

GETTING IN THE SPIRIT 23

II THESSALONIANS 2:1

1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

II THESSALONIANS 2:2

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

II THESSALONIANS 2:3

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

JOHN 17:12

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of PERDITION; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

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PERDITION: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 684

apoleia {ap-o'-li-a}

destruction, waste, damnable, pernicious, destroying, utter destruction

LUKE 22:2

2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.

LUKE 22:3

3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

LUKE 22:4

4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

JOHN 13:26

26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

JOHN 13:27

27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

JOHN 13:2

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

II THESSALONIANS 2:3

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

II THESSALONIANS 2:4

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

II THESSALONIANS 2:5

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

II THESSALONIANS 2:6

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

II THESSALONIANS 2:7

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

II THESSALONIANS 2:8

8 And then shall that *WICKED be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

WICKED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 459

anomos {an'-om-os}

without law, lawless, lawless, wicked, free from the law, not subject to the law

II THESSALONIANS 2:8

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

II THESSALONIANS 2:9

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

II THESSALONIANS 2:10

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

II THESSALONIANS 2:11

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

II THESSALONIANS 2:12

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

REVELATION 13:3

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

REVELATION 13:4

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

193-1 PERGAMEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK
CPT. 5

DANIEL'S VISION OF THE KINGDOMS

Finally came the last kingdom which was the Roman Empire typified as the legs and feet. But wherein the former kingdoms were typified as pure minerals (pure gold, silver and brass) this last empire was pure iron only in the legs,

for when it came to the feet it was a mixture of iron and clay, and mineral and soil just don't mix and produce constancy and strength.

But not only is this so, but most amazing, this last empire (Roman) would endure in its peculiar 'mixed state' right up until Jesus returns.

194-1 PERGAMEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK
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This Roman Empire of iron (iron signifying power and great destructive force against opposition) was to be made of two main divisions.

And it certainly was for the empire literally split into two--East and West. Both were very powerful, crushing all before them.

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But as the glory and power of all empires fail, so this empire began to fall also. Thus Rome fell. Pagan Imperial Rome was no longer iron.

She crumbled. She was wounded to death. Rome could not now rule. It was all over. So thought the world. But how wrong the world was, for that head (Rome) though wounded was not wounded unto death. (Wuest, translation of Revelation

13:3, "And one of his heads appeared to have been mortally wounded, the throat having been slashed. And his death stroke was healed. And the whole earth followed after the Wild Beast in amazement.")

198-1 PERGAMEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK
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You recall that in Revelation 13:3 it says,
"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death: and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast."

Now we know that the wounded head was the pagan Roman Empire, that great political world power. This head rose again as the "Roman Catholic spiritual empire".

Now watch this carefully. What did political pagan Rome do that was the basis of her success? She, "divided and conquered." That was the seed of Rome--divide and conquer.

Her iron teeth tore and devoured. Whom she tore and devoured could not rise again as when she destroyed Carthage and sowed her to salt.

The same iron seed remained in her when she arose as the false church, and her policy has remained the same--divide and conquer. That is Nicolaitanism and God hates it.

236-4 THYATIREAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK
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..... . In Revelation 14, the beast that was wounded unto death but lived again is imperial pagan Rome that fell to the onslaught of the barbarians and thereby lost her temporal power. But she regained it in papal Rome.

Do you see it? The nation that ruled by crushing all and which became the strongest empire ever known, was finally wounded to death. Her power was gone physically as to control by armies etc.

But under Constantine she came back to life, for papal Rome has infiltrated the whole world, and her power is absolute. She uses kings and merchants and in her deadly religious and financial strength she is governing as the goddess of this present age.

She is also the dragon that stood waiting to devour the man child. Herod tried to kill the Lord Jesus and failed. Later Jesus was crucified by Roman soldiers, but now is caught up to the throne.

REVELATION 13:5

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

REVELATION 13:6

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

THE. THYATIREAN. CHURCH. AGE_ JEFF. IN ROJC 287-327
THURSDAY_ 60-1208

146 And there was given unto him a mouth to speak great things, blasphemy. . . power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

And he opened his mouth and blasphemed God,. . . ("teaching for doctrine the commandments of men; heady, high-minded, and lovers of pleasure; having a form of godliness, denying the power thereof"). . .

and blasphemed his name,. . . (took Father, Son, and Holy Ghost instead of the Lord Jesus Christ. See?). . . and his tabernacle, and them that dwelled in the. . . in--in heaven.

And it was given to him to make war against the saints,. . . (There comes the persecution rising.). . . and to overcome them: and power was given to him over all kindreds,. . . tongues, and nations.

And all them that dwell upon the earth--earth shall worship him, whose names were not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh.)
"Foundation of the world. . ."

Our names, if they ever was on the Book, was put on back there. Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first, and all that the Father hath given Me will come to Me. My sheep hear My Voice (This is the Food. See?), and a stranger. . ."
Then he say,

"Well, I just joined a church, I'm as good as you." That ain't sheep Food. Here's sheep Food, "Setting together in heavenly places in Christ." Oh, He's so wonderful. Isn't He? All right.

THE. FOURTH. SEAL_ JEFF. IN THURSDAY_ 63-0321
303-1 {171}.....And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.
You just watch.

Don't you never watch Communism. It's nothing but a tool playing in the hands of God to help you someday to get. . . revenge the blood....

And they worshipped the dragon. . . (Who was the dragon? Satan. That right? The red dragon. . . All right.). . . which gave power unto the beast: . . . (Where he get his power. See?). . . and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast?

who's able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things of blasphemy; and power was given to him to continue forty and two months.

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, . . . (There you are. See? Oh, on a. . .). . . to blaspheme his name, . . . (give him a title). . . his tabernacle. . .

(which is the Holy Spirit's dwelling place, to make it a place in Rome, a Vatican city; you can just go on down). . . and them that dwell in heaven. (blasphemed them by saying they were intercessors)

REVELATION 13:7

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

THE. FOURTH. SEAL_ JEFF. IN THURSDAY_ 63-0321

303-2 {175} And it was given unto him to make war with the saints. . . (And he did.). . . and to overcome them: . . .

(He did: burned them to the stake, fed them to the lions, and killed them any way he could.). . . and power was given him over all kindreds, . . . tongues, and nations.

It never did become that way in Rome until pagan Rome was converted into papal Rome and the Catholic power spread the world; made the universal Catholic church.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names were not written in the book. . . ("Touch not My oil and wine." See?). . .

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names were not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.....

REVELATION 13:11

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

WHY. ARE. WE. NOT. A. DENOMINATION_ JEFF. IN V-11 N-7 SATURDAY_ 58-0927

36.....in Revelation 13, when this lamb came up, he came up out of the earth, no people: United States. But then after he had two little horns: civil and ecclesiastical powers.

And then he received power and spoke like the dragon did before him. So you just got to mark it down; we are coming into a religious persecution with the same things that they did in pagan Rome many years ago, for it's THUS SAITH THE LORD. Now, what is it, "setting upon a beast, a power."

THE. MARK. OF. THE. BEAST_ JEFF. IN V-26 N-3 THURSDAY_ 54-0513

156..... And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth. . . (not out--out of water, out of the earth).

Then, the thickness and multitudes of people is water, then this is where there was no people, the United States.

And he had two horns like a lamb. . .

"Two horns like a lamb," not a lamb. What is it? It's our American buffalo. Sure. See, there he is, "two horns like a lamb." But then what did he do?

He had freedom of religion, first; he acted like a lamb; he spoke like a lamb. But remember, he never did become an old ram. He was a lamb. This country is only a hundred and fifty years old, you know, just a lamb.

And he exercised all the power. . . the first beast had before him. . . (the red dragon). . . and caused all that was on the earth, that dwelled upon the earth to worship the beast, whose deadly wound was healed.....

THE. MARK. OF. THE. BEAST_ JEFF. IN V-26 N-3 THURSDAY_ 54-0513

161 This United States will come to a time that church and state will unite together. And Protestant and Catholic will throw their things together to fight communist. And it's exactly playing in the hands of what God said right here.

And you Protestants laying yonder, sound asleep, reading a love-story magazine instead of your Bible, Out, gadding around somewhere to some kind of a party, instead of in a prayer meeting somewhere; a fussing at one another about little old petty things that don't matter that much.

[Brother Branham snaps his finger--Ed.] You ought to be on your knees somewhere, if you know what eternity meant.

THE. UNCHANGEABLE. WORD. OF. GOD_ LAKEPORT. CA SUNDAY_ 60-0724

E-68..... Revelations 13 said this nation wouldn't live very long, anyhow. You know that. The little lamb raised up and never did come a ram like the rest of them. It died in its youth.

That's right. When the ecclesiastical power and civil powers met together with those two little horns of the ram, then united church and state. . .

And we're almost doing it right now. It just depends on which way the wave blows when they have another election. And we're almost at it right now.....

JEZEBEL. RELIGION_ MIDDLETOWN. OH V-6 N-14 SUNDAY_ 61-0319

37 And then we find that this country came up as a free country, and was--had a lamb, which means the Lamb of God. But after while, this same system that we have, spoke like the dragon and exercised all the power the dragon had before him.....

THE. SECOND. SEAL_ JEFF. IN TUESDAY_ 63-0319
213-7 {276}.....America is number thirteen and a woman. And strange it appears even in the 13th chapter of Revelation.

We started out with thirteen stripes in the flag, thirteen stars, every--everything's thirteen, thirteen, thirteen, thirteen all the way down; and everything's woman, woman, woman all the way down.

THE. SECOND. SEAL_ JEFF. IN TUESDAY_ 63-0319
214-2 {278} And it finally end up, I predicted, a woman will control her. Remember that was thirty years ago I said it, and--and the--the seven things that I predicted, five of them's done come to pass.

And they got the man right there now to bring her in. And you voted it in through your politics there.... .

SATAN'S. EDEN_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-20 SUNDAY_ 65-0829
103 And the last call is going out, to catch the Bride before She gets into that. For once in that, she's took the mark of the beast, and doomed, she'll never come out of it.

That's the reason, say, "Come out from among them, My people," before it goes into him, see. "Come out from among them, and be ye separated."

REVELATION 13:13

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

REVELATION 13:14

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

236-3 THYATIREAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK
CPT. 6

In Revelation 13:14, we learn that the beast spreads his influence through the image which was built for him.

The image that is made is a world-wide ecumenical council, wherein all the organized churches will get together with the Roman Catholics (they are doing it even now.)

It is quite possible this union will come in order to stop the power of communism. But since communism like Nebuchadnezzar has been raised up to burn the flesh of the harlot, Rome will be overcome and destroyed.

Take note that everywhere the Romish church went, communism followed. It has to be that way.

And let me warn you now, don't get thinking communism is your only enemy. No sir. It is the Catholic Church also, and even more so.

REVELATION 13:15

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as

many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.