

Of The Seven

The Eighth Empire

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Introduction

Matthew 16:27-28

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Daniel 8:1-17

In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai. Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered.

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake,

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

(Matthew 24:1-3)

Jesus, of course, gave them an answer.

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

(Matthew 24:4)

The answer, however, requires clarification for our modern minds.

Is the question from the disciple one question or two? Is he asking about the date of the destruction that Jesus said was coming to the structures, **and** about the signs of the time of the end? Or is this just a compound question with only one necessary answer: that is, the destruction and the time of the end will both happen at the same time? And, might this *end* be the same one that is referred to in the Bible, where it says:

And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.

So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision. Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.

(Daniel 8:16-19)

Then we have questions that arise about the application of the answer to now. How does the

answer that Jesus gave fit in with modern times? How far in the future should these prophecies of Jesus be taken? How broad an application do they have: are they for Israel only or for the entire world?

Then there is a whole book of the Bible that presents prophecy about various terminating issues in time: the book of Revelation. It starts by delivering words *for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness* to the seven churches. These churches may refer directly to ones that existed at the time of John the Revelator. And, even if that is true, aren't the patterns of these churches the same ones found in churches of today? And if they are, does the message also apply to the churches of today? To this, I believe every religious scholar would say a resounding yes. Therefore, this is not a part of our mission.

So what is our mission?

Our mission is to discover, through the leading and sharing of the indwelling Holy Ghost, those parts of the book of Revelation that are still open; so to speak. There has been much conjecture about the revelations of both John and Daniel; along with several other prophets. There have been some attempts to directly apply their messages to our times, and to some future time. But is this according to the will of God? Did God intend for the prophecies in these various places in the Bible to be lumped together? Were they sent forth to describe specific events which are close in time to the delivery of the prophecy?

Why are these important questions?

This is an important question because many people are performing their service to God based on the answer to these and many other similar questions. There are potentially billions of people who look to the events of what is called the time of the end. They are being persuaded to consider them as being an escape hatch from the current *misery* of our existence. Even those who are prosperous are searching for this escape hatch.

There are many others who are reserving their best service to God until some time to be determined in the future. They feel that one day they will *really* be able to serve God, in the still-to-come kingdom of God on earth. They withhold from their fellow man the compassion that should be shown by those who truly honor God.

Furthermore, they place the burden of the total development of mankind at the feet of Jesus, and walk away. "When he returns, he will make all things right," they say. They seem to be walking away from their required service to God that is to work to make it all right, right now.

There is an increasing sense of frustration with the things of this world. The ending message of Revelation is shouted from many mouths.

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

(Revelation 22:20)

However, many are doing so without clear understanding of the full mission of God in Jesus Christ. There are many people who have forgotten that we must take up our cross daily and follow him. Or, maybe they have just conveniently discarded this message.

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

(Luke 9:23)

Many have forgotten, or displaced, the fact that we will have tribulation as a regular part of life.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

(John 16:33)

We want it all to be made right; and we want this to be done *now*. We have not stopped to count the cost. Let's just look at one example from Revelation.

When that end time comes, that is mentioned in Revelation, the minimum amount of anguish will come from those who are outside.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

(Revelation 22:14-15)

Without further insight, and considering the writings of Revelation as describing an eternal state of existence, there would be some who are without hope; and this would be forever. Considering the weight of the words in Revelation, there are some parties in our reality who are condemned--I'm not even sure this is an adequate word for it: angels, for sure; humans, *maybe*. These are they who inhabit the lake that burns with fire and brimstone.

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

(Revelation 19:19-20)

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

(Revelation 20:7-10)

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

(Revelation 20:14-15)

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

(Revelation 21:8)

As humans we might feel comfortable with the image of Satan, death and hell going into this place. For Satan it might not be much different from the state he's in right now anyway. For death and hell, they aren't listed in the Bible as having feelings. They seem to be placed in the Lake only because there is no more use for them anywhere else. But, what of the others?

If *the beast* and *the false prophet* are humans, and if there are any humans not mentioned in the book, this is a most horrendous thing to think about. Imagine being in a fire that never goes out. No matter how much wisdom you acquire while you're there, and even when you want to bow your knee, you can't, according to the most common interpretation of the Scripture in Revelation.

Personally, I have tried to imagine a human so horrendous that I would wish that they could never be transformed: and I have failed to do so. In my mind is a circuit that prays to God that every human is transformed, and conformed into the image of His Son. To be frank, humans are just too stupid to not mess up. For someone as powerful as God, it seems like fighting with an infant--no like fighting with an embryo. Forgive me, Dad, if I am getting too emotional, but You have made this a most serious matter for me.

I petition God, as often as it crosses my mind, that He make His will universal; and not just optional.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should

come to repentance.

(1 John 3:9)

I hope you, who are reading this, or who hear about it, do the same thing too. Every person I have ever met, who told me that they didn't believe in the message of God in Jesus Christ, I saw as a work in progress. My mind says, "You don't believe now; but you will. My Father will pull you to Him so that you will." I am naive about these things. This is my reason for being assigned this mission. I guess God got a little tired of me just sitting in my comfortable chair asking Him to make it happen. He finally said to me, "Well, if you want to make it known; then do so." So, with the help of the Holy Ghost, I will; in the name of Jesus, and according to his request.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

(John 14:25-26)

So this is a search in the Scripture to discover what is still outstanding in the historical march toward the complete, visible judgment of God over all people in the earth: dead and alive, past and present, saved and unsaved.

The Bible mentions seven dynasties that will arise leading up to the final events of the Bible. This is where I will search for the answer. What is that seventh dynasty? Has it come and gone, is it here now, or is it yet to come? And once I find this dynasty, and if it is here, or yet to come, what is the message that I want God to give to this king? Perhaps, even when this king arises, it will only be a test of God's children's devotion to Him; and of their belief in Him.

I am thinking of the nation of Nineveh. It too, like the world that we live, was thought to be doomed. Indeed, the writing had already been given, and the prophecy was in the mouth of the prophet. But in God's wisdom, this was just a prod to move Nineveh to Him.

And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

(Jonah 3:4-10)

So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief.

So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd. But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered. And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd?

And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.

Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

(Jonah 4:5-11)

Maybe the seventh king is also a prod to move the entire world to God. As Jonah told Nineveh to repent, and they did; in like fashion, I pray to God to raise up a prophet who will guide the nations to repentance. And so, the mission has been given to me to try. Please pray with me, those of you who love the Lord, as I try to find the king, and the answer that will cause a worldwide conversion, and thus stay the hand of God; if He is still ready to strike. A tall order, indeed; but so was Nineveh, and God did it there.

Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

(Jeremiah 32:26-27)

First, however, please indulge me as I pray.

Father, please move in me. I am Your vessel; no matter how damaged I may be, no matter how insufficient I am. I know that You have sufficiency more than enough for the entire human

race. Please share some of that with me, through the Holy Ghost that you have sent to dwell in me. As this book is being developed, please keep the Comforter at full power. I know this is asking a lot, but I don't know what else to ask.

You have allowed me to think about searching for another Nineveh. If you show me that this eschatological Nineveh has already come and gone, I will deliver the message to those who read this book. However, if the eschatological Nineveh still exists or is yet to come, please prepare the message that will cause the conversion of the entire nation. Such a thing is of such a small amount of effort for You: You have unlimited power. This is well within the scope of the power that you gave to Your Son, Jesus Christ. He declared to us, and we know this to be true, that he received all power in heaven and earth.

It is our joint mission, as You also called me to do, to convert the world. One nation, albeit a most powerful nation, with a most powerful calamity poised to fall on all mankind from it, is well within the power grid that you possess. Please activate that power grid to effect a shocking change now, or in the future. Again, if the eschatological Nineveh is already past, You have already spared us the destruction that we thought would befall us. In that event, teach us how to move in You in the light of our then current situation.

I need Your help in this. I want Your help in this. It is for this reason that, from before the foundation of the world, Your Son prepared the sacrifice. And this sacrifice is for all mankind. Activate your redemptive power on behalf of all mankind to convert the eschatological nation. For once this happens then all men will see the power of God; as they saw it with your selected people in Egypt. This time, however, it is the power to shake mind and hearts; and governments.

Yes, LORD, I do know that it is the government that must take the lead. It was the king of Nineveh that proclaimed the fast. This is also required in the eschatological Nineveh. Move the heart of the government, as you moved the heart of the king.

There is so much more that I want to say, but I really don't know what it is. Please Holy Ghost; speak for me to my Father. Please Lord Jesus, accept this request, and conform it to your way. For it is in your name that I ask it, and for your sake.

Amen.

*Father, take control
Of this that I do,
And fill it with words
That glorify You.*

*Take from my mind
Any wayward thought;
Move me to do
Just what I ought.*

*To my Father and His Son
I send this prayer,
Fill me with the Holy Ghost
So that I may dare*

*To speak the word
In a way most bold,
To share Your wisdom,
So that all will behold*

*The plan that You have
Sealed in this world.
Make me a vessel
To show it unfurl.*

*Take away any thought
That says I must know
Where you will lead,
Where we will go.*

*Give to me
The child's heart,
Make **my** wisdom
Surely depart.*

*Replace it with Yours,
So ancient and true,
That will take hold,
My spirit to subdue.*

*It is not for me alone
That I send this prayer,
But that in the words*

May all see You there.

*Your glory and majesty
Let every mouth acclaim.
This is my prayer
In Jesus' name.*