The ULTIMATE, **Divine GLORY** of the TRUE Church

of the Lord Jesus Christ in the end-time,



which is GREATER

than the glory of the first Church.

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The labour of the Lord as High Priest – in and through the Holy Spirit – during the time of grace from His heavenly throne

Revelation 5:6, "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts (literally: "living creatures"), and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God 1 sent forth into all the earth."

In and through His Holy Spirit the Lord Jesus Christ, as our divine High Priest, gives Himself to everyone, who repents and confesses their sins, His amazing divine grace during the time of grace, so sharing spiritually His finished work, His death and resurrection, done on Golgotha now nearly 2000 years ago. So the power of sin, staying and working in their body, spirit and soul, **perfectly shall die**, so that those believers at last are able to live as **saints** in this sinful world in and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 4:14-16, "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 10:19-26, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins."

From the side of the faithful repentant is asked, that he willingly, bravely and spiritually **continually** takes part in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ (thus to kill completely the old sinful life in us and be able to take part in the new resurrection-life ²), after he has opened his heart for Him, so that He is able to bring His finished labour about in his heart and life.

2 Corinthians 4:10-11, "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the (resurrection) life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the (resurrection) life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh (so: here on earth)."

John 6:53-58, "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye **eat** the flesh of the Son of man, and **drink** his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your (fore) fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever."

Revelation 3:20-22, "Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door (of the heart), I will **come in** to him, and will sup ³ with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant **to sit with me in My trone**, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

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The deep decay in the end-time of the Church into the power of sin and into spiritual sleep

Joel 1:1-20, "The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation (so: this will happen in the end-time). That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpiller eaten (a total inward corruption of the end-time Church through satanic powers). Awake, ye drunkards (drunken of the earthly, spiritual wine of sin), and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine (the divine life in and through the Holy Spirit); for it is cut off from

¹ See our study, FOR FREE, "The 7 Spirits of God and of the Lamb of God (Revelation 4:5 and 5:6)".

² If we have allowed Jesus to enter into our hearts and He can start His salvation work in us we may call ourselves "Children of God". Even though we still are sinners who still have to ask Him for forgiveness. In Latin it is called "de jure". We have by our faith and sincere surrender received the right to call ourselves "Children of God" although we are in truth still sinners. In and through His process of salvation **He will make us** "de facto" in all truth, sons of God.

³ See our study, FOR FREE, "Called by the Spirit of God to take part unto the marriage supper of the Lamb of God and unto the divine marriage".

your mouth. For a nation (of devils out of hell) is come up upon My land (picture of the Church), strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. He hath laid My vine (picture of the Church) waste, and barked My fig tree (picture of political Israel): he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white. Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband (picture of the Lord God) of her youth. The meat offering and the drink offering (pictures of the true Word of God and His Holy Spirit) is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD'S ministers, mourn. The field is wasted, the land (the Church) mourneth; for the corn (picture of God's children) is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil (pictures of the Holy Spirit) languisheth. Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers (pictures of God's servants), for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field (pictures of the believers) is perished. The vine (the Church) is dried up, and the fig tree (political Israel) languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field (pictures of the Church), are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men. Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of My God: for the meat offering and the drink offering (God's true Word and His Holy Spirit) is withholden from the house of your God. Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD, Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD (the day of God's judgements, also over the Church) is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Is not the meat (the true spiritual food) cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God? The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts (picture of the Church-goers) groan! the herds of cattle (picture of the pastors) are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire (God's judgements) hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. The beasts of the field (the Church-goers) cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters (picture of the indwelling Spirit) are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness."

Matthew 25:5, "While the bridegroom tarried, they all (all 10 virgins 4) slumbered and slept."

Then the **seven-headed sin-dragon** lives and rules in the midst of the Church, as the Bible says in the midst of the Kingdom of heaven (on earth, see Matthew 25:1), even as he does so in the world. Then her spiritual situation is that of **empty lifelessness**.

Revelation 12:3, "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads (the seven-headed sin-dragon)."

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The introductory labour of the High Priest to heal this Church

He sends His servant (messenger) to prepare for Him the way under still increasing divine judgments.

Malachi 3:1-3, "Behold, I will send My messenger (the called and anointed servant of God, who as a forerunner prepares things), and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly (in and through the Holy Spirit) come to His temple (= to His spiritual "vessels" – what we should be), even the Messenger of the (Blood)covenant, whom ye delight in (namely: the Lord Jesus Christ, invisibly in and through the Holy Spirit): behold, He shall come, saith the LORD of hosts ⁵. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand (thus: not lie in sin or spiritual sleep) when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi (picture of all called and anointed 'wise' servants of God), and purge them as gold and silver (= cleaning through and through, till there is no more "dirt", no impurity is left), that they (as forerunners) may offer unto the LORD a (meat)offering (type of their anointed ministry of the Word, the so-called spiritual food) in righteousness (by wisdom from the Teacher for righteousness ⁶ – i.e. the Lord Jesus Christ – see Joel 2:23)."

Revelation 14:6, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

He (the Son of God) begins afterwards to **purify** His **chosen and anointed servants** – in and through His fiery Holy Spirit – in the light of His true Word, pictured in Malachi 3:3 by the **sons of Levy**, up to **their perfect purification from the power of sin** till they are without **any spot or wrinkle** (see Ephesians 5:27). So that they are able to serve Him in the Church as **forerunners** of His spiritual divine army, as **victors** over the power of sin, **up to her complete recovery**.

Revelation 6:1-2, "And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts (literally: the "living creatures") saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

He (the Son of God) forms in His graceful divine power, as mentioned above, initially His chosen, called and anointed spiritual warriors, here pictured by **the rider** on **the white horse**, who, as spiritual forerunners of His spiritual army, as His spiritual instruments, are preaching His true message **in divine**

⁴ See our study, FOR FREE, "The 5 wise and the 5 foolish virgins and their destiny in the end-time".

⁵ LORD of hosts = God, the Commander of God's army (the godly army of human workers and angels).

⁶ See a.o. the Thompson Chain-Reference Bible.

righteousness, here pictured by **the white horse**, after they themselves have gained victory over the power of sin in their own body, soul and spirit. They are – as **pioneers** of His spiritual army, regarding their experience and proclaiming of the Gospel – their fellow believers far in advance. By this they often are not understood by them and rejected. But the Lord clothes them with **great preaching power of the Holy Spirit**, here pictured by **the bow** and **the victors crown** on their heads. By this spiritual girding and clothing by the Holy Spirit they are able to gain **full victory over sin and satan in the lives of their fellow believers**. We see here only a bow and **not an arrow**, because the war against satan and sin has been won on Golgotha. By their preaching and lives the show, that their fellow christens too are able to gain victory over sin and satan.

Another picture of a spiritual pioneer (forerunner) we find in Daniel 2:34-35 and 44-45. Here a spiritual "stone", rolls down, totally redeemed from the mountain of sin, causing the down rolling of a whole "mountain of stones", a picture of the Bride of the Lamb of God. **This shall happen at the time of the 10 kings (political leaders) of Europe in the last days.**

Daniel 2:34-35, "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth."

Daniel 2:44-45, "And in the days of these (10) kings (the 10 political leaders, who reign over Europe during the anti-Christian time) shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom (of God) shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these (earthly) kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."

This dealing of the forerunners (pioneers) is attended by – even more and more in form and extent increasing – **Divine judgements.**

Revelation 6:3-8, "And when He (the Lamb) had opened the second seal, I (John) heard the second beast (literally: a "living creature") say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. And when He (the Lamb) had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast (a "living creature") say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts (the "living creatures") say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine (type of the true children of God). And when He (the Lamb) had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast (a "living creature") say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was (violent) Death, and Hell followed with him (namely all the souls that were killed by him). And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with (violent) death, and with the beasts of the earth."

These 3 spiritual horses respectively picture the devilish forces of **war**, **hunger and violent death**. The great sword, which is given to the rider of the red horse, is in my view the atomic weapon. I may draw your attention to the fact, that these devilish forces are released over Church and world by **the Lamb of God Himself** to bring mankind up to **mournful repentance**.

Isaiah 26:9b, "for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

Haggai 2:6-7, "For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens (the Church), and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come (i.e. the Lord Jesus Christ): and I will fill this house (the Church of the end-time) with glory, saith the LORD of hosts."

The spiritual healing of the "wise" among His people in the in sin fallen Church by the labour of His anointed, predestined, pioneering servants in and through the power of His Holy Spirit.

These "wise" are consciously seeking for sanctification in the power of the Holy Spirit and the shed Blood of the Lamb.

The 7 acts of the heavenly High Priest, which shall bring about the TOTAL purification of His Sanctuary, the "wise" part of His Church.

In our last days the heavenly High Priest now is able to develop into the **total cleansing** of God's spiritual sanctuary, the Church of Jesus Christ, the "wise virgins" ⁷ (see Matthew 25:2), the half of all true Christians. This work He brings about from His heavenly throne by means of His Holy Spirit, Whom He sends to all parts of the earth, where Christians are. He uses thereto His predestined anointed spiritual servants as His spiritual instruments, while His judgements harasses the world in still greater measure to bring mankind to total sorrowful repentance.

His 1st act:

He accomplishes by His Holy Spirit a common awakening among His people.

Ephesians 5:14, "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that (spiritually) sleepest, and arise from the (spiritual) dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

Matthew 25:6-7, "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps."

The true recovery of the in sin and spiritual dead fallen Church comes not before the general call of the Holy Spirit is heard: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him" (Matthew 25:6). This happens not before the world has been dipped in social, financial, political and military midnight darkness. That recovery then is introduced by a general awakening out of a general prevailing deathly spiritual sleep.

His 2nd act:

He brings about, by the Holy Spirit, His light over the conscience of all true Christians.

Joel 2:13-22, "And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts 8: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar (where the laver stood, the image of taking part in the washing in the Blood of Gods Lamb to salvation), and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil (pictures of the true Word of God and His Holy Spirit), and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: But I will remove far off from you the northern army (Russia - Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech en Tubal - see Ezekiel 38:2-3), and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine (pictures of political Israel and Christianity) do yield their (spiritual)) strength."

Matthew 25:7, "Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps."

The result is a **common repentance** among all true Christians.

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⁷ See note 4.

⁸ Infants were in those days children up to 6 years.

His call by the Holy Spirit to take part in the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

Revelation 19:9, "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto **the marriage supper of the Lamb**. 9 And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

When the time of the forming of the marriage of God's Lamb has come, God calls His Church to take part in this supper, which offers her His graceful **perfect** redemption from the in her prevailing power of sin by her willingly taking part in this divine supper, her spiritually willingly taking part in His death and resurrection on the cross of Golgotha. So by the washing in His shed Blood already here on earth she will be purified and will be without **any spot or wrinkle** (see Ephesians 5:26-27). **Not before this has been happened** she may take part in this divine marriage.

I may draw your attention to God's Word that tells us, that here is the quotation of "the marriage of **God's Lamb**, the marriage of the Lord Jesus Christ in His function of **the Lamb of God** with His earthly Bride. This tells us, that **we**, by spiritually taking part in this marriage supper, have to make spiritual communication with **His death and resurrection**. So being washed in His shed Blood we **perfectly shall die** from the in us living and working power of sin

His 4th act:

His taking the "wise" among His people, those, who seek sincerely His sanctification in and through the Holy Spirit.

When God's children accept His call to seek on this way His **total sanctification** – and the "wise" will do so – they will be taken as future members of the Bride of God's Lamb and will further be prepared by the Holy Spirit.

Luke 17:34-37, "I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body (of the Bride) is, thither will the eagles be gathered together."

So this taking by the Lord is **personal** and contains an addition to the accepted members of the Bride Church till her number is complete. By the Scripture these Christians are called **eagles.**

2 Corinthians 6:14-18, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God (His spiritual "vessels" – what we should to be) with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Those among the "wise" part of His people, who by His grace and power sincerely search to cope with this divine Word He shall **receive** (take, see Luke 17:36) as future members of the Bride of God's Lamb.

His 5th act:

He pours out His purifying spiritual fire over and in the "wise" among His people, who He has accepted as future members of the Bride of God's Lamb. By this they accept perfect redemption from all their sins.

Malachi 3:1-4, "Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall **suddenly** come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the LORD of hosts ¹⁰. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years." (See the explanation of these verses on page 4)

In verse 4 the true part of His Church is pictured by the tribe of **Judah and the people of Jerusalem**.

Joel 2:25, "And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you."

This Bible verse (Joel 2:25) tells us about His perfect redemption of the "wise" part of His people from the eroding satanic powers, which were working in them.

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⁹ See note 3.

¹⁰ LORD of hosts = God, the Commander of God's army (the godly army of human workers and angels).

He sends His "Latter Rain", His refreshing new (resurrection) life over and in His people.

Joel 2:23-24 + 26-27, "Be glad then, ye children of Zion (type of the Church), and rejoice in the Lord (YaHWeH), your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately (better translation: a teacher for righteousness ¹¹ – i.e. the Lord Jesus Christ, invisible in and by the Holy Spirit), and He will cause to come down for you the (spiritual) rain, the former Rain, and the latter Rain ¹² in the first month (as BEFORE ¹³ – in the time of the first Church). And the floors (of your heart) shall be full of wheat (type of the divine food, God's true Word), and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil (the divine life in and through the Holy Spirit)." ... "And ye shall eat (of the spiritual food which I give unto you) in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel ¹⁴ (here: the Church), and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed."

Verse 23 tells us about the fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, just as it happened in the first Pentecostal time. This verse tells us about His redemption of the true part of His Church from the eroding satanic powers. Verse 24 and 26-27 tell us about the last spiritual revival and glory, which shall rule in the true part of His Church (see note 9).

Isaiah 60:1-3, "Arise (don't stay in your sin or spiritual sleep), shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

His 7th act:

Jesus Christ in His Function of High Priest brings the "wise" among His people into the marriage hall and clothes them with divine glory.

Matthew 25:10, "And while they (the foolish virgins) went to buy (oil), the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."

Then the Bride of God's Lamb consisting out of the wise virgins, the wise part, halve of the true Church, shall be formed and clothed with divine glory, majesty and power.

Revelation 12:1, "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven (the kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church – see Matthew 25:1); a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

She shall be clothed with the **righteousness of the Father**, here pictured by the **sun**, while she stands on the eternal **perfect redemption of satan's power of sin** by her faith in the reconciliation by the Bloodshed accomplished by **the Son of God** on Golgotha, here pictured by the **moon** on which she stands, moreover she has been crowned with **the glorious majesty and power** of **the Holy Spirit**, here pictured by **the crown of 12 stars**, which she wears on her head.

The revelation of her divine glory is now no objection anymore, because she is now clothed with divine power.

Romans 8:31, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Romans 8:18-19, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for **the manifestation of the sons of God**."

1 Timothy 3:16, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God** (the godliness = **the Divine nature**) **was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

While the Bride of the Godly Lamb develops herself, the male son develops himself in her womb. This is the image of **the 144.000 elect and perfect ones in the Christ-nature**, the 12x12x1000 chosen apostles of the end-time, all called from the 12 tribes of the people of Israel.

Amidst His Godly judgments the true and wise part of His Church will thus be formed and grow to a more glorious Church than the apostolic.

The 144.000 "firstfruits" of the Lamb of God.

In the end-time, the still invisible 144.000 "firstfruits" develop in the spiritual womb of the Bride of the Lamb of God, being with the Bride on mount Sion, a picture of the Church. They labour during the

¹¹ See a.o. the Thompson Chain-Reference Bible.

¹² The latter Rain = Type for the **outpouring** of the Holy Spirit **in the end-time** – see Joel 2:23b en 28-29.

¹³ See a.o. the Thompson Chain-Reference Bible.

¹⁴ Romans 2 verse 29: "But **he is a Jew** (or Israelite), **which is one inwardly**; and **circumcision is that of the heart**, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."

<u>From the Biblical encyclopaedia</u>: Israel means literally: "he (or she) fights with God" or "God fights". And Jew – in German: "die Jude" (from the tribe of Judah) – means: "Praise" or "He (namely: the Lord) shall be praised".

recovery of the Church – of the "foolish" among God's people – and during the great worldwide revival as spiritual instruments of the heavenly High Priest, the out of the dead risen Lamb of God as God's labourers. They (the 144.000) are waging war against the 7 headed sin-dragon, who lives and works within the hearts and lives of the "foolish" virgins.

Revelation 12:2, "And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

Revelation 12:5, "And she brought forth **a man child**, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

This "man child" forms a picture of the 144.000 predestined firstborns out of the 12 tribes of Israel. He is called a "man child", because with his spiritual birth he already has his mature stature. 15

Isaiah 66:6-9, "A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God."

Revelation 7:1-8, "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an 144,000 of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Of the tribe of Juda were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed 12,000."

Revelation 14:1-5, "And I looked, and, Io, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion (type of the Church), and with him an 144,000 having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the 144,000, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God."

The 144.000 are called **firstborns**, because among God's people they are **the first**, who have come up to **matureness in the Christ nature**. It is the will of God, that **all** blessed souls ultimately shall grow up to matureness in the nature of Christ (see Ephesians 4:13).

Revelation 12:4b, "and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

Revelation 12:5, "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all (anti-Christian) nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

After this "man child" has developed himself in the spiritual womb of the Bride up to matureness ("the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" – Ephesians 4:13), he will distinguish himself from the spiritual body of the Bride of God's Lamb and will be caught up unto God and to His throne immediately after his spiritual birth.

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The cleaning / purification – by the heavenly High Priest, in and through the Holy Spirit – of the "foolish" part (of the Church) and the labour and struggle against the 7-headed sin dragon, who is hiding in her heart and live.

Now that – spiritually – the Bride of God's Lamb is ready, the cleaning/purification of the "foolish" part of the true Church can take place and after that the worldwide revival in and through the power of the Holy Spirit of God.

¹⁵ In natural life a baby becomes visible after it was hidden for 9 months in the womb. Spiritually the male son is at first also present, but hidden in the Body of the Bride-church, but **suddenly**, just as a natural birth, **this son will be VISIBLE** (i.e. "**the manifestation of the sons of God**" – see Romans 8:18-19). It is not "the birth of a son" who – spiritually – still has to grow, but this son will be visible (i.e. manifest) **in the stature of "a FULL-GROWN** (i.e. **PERFECT) son**. This son (the 144.000) has (spiritually) come to "the measure of the stature of **the fulness of Christ**" (see Ephesians 4:3). (note AK)

For the cleaning of this part of the true Church the heavenly High Priest will use **the perfect cleansed Bride of God's Lamb** as His spiritual instrument, who has been girded and strengthened by the in her dwelling Holy Spirit. For winning this spiritual **war** against the 7 headed sin dragon He has to gird her with **the whole armour of God**.

Ephesians 6:10-18, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins (of your mind) girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

This "foolish" part of the true Church is satisfied with the **forgiving grace** of God because of their faith in the shed Blood of God's Lamb. They are not consciously looking for the **sanctification** based on the poured Blood in the purifying power of the Holy Spirit of God. The 7 headed sin dragon sin is therefore still working in their heart and life, by which they still have to pray for pardon.

Revelation 12:3, "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads."

This 7 headed sin dragon keeps himself hidden in the heart and life of the "foolish virgins". In the Netherlands he has **safeguarded** himself legally by means of the institution of abortion, euthanasia and homosexuality laws.

The spiritual war of the heavenly High Priest in His function of Supreme Commander of the heavenly hosts (see Psalms 24:10). He then bears the Name of Michael (see Daniel 12:1) in His war against the 7 headed dragon.

Revelation 12:7-12, "And there was war in heaven (the kingdom of heaven here on earth: the Church): **Michael** ¹⁶ **and his angels** (the Lord Jesus and His servants) **fought against the** (sin) **dragon**; and the dragon fought and his angels (satan and his servants), And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven (the kingdom of heaven on earth: the Church). And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth (image of the world of unrepented people; also that part of the church that did not repent), and his angels were cast out with him (out of the Church, the Body of Christ). And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren (and sisters) is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they (His true disciples, the "wise"-man in the Church) overcame him (= satan) by (the faith in) the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony (whereby also others will share this victory); and they loved not their (earthly, sinful) lives unto the death (until their sinful life –already here on earth– has died off, by the purifying Fire of the Spirit, so that they may live without spot or wrinkle, faultless; see Ephesians 5:27). Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

This sin power has to be driven out of the heart and life of **all** of these members of the true Church by the almighty power of the Holy Spirit, the shed Blood of all of the Lamb and the preaching of God's predestined and anointed servants, whom He also shall gird with **divine supreme power** till the 7 headed sin dragon **totally** has been driven out of the true Church.

Revelation 10:1-3, "And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices."

Then the Lion of Judah (Michael) will give His victory roar, when the (spiritual) battle in the whole true Church has been won. Then also the "foolish virgins" shall be perfectly sanctified too.

The world wide revival

Then the heavenly High Priest will start in and through the Holy Spirit the great world wide revival. For

this great happening He shall use the Bride of God's Lamb too.

Joel 2:28-32, "And it shall come to pass afterward (after the spiritual healing / restoration of the Church), that I will pour

out (the light of) My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids (literally: slaves, male and female; spiritually seen these are the least in the Church) in those days will I pour out My Spirit. And I will hew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke (nuclear explosions). The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.

¹⁶ Michael = Type of Jesus as the Lord of hosts, the Commander of God's army (the godly army of human workers and angels).

And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered**: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant **whom the Lord shall call**."

Revelation 14:14-16, "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And He that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped."

Then out of Jerusalem great outreaches shall be kept.

Isaiah 2:2-3, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

Isaiah 4:2-6, "In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain."

By all of these actions of the heavenly High Priest the true Church of the end-time shall have greater glory than the first Church of the apostolic time.

Haggai 2:9, "The glory of this latter house **shall be greater than of the former** (i.e. the Church of the apostolical time), saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts."

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