

# **Soon there will be a **Divine Wedding** here on earth**



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**Namely, a great latter Rain,  
a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit  
in these last days.**

A study of God's prophetic Word

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# The prophetic Word:

## 2 Peter 1:19-21

Authorised King James Version:

*"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the morningstar arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophesy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."*

New International Version:

*"And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."*

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2. We have **frequently** added text between brackets in the Bible verses **to clarify the meaning of the Bible verses**.
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## His Return in and through His Spirit is at hand.

The purpose of this Return is His union with the purified part of His Church.

There soon will be a wedding (union) of the Lamb with the purified part of His Church **here on earth!!** It is NO wedding in heaven in these last days, neither is it a taking up into heaven prior to the Great Tribulation. We shall see, that this is **unscriptural**, even if the majority of believing Christians expect this. There will be a REMOVAL of the Bride (the Church), after she has been used as an instrument by the Lord's Spirit:

- 1) in order to restore the Church
- 2) for the universal and last worldwide revival.

We shall prove this by the Scripture.

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### The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

*"And as the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4)*

So in these last days we are facing a phenomenal (i.e. an amazing and visible) divine intervention, a divine shaking of the Church in order **to restore her**. It is a **last call**, directed first to the Church and later to this world: to come to **a true conversion (reformation), a (total) subjection to God**, away from Satan and all sin, unto which one is subjected today; a state of sin wherein one is headed for the final injustice at breakneck speed (see Ezekiel 21:25): **a deep moral decay**.

*"For thus saith the Lord of hosts; yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." (Haggai 2:6-9)*

The word "heavens" (verse 6) means here: the Kingdom of heaven on earth, namely **the Church**; "the earth, the sea, and the dry land" indicates **the world**. God will shake awake manhood by His judgements over the Church and the world. Then, through the Light of the Word and the Holy Spirit men will be converted and accept the divine chastisement.

*"...for when thy judgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." (Isaiah 26:9)*

Whoever does not answer the call, He will **destroy** in this **end-time**, and as the Book of Revelation teaches us: these judgements of almighty God will become ever more severe, more powerful, and will come in quicker succession, just as the contractions of a woman giving birth.

*"And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and **destroyed them all**. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and **destroyed them all**. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." (Luke 17:26-30)*

The biblical description of the world in the end-times is a total annihilation of manhood, just as it happened in the days of Noah and Lot.

*"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." (Genesis 6:5-8)*

But before the Lord God really strikes the earth with His judgements, He will first **seal** His 144,000 saints of the end-time on their foreheads. These are the most excellent amongst His servants of the end-time (see Revelation 14:4). He will use to shake awake His people through sharp preaching's in the power of almighty God.

*"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 hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel." (Revelation 7:1-4)*

**His return to the earth** as the Bridegroom and the following Wedding-festival has a purpose, consisting of four parts:

- 1) **the restoration of the Church** fallen into a sin-filled sleep,
- 2) the conducting of the **last, world-wide revival**, besides
- 3) the restoration of the "House of David";
- 4) God's judgements leading to **destruction of the (godless) world**.

In this study we shall especially deal with the first two goals.

His return is assured:

*"For the vision (of His coming) is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because **it will surely come**, it will not tarry."* (Habakkuk 2:3)

He comes with an opened bible:

*"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 left foot on the earth, And he cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices."* (Revelation 10:1-3)

4 He comes to take the twelve tribes of Israel back to Canaan; this happens during the world-wide revival:

*"And **in that day** there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people, to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass **in that day**, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and **the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off**: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them."* (Isaiah 11:10-14)

When the war of Gog and Magog (see Ezekiel 38 and 39) is **over**, and He will have freed the place He promised for Israel, then He will take all of Israel back to their land, leaving **no one** in the world outside Canaan (see Ezekiel 48).

*"Therefore thus saith the Lord God; **Now** will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; after that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid. When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have **gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there**. Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God."* (Ezekiel 39:25-29)

Of this people of the 12 tribes which return two thirds shall be **annihilated** through stubbornness and one third shall turn to YaHWeH and shall be purified and saved by Him.

*"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God."* (Zechariah 13:8-9)

The most stubborn yet honest ones among the saved will receive mercy from the Lord at His return in the clouds:

*"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddon. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart: The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart."* (Zechariah 12:10-14)

The great, world-wide revival and the return of all Israel (all 12 tribes) will take place in the first half of Daniel's seventh year-week (see Daniel 9:27). Thus in a period of 3½ years, just prior to the reign of the anti-Christ (which will also last 3½ years – see Revelation 13:5).

He comes to **judge** the worldly people, but also to offer and to reveal clearly His final **offer of mercy**.

*"Behold, is it not of the Lord of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity? For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."* (Habakkuk 2:13-14)

Literally the Hebrew translation says: "For the earth shall be filled with the **knowledge** of the glory of YaHWeH" (see also Revelation 5 and 6).

He comes **suddenly** in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit **to purify and prepare** the willing part of His people:

*"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. 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 fuller's 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**." (Malachi 3:1-3)*

*"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3)*

The Day of the Lord, of YaHWeH <sup>1</sup>, is also the time of His **judgements**, which shall come suddenly with and through His coming. We must be **alert and ready** in and through the Holy Spirit for this sudden coming (see Matthew 24:42; Habakkuk 3:3-5).

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## II

# In Church history there are 2 wedding-feasts of the Lamb.

The first wedding of the Lamb, the Son of the great King, was in the midday of time.

Earlier on in salvation's story a **wedding** took place already on earth of the Son to His Church, namely when the **foundation** of the Church took place. Before His death, resurrection and ascension to heaven took place, Jesus promised His disciples that He would soon return to them (in the Spirit).

*"If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." (John 14:15-20)*

*"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine." (Acts 2:1-13)*

*"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with the **power** from on high." (Luke 24:45-49)*

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*

Herewith He clothed His disciples with Divine power and strength in order to establish (lay the foundations of) the Church on earth in the midst of a world hostile towards God (starting at Jerusalem) and later in the whole of the Roman Empire.

*"And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Be-*

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<sup>1</sup> See our study, FOR FREE, "[The Day of YaHWeH](#)" or "[The Day of the Lord](#)" (and the development of the Church during that "Day").

hold, I have prepared my dinner (i.e. the midday-meal, not the supper <sup>2</sup>): my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise; And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy, Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage." (Matthew 22:1-9)

This first coming through the Holy Spirit the Scripture calls a marriage too. This invitation to the feast was generally declined in the whole land of the Jews, and God's judgement for this was the destruction of Jerusalem and deportation of the whole nation, in the year 70 A.D. (40 years after the "Pentecost" mentioned in Acts 2:1-4).

### The second Wedding-festival on earth is at the end of time.

"And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great **supper**, and bade many: And sent his servant **at supper time** to say to them that were bidden, Come, for all these things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." (Luke 14:15-24)

Here too there was **denial** (rejection) by many that were invited, but at the same time there was also **acceptance** and participation (sharing) in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.



## The state of the Church and the world before the Marriage of the Lamb at the end of time.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." (Matthew 25:1-5)

The kingdom of heaven on earth, namely the Church, in the end-time is likened to 10 virgins. 10 is the biblical number of completeness (perfection). They are virgins, because they wash themselves completely in the Blood of the Lamb. One half of them is **wise** and the other half is **foolish**. Wise are they that bring oil (a type of the Holy Spirit) in their vessels, i.e. in their hearts and souls. They are those that have their hearts and lives cleansed (purified) by the Fire of the Holy Spirit, besides taking with them their (burning) lamps, a type of their testimonies. It goes without saying that **all** lamps are burning, because it is the **evening** of time. The **fools** have only their (burning) lamps, their testimonies, and do not take thought for their personal **sanctification**. When the bride-groom tarries, **all** fall asleep. This is a spiritual sleep as a result of their tolerant attitude towards prevalent **sin** and their lack of watchfulness towards the **true teaching** of the Word of God. <sup>3</sup>

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with the wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." (Ephesians 5:14-21)

Approximately 490 years before the birth of Christ Joel already prophesied this spiritual decline in the end-time:

"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

<sup>2</sup> 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](#)".

<sup>3</sup> See our study, FOR FREE, "[The 5 wise and the 5 foolish virgins and their destiny in the end-time](#)".

let your children tell their children, and their children another generation. 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 caterpillar eaten. Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, **because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.** For a nation is come up upon my land, 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 waste, and barked my fig tree: 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 of her youth. The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the Lord; the priests, the Lord's ministers, mourn. The field is waster, the land mourneth, for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished. The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, 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 your God: for the meat offering and the drink offering 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 is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Is not the meat 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 groan! the herds of cattle 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 hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness." (Joel 1:1-20)

As we already established, this (spiritual) state is caused by a tolerant attitude towards **sin**. But also by misleading religious teachings, by false prophets, of the Word of God as a result of their spiritual sleep.

"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." (Matthew 13:24-30)

"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." (Matthew 24:11)

All this also finds its cause in the fact that the Church of the end-time lives in a time of a tremendous amount of temptations to sin:

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." (Matthew 24:12)

It is even sadder that this state of decay of the Church takes place **just prior to the return of the Lord as the Bridegroom**. It is **God's mercy** for His Church that He, just before His coming, causes a **general awakening** (with as a result a revival) by shaking her awake through thunder sermons and through the light (and thus insight) of the Holy Ghost in order that their consciences might be **convicted** of their sinful state and they might **repent** (fully).

## IV

### The invitation of the Spirit to take part in the Wedding feast of the Lamb; the spiritual preparation to the Wedding.

"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." (Matthew 25:6)

"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." (Revelation 10:1-3)

These seven thunderclaps or thunder-voices are the **thunder preachers** among God's servants, who interpret the victory roar of the Lion of Judah (a type of Jesus as the Conqueror) who returned through the Holy Spirit; through which the sleeping Church is shaken awake (see also Haggai 2:7-10).

These thunder-voices also call the believers to **true repentance** and **participation in the death and resurrection of the Lamb** as a spiritual **preparation** for the coming of the Bridegroom which is at hand.

"Then **ALL** those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps." (Matthew 25:7)

"And he saith unto me, Write, **Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.** <sup>4</sup> And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God." (Revelation 19:9)

The **Supper** is taking part in the **death and resurrection** of the Lamb. For we, too, must die (completely) to our old, sinful life (die in order to be able to stand in the new life). For the Bride of the Lamb must be (spiritually speaking) without any spot or wrinkle, holy and blameless, when the Bridegroom has come to her (see Ephesians 5:26-27). Only one half, namely the wise part of the Church, will obtain this state of **victory over sin**.

"Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were **ready** went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. **Watch** therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." (Matthew 25:7-13)

His call of the Spirit to participate in the Wedding-festival of the Lamb is **personal**, and only those that are ready will be **accepted** as members of the Bride. Only the wise will be accepted. Thus half of those, that (sincerely) seek the Bridegroom.

"Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." (Matthew 24:40-42)

"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 other shall be taken, and the other left. And they answered and said to Him, Where, Lord? And He said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together." (Luke 17:34-37)

Those the Lord has accepted as members of the body of the Bride shall be added unto the body of Christ. These verses are **not** to be mixed up with Matthew 24:28 which states, "For wheresoever the **carcass** is, there will the eagles (has to be "vultures", because they eat dead body's, eagles don't) be gathered together." For this refers to the body of the Great Whore, the false church (see Revelation 17) where the false (name)Christians shall be gathered. This explanation of Scripture is proved by the **context**.

When the Bridegroom has come, and the number of the Bride is full, then the door to (come into) the Wedding-festival is closed (see Matthew 25:10; Luke 14:24). Then **no one** shall be accepted anymore as a member of the body of the Bride.

### The sevenfold wisdom of the Wise:

- 1) Absolute (total) conversion from sin and unrighteousness.
- 2) A growing faith in:
  - Jesus' omnipotence and power to redeem.
  - The finished work on Golgotha.
  - The spoken Word of the Cross.
- 3) Giving highest priority in this life on earth to this **redemption from sin** (and its power).
- 4) The will to take part daily (i.e. constantly) in the Supper of the marriage of the Lamb spiritually (a type of the dying to our old, sinful life) and the death and resurrection of the Lamb (see 2 Cor. 4:10-11).
- 5) Being hungry and thirsty to partake of the resurrection of the Lamb and Its Christ life.
- 6) Wanting to love Him, the Bridegroom, above all and everybody.
- 7) To hunger and thirst for the Wedding (Union) with Him.

## V

## The sudden coming of the Bridegroom in the midst of His Bride (the Church) on earth.

Just as at the first marriage, in the (early) time of the apostles, His coming in the midst of His waiting Bride will be **sudden**, unexpected.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." (Matthew 24:44)

"And at **midnight** there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out **to meet him**." (Matthew 25:6)

To go and meet a visitor is an **act of respect**. One then accompanies the visitor to his or her house. In this way the Lord comes to the Bride(church).

<sup>4</sup> See note 1.



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

This door which is shut is **not** the door of mercy; that one shall only be shut at the beginning of the Great Tribulation; but it is **the door to the wedding**, for after that nobody shall be accepted anymore as a member of the Bride(church), because the number of the Bride shall than have been reached.

"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 (blood)covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. 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' (these are people who whiten linen by bleaching it with) soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi (type of the Lord's workers in the Church), and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering (type of the ministry of the Word) in righteousness." (Malachi 3:1-3)

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then **sudden** destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3)

9 The day of the Lord is the day, or the time, of His judgements and those judgements will be executed by the Lamb, primarily when He has **returned** to earth **suddenly** through the Holy Spirit. On the one hand He brings **healing and power to His waiting Bride**, but on the other **judgement over those that refused to convert** in the Church and in the world. As we have seen, this coming happens **suddenly** and at a politically and economically dark midnight hour (see Matthew 25:6).

### Habakkuk 3, verses 2-6 and 13-15 (free translation from the Hebrew)

- Verse 2, "Lord, I have heard Your news And I am filled with fear for what You are going to do. Give life in the course of years; Make it known over the years! While You are wroth, also apply righteousness!"
- Verse 3, "God comes down from the throne of wisdom; The Holy One comes down from the Mountain of the Lord! His Majesty covers the heavens; His praise fills the earth!"
- Verse 4, "There is glory like that of the Light. Beams of light shine forth from His hands, There is His strength (power) hidden!"
- Verse 5, "Pestilence and judgement precede Him."
- Verse 6, "He has risen to **judge** the earth; He has come to **shake** the nations <sup>5</sup> ; The powers that ruled from off old are shattered! The eternal hills bow before Him; He determines how eternity is to develop."
- Verse 13, "You go out to save your people, To save Your anointed! You defeat the leader of the godless And destroys his house to its foundations!"
- Verse 14, "You cause the armies to destroy each other with their own weapons; who assailed me (an invasion of the enemy). They chuckles in their secret places, Thinking to swallow up the 'little one'."
- Verse 15, "Now You are coming into the world, in the turmoil of many nations! (This points to the war of Gog and Magog; see Ezekiel 38 and 39)."

## VI

# The glorious Wedding-festival and the glory of the Bride already here on earth.

(Spiritually) the Bride will be without spot or wrinkle, holy and blameless (see Ephesians 5:26-27). She will be purified by the Fire of the Holy Ghost.

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, **and his wife hath made herself ready.** And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." (Revelation 19:6-8)

Great joy and glory dominate the Marriage of the Lamb. We also read this in Joel 2:23-27:

"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat 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**

<sup>5</sup> See our study, FOR FREE, "[God shall shake the Church and the world in the end-time](#)".

**of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.**" (Joel 2:23-27)

The Bride herself shall be clothed/girded with Divine glory, **inwardly and outwardly**:

*"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."* (Revelation 12:1)

Here, inwardly and outwardly, the Bride is clothed with the threefold revelation of almighty God (viz. the sun: type of **the Father**; the moon: type of **the Son**; the stars: type of **the Holy Spirit**).

*"...upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir. Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him. And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour. The king's daughter is all **glorious within**: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace."* (Psalm 45:9-15)

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Further, Isaiah too (in chapter 4:2-6) declares the glory of the Bride(church). Many Christianized (converted to Christianity) Israelites, will be members of the Bride of the Lamb, especially those from the supposedly lost 10 tribes.

*"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 judgement, 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."* (Isaiah 4:2-6)

*"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 (type of great power of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the Church)"* (Isaiah 2:2)

*"For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: **Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days.**"* (Hosea 3:4-5)

*"Arise, 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."* (Isaiah 60:1-3)

*"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God, for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."* (Isaiah 61:10-11)

## VII

### **The work of the Bride AFTER the Wedding-festival (the first task of the returned Lord)**

**The restoration of the Church.**

As soon as the Lamb of God is in our midst through the Holy Spirit and **has celebrated** the Wedding (Union) with His waiting and purified Bride, He takes the stewardship of His **end-time Anointing** in His own hand.

*"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."* (Revelation 1:10-16)

By the Holy Spirit, in the spirit, in the end-time, in the day of YaHWeH, John was transported to our present time, the time when God's judgements are going over the earth. Here he saw, that the Lamb of God had returned to His seven end-time churches and had taken the leadership of these seven end-time churches in His own hand (verse 16). This is confirmed by Paul's prophecy in Ephesians 1:9-13 (the literal translation):

*"Making known to us the mystery of His will to His pleasure that He intended, His plan, 10 to manage all in Christ in the fullness of time, all that is in the heavens, and all that is on earth; 11 in Whom we too have been chosen to become His heritage: according to the plan of Him, Who works all things to the counsel of His will 12 in order that we should be to the (honour and) praise of His glory; we who first hoped in Christ 13 after having heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of our salvation. In Whom we too, after having believed, are sealed with the Holy Spirit Who was promised us."*

**Note to verse 10:**

The literal English translation mentions "stewardship" (i.e. personal management).

**Note to verse 11:**

**Eklerothemen.** The verb kleronomeo (which means: being an heir, to receive a heritage) has been used here NOT in the active tense, but in the passive tense (which means: becoming a heritage, having become a heritage) and in order to be able to do this we have to be spiritually dead (to our old, sinful life).

Then Jesus, the Lamb of God, turns to the waiting, anointed members of His Bride to share with them His end-time anointing and to call them to the labour in Him.

The first task is **the restoration of the 7 end-time churches** to lead them to **personal victory** over (the powers of) sin.

*"Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants." (Luke 12:35-38)*

We learn from these verses that the Wedding of the Lamb **will have to take place here on earth**, because He returns to the waiting, anointed members of the Bride(church) after that Wedding-festival. He makes them to sit down and share a meal with Him, whereby He serves them. And, of course, one does not keep night watch in heaven. This is only done on earth (in the night) in order not to be surprised by the enemy, and, of course, neither will the enemy (viz. satan and his hordes) come into heaven to attack God's people.

What sharing a meal means spiritually, we read in John 4:31-34:

*"In the meanwhile his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, **My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.**"*

In other words, after His return from the Wedding-festival He will personally give His commands to the labour to His anointed labourers. Thus, first the 7 end-time churches have to be restored, delivered from the power of sin and the sleep of sin.

The great Light His labourers shall bring in and through the Holy Spirit, by ministering of the Word and the gifts of the Spirit, will **reveal the seven-headed dragon** in the thoughts and the hearts of the church members.

*"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. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman (i.e. the Wife of the Lamb) which was ready to be delivered (a male son; i.e. the 144,000), for to devour her (spiritual) child as soon as it was born." (Revelation 12:3-4)*

*"Fear them not therefore: for there is **nothing** covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known." (Matthew 10:26)*

The seven-headed dragon, that hides in the hearts of many Church members is the type of:

1. **Sinful sex:** porno, homosexuality, etc.
2. **Trade** in the Church: One does not give God His due (viz. 10% of the income), and one often wants to "earn" from religion (money, honor, power, etc.)
3. **Dominion** over the Lord's heritage: One wants to exercise power over the members of the Church; Sectarianism.
4. **False, misleading teachings** (dogmas) that seemingly are based on the Word.
5. **Jealousy/envy.**
6. **Slander, gossip,** judgement of each other
7. **Hypocrisy:** One often makes oneself out to be better (spiritually), while there is still hidden unrighteousness in one's heart and life.

The ten horns of the sin dragon tell us about satan's great power in the Church. What the **tail** of the dragon is we can read in Isaiah 9:15:

*"The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail."*

By this we know that the tail of the sin dragon is the false prophet, who misleads 1/3 part of God's people (see Revelation 12:4).

*"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; **neither** was their place found any more in heaven. 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, and his angels were cast out with him. 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 is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Revelation 12:7-11)*

Now that His instrument is ready, the Lion of Judah – the Angel of the (Blood)Covenant (see Malachi 3:1), the Lord of hosts, the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who returned as the Bridegroom for His Bride – attacks the sin dragon in the Church and starts to purify His Temple, the Church, of all sins of the seven-headed sin dragon and ungodly institutions, of all misleading teachings (dogmas), of false prophets and of false leaders of the Church, also of denominational walls, by which is meant organizational separations (hindrances) in the Church. He reintroduces the fivefold ministry to the perfection of the Church (see Ephesians 4:11-15).

But the devil and his hordes resist violently:

*"**Then** shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall **many** be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive **many**. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of **many** shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." (Matthew 24:9-13; see also Revelation 17:6)*

Scripture mentions here three times that "MANY" Christians will backslide because of these satanic actions and 2 Thessalonians 2:3 and 1 Timothy 4:1 also speak of apostasy of the Christian faith in the end-time. Nevertheless, Michael's (type of Jesus as Commander of God's army) attack in this last war will lead to VICTORY. We also read this in Revelation 2 and 3, namely that the 7 Churches of the end-time will PRODUCE VICTORS <sup>6</sup> (CONQUERORS). Revelation 6:2 and 12:7-11 mention this too.

This war of Michael's will bring about **separation of insincere (untruthful) Christians** who having itchy ears, shall look for other preachers (see 2 Timothy 4:3-4), namely preachers who will flatter their ears, as a result of which they (too) shall belong to the Great Whore of Revelation 17 (see Matthew 13:30; 47-50; Matthew 22:11-14; Isaiah 33:14-17).

## The 144,000

The 144,000 out of the 12 tribes of Israel (see Revelation 7:4-8), are born after the Wedding of the Lamb, thus after the Union of the Bridegroom with His Bride (in a spiritual sense, of course), i.e. they are brought to **distinction** of the body of the Bride.

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

*"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." (Revelation 12:5)*

This last mentioned action of the Lord's is a result of satan's plan to devour this spiritual newly-born child (see Revelation 12:4). Scripture calls this newly-born child a MALE son, because this baby separates itself from the spiritual body of the Bride to manifest itself in the MALE status of (the measure of the stature of the fullness of) Christ (see Ephesians 5:13). It goes without saying that already in its "incubation period" this group was actively present in the body of the Bride, but it's only after the spiritual birth, that it will come to full existence (i.e. come to **perfect** spiritual life). Isaiah 66:6-9 also speaks of this group of God's most important labourers in His last battle:

*"A voice of noise from the city, a voice from **the temple**, a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompense 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."*

We see here that this group, called here "a land" and "a nation", are not born **simultaneously**. Let us study this group on the basis of Revelation 7:4-8:

*"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*

<sup>6</sup> See our study, FOR FREE, "[The victors: over \(the power of\) sin and satan in the last days](#)".

tribe of Gad were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Manasse 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."

These 144,000 come forth from **ALL (12) generations of Israel**.<sup>7</sup> The tribe of DAN forms an exception. God obviously has not been able to find any chosen here who are willing to submit completely to Him in order for Him to be able to work this perfect, new creation in them. Let us go to Revelation 14:1-5:

*"And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, 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 hundred and forty and four thousand, 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.**"*

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Here we read that as a result of their being sealed (anointed) they have the Name of the Father, YaH-WeH, on their foreheads for the FINAL BATTLE (see Revelation 7:3). This means that they, together with the Lamb, serve and worship almighty God. We also read that they were BOUGHT from the earth (verse 3) with the Blood of the Lamb and thus were SINNERS before, but are now the **FIRST** (verse 4) in God's salvation army.

They are also FREE from sexual lusts (verse 4). Although sex (in matrimony) in itself is a gift from God and thus pure (see Hebrews 13:4), sex still leans towards idolatry with Venus (Aphrodite) being the idol. These 144,000 really know a TAKING UP INTO HEAVEN<sup>8</sup> (see Revelation 12:5) and return with Jesus Christ at His RETURN (COMING AGAIN) in the body (see Revelation 19:14, Jude 14) on the clouds of heaven (see Luke 21:27). Together with the Lord they will destroy the anti-Christian multitudes with an iron rod (see Revelation 12:5; Revelation 2:27; Psalm 2:9) in the battle of Armageddon.

## VIII

### The great and last world-wide revival (the second task of the returned Lord)

When the Spirit of the Lord, viz. YaHWeH's, will have restored the Church His second task will be: to bring **the last, world-wide revival** to all of manhood.

*"And it shall come to pass **afterward** (after the spiritual restoration of the Church), that I will pour out 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 in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come. 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." (Joel 2:28-32)*

These verses teach us that this revival will be world-wide. He will pour out His Spirit **over all flesh**, over all people, thus world-wide. This outpouring over all people is an outpouring of His **Light**, of His **Word** and His **Spirit**. The result of this is that world-wide there will be a **strong conviction** of sin everywhere this spiritual light appears. The wise among the people will repent and surrender (yield) to their Deliverer and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

These verses also tell us that the Lord will send an army of anointed workers (prophets), men and women, into the field and that He will guide them through His Spirit and Power. Further these verses tell us that this revival will take place at a political and economical midnight hour: blood, fire and pillars of smoke speak of a nuclear war; they tell of that terrible day when God's judgement will fall on this sinful world. These verses also speak of God's great outpouring of grace, even over them who will only call on His Name: "Jesus, save me, YaHWeH!"

Another part of Scripture that speaks of a world-wide revival is 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*

<sup>7</sup> See our study, FOR FREE, "[Thou, people of Israel, wake up!](#) (A prophetic Bible study with relation to the political repair and the complete return of the whole of Israel to Canaan)."

<sup>8</sup> See our study, FOR FREE, "[A closer look at Christ's Second Coming](#)".

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."

While the next verses speak of God's great **judgements**:

"And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of **the wrath** of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles (and bit), by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs (thus in total approx. 291 km.)." (Revelation 14:17-20)

Another text speaking of this revival is 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."

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These verses tell us that large evangelical outreaches will go out from **Jerusalem**; because Israel's 12 tribes will have returned simultaneously to Canaan (i.e. the Promised Land). Isaiah 11 verses 10-16 tell us that many out of these tribes have already been Christianised:

"And **in that day** there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people, to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass **in that day**, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. And the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt." (The 10 "lost" tribes will return Christianized – i.e. converted to Christianity)

And many of these will then already have been Christianized (i.e. converted to Christianity):

"For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: **Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David, their king, and shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.**" (Hosea 3:4-5)

"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 Judah 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 Aser were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Nephtalim 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 7:4-8)

Another part of Scripture that mentions this revival is Isaiah 60 verse 3:

"And the Gentiles shall come to thy **light**, and kings to the **brightness** of thy rising."

## IX

### This great world-wide revival starts in the Netherlands.

This world-wide and last revival starts in the Netherlands (Rotterdam is the Gate to Europe, socially but also spiritually). Holland will be the door/gate to first a European and later a world-wide revival; a revival, that will have as their soul the message of **redemption and sanctification by the Blood of the Lamb**. It will be the last and great revival, which will last 3½ years (viz. the first half of Daniel's last yearweek – see Daniel 9:27).

We shall look at the start of this revival, which will take place in Holland; which fact is confirmed by many a prophet in our last days – in the light of Scripture.

Isaiah lived and prophesied approx. 700 years before Christ. In those days the Netherlands as a nation did not exist yet. But ethnologists, who among other things study the migration and the dispersion of the (ancient) nations, tell us that the tribe of **Zebulun** of the exiled nation of Israel came this way and settled

in these lowlands on the North Sea (coast). When we compare the prophecies about Zebulun made by Jacob and Moses, then we discover striking distinguishing marks which support the ethnologists' claims. Jacob prophesied in Genesis 49 verse 13, approx. in the year 1750 B.C.:

*"Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon."*

Moses prophesied in Deuteronomy 33 verses 18-19, approx. in the year 1275 B.C.:

*"And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out (exile); and, Issachar, in thy tents. They shall call the people unto the mountain (Zion, the mountain of God's holiness); there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand."*

Jacob prophesied over Zebulun, that this tribe would be a **coastal country** in future, while this tribe did not live on the coast in Canaan. Moreover, Jacob prophesied that this tribe would form a great **sea-port (harbour)** and would be a great seafaring nation.

Moses prophesied, that this tribe could rejoice in being exiled. There it would call **the nations** to the mountain Zion (the mountain of God's holiness); it would call many to **repentance** to God almighty and the nation it would form would live of the sea (shipping, fishing) and of the hidden things in the sand (the winning of gas).

Thus we may assume that Isaiah prophesied about the Netherlands in Isaiah 8:21-22 and 9:1-5:

*"And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward. And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness." ... "Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. 2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation (a great revival took place because of God's light of Word and Spirit), the joy You have not increased. NOW they rejoice in Your sight. They rejoice in the harvest the way one does when the spoil is divided. 4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his (i.e. satan's) burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. 5 For every boot of the trampler is with shaking, and a coat rolled in blood shall even become burning, fuel for the fire." (Isaiah, verse 3 and 5 are literally translated out of the original Hebrew text).*

Thus Isaiah prophesied here that **the Netherlands** will know very bad political and social circumstances (Isaiah 8:21-22, but – in contrast with the earlier sad fate of exile – the nation would obtain grace and glory from God in the **last** days, for God would cause a **great light** to shine in the Netherlands (see Isaiah 9:2) by which the **sinful** country that was stricken by God's **judgements** would be **convicted of its sinful state** and would as a whole be **converted** and would **believe in the deliverance of sin** offered by Jesus (see Isaiah 9:2-5). Because of this the nation would come to great divine joy (see Isaiah 9:3), and it will be used by God to proclaim the Gospel world-wide (see Deuteronomy 33:19).

In this context we shall study another prophecy:

*"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." (Revelation 10:1-3)*

Here we see Jesus, the Angel of the (Blood)Covenant (see Malachi 3:1; Revelation 1:13-18), standing at a coastal country. His right foot He sets upon the sea and His left foot on the land, thus facing the land.

I am convinced that the Lion of Judah (type of Jesus as the Conqueror) is standing here on the Dutch coast (Rotterdam) to start His revival work in Europe. Here the Lion of Judah roars His victory roar and His watching servants will pass on this victory roar – as His earthly sounding board, as the 7 thunderclaps<sup>9</sup> – to the world in order to realise His victory on earth, by spreading **the Gospel of the vanquishing Blood of the Lamb**, in the thundering Power and in the Light of the Holy Spirit, and by the completely **opened Book** (the Bible).

*"And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little **book** which is **open** in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey; and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings." (Revelation 10:8-11)*

<sup>9</sup> See our study, FOR FREE, "[The 7 thunderclaps of Revelation 10:3](#)".

# X

## The end of the great revival and thus the end of the period of grace for the world, and the beginning of the Great Tribulation (the 3½ years' period of the reign of the antichrist).

When the first 3½-year period of Daniel's last yearweek have passed the Great Tribulation of the Christians who do not belong to the Church will begin, thus also for those that belong to "*the remnant of her (i.e. the Bride[church]'s) seed*" (Revelation 12:17). Then the seventh angel has sounded the trumpet. This trumpet judgement includes the last 7 phial judgements that will be poured out during the Great Tribulation, which will last 3½ years, and then the **period of grace** for the world is definitely over.

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*"And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."* (Revelation 10:5-7)

During the Great Tribulation the remnant of the seed of the Bride of the Lamb must all die martyrs under the hand of the antichrist, these are the countless of Revelation 7:9-17. Read also Revelation 13:7. For this group does not yet meet God's demand for total sanctification, of spotlessness, being without wrinkles and blameless, which is necessary in order to be able to take part in the Wedding-festival of the Lamb (see Ephesians 5:26-27) and the following safety in God's hidden place, the desert (see Revelation 12:6; 13-17).

Revelation 11:1-2 also point to this:

*"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months (i.e. 3½ years)."*

This measuring rod is "*the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ*" (see Ephesians 4:13). The forecourt, the place of believers **not yet born again** of God, will be left behind anyway in the Great Tribulation; but also the Christians who although born again of God and worshipping God in the spiritual Sanctuary yet are **not** completely sanctified and thus do not answer to the measure required by God, will be left behind together with the "forecourt Christians" in the Great Tribulation. Thus they all belong to that large countless group of Revelation 7:9-17 and Revelation 12 verse 17: "*the remnant of her seed*".

During the anti-christian period **here on earth**, however, the (already married) **Bride of the Lamb** will be kept safely and out of sight of the serpent (i.e. the devil) "in the wilderness", a place prepared for her by God:

*"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days (i.e. 3½ years)."* (Revelation 12:6)

*"And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman (wife of the Lamb) which brought forth the man child (i.e. the 144,000). And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time (i.e. 1 year), and times (i.e. 2 years), and half a time (i.e. ½ year – thus in total 3½ years), from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."* (Revelation 12:13-17)

We read here that the Bride will go through the beginning of the persecution by the antichrist, but will be saved. Also read Revelation 3:10. We read here that the Church of Philadelphia will also be **kept in safety** (here on earth) and will **not** be taken up into heaven as many wrongly learn, to wit that the Church will be taken up into heaven at Jesus' return in the end-time.

The bible texts in Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 1 Corinthians 15: 51-57 are then quoted for this purpose, but they in fact speak of the **rising** of those who **meet Him in the clouds** at Jesus' (visible) return in the flesh, afterwards to return with Him to earth to establish with Him the Millennium; more about this later.

We can read about the Great Tribulation, the antichrist and the false prophet in Revelation 13.

When the Great Tribulation, which will last 3½ years, is over the Lion of Judah (type of Jesus as the Conqueror) will come back in the flesh (thus visible) on the clouds of heaven in order to prepare the earth for the Millennium:



*"Immediately **after the tribulation of those days** shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: **And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.** And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matthew 24:29-31)*

Also read Revelation 6:12 and Revelation 19:11-21.

The moment Jesus will visibly return is also the moment of the rising of the righteous dead and of the change in a moment of time (of the Bride[church] still living on earth) mentioned in the Scripture parts mentioned below.

These verses mention a **rising** up into the clouds after the sanctified have put on/received spiritual bodies. They then will meet the Lord in the air to return with Him and the 144,000 saints to earth to establish the Millennium.

*"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:51-57)*

*"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren (and sisters), concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we (the Bride[church]) which are alive (on earth) and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we (the Bride[church]) which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, **to meet the Lord in the air:** and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words." (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)*

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