vs. 9-10).

The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. (vs. 10)

The wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. (Rev. 19:7)

7. The parable of the ten virgins is a subject for much study. But two vital things stand out: (1) the anointing and (2) readiness made the difference!

8. Not every Christian will qualify for the bride of Christ. Will all Christians who persevere in serving God spend eternity with Him? Of course! But the bride of Christ comes into being out of that last generation of believers on the earth just before Christ's second coming (Matt. 25:5-6; Rev. 19:7 in the context of Revelation chapter 19—the second coming). The spotless bride of Christ will emerge as a company of believers in the last generation who are still alive and on this earth. Not all believers alive at that time will measure up!

F. Follow a little further the comparison of Adam and Jesus as, respectively, the first man Adam and the last Adam (I Cor. 15:45-47, quoted above). A portion of the first Adam's body — a rib — was fashioned by God and presented as a bride to Adam. I believe that, in the same fashion, a portion of the body of Christ, which is the church, will be presented by God as a bride to his Son.

Now you are the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:27) Note: But the entire body will not qualify as Christ's bride! The "first Adam's" bride was taken from a portion of Adam's body. It will be the same with Christ's bride.

G. Here is a summary of some characteristics of Christ's bride that we have studied:

1. The bride will be presented as a pure virgin to him (2 Cor. 11:2).
2. The bride will be known for her righteous acts (Rev. 19:7-8).
3. The bridal church will be (Eph. 5:25-27):
 - a. Holy
 - b. Cleansed and washed by the word of God
 - c. A radiant church
 - d. Without stain or wrinkle
 - e. Without blemish
 - f. Blameless
4. The bride of Christ will have the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Eph. 4:13, KJV).

5. The bride will come from a portion of the body of Christ, rather than being the entire body (Gen. 2:22 by application).

6. The bride will have a sincere and pure devotion to Christ (2 Cor. 11:3).

7. The bride will be watchful and prayerful (Luke 21:36).

8. The bride will have been pressing for perfection (2 Cor. 13:9,11).

9. The anointing, the baptism with the Holy Spirit, will be abundantly operating in the lives of those who qualify for the bride of Christ (Matt. 25:3-4).

10. The bride will live in a state of readiness to meet the bridegroom (Matt. 25:10; Luke 12:35; Rev. 19:7).

With the help and grace of the Lord, all these are attainable. But not all Christians will cooperate with the Lord's grace and expend the effort to measure up in these and any other needful areas.

Remember: Jesus is seeking a perfect bride!

This member of the Bride want to be Ready !!!! **Get ready !!!**