

#### 64-0621 - The Trial

God must bring judgment upon the earth. And God has to have something here, a standard, to judge the world by, because it would be unjust, in God, to judge the world, and the world knowing no standard to go by.

How many believes that's true? If the church is the standard, which one is it? The Word, God said He would judge the world by Jesus Christ.

#### 64-1212 - The Harvest Time

But He is going to judge the world, and He has got to have some standard to judge the world by, or He would be unjust to let us go now and—and live this life without a standard to be judged by.

Who would be right? Where could you tell what was right? There has to be a standard.

#### Judges 21:25 King James Version (KJV)

25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

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Thus, what the church was at Pentecost is the standard. That is the pattern. There is no other pattern.

No matter what the scholars say, God has NOT changed that pattern. What God did at Pentecost He has to keep on doing until the church ages close.

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Now if a man is born of the Word ("being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever," I Peter 1:23),

he will produce the Word. The fruit or works of his life will be a product of the kind of seed or life that is in him. His works, therefore will be Scriptural

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There stands that Matchless One, and in His hand the sharp sword with the two edges, the Word of God. And that Word will judge us in the last day.

In fact the Word is judging even now, for it is the discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. It cuts asunder the carnal from the spiritual. It makes us living epistles read and known of all men to the glory of God.

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"I know thy works." If a man fears that he might not please God, then let him fulfill the Word. If a man wonders if he will hear those words,

"Well done, good and faithful servant," let him fulfill the Word of God in his life, and assuredly he will hear those words of praise. The Word of truth was the criterion then; it is the criterion now.

There isn't another standard; there isn't another plumb line. As the world is going to be judged by one Christ Jesus, even so it is going to be judged by the Word.

If a man wants to know how he is making out, let him do as James suggested: "Look into the mirror of God's Word."

Numbers 1:50-53 King James Version (KJV)

50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that belong to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.

51 And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.

Numbers 2:2 King James Version (KJV)

2 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

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Now, the Scripture says, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God raises a standard against it."

115 And so when the enemy went out as an antichrist; God sent a certain type of power out to meet him. And then when they...

116 He went out again, as a red-horse rider, another color, another power, another ministry; God sent another one after him, to combat it, to hold His Church.

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Sent the third one; again, God sent His, third Beast come and announced it.

118 He sent the fourth one; God sent His fourth one. And then the antichrist end, and the church ages ended, too, at that time. Watch. Now, oh, this is really good!

119 Now, we see that the devil's changing, four—four beasts, meant what power they was revealed to the...or what power he revealed to the world, and how they ended on this pale, "death" horse.

120 Now let's look at God's powers, of these Beasts, to combat them.

121 The first Beast of God, that He went out to meet the antichrist with, the antichrist spirit when it's in just his teaching. Now remember, when the antichrist first rode, he was in a teaching ministry.

The antichrist rode, first, in a teaching ministry. Now watch the one that went to meet him: the lion, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, which is the Word. When his false teaching went forth, the true Word went to meet him.

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That's the reason we had an Irenaeus, and a Polycarp, and—and—and—and those fellows, a Saint Martin.

123 When that antichrist was riding with his false teaching; God sent His Teaching out, the Word, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, which is the Word made manifest in the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit, there, to manifest Himself, which is the Word!

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That's the reason the early Church had healings, and miracles, and visions, and power, is because it was the living Word, in the form of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, riding out to combat that.

Amen! Now you got it? He sends his power, antichrist; God sends His, the Word. Antichrist, false teaching; the true Teaching went with it, to combat it! Now, that was the first one. Now, this was the first Church, apostolic, that went to meet him.

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And another thing, the ox is, also, is a Beast of sacrifice. See? They give their lives just as freely as they could give them, in the dark ages, a thousand years there that Catholicism controlled the world.

And they just went right in, yes or no. They didn't mind dying. If it was death, that's all right. They went and died, anyhow. Why? The very Spirit of the age!

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That's the reason them, that's the reason Irenaeus, that's the reason Polycarp, John, Paul, those great and mighty men out there, combating that thing!

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Polycarp was fed to the lions, you know. No, he was burned. It—it was too late for them to turn a lion loose in the arena, and so they tore down a bathroom,

an old bathhouse there, and put him in the—in the—in the arena and—and burned him.

136 And on his road, coming down, he was walking with his head down. The Roman centurion said, "You're an old man, and well-respected. Why don't you denounce that thing?"

137 He just kept looking towards Heaven. And a Voice spoke from somewhere. They couldn't understand where. Said, "Polycarp, don't fear. I'm with you." Uh-huh. Why? He was standing with that Word.

138 And when they began to pile the boards on him, to burn him, there was a Heavenly music come down. And—and the anthems from some Angelic somewhere sang the song. He never even one time batted an eye to the scoffer.

139 That's gallant men. That's men who can stand. The martyrs down through the ages, there, suffered terribly. But what was they? They were under the inspiration, the Spirit of God, the power.

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Don't forget this, church. And you brethren, on tape, I want you to examine this. How could men do anything else besides the power of God that had been released to them?

I'm going to set this box up here, to represent that. If God sends a certain Spirit among them, that's the only thing that they can work by