

## I. Introduction to Revelation's Structure and the Tribulation Period

We studied the first time through the tribulation period. We have been coming through the book of Revelation and spending a lot of time focusing on how to break that book down through the system of sevens. I have told you that Revelation 5 through Revelation 19 are what we call in Bible study parentheses chapters. In other words, they go together, and they do not follow a logical one after the other, but they overlap somewhat. They are all dealing with the last three and a half years of the tribulation period.

I have told you all through this study that the book of Revelation is probably the easiest book in the Bible once you follow the format. That is true. But if there is any place that the book of Revelation becomes a little complicated, it is through Revelation 5 through Revelation 19. We are going to try to work through some of that today because I want you to know this book. We are not going through it verse by verse. I do not think we need to. I think that once you understand it conceptually and you see it as it breaks down, the rest of it becomes pretty easy to put it all together.

Last week we started through the first time through. I told you that just like you have Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are four accounts of the first coming of Christ, you have Revelation 5 through Revelation 19, breaking it down into four accounts of the second coming of Christ. What we did last week, we examined and defined the seven-sealed book. We know now that is the Word of God. We talked about the seven horns; we now know that the horns deal with the exaltation of Christ. We dealt with the seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God. We know that now is the Holy Spirit of God, the way that it works in the Old Testament.

We looked at the last three and a half years, and we began to look at the opening of the seven seals, and those seven seals being opened really is the beginning of God's wrath. In fact, Matthew 24 and Revelation 6:16-17 call this period of time "the day of His wrath." This is when God unleashes His wrath.

## II. God's Wrath: Hell and the Tribulation

Literally, there are two places in the Bible where you experience God's wrath. This is a little key for you. The first place is hell. In hell, this is where God's wrath is unleashed on unsaved men and unsaved women. So when you begin to study your Bible, you begin to realize that there are two places in your Bible where the wrath of God is poured out on somebody. One is in hell. The second place would be the planet Earth during the tribulation period.

This is why, as we studied before, and we are going to study again as we come through this, hell is opened up, and the inhabitants of hell come forward and come out and roam this planet. It is literally a time when hell is on this Earth. We talked about that last week. We have covered it

before, and we will touch on it again here in a little while, but there are only two places in your Bible where the wrath of God is displayed. One is in a place called hell. The other one is on this Earth during the tribulation period when hell opens up and God's wrath pours down. Last week we studied it in the study of the seals, the most horrific time that anybody on planet Earth in the history of the world is ever going to have gone through. The Bible tells you that in Matthew 24 and other places.

### III. No Second Chance After the Rapture

Let me say this before we continue. I want you to understand this, and I am not really talking about this element, but I think I need to say something now. We have covered it enough; I think it is time. If you would, turn over to 2 Thessalonians 2 quickly. I just want to get this done. It has kind of bothered me for the last three or four weeks that I had not done something like this, done this, and I need to do it because I want to do it exactly the way it needs to be done. I want it to be honoring for the Lord. I just need to say this so we understand what we have here.

*Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,*

*That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*

*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;*

*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.*

*Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?*

*And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.*

*For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.*

*And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*

*Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

*And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

*And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

*That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

Now, this is my point, 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11. For this cause, the cause of the fact that they did not receive the truth and they held it in unrighteousness, that they might be saved, for this cause, 2 Thessalonians 2:11, God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believed not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

If there is anything clear in the Bible, and I know there are places in the Bible where sometimes it is obscure exactly what He is saying, but if there is anything that is absolutely crystal clear in the Bible, it is simply this: you miss the rapture, and you do not get a second chance to get in.

I know that teaching today is very off the wall, and there are actually well-meaning Christians, and they have all the best intentions in the world. Either they are writing their loved ones a note and they are burying Bibles someplace that in the tribulation period their friends and their family will read this letter, and now they will understand that the rapture is taking place, and they will get saved. Every commentator, every writer and teacher on the book of Revelation, when he gets to the tribulation period, has people finding out, "Oh man, we missed the rapture," and great throngs of people getting on their knees and asking Christ to come into their heart and save them because they missed the rapture, and now they know that, so now they are going to get in. It does not happen that way.

If there is anything that you need to be clear about this morning, and I need to make sure that I am very clear on so there is no misunderstanding on my part to you, and God can be my witness to this, that your blood is not on my hands at this point, it is this: that Bible says that if you miss the rapture right now, if you hear the Word of God and you are presented with the Gospel, and in America that would be hard not to do, if you are living in this time and you reject the Lord Jesus Christ and the rapture takes place, the Bible says that God sends you a strong delusion that you believe a lie for one purpose, not to save you. Read the verse: "that they all might be damned." You need to understand that. There is no second chance.

I have actually had people tell me, "Well, I will just live my life and take my chances, and when the rapture takes place, I will get in in the tribulation like a phoenix exit." It does not work that way. God is smarter than that, and the Bible is very clear that if you reject Christ now, there is no chance to get in other than the nation of Israel in that sense, and you are not them. So you need to understand, no second chance if you have heard the Gospel. I know there are people in this world that have not heard the Gospel, but that is not true of most people in America, even though there probably are some out there. The bottom line is this: America is in trouble when it comes to the rapture.

#### IV. The Second Account: The Seven Trumpets (Revelation 8-11)

Today we are going to begin to come through the second account, and I want you to turn in your Bibles now to Revelation 8. This is where we are going to pick up the second one now that I got through that, and you understand the concept of that. Much of this stuff, and I have enjoyed on Thursday nights for those of you that bothered to come, I have enjoyed on Thursday nights how you have been taking the stuff, and we have been going through it and trying to help you put it

all together. It has been a great addendum to what we have been doing on Sunday, and I am sure that after we get through today, you are going to have some questions, and my advice to you is to bring them along Thursday night, and I will help you lay this thing out, and we will see it. But I think that you will begin today to start to see how these accounts begin to complement each other, just like we talked about Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John complementing each other, and I think you will begin to see it.

Last week we put the emphasis on the souls under the altar and the calling of the 144,000 during the outpouring of the seals. The first time through, we remember last week that the emphasis was on those two things: the souls, the Jewish people who were killed during the tribulation under the altar, and the calling out of the 144,000 and God then bringing in the remnant of the nation of Israel. This time through, in Revelation 8 up through Revelation 11, we are going to start to see a second emphasis during the same period of time.

I want to read Revelation 8, and we will come down through here about the first 12 or 13 verses, so follow along if you would like.

*And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.*

*And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.*

*And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.*

*And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.*

*And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.*

*And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.*

*The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.*

*And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;*

*And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.*

*And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.*

*And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.*

*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!*

In this account, we start with the seven angels and the seven trumpets, and this is what we are going to begin to start with, and then we are going to work our way through. My goal is to help you break down all of this so you have an understanding of how the chapter is. I would suggest you do this in your Bible or your notes, however you do it. The least that I would get out of this is I would begin to break these chapters down, these four accounts down, out of what is being revealed. The first time we saw it as through the seven seals, the 144,000, and the souls under the altar. When you think of Revelation 5, 6, 7, that is what you want to remember. The first time through, and then you can go back and mark it or put in your notes in however you want to, but the first time through, the emphasis is on that. The second time we come through, we are going to talk about another whole series of things, and just as we went through and defined each one last week, we are going to go through and define them this week. Before we begin to do that, I want to deal with the time element here in Revelation 5 through Revelation 19 that you have to begin to understand.

## V. Understanding Bible Interpretation: The 80/15/5 Rule

Here is what I teach about the Bible, and I am saying this based on, I do not know, 35, 36 years of reading the Bible through and putting the Word of God together. I am going to tell you this: I believe that human man, as far as reading the Bible and getting out of the Bible as far as knowing where he is at, I believe that probably you can understand everything in the Bible about 80% of the time. I think that 80% of the Bible, by using the method that we teach you, comparing Scripture with Scripture, using the models, using all of the things that I have given you over the last three and a half years, I think it is safe to say, and I am saying it based on me now, and I think it is safe to say that I could sit here and stand and tell you that 80% of the time I could give you an exact understanding of the Scriptures where it is at. 80% of the time, I think, and maybe somebody a lot smarter than me could get it more than that, but I think that it would be safe to say that if you want to really get into the Bible and you want to put it together the way it can, I can safely assure you that 80% of your time, wherever you go in the Bible or whatever anybody asks you, you are going to be able to understand exactly what you have, exactly what you are dealing with, and lay it out exactly.

Then there is going to be about 15% of the time that you are not going to be able to get exactly what it is. You will be able to place it as far as context. There are places in the Bible, especially in the minor prophets. There are places in the Bible that I do not really understand how it fits into the book of Revelation, though I know it does. You get over there, I think, at Zechariah 1. You know what you have in Zechariah? You have some horsemen and horse riders in Zechariah 1, just like you have in Revelation 6. Now, you know what I know? I know they are connected. I

know when I am reading Zechariah 1, I have some horses there, and I know as well as I am standing here, the context is the tribulation period, and I also know that they line up with the horses in Revelation 6. Can I line them up? No. I have never read anybody in my life that ever could line them up. God does not allow you to have all that material to line it up, but that is one of those 15% places that you can get the context. I know the context, I know where it is at, I know how it deals with, but I cannot tie the specifics together. And there is a 15% of your Bible that is going to be just like that. You are going to have to realize that God will not allow you to get everything out of the Bible. There is some reason for that we will talk about here in a minute.

So 80% of the time, you can just about find out wherever you are at, know where you are at, know how to lay it out, and you are good to go. 15% of the time, you might be able to get the context. There are places in there that I see this, and I know where it lines up over here because I have another connecting piece over here, but I do not have enough pieces to make the thing lay itself out that it says, "Here I am, this is what I am doing." So you have about 15% of your Bible for that.

And then you have that 5%, and that 5% you are never going to figure out. I could take you to places in the Bible that are just, when it comes to getting something from God on the thing, you are as good as cold stone dead. I mean, there is nothing else in the Bible that we can say anyhow that remotely links it with anything. It is something that you have to take just at face value. God does that sometimes for a number of reasons. You have to remember now that when God wrote a book, He just did not write it to get you to heaven. He also wrote it to get people to hell because the Bible is the greatest book to go to heaven with. It is also the greatest book to go to hell with. I know places in that Bible that people ask me over the years, "Why did God say it like that? That almost suggests that what the evolutionist is saying is true." I said the key word there is "almost" because God will give you a lie to believe if you want one. If you want to believe in evolution and you want to throw the Bible aside, God will give you what you are looking for to damn yourself because that book is the only book in the world that depends on your attitude of heart of whether you get it or not. He already told you in Ezekiel 13 that God would give you a lie to believe based on the attitude of your heart if you want one. That is what He does.

So you are going to be able to find in time if you grow in the Word of God and you keep staying with it, you are going to figure out about 80% of the time, no problem, 15% you are going to get the context, and 5% you are not going to have a clue. I mean, you are just not. When you begin to start to come through the book of Revelation, here is another problem you have. This is what makes it tough because in Revelation 10:4, you do not have everything because Revelation and Daniel are two specific books. I think it is in Daniel 12 where He told Daniel this. He simply says they are writing all this stuff out and detailing it all out, and in Revelation 10 and Daniel 12, God simply says, "Do not write that." He tells us that He seals up the book and does not put down obviously some of the pieces that we need. I know that Revelation is the key to the Old Testament. I know that Daniel is the key to Revelation. So I am telling you, if I do not have all the parts and those pieces, there is a reason why I cannot get it connected some places. You do not have everything. For whatever purpose in God's mind, He chose not to give you everything right now. He is going to reveal it at some point later on when it all works out, and probably

some of that stuff He will not reveal until it gets into the tribulation period. But that is just the way it is, and that is what you have to deal with.

So with that in mind, let us come down through this. We know now that there is going to be some overlap here. One of the things when you start reading this, you are going to find that things begin to match up. But you do not have the time element. You do not know how long it takes for these seven seals to be open. You do not know if they are open all at the same time. The idea is that they are opened up one, two, three, four, five, but they could be dumped on all at the same time. You do not have that timeframe. That timeframe is not given. So we have to work without that. But again, you can get with what I am giving you, trust me, you will be 99.999999% ahead of everybody else on planet Earth when it comes to the book of Revelation. I guarantee you.

## VI. The First Four Trumpets (Revelation 8)

Revelation 8:1 says, "there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour." That is a question I get all the time. Let me just say, and this is not the proof text that there are no women in heaven. I am just telling you. I heard a preacher say that one time, and that is not true. I always hear this. I heard a guy one time, and he got up, and he must have spent 45 minutes trying to explain to a group of people what this silence in heaven must have been. He makes it the spookiest thing you ever saw in your life. He was saying the fact that, "Can you imagine now, can you imagine what it must have been like? That before the throne of God, where the Bible says continually they praise God and they glorify God and they are shouting and they are praising, now heaven is silent, and the throne of God with all the angels, oh, he went on and on and on, all the cherubim, all the seraphim, all the saints, all quiet. And for a half an hour, this great mystery unfolds that to this day, nobody really understands what must have been in heaven up there at the third throne of God when there was silence in heaven for a half an hour." He went on for 45 minutes, and he says, "What do you think about that?" I raised my hand and I said, "How can there be a half-hour in heaven when there is eternity up there, and there is no time? Want to take another 45 minutes and tackle that one?" I said, "Doctor, do you know how many heavens there are?" Because the Bible says over there in 2 Corinthians 12, there are three. Two of them have time. One of them is irrelevant to time. What you just did was take the third heaven, which is eternity, where there is no time, and try to tell these people for 45 minutes that some great mystery was unfolding up there where, and for a half an hour, when in heaven, there is no half an hour. When your rapture comes, you have time to take your watch off before you go. You do not need it. No time. That is not talking about the third heaven before God. That is talking about either in our first heaven, the atmosphere, or out of, well, it really cannot even be talking about outer space because there is no time there.

There is only one of the three heavens. The Bible tells you that there are three heavens. They are found back there in the book of Psalms. The first heaven is our atmosphere. The second heaven is outer space. The third heaven is where God is at. You find that in Psalms 100. They are listed for you in Psalms 148. Over there in 2 Corinthians 12, Paul says, "I was caught up to the throne of God before God to the third heaven." Well, if there is a third one, there has to be a second one

and the first one. They are in Psalms 148. Why did he know that? The first one is our atmosphere. There is time there. The second one is outer space. There is no time there. The third one is where God is at. There is no time there. You see, that is the difference between knowing things about your Bible and knowing your Bible. It is that simple. Somebody will take something like that, which is a basic Bible 101. I learned that the first week in Canton, Ohio, what Bible study. That is basic Bible 101. But when you reject the Bible, and you have people who do not know the Bible, you can make it into a big deal. Say, "No, no, no, no." Of course, the Bible, nothing like a Bible to clear up a college education. So when it talks about silence in heaven and space in half an hour, it is talking about what is taking place in this first heaven, our atmosphere.

Then Revelation 8:2. Here is something else you want to get, because this gets confusing. Revelation 8:2 talks about seven angels with seven trumpets. Remember, we came through the seven churches, and in Revelation 4, we heard a voice as of a trumpet saying, "Come up hither." Now, this is what leads a lot of people to get into the heresy of believing the church is going to go through the tribulation period. They see a trumpet in Revelation 4, 1 Corinthians 15, and 1 Thessalonians 4. Then they see over here in Revelation, where we are reading right now, that there are some trumpets being blown here. So, they think they are the same trumpets.

There are two sets of trumpets in your Bible. There is a set for the rapture, and there is a set for the nation of Israel. All you have to do is read the passages in 1 Corinthians 15:51, where it talks about the last trump, 1 Thessalonians 4:15, where it talks about the trump of God. In Revelation 4:1, these are all verses on the rapture. In Revelation 4:1, it says, "I heard the voice as of a trumpet saying, Come up hither," and the church is gone. When the church gets raptured out, you are going to hear a trumpet. It is called the last trump for the church. We sing it, "When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time will be no more." We sing it all the time.

Every army in this world coming up through history till, I guess, World War I, well, I mean, they still do it today. They just do not have a bugler. But in the old days, that is how they communicated. They did not have radios. They did not have walkie-talkies. They had buglers. Whenever you got scattered out and you wanted to recall and get everybody back to the point, you had the bugler sound recall. He blew recall, and everybody, wherever you are at, you would hear that. You would say, "I have got to get back." Today, we say, "Blue Charlie one, blue Charlie one, get back to point Z right now." Everybody goes, you see? But we do not, they do not use them anymore. But back then, they did not have radios. So they got a bugler, and they got to blow recall. He comes back when it is time to attack. He blew "da da da da da da da da da da da da da." I do not know how they did that right with your lip. But anyway, he did it. They had a whole bunch of them. By the time they got into communications, and the armies did not need them anymore, but to this day, on any army fort, they do it over a loud PA system now. They will blow a reveille in the morning. They will blow taps at night, wherever you are at. I think, forget what time it is now, four o'clock or five o'clock, whenever you are wherever you are at on a fort, wherever you are at at a specific time, I think it is five o'clock, four o'clock, I do not know, they will blow the lowering of the flag, and everybody stops no matter where you are at. You can hear it over the sound PA system, and everybody turns toward the flag and stops in salutes until they bring that flag down. They still use it.

The church is an army. Revelation 19, it is an army. This army gets assembled with a trumpet. What is the problem with that? In the Old Testament, you find that when God wanted to call the nation of Israel and He wanted to get them together, look at it in Exodus 19, Matthew 24. When He wanted to gather the nation of Israel together, they blew the trumpets. Israel has its set of trumpets; the church has its set of trumpets. So when it talks about the seven angels with the seven trumpets, do not get in your mind that this must be the church now going through the tribulation period. The Bible says that the tribulation is God's wrath. 1 Thessalonians says the church is not appointed to wrath. It is not going through the tribulation period. So there are two sets of trumpets. Revelation 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 4:15, 1 Corinthians 15:51 are for the church. Exodus 19, Matthew 24, and Revelation 8 are for the nation of Israel. Just that simple.

Then here is Revelation 8:3. Here is another one. Look at this.

*And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.*

Now we already know this. Here is one you can match back up with what we studied last week. Remember last week when we studied this, Revelation 6:9, the souls under the altar, and they were praying, and they say, "How long, how long, how long do you avenge us?" And He said what? "Not for a little while till your fellow servants must be killed just like you are." Now you take that in Revelation 6 and take that here, and you can put those two together. It is a cross-reference. These are the prayers of the tribulation saints that we talked about last week in Revelation 6. So you can make that connection. The altar of incense, that is the golden altar, always deals with prayer. We saw it in Revelation 6, and now we see it here. It is not a separate time; it is the same time. So that is one you can match up. You put that right over there in Revelation 6.

Once we get that out of the way, let us start to talk about Revelation 8:6-7. He says the seven angels begin to blow seven trumpets, and these add to the woes of the inhabitants of planet Earth. Again, we do not know how they are all dumping. We know they are all in the last, they are not one after the other through the seven years. It is all during the last three and a half years, but the time element is just not clear on it, but here it comes.

*The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.*

Now the first thing we have got here is hail and mingled with fire and mingled with blood. The first thing I want you to notice, and you want to make this reference back, you want to take this and you want to run it back to the book of Exodus. Because we already know, and we are going to see it again in a little bit, we already know that during the tribulation, Moses and Elijah, the two witnesses, we went through that. I told you how that what they do in the tribulation is based on what they did in the Old Testament. What did Moses do from Exodus 6 to Exodus 12? I will tell you what he did. He brought down the fire and the hail and mingled with blood. That is exactly what he did. So now we have a cross-reference back to there, and we know that this, what is going on here, this angel may be blowing a trumpet, but it is Moses down on the ground

commanding it to happen. You will want to get that in your mind. A lot of these we can work back and forth.

I do not know if you have noticed this or not, but you start to find the number one-third all down through here, these seven trumpets, one-third, one-third, one-third, one-third, one-third, one-third. Now here is where it gets a little complicated. We want to write down these two references. Now here is a place that I am in the 15% now. Ezekiel 5:1-12, write that down. Isaiah 19:23-24, write that down. Now in these two places here, I am in my 15% mode because I know that when I go back there, it talks about the land being divided up by one-third in both places. The context, without a question about it, the context of Isaiah and Ezekiel is something in the tribulation period, but how to match it up back here? Impossible. Do not have it all. I just know that one-third in the Bible is something that you always want to watch because it has something to do with God's judgment on Israel during the tribulation period and how that thing works. When I get back to Ezekiel 5, I know the context is the day of the Lord. I know the context of the tribulation. When I get over to Isaiah 19, I have the context. I am clear on it. No question about it. But how exactly it lines up with what is going on here, you do not have. There is that 15% where you can get the context, but you cannot get all the connections to put it together. That is the first thing, and you want to mark those in your Bible.

The second thing is this. We know, and we have studied this from before, we know that in the Bible we have a thing called numerology. Without getting into a long dissertation on it this morning, we know that God is basically a mathematical formula. All math is built on the concept of God, and all math is built on the precept of God. If you wanted to get God to the lowest common denominator, I can tell you this: God is a mathematical equation that is eternal. Everything in our world is based off of that concept. Before you do not understand it, I flunked math in high school. But besides the point, I do not have to pass math to know it. I see it in everything. Everything in this world is a number system. Right now, you have a social security number, and if I had it, I could get everything you have because it is the key to you. You say to me, "Call me this week, Bob." You know how I have got to call you? Well, I can go to my porch and say, "Hey Ralph," or I can pick up my phone and call you. How do I call you? I dial in a number system. You say, "Come over and see me." Well, I can drive around town for the next 10 years. Do I bump into you? Or I can say, "What is your address?" Give me the number, and I will find you that way. You guys get all these new fancy cars now. They have these GPS systems in it. You can find out wherever you are at in the world up to an inch. Now they do that. They do that off a number system, grid, longitudinal, latitude. That is how they do it. I mean, everything in this world you have to do, you have to have a number system. Why it was so important that God put a book in the Bible called Numbers.

Speaking of the Bible, when you want to find something from God, you have got to go through God's number system. We know it is sevens. If you want to get something out of Genesis, you have got to get Genesis 1:43. First book, first chapter, 43rd verse. Everything is a number system, everything. Now I know that you can prove anything with numbers, and I try not to. But there are some things you just cannot deny. You cannot deny that the number seven is God's number. It is just, deny it makes you a fool. I mean, I would argue with somebody about this or

that, and some things are very speculative, but the number seven is inspectable. I mean, you can find that over and over and over again. You deny that, and you are out of the ballpark. It never ends. Not every number has a meaning, but God has chosen, for whatever reason, His book, He has chosen to take certain numbers and to make those numbers consistent with something in the Bible to help you and I learn it.

Now, number seven is always considered a lucky number. It is a lucky number. Why? It is God's number. In the Bible or in the world, 13 is an unlucky number. Nobody wants to be born on Friday the 13th. The number 13 is unlucky. You know why? Because in the Bible, 13 is Satan's number. That is why. It is always connected with that. You can take that little concept right there. The first time you find 13 in your Bible is found in Genesis 14:1, law first mentioned, and it defines it for you. It says in that passage, it says in the 13th year, there is a rebellion. So then number 13 is going to be our number for rebellion. We read in Revelation 12 that when the devil rebelled against God, he took one-third of the angels with him. 13. See that thing? That is how it works. Just like that. The first time you find in the Bible, law first mentioned, it is the 13th year, there was a rebellion. So when the first Gentile kingdom, Babylon, shows up, it gets started by a man by the name of Nimrod, whose name means "son of rebellion." When you go back through the genealogies and running back to Adam, he is the 13th in the genealogy. That simple. Revelation 18:5 talks about the title of the whore, Babylon, "great, misreligion, mother of harlots." Read it. 13 words with 65 letters, five times 13. Judas Iscariot, the Antichrist, 13 letters in his name. Check it out. You know where Jesus Christ is betrayed? John 13. You ever read Deuteronomy 13? You have to try it sometime. See what it is.

You know how I know America is going to be the nation of the Antichrist? You have heard me preach this. I preached this for 20 years. I preached this when everybody was saying it was Russia, or it was here or there. First of all, I knew from Daniel 2 and Daniel 7, I aligned up the 10 nations that the Bible talks about in Revelation. That is easy to connect the dots. We are going to get into that either next week or the week after. As I began to come through, it began to become very apparent to me that the last world power on this planet that is going to run the world, that is going to be the powerful nation that the Antichrist is going to work through, is going to be the United States of America. Now, I get that from Daniel 2 and Daniel 7, and then I get it from this. Because I believe what I read in my Bible. I believe that the number 13 is the number of the devil over and over and over and over again. I know what it means for rebellion. So when I look down through history, you have got to be a student of history like you are the Bible. I find one nation that was in rebellion against another nation in 1776 that rebelled with 13 colonies, 13 stars on the flag, 13 stripes, and a flag that originally had a snake on it and said, "Don't tread on me." Count them, 13 letters. You will not beat your Bible. I am telling you what, there is only one nation on the planet that falls into the category of 13s, and it is the nation of Daniel 7 and Daniel 2.

I will tell you this. When you come down and you look at Revelation 7 and 18, you will find that the Antichrist is all about money. When it lists everything that he does, it starts out with gold. The last thing is the souls of men. You know how I know the Antichrist, besides this, is going to tie into that? Because America, all she is worried about is number one, gold, and the last thing is

the souls of men. The Bible said the love of money is the root of all evil. I believe that. 13 is the number of rebellion connected with Satan. I believe that.

So when you take a \$1 bill, one, not on a \$2 bill, not on a \$3 bill, not on a \$5 bill, on a \$1 bill. You say, "Why a one, not a 20, not a 100?" I wish they were on a 100 because I would make you all turn them in. Then I would cleanse them, clean them for a fee. I would undemonize your dollars. Somebody write that down. I cannot get into that right now, but I may think that through a little while over. Why one? Why one? Why on a \$1 bill do you have a pyramid with the all-seeing eye connected with the nations that has 13 layers on it? Why on one do you have that title over there, Latin, whatever it is at the top, that has 13 letters in it? Why is it on the other side you have the eagle that has, whoa, I love this, an olive branch on one side and the arrows? That is where those arrows are in Revelation 6 we could not find. On the olive branch, peace and safety, but on the other side, the arrows, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 arrows on the arrows. With a little thing around the top with 13 stars, with a little banner of a flag with 13 bars. Why one? I will tell you why one. Because the first kingdom in Genesis had one language, one speech, one everything. Unity. You cannot get away from God and that Bible no matter where you go, how much time you spend getting education, you cannot get out from under the truth of that book. You cannot. That thing is so clear that when a man rejects the Bible, history, if you can just learn this one concept, you cannot separate the God of the Bible from the God of history. When you get them together, it just unfolds itself. I do not need anybody to tell me that America is not going to be the nation by the world, the Antichrist is going to rule the world. I already see her as the only ruling world power. Oh, she may have some problem with the Muslims. They are going to patch that up not too long from now. When this whole thing goes, I am telling you, Daniel 2, Daniel 7 puts her right there. Then when you look at the only nation on the face of this planet that when she rebelled, lines right up with a man of sin who is going to take her over. You see, that is the difference between playing with your Bible and learning your Bible. That is the difference from playing with history and tying it all together in history. That is the difference in making the Bible your life quest and the number one dominating thing in your life to get truth or just playing with it.

*And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;*

*And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.*

Notice the thirds again, all through there. Here again, here is one of your 15% chapters, but I will give you this. Jeremiah 51:25, this great mountain with blood and fire is found over there in Jeremiah 51:25. It is also found in Hebrews 8-9, but Jeremiah 51 is where you have it. That is a tough one, but that is where it goes back. The context is the tribulation. Again, you will look that just like Moses, they turn the water into blood, Exodus 4-12, and the animals in the sea die, a third of them, and a third of the ships all fits right into the tribulation period.

*And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.*

Here is the third angel, and notice this star is an angel called Wormwood. You already know from Revelation 9:1 that stars are angels. Wormwood is a very interesting person in your Bible. You want the cross-references of this? Here it is. Deuteronomy 29:18, where you are going to find the word wormwood right in the context of the tribulation period. Now here is the good one. Proverbs 5:4. You have the great whore, the woman down there that is standing on the corner trying to seduce some young kid that does not have any sense, a picture of the tribulation person. That woman right there is a picture of the Antichrist under the concept of the Roman Catholic Church. You know what it says? It says she is as bitter as wormwood. There is your reference right back there. So back in Proverbs 5, you have a connection to the whore of Revelation 7 and 18, and the word wormwood connected with it.

This means that when you get back to Numbers 5:1-27 and Exodus 15:23, or any place you find in the Bible where the water is bitter, then it is going to be a context, it is going to be the tribulation period. You have got to get this stuff. I do not have time to go through it this morning with you. This is a great Thursday night Bible question if you decide to come. You want to get it together, it takes getting it together. Then you want to write these down: Jeremiah 9:15, Jeremiah 23:15, Lamentations 3:15, and Amos 5:7. Those are more verses that go along with the wormwood. When you get them all together, you have this. This is where these passages in the Old Testament are tribulation passages, get a complimenting of ones here. You want to get them back and forth and get them together. When this angel comes down, it seems to pollute the water, and the water turns absolutely bitter, and they cannot drink the water. So they die of thirst.

I need to tell you this, and this will help you maybe put it all together. Now you are going to ask the question if you have any kind of intelligence at all. The next thing you are going to ask is, "Well, how does the Jew survive?" How does the Jew survive? If they are in the tribulation period, the waters are being turned to blood. There is nothing to drink. There is nothing that they can do. You have got to have water to live, and everything that people are dying from it, and the water is bitter, and it is killing them. How in the world do the nation of Israel survive that?

*Question: How do you know how they will be okay?*

*Answer: Mark 16:16-18.*

*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

*And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*

*They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

That is where the sign gifts come in. They were in Acts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. It got canceled for the church age. Now it comes back in. Everybody else is drinking the water or dying. They are

saying, "Man, this is good. Any more of that? Yeah. Drop a couple ice cubes in here. Oh yeah. Look at that fire burning. Look at those people. Look at old Joe over there. Hey, you laughed at me before, did you, Joe? What are you rolling around for when your legs are kicking? Are you dying? Joe, watch this. Go, go, go, go, go, go, go, go. It is not going to hurt him." That is the bottom line of the apostolic gifts where that thing fits in. You have to take what he said. Boy, I will tell you what. You get out there in that wilderness, that is exactly what he is going to do. But it also deals with the concept of the apostolic gifts.

*And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.*

*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!*

In this one, we have a third part of the sun, third part of the moon, third part of the stars. Let me give you these references. I can go all through your Bible, and this is just the tip of the iceberg, but I am going to start with these. Anytime you find signs in your Bible in the Old Testament where you find peculiar things happening in the heavens with the sun and the moon and the stars, I do not care where it is at, you are going to automatically know that the context of that portion is going to be this part of the tribulation period. Let me give you some: Amos 8:9, Habakkuk 3:11, Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:24, Luke 23:45, Acts 2:20, Joshua 10, Joel 2:10. Anytime you find something going on with signs in the heavens or in the moon and the stars, that context is going to be the last half of the tribulation period, i.e., Revelation 8. All of these verses will tie into it, and this is very, very clear.

Here is another great thing that I want you to see, and this is what I am talking about when I say you have got to study, study, study, study. Remember how I told you that Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, Matthew told one story and only told the story of one person. Luke told the same story, and he put in two people. I even know another story that tells the same exact story and puts in three people total. My point is this: you cannot read one account and get the whole picture because you have got to get all three counts or four counts or whatever it takes to get the composite picture. Here is a case. Last week when we studied this thing, we saw last week in Revelation 6:12 that the sun and moon were darkness and with blood. That is all it said. Now we get the second part of the puzzle that you add to that, that it is only a third of the time. You put the two of them together. See, that is called "study to show thyself approved," comparing Scripture with Scripture. Once you understand, you have four different accounts of the tribulation, like you have four different accounts of the first coming of Christ. You put them together, you take this one and this one and match it up. This one gives you part of the story. This one gives you part of the story. Put them together, you have the whole story. That is why God did it that way. So you would study, that you would labor in the Word of God. God wants you to spend as much time in that book as you do, learning how to do what you like to do in life.

*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!*

I will just give you this. There are eight woes in your Bible, and they are found in Matthew and in the tribulation period. There are eight woes in your Bible. They said, "Woe, woe, woe" here. But there are eight woes in your Bible found in Matthew 23:13. Those eight woes are pronounced on the Antichrist and his religion and everybody that is going on with it during that tribulation period.

## VII. The Fifth and Sixth Trumpets (Revelation 9)

*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.*

Then there came out of it locusts and all that. We have read this before, and this is where they come down, and they try to kill men, and men try to die, beg to die, want to die. This is a great death chapter in the book of Revelation. This is a great joke that God plays on men. Man wants to die, but he cannot die because God takes death from him, flees from him. He just gets tormented. He just gets tormented, and you are going to find that this will match up with Revelation 6:8, with the fourth horseman who is death. That ties you to that timeframe.

I have got to give you this, and we talked about the number seven. We talked about the number 13, and notice this is the fifth angel. Now number five in your Bible, according to numerology, will be death. This man in your Bible that dies, dies in Genesis 5:5. I mean, it just goes that way. You are going to find that this is the great death chapter, starting with the fifth angel. You are going to find that Satan, who represents death, has five letters in his name. The devil has five letters in his name. Somebody said one time, "Well, Jesus has five letters in his name." Yes, He died for you. What is your point? Of course, when Satan before he fell, he was the fifth cherub. See that thing, how it works. So in this chapter, you have the fifth angel sounds in Revelation 9:5. These men are tormented for five months. You know, it works.

In the Navy or the merchant Marines, when a ship breaks down in the water and they are dead in the water, you know what they call it in the Navy or the Coast Guard? They call it a number five shutdown. I wonder why that is. You know, the standard SOS signal of kilohertz or killer cycles on a standard radio is 500 kilocycles. You know, in Genesis 35:5, when Benjamin was born, his mother died. In Genesis 43:34, he got five times arraignment. You know, in the Old Testament and 2 Samuel 2:29 and five or six other places, every time they killed somebody, and I do not know why the Bible had to put this in, but they always said he stabbed him under the fifth rib. You know, when Adam deep sleep fell upon that. You know, when Christ was on the cross and he put that spear up on the side, take a guess what rib it went through. When a deep sleep fell upon Adam back there in the garden, and God opened up a side and fashioned a woman from his rib, just take a guess what rib it was. You will not beat the book. I mean, when it says five death, you

cannot get around it. I mean, anything impending death or disaster or destruction. I mean, a guy gets out there and he is trapped out there, and he wants to send an SOS. He has got to do it on 500 kilocycles. When a ship breaks down in the water, he has got to call it an under five shutdown. You know, in the Navy, when a man falls overboard, which is usually always fatal, you know how they signal man overboard? Five blasts on that big horn. Why not six? Why not three?

I will tell you something else. You get up there, and this has happened since World War I when they had radio, World War II, they had radios in the back. They are flying around. Some guy gets shot up. He is in World War II, gets shot up, cannot make it back. Or he is in Korea, and he gets his tail shot off when he cannot make it back. Or he gets in Vietnam, and he gets hit with a SAM missile. Before he gets out or when he is in trouble, he switches that mic over to the International 500 Kilocycles. You know what he says? "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday, Mayday." January, February, March, April, May. Why not June day? April day? Why May? Five. Some book you have got. So the fifth angel sounds, you blow the trumpet. Your first man in your Bible dies in Genesis 5:5. They kill them under the fifth rib, and they are tormented in Revelation 9:5 for five months.

Now this is where hell and the bottomless pit get. This is where it all comes out. I do not know if you know it or not, but we do not have time to get into the details. It would be a great Thursday night question if you bother to come. But you are going to find out that when you look through this thing that the Bible says you have hell, and then you have a bottomless pit. Now this bottomless pit opens up, and something comes out. We talked about it before. I do not want to get into that. Science confirmed this in 2005. I believe my Bible since the day I got saved. I have been laughed at and made fun of by every guy out there that did not want to believe the Bible that was a scientist. I know them all because I hang out with them, and they are evolutionists. I used to be too. They talk and laugh about hell being in the center of the Earth. In 2005, scientists confirmed that there is an inner Earth of 1500 miles in diameter with a core temperature of 8,500 degrees. Science. I was preaching it. They were laughing at me. Now they are preaching it. I am laughing at them. One scientist said it is the most unnerving world we have ever seen. It must be horrible down there. It means total blackness, no gravity, no time, no up, no down, no left, no right. "Utter darkness" was his word. Glad you are picking it up. Get off the beat. Come on. You are finally getting there.

Now this is where we talked about this before, Abaddon and Apollyon come from. He leads them out. This is why I am telling you as I started out that you only find two times in all of the Bible in the history of the world where the wrath of God is poured out. Once in hell and once in the tribulation. The reason why it is in the tribulation because hell comes to planet Earth. Now this is where you get your little phrases, "Well, I think your hell is on Earth." Not yet, buddy, but it is coming. Hang on.

I am going to give you something here that going back to the 15%, and I am going to tell you this. If there is a place down there where it is, it is, and they are coming out. There has got to be a way to get out. I have known this for years and years and years that the oldest, most scientific book in your Bible is not the book of Genesis. It is the book of Job. There is more in Job that

falls into the 15% and the 5% than probably any other book in your Bible, at least for me. I am telling you something right now. Yes, there is a place called a bottomless pit. It is in the center of the Earth. Yes, there is a place called hell. It is in the center of the Earth. Yes, these things are going to come out in the tribulation period. And yes, Job 28:7 shows you the pathway. Yes, it does. Sorry. I do not know what to tell you. Maybe science keeps working at it. They will find that. I think they already did. I really do. You want to get a good book to read sometime? Probably cannot find it. Get a book called *Hollow Earth* by Raymond Bernard. *Hollow Earth*. You know what is reported? Not by just one guy. In 1947, Admiral Byrd discovered a North Pole or explored a North Pole and a South Pole. There were reports coming out of that. You could go to the library and read it. That he found a passageway that began to lead from the North and the South Pole both down through to the center of the Earth. Take it for what you want. I did not make it up. But it is there. I mean, it is all down through history. The Greeks wrote about it. Dante in the 14th century wrote about it. When him and Homer or whatever the guy's name went down to the Orpheus or whatever they went to the underworld. Virgil. That is right, it was Virgil. It was old buddy Virgil. Drinking buddy Virgil. Maybe they had one too many that night. I do not know.

You know what? I know this. I know on December 15th, 2003. Get on the internet. Do not take my word for it. Call up the December 15th, 2003 *Kansas City Star*. You will find in there an article that they are taking money to be formed that you can go on an expedition to the North Pole to find the entrance that Admiral Byrd found in 1947 to the Hollow Earth. Get it for yourself. Take my word for it. It is in the *Kansas City Star*. Not the King James Bible. One of these days they are going to catch up to that book. But I am afraid it will be too late. That is what you have got. See, when I talk about the Bible being the greatest book in the world. I know some of you think I say that because that is what preachers are supposed to say. I do not say it because I am supposed to say it. I say it based on what I have given you this morning. There is nothing like it on that planet, man. When I talk about the absolute eternal Word of God. I am not talking about some little Mickey Mouse book that I get that just carries around like some little effeminate preacher that wants to when you shake his hand it is like picking up a dead fish. I am talking about a book that is for men who gives you truth about life, about history, about war, about human nature.

Speaking of human nature, look at the next one. Revelation 9:14.

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

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

*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.*

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

Let me put this in reference for you. We talked about this a little bit on Thursday night. There is no question about it. You want to line this up with Revelation 16:12? This is the way of the kings of the east. These are the 200 million United Nations troops moving on the remnant of Israel down there some ways in the Jezreel Valley area down there and down there in Armageddon. You are going to find the references to this will be Daniel 9:26 and Job 40:23. This is that flood we talked about Thursday night. A great verse, a great passage. There is some stuff there that you can go back and dig out. But sometime during that tribulation period, the devil throws out a flood, try to wipe them out, and God takes care of them just like He did. It is one of them things that you are not going to get a lot out of it. It is definitely in that 15% deal, but it is worth getting all the information on. What I am giving you is all there is on it. Like I said, you do not get it all. Revelation shut that thing down. God said, Daniel shut it down. Do not write it all. I will give it to him later.

But I have got to give you this. Revelation 9:20 is a great study on human nature. If you want to be a counselor, and I know some of you are striving to be, and some of you are doing a really good job of it. Some of you are working with people. Some of you, it is very obvious that you are becoming really good at it. Some of you it is very obvious you are not very good at it. Patience is the key. You cannot be less patient with people you are working with than God was when He was working with you. But that is a hard lesson for some people to learn. Some people never learn it.

Here is a great, you want to be a counselor? Get this one down. Here is a principle. Get this. Do not ever forget it.

*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:*

They just hardened their heart. There is no repentance. The more God dumps on them, the harder they get toward God. That was Pharaoh. Remember? He said, "Let my people go." He dumped the plagues on him. Instead of Pharaoh saying, "Your God is greater than me," the Bible says Pharaoh hardened his heart. Romans 1 ties in with this. You want to learn human nature. Human nature is this: they can be on their deathbed. They can be 15 minutes of stepping out into eternity. They can be lost without hope, without Christ, and they can be lost as could be and going to burn for eternity. You stand there and you lay out the Gospel. You tell them they are going to die. You tell them they are going to be in hell. You tell them God wants to save them. With 14 seconds left before they step out and meet a holy God in an unholy nature, you know what is going through their mind? "I can beat it."

I told their story. One boy, one time, his mom and his parents and friends wanted me to come down. His wife lost, hated God, hated the church, never came. Family came. He would not come, got in a bad car wreck. They are in the hospital, asked me to come down and try to do something with him. I got his hands, and I talked with him, and I laid it out, and laid the story out, and he squeezed my hand. He understood. I tried for 10 minutes before he died to try to get that man to acknowledge he was a sinner, that he was going to go to hell. He told me he knew he was a

sinner. He knew he was going to hell. He would squeeze my hand. But when it came down to asking Christ to be his personal Savior, to get his sins forgiven, he would not squeeze my hand. You know why? Right there. He thought he could beat it. You will not beat it. The old colored folks back in the turn of the century, they had a great song. They used to sing. It went like this: "So high you cannot get over Him. So wide you cannot get around Him. So low you cannot get under Him. You have got to come in at the door." That door is found in John 10, John 14. Revelation 3. That is human nature. I am telling you, you are going to work with people who are going to follow that pattern right there. Saved people. They are going to come to the point in their life where they do not, no matter what they go through, you would think they would wake up. You would think that losing their marriage, losing their kids, losing this, losing that would suddenly be enough that they would say, "Well, maybe there is something wrong with me." You will learn it as you go. The hardening of the heart toward God, boy. Romans 1. Wow.

## VIII. The Seventh Angel and the Mystery of God (Revelation 10-11)

*And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:*

*And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,*

*And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.*

*And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.*

*And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,*

*And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:*

*But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.*

There is no question about it. Here again, I do not know all the details on this. This is the 15%er, but I guarantee you the context. This thing right here is the Lord, this man right here is the Lord Jesus Christ. Let me tell you what you have. I do not know the time element of this. Nobody has ever figured it out. It is laid out throughout the Old Testament in many different places in type. But I am going to tell you, here is what you have. Here is what happens. This will clear up a lot of questions for you. Let me give you the verses first. You want Acts 9. I will have to give you the Psalms one-third tonight. I do not have it here. I had it in my Bible, and I forgot to put it in.

The first half of the tribulation period is peace and safety. We know that. We have got that down now. When the abomination of desolation takes place and the Jew runs into the wilderness, keep in mind now, he still does not know anything about God. The Jew right now is in an apostate mess. When he runs into the wilderness, he is going to run down there completely disillusioned. He is going to know enough about what is going on to know that something is very bad in Jerusalem. The one that they thought was the Messiah has turned out not to be the Messiah. I do not know how much light is going to give them at that point, but I do know this. Somewhere at the middle of that tribulation or shortly thereafter, when that Jew is out in the wilderness, and this is the passage on it right here, and it is all kind of tied in together, the Lord Jesus Christ appears to the nation of Israel in that wilderness. What He says to them, I have no idea. I know He does it because He did it in the Mount of Transfiguration at the first coming of Christ. When He appears to them, guess who He is going to give them to get them through the next three and a half years? The same two guys that were standing with Him in Matthew 17, Moses and Elijah.

You are going to find this place in the book of Psalms of the Old Testament where it talks about God arising and shining. The type of it in the New Testament is Paul. I know that Paul is the apostle of the Gentiles, and there is no question about that. I am not taking away from that, but I will tell you what else he is a type of. He is a type of 144,000 in the tribulation period that takes the Gospel of the kingdom to the Gentiles. How did Paul get saved? He got saved. He was on the road to Damascus, and the Lord appeared to him up there in the sky, and that is how he got God's calling. Then he turned his life around from that point on. Paul is a picture of the Jew in the tribulation period who sees the Lord and then goes to the Gentiles and goes to the nation of Israel with a message. That is the type. Some place in that tribulation period around the three and a half year mark, the Lord appears to the nation of Israel out in that wilderness, and from that point on, they begin to follow Him through Moses and Elijah.

You have a thing here, Revelation 10:4, called the seven thunders. The seven thunders will be defined for you over there in Psalms 29:1-10, and that will be the voice of God. You will find seven distinct voices of God over in Psalms 29 which match up to the seven thunders right here. They are passages that go together. The problem you have here is that problem we started with. The problem we have here is the fact that part of it is sealed up. We do not have all of Revelation; we do not have all of Daniel. You can see why God did not reveal this to us because God is going to reveal them to the nation of Israel probably. The things that got sealed up in Revelation and Daniel will probably be revealed to the nation of Israel when He meets them and appears to them in the tribulation period, any of that, or through Moses and Elijah. That is all I can tell you, but brother, I will give you the reference on it Thursday night of where that thing goes through.

With this last angel, the seventh and the trumpet, we now enter into Revelation 11, and of course, we have studied Revelation 11 before, so we will not go through it in its entirety. We already have it. We know that is the ministry of the two witnesses, Moses and Elijah. We have studied them already.

*These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.*

*And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.*

*And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

*And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.*

*And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.*

*And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.*

*And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.*

*And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.*

*And the second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.*

*And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

This is the ministry of Moses and Elijah after they meet the Lord and He gives them their marching orders. These two men lead the nation of Israel under the apostolic signs through the last three and a half years of the tribulation period.

## IX. Summary and Application

What we have here, we have now come through the tribulation two times.

*The first account was under the horsemen and the seven seals.*

*It was focused on the souls under the altar and the calling out of the 144,000.*

This week, Revelation 8 through Revelation 11, the second period through.

*This one focused on the seven trumpets, the seven angels, the seven thunders.*

*It focuses on the ministry of Moses and Elijah and the Lord appearing to the nation of Israel in the tribulation period.*

Now two things you get out of this, and it is a thing that there is a message here for the lost people, the message here for the saved people. If you are a saved person here today, you have come away today, and I know maybe you did not understand everything that we talked about,

and that is understandable. I do not expect you to. My job is to lay it out. I try to lay it out as easy as I can. I try to explain it as easy as I can. I do not ever say anything without giving you the benefit of trying to lay it out and break it down for you. I do not think that is any good.

Obviously, you are going to have to go back through this material. That is why we have, you can come over, and I can help you one on one, or you can bring it to Thursday night Bible study, and we can talk about it there. It is important, but I think you understand now after what we have said today, and many of you have had this mindset already, you know what I am about ready to say.

You have to study your Bible. You have to learn to rightly divide your Bible. Today for you, dependent on or independent of what you have got out of the book of Revelation and help you put it together. You saw that there is an absolute system between God, the Bible, and history, and you have to get those things rightly divided out. You have to be able to understand that these things move back and forth, and you connect them together, and you put it together, and you have to know that you can 80% of the time know exactly where you are at, what you have got, what you are dealing with. 15% or so of the time, you are going to get the context, and let us face it, 5% of the time, you might even get an idea where the context is, but brother, there are some places in there that He just does not give you nothing on. I mean, He will put one thing in there, and that is all there is.

There is a contradiction out of the 400, there is a contradiction in 1 Kings and Chronicles that is the age-old contradiction. In 2035 years of my life, I have never heard it satisfactorily explained, and the contradiction is simply this: in one place it says a guy's name is Asaiah, with an "a," Asaiah, with an "a," it says he is 22 years old when he begins to reign. Another place, that would be Kings and Chronicles, that says Asaiah, same context, same guy, same period of time, same this, same that, says he was 42 years old when he began to reign. You know what the contradiction is? One place says he is 22, the other place says he is 42. You know what everybody says? "Ah, there is proof a scribe made an error." It would be easy to do. Hey, I do not write books that big, and I make lots of errors in my writing. I mean, you take my average writing, or I wrote you a letter, there probably would be probably 16 errors in it per line. I mean, so I mean, when you stop and think how a guy could do that, it is very easy to think, "Well, some scribe was doing this late at night, and he was bleary-eyed because he worked too long today, and he was in a hurry, and he was tired, and he got sleepy, and he just made a two or a four when it should have been 22 here, 22 here, 44 here." He just made a little mistake. But that proves your Bible could not be infallible. That proves that a preacher says it is without error, there is an error.

Let me just tell you this right out of the chute. One says 22, and the other one says 42. God put that in there for a reason. That is not a scribal error. There is something in there. Can I explain it? I will tell you where the answer is. You have four kings that are left out of the genealogy because of that mess over there with Jeconiah. That is where the answer is. The answer is in a breakdown of the kingly line that that guy either began to represent the throne when he was 22 but did not take the throne until he was 42, like David did, something along those lines. Can I prove it? No. I do not know to argue with somebody, and a guy would just, can I give him an answer to satisfactory? No. Do I care? Double no.

I want to tell you something right now about the Bible, boys and girls. It is not your job or my job to convince anybody what is right. My job is to give you the truth. If you want that as a stumbling point to bust your neck and go to hell, may I help you? Keep talking like that. Good job. It is not my job to prove anything to you. Somebody said, "Right. You cannot." I did my job to prove that to you. I do not care what you believe. What I believe is based on what I studied. I do not care if I cannot figure it out. To me, God is innocent until proven guilty. You want to make Him guilty and make Him prove His innocence. That will send you to hell faster. If you do not understand anything, I know this world. Take an attitude toward God. That Bible is without proven error. Somebody says, "Can you explain that?" No. "Well, then it is without proven error." Not to me. Old Sam Jones said one time, "If somebody wrote, the reason why you do not understand everything in the Bible, if somebody wrote it, I could understand everything in it, it would not be any better than me." God puts things in that book, does not give you the answers.

1. That is your study.
2. That you will break your neck and go to hell if you have got a bad attitude.
3. You know what? You just do not get it.

It means absolutely nothing because there are things in there that I cannot figure out. I saw enough things that I cannot figure out not to worry about the things that I can. That is what you have got to come to. Sometimes God does it that way.

I will tell you, so that is what you get as a saved person. That book is absolute truth. The fact that you cannot figure it all out means absolutely nothing. That 5%, you could not get it worked out if your life depended on it. Oh, I can give you some tough ones. I can give you some ones that you just, you do not even know what to do with it. You know what? I do not know what to do with them. But you know what? It does not bother me a bit. It is still the book. The book is infallible because it was God written. The fact that I cannot figure it out just makes me mortal.

Then the second thing, you are unsaved. I am telling you, you are never going to make it. That rapture takes place. It is done. It is over. There is nothing you are going to be able to do. You can do whatever you want. Fall on your knees. Ask God to save you. Go get your haircut like a Jew and follow around and do everything that the Jews do. It will not do you any good. I am telling you, just like Revelation 9:20-21, human nature is God's people will not repent. I have seen it in God's people. I have seen it in unsaved people. They are just going to harden their heart while they justify themselves of what they do. They just go to hell by the bucket loads. That is the way it works.