

Session 2. The Revelation of Jesus: Bridegroom, King, and Judge (Revelation 1)

REVELATION 1: EIGHTEEN FACETS OF JESUS' MAJESTY

Revelation 1 is the foundational chapter to the entire book of Revelation. It is Jesus revealing His majesty. I have identified eighteen specific facets of His majesty which He reveals Himself. He understands that it is *these* facets of His majesty which will be necessary to equip our mind and empower our heart. They will instruct our minds and empower our hearts to have victory and to be an overcomer in the context of the events which are later revealed in the book of Revelation. These eighteen dimensions and facets are descriptions of His majesty. These are the facets He thinks we need in order to have victory and to overcome as the events of the book unfold. They are the highest priority.

What I really want to do is to create the context for why these eighteen descriptions of His majesty are so critical. I cannot exaggerate the importance of these eighteen facets. My prayer is that understanding the context of what is happening in the book of Revelation and in chapter one—the big picture—will create the urgency to go deep on these eighteen descriptions.

It is a kind of session where I am advertising the need, so that you say in your heart, “I am going for it. If I do not get anything else, I am going to understand these eighteen descriptions which Jesus gave of Himself.”

A PREPARED BRIDE

Roman numeral I. The message of the book of Revelation is the majesty of Jesus. It is not only His personal majesty as a man who is fully God and fully man, but it is also His brilliance in His action plan. He has an action plan which He unfolds through the book. He is convinced that this action plan will be the best context for His Bride to be prepared in glory before the second coming.

Beloved, when we look around the world right now, it is clear that the Bride is not prepared in glory. So we know the second coming is not coming any minute, because the Bride will be prepared. We say, “How?” The Lord says, “I am going to create a context.” The action plan is the book of Revelation. It will result in a prepared Bride.

THE GREAT HARVEST

Number two, it will result in the great harvest coming in from all nations. The church has been preaching for 2000 years, but we have not given a witness of the gospel to all nations in power. It will happen and there will be a spirit of revival in every nation.

This action plan is going to produce an end-time revival with power and this action plan is going to create the context to change every single evil government on the planet—232 nations. In every single nation, the government will be changed and evil will be driven off the planet. And they will resist us at every single step of the process.

It is as if the Lord says, “Watch. If you know these things about My heart and My glory and what is in My mind, the church will be prepared, the harvest will come in—the greatest numbers ever—and every government will be replaced against their will.” They will all oppose Him. They will raise up a very formidable resistance from a human point of view.

The Antichrist will have the largest coalition of nations, the most powerful economy, and the largest and most powerful army in history. The Lord says in effect, “This is the showdown in which My Bride will be prepared, the harvest will be reaped, and the governments will all be overturned in one sweeping series of events. Then I will come back and establish My kingdom on the earth.”

JESUS WILL NOT COME IN A VACUUM

There is a continuum. This is the important part. What happens during the couple of decades before the actual appearing of Jesus in the clouds is connected to His return. Jesus is not just appearing in the clouds suddenly one day as you often hear. That is absolutely not biblical. He is coming when His church is ready through preparation and when the church is doing the assignment He has given her on the earthly side. That is dynamically connected to His appearing in the sky.

He is not just going to come in a vacuum. He is coming in a context related to a prepared church. Many people have it all backwards. They are waiting for the Lord, but the truth is the Lord is waiting for the church, because the church has a role to play and Jesus will not come back until it is done and successful. He is actually waiting for the church, but the church thinks they are waiting for the Lord.

That is what 2 Peter 3:12 says. We can hasten and speed up—and by implication delay—the coming of the Lord, based on the global preparation of the church, because there is a continuum. Meaning, what we are doing a couple decades before His appearing, especially those final seven years, and especially the final three and a half years, is dynamically connected to His appearing. There is a sequence and an intelligent series of events which go together in the Father’s mind. He says, “I am giving you My action plan ahead of time.”

He is giving the devil His action plan as well, but He is not concerned about it. The book of Revelation is the Lord’s action plan. The enemy knows it, but the Lord is not concerned. No general gives the enemy the action plan—the military strategy—but the Lord put it in the Scriptures 2000 years ago.

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS

Chapter 1:1. The whole book is called *The Unveiling or the Revelation of Jesus*. The word *revelation* is the word *unveiling*. God the Father commanded Jesus to unveil a dimension of His glory in His personhood and a dimension of His action plan which He had hidden up to that point in time.

The Father has the ultimate authority over the measure of glory Jesus releases. The Son is the Father's prized possession. The Father says, "Jesus, unveil yourself. Show Your action plan and show dimensions of Your glory which will be essential to equipping My people, Your people, Your Bride, to participate with You for these events to come to pass successfully."

Paragraph B. Throughout the book—to summarize it—Jesus reveals Himself as a Bridegroom, a King, and a Judge. There is no contradiction of who He is in any one of those facets.

TENDER BUT JEALOUS LOVE

Paragraph one. As a Bridegroom, He has tender love, but it is jealous love. Beloved, it is not only tender. It is not only that He is kind, He is fierce and He is possessive. He is in love and He means it. He wants an equally yoked Bride. He is not only tender, He is fierce in His love. He wants love from His people and it will come to pass.

He is a Bridegroom, but not only that. He is a King. He is going to take over every single government on the planet in 232 nations—you can count 262 nations if you use other designations, which some use.

Think of the complexity when a nation collides with a nation and the government has to be reordered. I mean, just the minimal way in which we are involved in establishing a new government in Iraq. It is just chaotic. Just layers of chaos, division, confusion, and all kinds of trouble. And that is only minimal involvement in reordering a government.

Jesus is not going to reorder one government, He is going to reorder every single government. He is going to replace the leadership and it will be against their will. They are going to unify together globally with the biggest army and the most sophisticated weapons, to stop Him. They will also have the full power of Satan and false miracles working through them. They will obviously fail miserably.

HE IS COMING AS A KING

He is coming as a King to replace all the governments of the nations. Some people do not do the math on this. He is coming as a King. That is glorious, but what does a king do? He rules nations. Well, He is not going to wave His hand over leaders of the existing nations and they all die. He is going to defeat them, kill them and drive them off the planet, and put new leaders in place.

This is such a massive reality in the natural world. You might say, "Lord, this is a massive undertaking." He will not just defeat one nation but every one of them simultaneously against the greatest resistance, with the weakest people on the earth—people whose weapons are fasting, prayer, love, and the Sermon on the Mount. Those are our primary weapons.

He gives us some money, some divine ideas and some unity with each other, but our primary weapons are a Sermon on the Mount lifestyle and connection with Him. Our enemy has physical weapons, but we have spiritual weapons.

NOT JUST AN ALLEGORICAL STORY

Paragraph three. He is not only coming as a Bridegroom and a King, He is coming as a Judge.

The action plan is so successful, look at the response at the end of the action plan when they stand before heaven. When all the information is out and clear, the people will say, “A marvelous, marvelous, marvelous plan.”

Right now the book of Revelation puts off a lot of people in the church. They say, “Well, it is a little bit heavy. Maybe it is just poetic allegory and maybe it is all symbolism anyway and it does not matter.” It is not poetic allegory. It is not just an allegorical story that kind of retails some divine principles through poetry. That is not what is going on. It is an actual military plan. It is an action plan to change the environment—spiritually and physically—in a short period of time—to change the whole planet.

PERFECT JUSTICE

When He is finished, the people who agree with Him will stand before Him and say, “Marvelous, marvelous, and You were not unfair, not one time and not one percent. Not even to the Devil did You ever show anything but perfect justice. You never cut a corner ever. The judgment was not too severe and it was not too lenient. It was not too late. It was not too early. It was perfect and true to Your heart. You were true to Your action plan—everything You said and did—You were true to everything You said and set out to do.” And it will produce love in the earth.

Paragraph C. The nations will hate Him. This is one thing which confuses people when they read the book of Revelation, because it is so intense and they do not figure into their mindset the level and the scope of the hatred the nations will have towards Jesus, towards the truth, His salvation and the saints.

They will hate the saints, hate the truth, hate His healing power, and they will want to drive it off the planet, but He will completely confront them. We do not grasp the measure and the depth of what will be the response of the nations—but not all of them. There will be, Lord willing, a billion or maybe two billion people saved in the harvest. There will be billions more who will be in perfect hatred towards Him and towards you. They will not just hate Him, they will hate you and they will hate the truth.

BRIDEGROOM AND HIGH PRIEST

Paragraph D. There is no contradiction. That is what Jesus wants to show in these eighteen facets, these descriptions of His glory in chapter 1. There is no contradiction in Him as a Bridegroom and High Priest who makes a way for us to be in God’s presence and love Him forever.

The Bridegroom and High Priest are deeply connected. He is the High Priest who has laid down His life forever, He is the husband who shed His blood to cleanse His Bride. He made a way for us to dwell in God’s presence forever in love with no guilt. The Bridegroom and the High Priest are connected throughout the book of Revelation. We find the Bridegroom, King, and Judge

throughout the book. The zealous Jesus of Armageddon who slays multitudes is the same zealous Bridegroom who does everything for love.

His judgments are to remove everything that hinders love. The Jesus of Christmas—and I mean that in the positive sense, not the commercial sense—the Jesus of Christmas who brings peace and good will, and the Jesus of Armageddon who confronts everything that hates love is the same wise and loving man.

HE WILL NOT VIOLATE OUR FREE WILL

We do not have to choose between the Jesus of Christmas and the Jesus of Armageddon. He will confront everything that is evil and establish good-will among men on the earth in love and in total unity. He will use the least severe means to reach the greatest number of people at the deepest level of love without violating anybody's free will. That is an important principle to understand.

Out of these eighteen descriptions of His heart, we see His fierce judgment, His tender love, His divinity, His humanity, His resolve, His brilliance, and the fact that He has lived in time but He is eternal. He has all the resources it takes—mentally, emotionally and in His personhood—to bring this action plan to completion and perfect success. Success to Him means that love is established and multiplied to the highest level possible without violating our free will. That is what success means.

The Bride will be prepared, the harvest will come in, and evil is driven off the planet. Love will have triumphed over judgment.

JESUS IS COMING AS A MAN

Paragraph F. The theme of the book is the unveiling of Jesus in the one sense. It is the theme of the book. He is coming as a man—fully God, but He is coming as a human King, is what I mean. He is coming as a King to take a position in the human governments of the earth. He is not minimizing His deity when He comes. He is coming to take a position—a human position—in the political structures of the nations. He is coming for that reason. He is going to confront all leadership and every single person who is contrary to His character and His plan. In Revelation 1:13 He shows Himself as the Son of Man.

DANIEL 7

It is obvious to even a casual foundational understanding of Bible prophecy, that one of the main chapters about the Messiah is Daniel 7. You just want to know Daniel 7. This was written about 500 years before the Lord came. Daniel the prophet had an open vision—verse 13—he saw a man coming on clouds to stand before God.

This is a complex prophecy because He is human, but He is divine. Because, if you are coming on a cloud to the Ancient of Days, which is the Father's name—one of His names—you cannot be just a man. You have to be more than a man to get crowned by the Ancient of Days, not in a great palace on the earth, but at the throne of God, the throne of majesty.

It is as if Daniel says, “I know He is a man, but He has supernatural abilities to travel on clouds and to get crowned in God’s presence in heaven. How did He get there?” He is a man and Daniel sees Him in a heavenly context. What is happening—here is the paradox: all of the kingdoms of the earth, the political structures on the earth, are given to Him (v. 14, paraphrased).

So He does not stay in heaven. He will rule in the context of human dynamics on the earth. And more than that—verse 27—He will share this position of authority with other human beings. He is not content to just have this authority by Himself, He wants to share it with human beings. In verse 27, He gives the authority to other human beings, not to human beings in heaven, but to human beings on the earth. We will have resurrected bodies, but we will be on the earth because the New Jerusalem is coming down. This is what the book of Revelation is about.

THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Roman numeral II. The biblical view of the Great Tribulation. This is very important. There are few subjects in the Bible which are more misunderstood than the Great Tribulation. It is critical that we get this right. The primary theme of the Great Tribulation is God’s judgments on the Antichrist empire.

Remember this empire will be the largest coalition of nations in history which is in unity. They will have the largest army, the strongest economy, and they will have supernatural power. I mean, there will be miracles of a very high order in their political gatherings and in their military exploits. They will have supernatural power. In the political arena, the military arena and the economic arena, they will have a supernatural dimension helping them. There has never been an army like this.

And the Lord is raising up weak and broken people on the earth because the arena of the conflict is on the earth. The Lord requires that the conflict takes place by people on the earth.

Now the Antichrist is connected to Satan and the body of Christ is connected to Jesus at the right hand of the Father and we are connected to the Father by the Holy Spirit. The conflict must take place by people who are in the natural realm—on the earth. The Great Tribulation describes the main events. The main subject is the majesty of Jesus and His coming to the earth to take it over.

SUB THEMES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

In terms of a series of events, the Great Tribulation is describing more than that. The Great Tribulation is God’s judgments against this vast empire through a praying people who are in unity with Jesus and under His authority. The Great Tribulation is not God’s judgment on the church and the Great Tribulation is not Satan’s judgment on the church.

Satan’s persecution of the church is clearly a sub theme in the book of Revelation. Beloved, get this clear, it is a sub theme. As a matter of fact, it is a very minimal sub theme. There are several verses to this. I mean, it is significant and I do not want to dismiss it, but compared to the size of the book, it is a fraction of the book, it is a sub theme.

For instance, what is the theme of the book of Acts? It is the acts of the Holy Spirit through the early apostles. People were martyred, but the book of Acts is not about martyrdom. The book of Acts is about the power of the Holy Spirit through praying apostles. The book of Revelation is the same thing. The book of Revelation is the end-time book of Acts written in advance. Yes, there are martyrs in the book of Acts, but that is not what the book is mostly about. It is a glorious reality, but it is a sub theme in the book.

WE WILL RELEASE THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Paragraph B. We do not need to fear the Great Tribulation as powerless victims trying to escape it. We do not escape it, beloved, we release it. Under the authority of Jesus, the church releases it. It doesn't escapes it. That is a completely wrong concept. We are not waiting on Jesus to come so we can escape. He is waiting for us to grow up to release it. And that is exactly the opposite of where the general mindset is.

The Lord will use some attention getting strategies for the church in the earth. The church is almost completely off-line and on the wrong message. He is going to get the attention of the church. He is going to get it positively by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, dreams, and visions, and He is going to get it negatively and get the attention of the church.

Most of the church is either ignoring the subject entirely and thinking about their personal comfort, their money, and their ministry influence, or they are waiting for Jesus to come so they can escape. Jesus is waiting for them to grow up in character and discernment of what He is doing so they can release Great Tribulation. There is a continuum between what the church does on the earth and in the earthly conflict with earthly armies of the Antichrist.

AN EARTHLY CONFLICT WITH A SPIRITUAL DIMENSION

It is an earthly conflict. Yes, there is a spiritual dimension obviously, but there is a collision on the earth between the Antichrist armies and us. And we are a spiritual army. Our weapons are the Sermon on the Mount, fasting, prayer, humility, kindness, prophetic declaration, intercession, and worship. Those are the weapons we are using.

After he was prepared for forty years, Moses did not seek to escape the next time period. He did not try to escape his role of releasing tribulation on Pharaoh. Do you realize that the ten plagues of Egypt are the greatest tribulation that has ever hit a nation from heaven with direct supernatural miracles? There is nothing like it in history. It will only be surpassed by the judgments from heaven which will come in a greater measure on the end-time Pharaoh, which is the Antichrist.

Can you imagine Moses, after forty years, getting right up to the hour of releasing the plagues and saying, "I want to get raptured or go back to the burning bush. I want to stay there."

The Lord says, "No, I want you to release judgments through prayer, release plagues, release tribulation on Pharaoh." It is a picture of the end-time church in a Moses position, releasing judgments on the end-time Pharaoh called the Antichrist.

JESUS NEEDS US ON THE EARTH

Imagine the apostles in the book of Acts. In Acts 1 Jesus has been appearing to them for forty days in His resurrected body. Then suddenly the cloud comes, Jesus goes off in the clouds, and they say, “We want to go on the clouds with You now.”

Jesus says, “No.” This conversation did not happen, but He would have said, “No, there is this thing called the book of Acts. It is not written yet, but I need you on the earth because you are going to be the vehicle to release power on the earth.”

They say, “We want to go on the clouds with You.”

“No, no, I understand you want to be with Me, but the plan is for Me to anoint you according to your response to Me, in order to release something.”

Twenty-eight chapters unfold in the book of Acts and we see the wisdom of the apostles not going up in the clouds.

THE END-TIME BOOK OF ACTS

Roman numeral III. The book of Revelation is the end-time book of Acts. This is the most marvelous thing, that it is given to us in advance. The implications are staggering. They are given to us in advance. Can you imagine if the twelve apostles would have had the twenty-eight chapters of the book of Acts in written form before it started? They are reading it, “We know what city to go to, we know where the persecution is coming from, we know when. Power is going to break forth in this way, wow.”

Can you imagine the implications of having the book of Acts on the front end, all finished? I am talking about canonized, I am talking about a perfect presentation from heaven of what God is going to do—the pressure and the glory written in advance, with the sequence of events.

One reason why the three judgment series are numbered—there are seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven bowls of wrath, there are three judgment series of seven—the reason they are numbered—one reason—is so that on the earth we will know that the fifth seal comes after the fourth one. It is true. So when the fourth seal happens, think of this, hundreds of millions of intercessors know what the next seal is.

THE NUMBERED JUDGEMENTS WILL UNIFY THE CHURCH

It will unify the prayer movement across the whole earth in a way nothing has. It is canonized. It is written. It is not a new prophecy of a real powerful prophet whom everyone is getting to know. It has been written for 2000 years. It has been canonized. Nobody could have made it up. There is no credibility issue with it.

Can you imagine what will happen at the sixth trumpet? We will know what the next one is, the seventh trumpet, the final trumpet, the one where the Lord appears. When the sixth trumpet happens we will be beside ourselves—hundreds of millions of saints. We know what comes after six. We know, oh my goodness, we will be communicating, we will say, “It is the seventh one.”

There you go. We will release the seven seals and six trumpets and have perfect credibility and accuracy and global momentum and unity.

The prayer movement will build in focus, in faith and in momentum. There will be no argument as to what the Spirit is saying. Everybody in Asia, South America, Europe, North America, and all the islands—the whole prayer movement will be completely focused on it, because the script is written in advance for the end-time apostles and prophets and all the intercessors. It is the book of Acts for the end time. It is called the book of Revelation.

Jesus could have said something like this, “No one is going to reveal this besides Me personally. It is My Bride, it is My Church, and it is My kingdom which I am setting up on the earth immediately after this is over. I want to personally devise the action plan. I want to say what needs to be said, and I am going to orchestrate the whole thing in deep connection with My people.”

THE GATES OF HELL WILL NOT OVERCOME THE CHURCH

This is what Jesus was actually talking about in Matthew 16. He is talking about many other things, but the high point of natural history is the book of Revelation. And here in Matthew 16 He says, “I am going to build My church and the authority of hades or hell—keys means authority, gates and keys—is not going to win” (v.19, paraphrased). It has been 2000 years, and certainly ninety plus percent of the earth is still under the influence of hell.

It is 2000 years later. We are saying, “Lord?” He says, “You wait. This thing is going to pick up at a whole different rate. I am going to drive hell off the planet and I am going to do it through you. Here is the deal. I am going to give you the keys: proclamation, intercession and the Sermon on the Mount lifestyle. Whatever you bind—He describes the prayer movement: the binding and loosing will end up driving the authority of hell off the planet.”

Beloved, He is talking about the Great Tribulation right here, even though it is not the only thing He is talking about. There is no time in history when the praying church will so effectively release the resistance of heaven on the authority of hell. There will be nothing like those final years. The final three and a half years is the ultimate crescendo, but the thing will be building for several decades.

THE GREAT SYMPHONY

The thing is all connected. It is not done in a vacuum. Everything is connected. What we are doing here, what the saints are doing over in Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, the islands of the earth, we are all connected in a grand strategy. It is a great symphony which Jesus is orchestrating.

Paragraph D. The miracles of Exodus and the miracles of Acts, combined and multiplied on a global level. My goodness, this is exciting. The miracles of Exodus, the ten plagues of Egypt and the producing of food and water supernaturally. The miracles was not only the wrath on Pharaoh, it was also the protection of the saints, the provision for the saints, and the supernatural direction

of the saints. Those are all the miracles of Exodus. It is also going to be the miracles of Revelation. They are going to be combined and multiplied.

These are the greater works. This is the binding and loosing prayer anointing which is going to cause the authority of hell to be exposed and triumphed over openly. We know Jesus triumphed over hell on the cross, but for 2000 years, again it is 2000 years later, ninety percent plus of society is still under the influence of hell.

BINDING AND LOOSING

The Lord has given us the task to take His victory and to enforce it through prayer, obedience, proclamation, serving and humility. It is 2000 years later and we have only made ten percent progress or less.

We say, “Lord, it is not happening.”

It is as if He says, “Do not worry. I have a plan. I will give it to you.” He appeared to John and laid it out to him. He said, “You will gain more in a decade or two than you did two millennia.”

It will be through binding and loosing and there will be greater works than these. Do not imagine this verse has ever been fulfilled. Maybe there is this one example where a great miracle happened. Undoubtedly there are tokens here and there. I am talking about a global and a consistent anointing of the prayer of faith which does not only heal the sick, but it also looses the plagues of Egypt on the Antichrist at a much higher level.

Binding and loosing will cause hell to be triumphed over. Not spiritually or legally at the cross 2000 years ago, but manifested openly to where the unbelievers see it with their eyes. That is what I mean by openly manifest. The people who hate God will see it and admit that God triumphed fully—not partially—fully on the earth.

CANONIZED PRAYER MANUAL

Paragraph E. The Book of Revelation is a canonized prayer manual. *Canonized* means that it is a legitimate part of the Scripture. It was recognized, back in the early days when the New Testament was put together, as being inspired by the Holy Spirit. That is what is meant by *canonized*.

Can you imagine having a prayer manual which is canonized? I do not care who the prophet is, I do not care if he has a 1000 accurate prophecies in a row and never missed it once. Nobody could gain the credibility of a document canonized for 2000 years which unfolds in perfect accuracy. It will unify the church globally. It is fantastic.

Paragraph F. The whole body of Christ will use it. The momentum will build. I have written here that it is an infallible prayer guide. We will say, “Seal number five, seal number six, trumpet number one.”

The guys over in Asia will say, “Trumpet number one is coming.”

“Yes we know, we are reading the same prayer guide.”

Guys in South Africa and South America will tell us first, “Hey, trumpet number two is coming.”

“Yes, we knew that, because of trumpet number one, that is what we told the guys in Asia.”

We will have the same battle plan and strategy. There will be no division. Can you imagine praying the prayer of agreement. We skipped that passage in Matthew 18. Jesus quoted the binding and loosing passage twice. One time He quoted it and said that the power of hell will be openly triumphed over. The next time when He quoted it, He said, “When you are in agreement, it will work” (v.18-19, paraphrased). We are not talking about a little agreement. We are talking about hundreds of millions of people with urgency, focus, faith, and a life of purity, and a vibrancy in the Spirit. It is exciting where this thing is going.

FINAL UNIFIED GLOBAL PRAYER FOCUS

Paragraph H. We will go back to the sixth trumpet. Jesus comes at the seventh. When that sixth trumpet happens, we know that the seventh trumpet is coming and everyone is going to be crying, “Come Lord Jesus!” That is the second coming. It literally means “Come.”

That is the very famous prayer, “The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come!’” What John was seeing—the Lord lifted the veil, he did not just see the trend of the prayer movement—he actually saw the final, global, unified, and focused prayer. He actually saw the final one. There are many who will precede that one, but He got to peer into the final one.

The whole earth, the body of Christ, will cry out in unity, because the sixth one just happened. It is the seventh one and John goes, “Wow.” Of course that is the ultimate. The momentum has been building event after event because they are numbered and in sequence.

HOLY SPIRIT FIRE AND JUDGEMENT FIRE

Paragraph I. It says in Revelation 8—John saw this—that the prayers of the saints will cause fire from the altar in heaven to hit the earth. We are going to have Holy Spirit revival fire hit the earth, but there will also be the judgment fire which will hit the earth. The church will release both types of fire.

We will not only release the fire. In this context, it is judgment fire, but there is plenty of clarity. It is Holy Spirit fire too, like on the day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2, where fire rested on them—tongues of fire—but the measure of the fire, the positive and the negative, is not a finished deal. It is in the hands of the prayer movement in a vibrant, living connection with a real Bridegroom King at the right hand of the Father.

It is not all finished. He said in 2 Peter 3:12 (paraphrased), “You can hasten the day.” You can speed it up or delay it by not responding. It is not three of us or ten of us responding. He is talking about hundreds of millions. They are going to respond by agreeing with this.

The question is asked, “Does the prayer movement release It is critical that we have a bride’s heart. Because it is the Spirit and the Bride. Notice it does not say, “The Spirit and the army.” We are the army of God, but that is not what it says. Here is why: Through bridal identity and more than identity, through encounters where we feel His tender and jealous love and where we have tender and jealous love—because that which we have experienced, we now have as part of our life with God—tender and jealous are different expressions.

When we know that bridal reality, we pray differently. We pray for the glory differently when we are in love with the Bridegroom. When the glory breaking out is not about our ministry the judgment or does the prayer movement stop the judgment?” The answer is both. On one occasion, Moses stretched out his rod and released judgment—one of the ten plagues. The next day or the next week, he went to Pharaoh, prayed, and stopped the judgment.

THE NEED TO HAVE A BRIDE’S HEART

You say, “Which is it? Do we start them or do we stop them?” The Holy Spirit will be communicating with us in a very vibrant and alive way. On one occasion, the judgment is released—scale one to ten—at a five. On another occasion, it is minimized and reduced. In another setting they completely avoid the judgment, another setting gets an eight.

The glory of God will be like the waters in the sea. In one place the sea is five miles deep, in one place it is five inches deep. In one place it is cold, In another place it is hot. In one place there is a hurricane, in another place it is calm. The glory of God will have all the ebbs and flows across the planet according to the prayer movement in that geographic area. It really matters that we know the plan, that we understand the book, and that we are connected to it.

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RELEASING JUDGEMENT OUT OF A BRIDAL PARADIGM

When we know that bridal reality, we pray differently. We pray for the glory differently when we are in love with the Bridegroom. When the glory breaking out is not about our ministry getting established but it is about people loving Him with all of their heart. If you are a bride in love you pray for revival differently.

It has nothing to do with your ministry and your money at all. You pray for judgment differently when it has nothing to do with you. It has to do with love for Him and His agenda. Because, if it said, “The Spirit and the army” or “The Spirit and the warriors,” they would be calling down fire all day and every day because the warrior is in a vengeance mode and a pay back mode.

John the apostle is a primary example of that. He is the one who wrote Revelation 8. Sixty years earlier when he was a young man, he tried to call fire down in Luke 9:54. The Lord said, “No!”

Did the Lord say “no” because fire will never be called down? Sixty years later, he sees the Lord and the Lord says, “No, fire will be called down by the prayers of the saints, but it will not be through a warrior paradigm where your pride was offended, where you are frustrated, and you are angry and say, ‘Just let the whole nation go down then.’” No, no, we will release judgment out of a bridal paradigm.

The Lord told John, “You have a wrong spirit. You want fire to hit them because they offended you, because your pride was stirred up. They did not come to your meetings. I want fire to hit because they hate love and they hate truth and I can wake up some who do not hate love and truth. They are still in the balance. I am going to let fire wake them up and bring them in. I do it for love.”

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY AND PRAYER

Paragraph K. It is interesting that the spirit of prophecy, which is the same thing as the spirit of prayer, is making known the heart of Jesus. Whether it is the spirit of prophecy or the spirit of prayer, it is the testimony of Jesus. It is what is on His heart which is manifest. It is interesting in Revelation 19:10 it says, “The testimony of Jesus in the spirit of prophecy,” or the spirit of prayer, again they are two sides of one coin.

Look what is in verse 11—the next verse. Jesus appears to make war. “Jesus, is that your testimony? Is that what is on your heart?” “Yes, I want to make war against everything that hates love. I am going to confront it openly. I have let it go for 2000 years, I have confronted it mildly, now I am going to confront it finally, openly, and globally through my church.”

When His testimony—verse 10—and the spirit of prayer and prophecy is at its highest—verse 11—the Bridegroom King will openly confront everything that hinders love because they go together.

THE ESCHATOLOGICAL PURPOSE OF THE PRAYER MOVEMENT

Paragraph L. The book of Revelation has powerfully changed my paradigm of the prayer movement and the prophetic movement. When I think of the spirit of prophecy—people say, “Hey the prophetic movement—or the prayer movement—is growing, what do you think?” I say, “It is growing.”

I believe the prayer movement or the prophetic movement are growing. I do not know every facet, but I know parts of it around the world. I know a fair amount of leaders in ministries in different countries who are focused on prayer or the prophetic ministry.

I would say this, “There is a great sincerity. It is very sincere and it is very dear to God. The prayer movement is young and it is dear, but it is profoundly deficient in what the Spirit is saying through Jesus in the book of Revelation.” When I look at the prayer movement, I find almost nobody, just small numbers—there are some—connected with this master plan. It is mostly a localized plan that has to do with localized agendas.

I would say, “Wait, there is more than a business breakthrough with some financial guys and some church growth going on.” There is more going on. There is an eschatological purpose. There is a changing, not of a government of a nation, but of the entire government of every nation of the earth in a short amount of time.”

I appreciate the local concerns. We have local concerns and we are supposed to pray for them. We do the one without letting go of the other. We do not do one or the other. We do both.

WE ARE PROFOUNDLY DEFICIENT

When I see the prophetic movement, it is mostly focused on things other than the book of Revelation and the action plan there. I look and say, “Lord, we are profoundly deficient on what the Spirit is saying to the church through the canonized prayer manual of the end times.”

My point is not to say, “Ba-hum-bug, people are bad.” My point is: I believe that the sincerity of the prayer movement and the sincerity of the prophetic movement is real and growing—the numbers of people are growing, but we have to be intentional and serious about getting ourselves trained and being forerunners who train others so we are actually following the revealed master plan and not a plan of our own devising.

It is easy to get a few guys together, get a few dreams and visions, mix and match together and come up with a plan, but that is the very opposite of what God is doing in the book of Revelation. I want to be locked into the spirit of prophecy, into the thing that is burning on His heart.

DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS

Paragraph M. Jesus let the devil see His plan. I mean, what general lets the other army see the plan? “Lord?” He says, “No, no, do not worry. I have so much power, I have so much love, and I am so much smarter than all of them. I am completely unconcerned.”

What has the devil done? He has taken this canonized prayer guide and he told one group that it is only an allegorical poem. They say, “OK, we do not have to mess with it then.” Boom! One chunk of the body of Christ believes it is just a poem. It is symbolism, kind of neat, let’s learn a few of the symbols, put a couple hours into the book, “We got that down,” move on. The Devil says, “Good, I got them.”

The other group totally misinterprets it. They get fixated on escaping. They read it and say, “We are going to be out of here.” Or they read it and believe it is real but they become defeatist and retreat. They say, “This is so terrifying I want to quit and put my head in the ground.” No, that is not the right response.

SATAN’S TACTIC: ROLE REVERSAL

I think one of the most insidious strategies of hell is what Satan did in the garden of Eden. It is the reversal of roles. When Satan went to Adam in the garden, he said, “Adam, God is really like the Devil and I am really like God.” It was a role reversal. He attributed his own darkness to

God. He lied to Adam and got Adam to believe that God had the personality and mindset of the devil. It was a role reversal.

There are a lot of folks around today who say, “Jesus’ judgments are a contradiction to His love.”

“No, it is critical, His judgments will cause love to explode across the earth.”

“No, no, the judgments are of the Devil.”

It is the exact same role reversal which happened in the garden of Eden: attributing to God that which was true of Satan and the reverse.

Well, there is trouble because with that one, you can get the attention of the escapist guys and of the retreating in fear guys and of the guys who think it is only a poem, but the guys who think that the judgments are all demonic—because the message is that Jesus’ judgments will remove everything that hinders love. He judges in order to increase love, not in violation of love—the message that the judgments are a violation of love and that they are demonic is exactly what the devil wants in order to break up the prayer movement across the earth and to challenge Jesus’ leadership.

A DOCTRINE OF DEMONS

There is a humanistic liberal mindset among born again believers. Let me tell you this, it is a doctrine of demons. I want to say it clearly: it is a demonic doctrine which born again believers declare. They can still hold a doctrine like that without denying their faith. Because what is going to happen is that the judgments are coming anyway and the people who are influenced by this doctrine will be so offended at Jesus.

The point of the book of Revelation is a prepared Bride who trusts Him, not a people who are attributing His works to Satan and then when the works happen, they do not trust Him anymore. There is going to be massive offense in the camps of people whom the enemy has deceived into believing that the judgements are demonic. They misinterpret this prayer manual.

I want to say it again: this is a doctrine of demons. I am saying it as in the Lord’s sight because I feel His pleasure. He is saying, “Speak up for Me! Speak up for Me! I know what I am doing. My master plan is perfect. Do not let the Devil put down My master plan in the eyes of My people. I am a Bridegroom, King, and Judge. I have written it in advance, it is going to come to pass, I want to do it in partnership with you, and I do not want any of you offended, but I will not violate your free will if you go there.”

I tell you, the saints in heaven will rejoice at His judgments. One day we will stop His judgments through prayer like Moses did and the next day we will release them. One day we will release revival and the next day we pray and nothing happens. We do not know. We do it under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and in partnership with Him.

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM

Roman numeral IV. We will just bring this to an end. The great question of the hour in the early church—in Matthew 16—the great question He asked was, “Who do you think I am? What am I like?”

“Well, why is that so important?”

“Because the whole church in the book of Acts is going to be built upon the foundation of the answer to this question. It is going to be built upon your teachings and upon your perception of what I am like.”

They got it right and the church in the book of Acts was established. the Holy Spirit is speaking about the same issue to the end-time apostles and the end-time prophets, “Who do you think I am? Because if you get this wrong, you will not bind and loose in unity with My heart. You will not use the keys of the kingdom to drive Satan away, you will actually open doors for Satan to camp out among you and have a stronghold in your midst.”

REVELATION 1: JESUS SAYS, “THIS IS WHO I AM”

So Peter gets the answer. That is good, it is a great answer, but in Revelation 1 Jesus appears to John. John is in his nineties. John did not write the book of Revelation only for his generation. He died really soon afterwards. He wrote the book of Revelation mostly for our generation. It did not help him in his life. I am sure it blessed him that day in a huge way, but he did not use the book and build a fifty year ministry on it.

He said, “Wow, Lord, I could have used this fifty years ago.” Maybe he did not say that, but I know one thing Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?” Revelation 1 gives us eighteen descriptions.

Jesus stands in front of John and says, “This is who I am. I am a Bridegroom, King, and Judge.” Everything we believe about Him must be true to how Jesus revealed Himself and it must be true to the action plan. Let me say it differently. He established the perfect action plan some 2000 years ago and it was canonized so that we could trust it and so that it would unify us. Amen and amen! We are committed to the book of Revelation. Amen.