

Preparation (Prepare For Departure)

2 Timothy 4:1-8

4 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

JUDGMENT

Revelation 3:3, “Remember therefore how thou has received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as

a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” I want to read another translation (Wuest) of this verse, “Be remembering, therefore, in

what way you have received (the truth as a permanent deposit) and what way you heard (it) and be safeguarding (it), and have a change of mind at once.”

It is very evident from this verse that God had given them truth as a permanent deposit. It was received and is irrevocably theirs. **It now remains to be seen what they will do with it,**

whether they will regard it or not. And that is true. They had been given the basic truth of the whole Gospel, “**The just shall live by faith,**” “**Salvation is of**

the Lord.” They had heard the truth of the Bible which cast down the doctrines of Rome and set at naught all papal authority. They knew the truth that

the church does not save. **They understood the Lord’s supper.** They had light on water baptism. They put out the images. Truth? Why there never

was an age with any more men with so much light to shed. They had enough illumination to completely overhaul the old system or start out fresh and let

God lead them, line upon line and precept upon precept. They received the truth. They wanted it and heard it. But the question was, **how did they hear it?**

Did they hear it to build upon or was it with the same attitude that many Greeks had — something to **discuss and theorize over?** Evidently the rich Word

of truth was being heard in an academic manner, rather than for practical outworking, for God was demanding a change of mind concerning it. If this is

the Word of God which indeed it is, **then it must be obeyed.** Failure to obey would bring judgment.

When the guards of the sacred temple were found

sleeping, they were beaten and their garments burned. What shall the Lord do to those who in this age have **relaxed their guard?**

“I will come on thee as a thief.” Ancient Sardis was constantly harassed by bandits that swooped down from the hills and pillaged the people. Thus they

knew only too well what the Spirit was saying in that the **coming** of the Lord is as a thief. **Vigilance** and **preparation** alone will suffice to be ready for His

coming. Now we know that this is a message for the false vine, for the coming of the Lord will be as it was in the days of Noah. The eight saved were well

aware of the impending flood, and being aware were **prepared** and **saved.** But the world of the ungodly was swept away. Though they daily were in contact

with the righteous and heard the truth, they turned it aside until it was too late. Those completely carnal people in that ancient period type out today the

nominal Christians whose lives are full of **earthly** things, and take pleasure in them to such an extent that they have no desire for the Spiritual, and are not at all aware of, nor **readied** for His **appearing**.

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GOD'S DIAGNOSIS

Now what God saw was entirely different from what they **said** they saw. They said that they were rich in goods and Spiritually wealthy. **They had arrived.**

They had need of nothing. But God saw it otherwise. He said, “**You don’t know this, but you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.**”

Now when a people are that way, especially naked and DON’T KNOW IT, there has to be something awfully wrong. Surely something must be

happening. Is it not that God has blinded their eyes as He did to the Jews? Is the Gospel going back to the Jews? Is history repeating itself? **I say it is.**

God says this church of the Laodicean Age is “wretched.” That word comes from two Greek words

which mean “**endure**” and “**trial.**” And it has nothing to do with the trials that come to a true Christian for God describes a Christian in trial as

“**blessed**” and his attitude one of joy whereas this description is phrased as “wretched and miserable.” How strange. In this age of plenty, in this age of

progress, in this age of abundance, how can there be trials? Well now, it is strange; but in this age of plenty and opportunity, when everyone has so much

and there is so much more to be had, what with all the inventions to do our work and so many things to give us pleasure, SUDDENLY, we find **mental illness**

taking such a toll as to alarm the nation. When everybody ought to be happy, with really nothing to be unhappy about, millions are taking sedatives at

night, pep pills in the morning, rushing to doctors, entering institutions, and trying to drown out unknown fears by alcohol. Yes, this age boasts of its

tremendous stores of worldly goods, but the people are less happy than ever. This age boasts of its spiritual attainments, but the people are less sure of

themselves than ever. This age boasts of better moral values and it is more corrupt than any age since the flood. It talks about its knowledge and

science, but it is fighting a losing battle in all fields, for the human mind and soul and spirit cannot comprehend or keep abreast with all the changes

that have come upon the earth. In one generation we have gone all the way from the horse and buggy age to the space age, and we are proud and

boastful about it; but inside is a dark void cavern that is crying out in torment, and WITHOUT A KNOWN REASON men's hearts are failing for fear and the

world is so darkened that this age could well be called the age of **neurotics**. It boasts, but it cannot back it up. It cries peace, and there is no peace. It

cries that it has a great amplitude of all things, but it keeps burning with desire like an unsatisfied fire!

"There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked."

"They are miserable." That means that they are objects to be pitied. Pitied? They scorn pity. They are full of pride. They vaunt what they have.

But what they have will not stand the test of time. They have built upon quicksand rather than the rock of the revelation of God's Word. Soon cometh the

earthquake. Soon there will come the storms of the wrath of God in judgment. **Then comes sudden destruction**, and in spite of all their

carnal preparation they will still be **unprepared** for what comes upon the earth. They are those who in spite of all their worldly efforts are actually opposing

themselves and don't know it. Objects of pity are they indeed. Pity the poor people who are in this last day ecumenical move, for they call it the move of

God, when it is of Satan. **Pity those who do not know the curse of organization.** Pity those who have so many beautiful churches, such lovely

parsonages, such grandly trained choirs, such a show of wealth and such a sedate and reverent form of worship. Pity them, don't envy them. Back to the

old store buildings, back to the dimly-lit rooms, back to the cellars, back to less of the world and more of God. Pity those who make their great claims, and

talk about their gifts. Feel for them as objects of pity, for soon they will be objects of wrath. “**They are poor.**” Now of course that means **Spiritually** poor.

The sign of this age as it closes, is bigger and better churches, with more and more people, with more and more manifestation of what is supposed to be

demonstrations of the Holy Ghost. But the filled altars, the gifts of the Spirit in operation, the remarkable attendance is **not** the answer from God,

for those who come to the altars very seldom stay to go on with God, and after the great campaigns are finished, where are all those who came down the

aisles? They heard a man, they listened to an appeal, they came into the net, but they were not fish, and turtle-like they crawled back to their own

waters. Then there is all this talk about the glossalalia (speaking in tongues)— it is supposed to be the evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost,

and people are thinking that we are in the midst of a great revival. The revival is over. America had her last chance in 1957. Now the tongues are God’s sign

of impending disaster, even as they were when they appeared upon the wall at Belshazzar's feast. Don't you know that many are going to come in the last

day and say, "Lord, Lord, have we not done many wonderful works in Thy Name, even to the casting out of devils?" And He will say, "Depart from Me, ye

that work iniquity. I never knew you." Matthew 7:22-23. Jesus said they were workers of iniquity. Yet, you get a man that can come and pray for the

sick, get oil and blood appearing in the congregation, prophecy coming forth and all manner of the supernatural, and the people will gather round

him, and swear that he is of the Lord, even though he is actually making a money racket of religion and living in sin. The only answer they have is the

absolutely unbiblical answer of "**well, he gets results, so he must be of God.**" How terrible. How actually poor this age is in the Spirit of God, and the

poor poverty-stricken ones don't even know it. "**You are blind and naked.**" Now this is really desperate. How can anyone be blind and naked and not know

it? Yet it says that they are blind and naked and can't perceive it. The answer is, they are spiritually blind, and spiritually naked. Do you remember when Elisha

and Gehazi were surrounded by the army of the Syrians? You recall that Elisha smote them blind by the power of God. Yet their eyes were wide open

and they could see where they were going. The blindness was peculiar in that they could see certain things, but other certain things such as Elisha and

the servant and the camp of Israel they could not see. What this army could see did not avail for them. What they did not see brought on their captivity. Now

what does this mean to us? It means exactly what it meant back there in the earthly ministry of Jesus. He tried to teach them truth, but they would not listen.

John 9:40-41, "And some of the Pharisees which were with Him heard these words, and said unto Him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye

were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." The attitude of this age is exactly what it was then. People have it

all. They know it all. They cannot be taught. If a point of truth from the Word comes up and a man tries to explain his view to one with an opposing view, **the**

listener is not at all listening that he might learn, but is listening only to **refute** what is being said.

Now I want to ask a fair question. Can Scripture fight

Scripture? Does the Bible contradict the Bible? Can there be two doctrines of truth in the Word that say the opposite or oppose the other? NO. IT CANNOT

BE SO. Yet how many of God's people have their eyes open to that truth? **Not even one percent**, as far as I know, have learned that ALL Scripture is

given by God and ALL is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, etcetera. If all Scripture is thusly **given**, then every verse will **dovetail** if given a

chance. But how many believe in predestination unto election and reprobation unto destruction? Those who don't, will they listen? No, they will not.

Yet both are in the Word, and nothing will change it. But to learn about it and reconcile the truth of those doctrines with other truths that seem to oppose, they

will not take the time. But they stop their ears, and gnash with their teeth, **and they lose out.** At the end of this age a prophet will come, but they will be blind

to all that he is doing and saying. They are so sure they are right, and in their blindness they will lose it all. Now God says they are naked as well as blind.

I cannot imagine anything as tragic as a man who is blind and naked and does not know it. There is only one answer — he is out of his mind. He is already

deep in oblivion. His faculties are gone, spiritual amnesia has set in. What else can it mean? Can it mean that the Holy Spirit has taken His leave of this

last day church? Can it mean that men have put God out of their minds to such an extent that it is happening even as stated in Romans 1:28.

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.”

It surely appears that something like that has happened. Here is a people who say that they are of God and know God and have His Holy Spirit, and

yet they are naked and blind and don't know it. They are ALREADY DECEIVED. THEY HAVE THE WRONG SPIRIT. THE ELECT CANNOT BE

DECEIVED, BUT IT IS EVIDENT THAT THESE OTHERS ARE. These are they who have become blind because they refused the Word of God.

These are they who have stripped themselves naked by leaving God's care and protection and sought to build their own way of salvation, their own

tower of Babel by **organization**. Oh, how lovely and beautifully dressed they appear in their **own** eyes as they formed their general assemblies, and their

councils, etcetera. But now God is stripping it all away and they are naked, for these organizations have but led them into the **camp of antichrist**,

into the field of tares, right up to their **binding** and **burning**. Objects of pity indeed they are. Yes, pity them, warn them, beseech them, and still they go

their way headlong to destruction, wrathfully turning away any and all attempts to save them as brands from the burning. Miserable indeed they are, yet

they know it not. Calloused and beyond hope, they glory in what is actually their shame. Defiant against the Word, yet one day they shall be judged by it and pay the price of its awful indictments.

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2 Timothy 4 New International Version

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his

appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great

patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will

gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to

myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I

have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and

not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

42 Surely, if God expects people to be perfect, as Jesus said, “Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect,” there must be some

preparation somewhere. And He said, “I’ll choose the place that the people will worship Me. No other place will I meet them.” And, now, that’s got to be

that place, and we ought to seek it out. Find out where it’s at, and then go there. I think we should turn there, **quickly**, when we find the place, leaving other things alone.

65-0425 - God's Provided Place Of Worship
In Christ Alone,

69 There was the—the prophet and the Word, and the Word had come to the prophet, now it was becoming to them that all righteousness must be

fulfilled. What happened? Then John baptized Jesus. Because, John being a prophet and knowed the Word, the sacrifice must be washed before it's presented, and that's why John baptized Jesus.

70 John looked, and he saw. How did he know this was Jesus? He saw a **dove**, that had been told him by the Spirit of God. **“And upon Whom thou shall see**

the Spirit descending, and remaining on, He is the One that will baptize with the Holy Ghost and Fire.”

71 Noah looked. We find out here, there was another man looked, by the name of Noah—Noah. He looked and saw the justice of God upon...The

just judgment of God, rather, **upon a wicked Word-denying generation**, was being poured out. In his vision, as Noah was a prophet, God had give him a

vision of how to build the ark, and instructed him how to make the construction, **how it must be built**. In this, how could Noah, unless this vision being the

Word of God, when he seen this wrath and making a way of **preparation**?

72 Always, before coming judgment, there is a **preparation made**. It always is the Word of God.

73 And when he was constructing the Word of God together, bearing record that his vision was true and he believed in it, scoffers made fun of him, and so forth.

But Noah had looked ahead and seen the justice of God had to require the judgment upon the people, and he constructed an ark to save his own

household. When he looked, he saw the coming wrath of God, and **he made preparations** for the people to escape this thing.

74 So did John the Baptist, he made **preparation** for the escape.

75 And so is the Holy Ghost, **today**, **forerunning the Coming of Jesus Christ**, is making a construction, **the Body of Jesus Christ**. We are baptized into It;

not by a creed, not by denomination or a handshake. But, “By the Spirit of God we are baptized into the Body of Jesus Christ,” a construction that will stand

the judgments, because It’s already been judged.

“When I see the Blood, I’ll pass over you.” Yes.

Noah, he looked and he saw what was coming.

76 Moses looked, one day, he seen a Pillar of Fire. It attracted his attention. This great theologian, he had run with all of his theological training, and his

understanding (by his mother) of the Word Itself. Of how that he was to deliver the children of Israel. But when he tried in his way, he failed. And although his

mother had thoroughly instructed him on what to do, and what he would do, and what God had raised him up for. All this knowledge, as good as it is, and it is

good, but yet it had to be set off. That was only mechanics.

77 Mechanics ain’t what runs the automobile. It’s the dynamics that runs it.

78 The mechanics don't run the church; it's the dynamics, **the Holy Ghost** that gets into this Word. It's not a seminary that teaches you all the theology

and the Greek interpretations. But it's the dynamics of the Holy Ghost in there, to set That afire and to bring it to pass, and to make it live just exactly what

the promised Word is for this hour. Not the mechanics; the dynamics! It takes mechanics and dynamics, **the Word and the Spirit**, they are the One that gives Life.

79 What God promised for the hour, look for it to be fulfilled. You must look to Him, because He is the Word. And the only way you can look to the Word, is

look to Him. Look to Him, He is the Word, **and the Word promised for this day is to be fulfilled this day**. Noah's time could not be filled this day; it was

only a type, Moses' time, and so forth. But this is the day that God has promised these things that we're now enjoying, these things that we're now seeing,

that the world is laughing at, this great momentous power of the Holy Spirit that can change a sinner's

heart, that can take a lukewarm church member and give him a testimony that will set the church afire, from where he come out of. It's the dynamic that got into the Word.

80 As I've often said, I've found two classes of people. One of them is the fundamental; positionally he knows where he is in Christ, because of the

Word, but he doesn't have any faith in what he is doing. He **hasn't** received the Holy Spirit. Then I find the Pentecostals, many of them has received the

Holy Ghost, but don't know who they are. Just like a man who has got money in the bank and can't write a check, and the other one can write a check and

got no money in the bank. If you could get those two together, if you could get the Pentecostal to **realize who he is**, and come back to the real, **full Word of**

God; with that baptism of the Holy Ghost, it'll set the world afire again with a new pentecostal revival. Brother, sister, that's true.

81 "Look unto Me, all ye ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none other besides Me."

82 Oh, we can discern communism, we can discern everything else, but wonder if we can discern the **portion** of Word that's lotted by God **for this day**?

I wonder if we can see the sign that God told us would be here on earth at this day? I wonder if we do it? 64-0122 - Looking Unto Jesus

201 **Apply It**, church! Now don't fail. Will you now? Don't, don't, don't let the sun set. Don't, don't, don't, don't rest, day or night. Don't take no chance. It

won't work, children. It won't work. You must have the **Token!**

202 You say, "I believe. Yes, I go. I, yeah, I believe the Message. I..." That's all right, but, that—that's good.

203 But you must have the **Token!** Do you hear, Branham Tabernacle? You must have the Token **displayed!** Without It, all your believing is in vain.

See? You'll live a good life; you listen to what the Word says; you go to church; you try to live right;

that's fine, **but that's not It.** "When I see the Blood," that's the Token. And the Token here is not...
When i See the Life of Christ.

204 Cause, what, He—He had to see the actual chemistry, because the life had gone, he...had gone from it, it was an animal.

205 But here It's His Own Life that was **in** the Blood. And the chemistry was only a signal or a sign of sanctification, **but the Life Itself is the Token;**

for without the circumcision, without the Token, you're not even in the covenant. The whole thing works together. If you say you're circumcised to the

Word, and It only, then you'll believe the Word; if you believe the Word, then the Token has got to come, for he said, "**Repent, and be baptized every one of**

you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." There you are. Oh, my!

206 Notice then the **preparation** for His promised-land people. Notice what He did. First, He had a people that He had made a land for them. He had

prepared a land for them. And now He sent down there a preparation for it, for the promised-land people. It was only for those who were predestinated

to that promised land, **Bride day**. And how He done it, He sent a prophet with a message, identified it by a Pillar of Fire, and gave a token that they could rest

assure that it was right. That's right. It was her consolation.

207 Israel, coming out of Egypt then, was a—a type. This is the antitype, of the Church coming out of the denominations. Now, not all denominate. I mean the

Bride. See? Some people, there is some of the independents just as bad as the denominationalists, sometimes worse than.

208 I'm talking about the **applied Token**. The Token agrees with **every Word**. See? It's got to, because It is the Word. It's the Life that was in the Word. **“My**

Words are Spiritual; They are Life,” said Jesus. See?

63-0901M - Token

Now if the Token is applied, then it will produce an expression a Substance.

The eternal thoughts of God! Let me ask you, “Are the thoughts of God eternal?” **If you can see this, you will see many things.** God is **unchangeable** in

both essence and behavior. We have studied that and proven that already. God is infinite in His abilities so therefore He as God must be omniscient.

If He is omniscient, then He is not now learning, nor is He taking counsel even with Himself, nor is He at any time adding to His knowledge. If He can add to

His knowledge, then He is not omniscient. The best we could say is that sometime He will be. But that is not Scriptural. He **IS** omniscient. He has never had a

new thought about anything because all His thoughts He has always had and always will have, and knows the end from the beginning because He

is God. **THUS THE THOUGHTS OF GOD ARE ETERNAL. THEY ARE REAL.** They are not simply like a man with a blueprint he has drawn up and

which one day will be **translated** into substance and form, but they are already real and eternal, and part

of God. See how this works. God always had His thoughts for Adam. Adam, as His thoughts, was yet unexpressed. Psalm 139:15-16 will give you a little idea of this, “My substance was not hid from Thee,

when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in Thy book all

my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.” That, as I said, was not written about Adam

but it gives you the idea and knowledge that the thought was there in His mind, and that thought was eternal **and had to be expressed**. So when Adam

was formed of the dust of the earth and his spiritual being created by God, then Adam became God’s thought expressed, and those eternal thoughts were

now manifested. Down through the centuries we could go. We find a Moses, a Jeremiah, a John the Baptist, and each one of these were God’s eternal

thought expressed **in its season**. Then we come to Jesus the LOGOS. He was the perfect and complete

THOUGHT expressed and He became known as the Word. That is what He IS, and forever WILL BE.

Now it says that “He hath chosen us IN HIM (Jesus) before the foundation of the world.” That means that

we were right there WITH Him in the mind and thoughts of God before the foundation of the world. That gives an ETERNAL quality to the elect. You

can't get away from that.

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36 Because, remember, you're going to die someday, or either be **translated** into Heaven. And if you die before His Coming, you will be raptured first.

Did you know that? Did you know those who are dead...If mama and papa dies before you do, and Jesus doesn't come in our generation, do you know

these, papa and mama, will come forth **first**, glorified, before you? See? **The trumpet of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first, and**

then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up with them. We'll be changed like that. We've got

to remember, that's the main thing in life. You understand now? That's the main thing in life, we got to do, **is to get ready to meet God.**

65-1031A - Leadership

251 Come back to the Word! Take that Word, It'll grow. It's got to grow. God's transforming power that brought It up in the first place, He's just on His road

back, taking It back again now. He's going right back again to where it was.

252 Enoch was **translated**, from death, by God's transforming power. What did God do that for? For a type of the **rapturing Church that's coming.** Yeah. Elijah was the same.

253 Jesus' body was quickened after it was dead. And in the grave, Jesus' body was quickened **by the Word of God**; and transformed, from a dead, cold

image, to a resurrected, glorified Son of God. Because the prophet, Psalms 16:10, if you want to put it down, 16:10, said, **"I will not leave His soul in**

hell, neither will I suffer My Holy One to see corruption." O God!

254 That Word has to come to pass, It's God's Word! Plant It in your heart, if you want to go in a Rapture. If you want to be Christians genuine, place

this Word. As I believe it was Ezekiel, God said, **"Take that scroll and eat it up," that the prophet and the Word would become the same.** And every

promise in there has to manifest itself, because it's **God's original Seed.** Don't you let some educated theologian out here try to pump It out of you. Don't

you let him spray you with that carnal science and knowledge, and education. **Believe God!**

65-0911 - God's Power To Transform

266 And when they come up to the place to cross over, **they doubted the Word,** and come back. After Joshua and Caleb and them had went over and

brought back a bunch of grapes, to prove to them the land was there, the Word of God's promise, **"It's a good land, milk and honey."** And brought it back,

on this side, to prove it to them. And they tasted of it, and said, **"Oh, oh, we can't do it, though."**

267 What happened? They perished in the wilderness. They stayed right there and organized themselves, **and died**, every one of them, but the

ones that went over and brought them back, Joshua and Caleb; Moses was **translated**. A type of the waiting for the Church; and the resurrection of the

Old Testament, New Testament; and the raptured Body. See the three there? Have to keep them three's in line, see, so, in the believer and unbeliever. See?

268 Notice how it was “**totally.**” Remember, God never did forgive that sin. Now how they going to come in? If it's thorns, to begin with, it's thorns at the end. **Only the predestinated will see it.**

65-0725M - The Anointed Ones At The End Time

120 And he said, “Here is what you said,” and it's true, “‘The minority, how a little group is going to be saved in the days of Coming.’ And we talked of how

Jesus said, ‘**Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, and but few there will be that'll find it.**’ Now notice, the Bible said, ‘**As it was in the days of Noah**

wherein eight souls were saved by water, so shall it be in the Coming.” I said, “Brother, you just got...” He said, “Remember, there is only eight souls there.” I said, “**You just got half the picture.**”

121 Yet, Noah was a type of the **remnant** that’s **carried over**, **not the translated bunch**. Enoch, **one man**, went in the Rapture before the flood came,

showing that the Church does not go into the tribulation or anything around it. **Enoch was translated**, one man. Oh, the church may be a

number; **but the Bride is going to be a very small group that’ll make up the Bride**. Now, the church may be a great number; **but, the Bride**, you see, **compare eight with one**. Eight times less, will be the Bride, than the church.

122 “**And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where will the sinner and the ungodly appear,**” those who know better, to do it, and go ahead and do it

anyhow? Those who follow the rules of denomination instead of the Word, where will they

appear at, yet called Christians, taking the Name of Christ?

123 Now, perfectly, Noah was a type of those carried **over**. Remember, when Noah come out, Ham was with him. Sin was still in there. Sin went right on

over, through the ark. Unbelief, doubt, went over in the ark, carried above the judgment. But Enoch went higher than the ark, he went on into the Presence of

God. But Noah went through and come out, and there was still sin; **type of the Millennium**, of the world's condition.

124 **The Millennium is not the end of it.** There will still be time after the Millennium. The Millennium is a space of time; but, not the New Earth. No, indeed. Notice, in that, we'll get to it after a bit.

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KINGS AND PRIESTS

Revelation 1:6, “And He hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” “He hath

made us!" Oh, there are certain truths we need to emphasize. This is one of them. HE! HE HATH MADE US! Salvation is His doing. Salvation is of

the Lord. All of grace. He redeemed us for a purpose. He bought us for a purpose. We are kings, **spiritual kings**. Oh, we are going to be kings upon

the earth with Him when He sits on His throne. But now we are spiritual kings and we reign over a spiritual kingdom. It says in Romans 5:17, "**For if by**

one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus

Christ." And in Colossians 1:13, "**Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom (reign) of His dear Son."**

Right **now** we reign with Christ, having dominion over sin, the world, the flesh, and the devil. Showing forth His praise and glory; showing forth HIMSELF,

for it is Christ in us, **willing** and **doing** of His good pleasure. Yes, indeed, even **now** we are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

“And made us priests.” Yes, priests unto Him,
offering the spiritual praise of sanctified lips.
Spending our lives as a sweet offering unto Him.

Worshipping Him in Spirit and in truth.

Interceding and petitioning. Priests and kings unto
our God. No wonder the world does not appeal to us

and we are a peculiar people zealous unto good
works. We have been recreated **in** Him to be
children like unto our Father.

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Amen,