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The FOUNDATION of our FAITH
(PART XV)
DIVISION #2

THE PERSONAL WORD OF GOD

3 Things That GOD Must Do Before The END of the WORLD Can Come

PART 1. -JESUS CHRIST'S CRUSHING OF SATAN-

OPENING TEXT: Hebrews 2:14; I John 3:8

- I. In crushing Satan, Jesus will rid the EARTH of him and his entire kingdom.
- II. This "crushing" by Christ will be accomplished by the combination of (1) The 70th Week of DANIEL (i.e., the tribulation) AND (2) His SECOND COMING.
- III. THE TRIBULATION:
 1. Jesus' work of redemption through His DEATH on the CROSS gives Him the Authority to do this future work as mankind's KINSMAN - Redeemer.
 2. In unlocking the seven SEALS on the SCROLL, Jesus will unleash three series of Divine Judgments upon the Earth:
 - 1) The 7 SEALS (6:1 - 8:1)
 - 2) The 7 TRUMPETS (8:2 - 11:19)
 - 3) The 7 BOWLS (vials) (15 - 16)
 3. Just as a modern-day armed force inflicts a heavy, prolonged Bombardment on an enemy's domain before invading it, so also Christ will inflict this heavy, 7 - YEAR Bombardment on Satan's earthly domain in preparation for his INVASION of it at His Second Coming.
 4. The unleashing of the seventh TRUMPET is SUCH a dramatic and traumatic event, that when God's creatures in heaven see it unleashed, they will be so excited with anticipation of the dramatic CHANGE it will mean for the world that they will cry out with the words recorded in Revelation 11:15.
 5. Note the words "are become" in this verse for the verb tense used in the original language is called the "proleptic aorist" tense and indicates that the heavenly creatures now considered this yet future reality as already Accomplished!

"Proleptic"
= TO ANTICIPATE
Before hand

IV. The Second Coming

1. After His Tribulation "Bombardment", Jesus will invade that domain by coming from Heaven to Earth with His holy ANGELS in His glorious Second Coming.

2. The 2-Fold Purpose of His coming:

(1) To crush Satan by ridding the Earth of him and his entire Kingdom;

(2) To "Judge and make War" (Revelation 19:11)

3. At this time, Jesus will proclaim the contents of the opened scroll as Legal evidence that He is The True KINSMAN Redeemer of mankind's forfeited inheritance and, therefore, has the Right to evict Satan and his kingdom and take tenant possession of the earth (Psalm 2:7-9; Revelation 5:4,5)

THREE PHASES:

V. PHASE 1. The Crushing of Satan's Political and Military System

1. Upon the pouring out of the 6th Bowl, SATAN, the Antichrist and the False Prophet will send demon forces into all the world to prompt all Gentile rulers to gather their forces at one place- Israel (Revelation 16:12-16)

2. Zechariah 12-14 is the most prominent O.T. prophecy related to this period. This will take place at the end of the Tribulation.

3. 2 Reasons for Satan desiring this time of "gathering":

i. Satan knows that his time is short.

ii. Satan wants to use these people to annihilate Israel.

4. To Satan's way of thinking, if Israel must repent before God fully crushes him, then he can prevent God from crushing him by totally annihilating Israel before it repents.

5. Satan will manage to destroy 2/3 of the Jews before the nation repents (Zech. 13:8; 12:10-14)

6. Jesus will cast the Antichrist and the False Prophet into the Lake of Fire and destroy the Gentile Rulers and military forces. (Revelation 19: 20-21)

VI. PHASE 2. The Removal of the UnBodily

1. The parable of the Tares (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

2. The parable of the Drynet (Matthew 13:47-50)

3. The order of events - (Matthew 24:37-41)

"as it was in the days of NONE"

4. Luke 17: 37 makes it clear that those taken at His Second Coming will be taken into the realm of Death, and their dead bodies will be devoured by flesh-eating Fowls.

VII. PHASE 3. The Banishment of SATAN and His ANGELS

1. In conjunction with Jesus' Second Coming, Satan and his Angels (Demons) will be taken, bound and imprisoned in the Bottomless pit for the entire 1,000 year Theocratic Kingdom Age (Revelation 20 : 1-3)

2. The O T speaks about the future binding of Satan's Angels in ISAIAH 24:21-23

VIII. Additional Notes: