

**THE SERMONS, LECTURES, AND SONGS OF
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Revelation – Chapter 6
Seals 5-6 Opened

Editorial Note: This is a lecture by Sidney Cox that was part of a series of lectures on the Book of the Revelation that he taught while on the theological teaching faculty at the Toccoa Falls Bible Institute during the early part of 1962. He was 75 years of age at the time.

During the latter part of his life, Sidney Cox had developed a close relationship with the Christian and Missionary Alliance (“CMA”). CMA operates as a vast network of churches, similar to a “denomination.” Toccoa Falls Bible Institute was closely affiliated with the CMA, provided support to the Institute and the Institute sent many of its graduates into ministry within CMA churches. CMA and The Salvation Army, in which Sidney Cox served as an officer for 30 years previously in his life, share a similar theology and emphasis in Christian outreach.

From 1956 – 1960, Sidney and Violet Cox lived in Miami, Florida where Sidney was on the theological teaching faculty of the Miami Bible Institute, another CMA supported institution. They moved to Toccoa Falls, Georgia in 1960, where he served on the staff at the Toccoa Falls Bible Institute from 1960 – 1962.

As a lecture, he was obviously assuming that his students had prepared for class by reading and studying the pertinent scripture and other class material. Thus, his comments were not like a sermon, but lectures to enhance the students’ theological understanding. He emphasized a detailed study of the scripture and incorporated analysis that he gained from his study of Bible commentaries and books on the related subject matter. These lectures are remarkably free of any personal opinions, personal illustrations or “sermonizing” of any kind. While at other times in his career he was very much the preacher and evangelist, in these late-in-life roles of Bible Professor, he was very much the educator.

Lastly, it might be helpful to at least comment on the historical context in which these lectures were delivered. Many biblical scholars of that day associated some of what is found in the Book of Revelation with the Catholic Church – symbols of paganism, the movement of Satan/antichrist to establish one world church, etc. Many people viewed the Catholic Church with much skepticism and fear. Further, John F. Kennedy had just been elected the first Catholic president of the United States in 1960. His election was quite controversial and many non-Catholics were concerned about Kennedy’s catholic background. Elements of these concerns and mindset are found in these lectures. In 2008, many of these fears have been discredited and some would find them to be offensive and intolerant, but they were quite prevalent and not at all unusual in 1962.

John Douglas Cox, grandson of Sidney Cox. December 29, 2008.

We have been considering the first four of the Seal Judgments. And we noticed a pattern in connection with them. And you will find it all the way through the book. First, there are four judgments that are

related, similar in appearance. Then, there is a pause. Then you will find two judgments that are related to each other, similar in appearance. Then a pause. And then, at the seventh, you will find, as if something was opening to release the next series of judgments. Now that's important. It may appear just a little mechanical thing, but it's far more than that, because it does help us to see the pattern of the thing that we are endeavoring to follow.

We have noticed four judgments. We saw a book being opened. Somebody was worthy to unloose the seals of a book, a scroll, in which the details of a lost inheritance were to be found. This was the document of a lost inheritance. Somebody comes to claim it, but at the same time, this inheritance has been in the hands of a lawless one, and has been in his hands for probably six thousand years, and as he has nowhere else to go, he intends to hold on to it if there is any possibility of that. He will organize this world, this inheritance, against the oncoming one who now claims it.

Christ has bought it with his blood. It belongs to Him. He comes to claim it. Normally, under the ordinary circumstances of which this is but a picture, the inheritance would automatically go back to the one who owned it every fifty years. That was law. But this one knows no law. He will not release his hold on this inheritance regardless of the fact that the rightful one has now come to claim it. He was willing. He was a kinsman. He had the purchase price. He now claims it.

But the next thing that we see, and we see it right through the Book of Revelation until you get to the nineteenth chapter, the driving out of the usurper - the one who held this inheritance and is now to be driven out.

Now, you will see in the beginning of it, as we all know, this process began with organization. It began with the appearance of a rider on a white horse.¹ - one who was 'conquering and to conquer;' the representative of the one who is holding this inheritance. He is his man, anti-Christ. Now, as we watch it, we find him organizing a world to resist the oncoming Christ - those who will not bow down to his authority and come within his rule, they are to be destroyed.

So you find a second rider, who is obviously a war-like one, red with a sword - the picture of destruction. One is Organization; the next one is Destruction. Then, immediately, we find that which automatically follows is Famine. And the next is Pestilence. Now, here are these four and for a time, it looks as if this one riding on the white horse, conquering and to conquer, is getting things into his own hands, as indeed he is.

For the first time of this period of probably seven years, and you will notice I say probably, because I don't think we need to lean over backwards all together in the matter of a tick of God's clock. If it's seven years, fine, if it's a little more than seven years, well that's equally fine, as long as God approves it. That's the main point about it there. But it looks as if it's seven years. And during this time, for the first part of it, he's getting things into his own hands.

And you can almost see going on down here on earth, nations coming together. You can see the beginning of that as you watch it now. If it be true that we are in the last days, and it seems evident that perhaps there is something to that thought, you can see the things beginning to happen that will come to

¹ Revelation 6:2

completion on the other side of the tribulation period when you get into it there - nations coming together; finance coming together; war-like preparations; nations coming together for defense and for attack and so on. You can see all of these things. You can see religion coming together - dispensing with the things that would separate and cause one to go one way and one another. And you can see all of these things.

A little book that was written by a man with a very intriguing name - his name is John Knox. I don't know whether you've ever seen it or not. He's not one of the well-known writers, but he wrote a series of six or seven small little booklets, very interesting indeed. And he points out in one of these little booklets, the thing that is happening now, that which will take place in its completion, you see it coming to pass now - the signs of it; the evidences of it; the signs of the times, we call it; the evidences that we are coming to the end of a period and another one is just around the corner. He uses two interesting words. He calls one, that is these preparatory things, he calls them the, "fillment," and the completion, he calls the, "fulfillment". Now, you can see what he means by that. I've never seen that phrase before, but you could see immediately what he meant. It was just a play on words that would help us to see. Here's a partial thing happening. It will happen in completion then. Here we can see nations coming together. Then they will come together under the leadership of anti-Christ.

Here we can see religion coming together. And you can see it everywhere. The things that would separate, get rid of these things. If you've got any question about the blood, because you can never have united religion with the blood in the center of it, of course. You've got to get rid of that. And you've got to get rid of so much. You've got to get rid of the atoning sacrifice of Christ, because the vast majority of religionists will have nothing to do with it, you see. You're going to have people in this world religion who talk about the cross as being a 'slaughterhouse religion.' But they're coming in, oh, they're all going to be part of this, you see. They're all coming in. Religion coming together. Nations coming together. Armies coming together. Markets coming together. You can see it everywhere.

Things that fifty years ago would have utterly amazed us. If you'd ever heard of the European Common Market years ago where nations, great nations, multitudes of nations, are coming together for the sake of commercial benefits and the handling of commerce and so on; if you'd heard about it fifty years ago, it would have been an utter amazement. But now, it's a common place thing. And here they are, everywhere you find it. It's 'united' this, and 'united' that.

And I don't know whether you've noticed this, but the things that are labeled 'united' are the most disunited things that you can find anywhere on earth, no matter what it is. Just look in New York and you will find a great, glass skyscraper there with a United Nations outfit in it there - and of all the disunited things on the face of the earth, that's it.

Now you find exactly the same thing no matter where you look. A name of unity, but in the heart of it, there is disunity all the way through.

Now, this is the thing you begin to see, not in the fillment, but in the fulfillment, when this rider on the white horse, Satan's representative comes to organize a world against the oncoming Christ. Now that's what we have been able to see up to now.

Now we're going to watch a change as the next two seal judgments appear. And that is, according to the

pattern, what we would expect. We would say, “Well, we've seen four that are more or less related. They were all horsemen to start with. They were all related in the thing that they were doing there - one organizing, then there was war, and then there was famine, and then there was pestilence. All related things.” Now we're going to see something quite different when the fifth and the sixth seals are opened. And I'd like us to take our time about this.

By the way, I want some of you to help me, if you will please, with your Bibles - and turn to these references, will you? I'll give it to you and you lift your hand, which means I'll take that one. Matthew 24:9 – Right, Jay, thank you. Deuteronomy 32:43 – Thank you Carol. Deuteronomy 32:43. Psalm 74:10 – Alright, thank you. Alright, next one is Psalm 79:5 – Thank you Bob. Alright, I'll ask you to read those in just a minute or two. And then, in a little while, I want you to also read these. Supposing I give you these now and then you take the reference and then I'll know somebody will read it for me. Haggai 2:6 &7. Now, if there's any hesitation about that, I'll know you don't know where Haggai is located. Who will take Haggai 2? Thank you very much. Isaiah 13:9-13 – alright, thank you very much. Joel 2:30,31 – thank you. And we've already got Matthew 24:9. We may ask for that again.

Now, let's look and see what's happening now in the opening of the fifth and sixth seals. Let's keep certain things in mind. I put a little pattern on the board here, and if you observe it you will see, all the way through, this is the way the thing works out. You will find Satan, under anti-Christ, organizing. You will find him building. That's what we would expect. Here he is organizing, building against the oncoming Christ. You will find he's doing that all the way through until God destroys it. Now, the next is, you will find God is doing two things. One, renovating. And the other, destroying. Because here's a pattern that you see all the way through. Satan building up, and it looks as if he's succeeding, and then suddenly God smacks it all down again. And then he builds up again, and then God destroys it. And in the destroying process, He is renovating the earth, taking away people that could not go into a millennium and renovating the earth, so that God is doing two things: renovating and destroying.

And at the same time, out of the midst of this, you will find God is preserving. Now, if you'll keep that pattern in mind, you will find it works out all the way through the book. You will find Satan building and it looks as if it's going fine, and then suddenly a series of judgments come, and down goes this house of cards; these walls of Jericho, and down they go. And then there's the process of building up again. Frantically building up again, and then, down they go again. And you will find God using things that shows He has control of the forces of nature in a way that Satan cannot control at all. Now, you notice that pattern all the way through.

Now, just so that we can see for a moment here something I want you to see, will you please read for me Matthew 24:9, Matthew 24:9?

Student reads: “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.”

Alright, “Then shall they deliver you up and ye shall be afflicted and shall kill you.” Now, remember, if you please, that in this description of our Lord of which that is a part, there are four things that are mentioned as being signs of the end of the age. False Christs shall appear, the rider on the white horse. War shall appear, the rider on the second horse. Famine shall come, the third horse. Pestilence will come, the fourth one. And then following, now we're coming into the fifth, notice it here, “They shall

deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you.” Now, in this opening of the fifth seal we're going to see the sign of that coming to pass.

A question there, Bob?

Bob: In the 24th chapter of Matthew, when he speaks of the end, does he mean the end of the age, or when he comes the second time?

He's talking about there, he's talking about the end of the age. He's talking about the end of the age, when our Lord will be coming there. In the meantime, these things are going to happen. The end of the age will be when the Lord comes in glory and sets up the millennial kingdom, you see. That's the point that he's talking about there - the end of the age, the end of the age that we call this 'Day of the Lord.' And he's coming there and then following that, will be another period all together that we call 'the millennial period.' Now that's the end of the age. These things are all taking place at the end of them. Now, let's look and see just what does take place here.

The first thing that we see when this seal is opened is a strange scene. We find martyred ones, and God is preserving martyred ones. And He has them in a place that is described as 'under the altar.' And there in this place, whatever it is, God is preserving some who have given their lives. Now, the reason why they gave their lives is, they held to the Word of God. And because of it, they gave their lives.

Now, the questions arise here. Who are these people? Two: why did they give their lives? Why did they give their lives and others? How come that they held to the Word of God in an apostate world? The world is now apostate. And yet out of the midst of it all, we find there are some, both Jew and Gentile, who are, to use these words, 'holding to the Word of God.' And what do we mean by this location, if you want to use that word, under the altar? What's the meaning of 'under the altar?'

Now, let's start in and think this thing through from the first point. Who are these people? Well, now they are both Jews and Gentiles. Because, remember, that at the end of this period of time, and I think you can see it here on the map without any difficulty, at the end of this period of time there is a millennium. Now, if everybody, all the people on the earth, were destroyed during that time, who would populate the earth during the time of the millennium? Not the church. That is already gone and is the body of Christ. There is to be an earthly people populating the earth. Where will these people come from? Well, the only answer is, God will bring them out and preserve them during this time when the earth is under the control of Satan, and yet out of the midst of it all there will be some who will be preserved to populate the world on the other side in this millennial period.

Now, you've got to have Jew and Gentile, for the center of it will be the Jew, around him will be gathered the nations of the world and through the Jew, to the nations, will flow rivers of blessing, just as God promised to Abraham and which has never happened before and never will until this. The nations of the world have never been blessed by the Jew, never, never. But they will be. And this is the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and promise, "Through you shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."²

2 Genesis 22:18

Now, one of the things that you notice here is God's process of gathering out Jews and Gentiles so that they can populate the world on the other side of the final judgment, and when Christ comes and the millennium is ushered in. They will be the center of the millennial kingdom. Now what kind of people will they be?

We look and we say, "Well, the earth is filled with apostates." That is quite true, but in the midst of them all there will be two groups of people. And I want you to notice this. First, there will be the Jew, who, even though he has not acknowledged Christ as his Messiah, he still has within him the old ancient teachings of Judaism and as he looks around and sees anti-Christ masquerading as the Messiah, this one with the Word of God within his heart, even though he doesn't recognize Christ as Messiah, will certainly recognize this. "This one is a false one. He's not the Messiah we're looking for. Something within our hearts tells us he's not the one." And they will not bow down to anti-Christ, because they will recognize because of the Word of God that has been lodged in their hearts, even though it didn't lead them to salvation as we recognize salvation, they will recognize this one as a false one. Now, most of those who thus refuse because of the Word of God illuminating their minds so that they recognize anti-Christ as a false Christ, because of that, most of them will be slain. Because of that, most of them will be slain. They will give their lives rather than accept the false Christ that they see before them. Now, these are the martyred ones and most of them will be the Jew. Now you can imagine what's going on. Supposing at this time with anti-Christ organizing a world, there is a movement, particularly amongst the Jewish people, where his falseness is recognized.

Let me ask you something. How long do you think it will take him to handle that crowd? It won't take him long at all. And it will not be long before there will be an edict, particularly aimed at the Jew, that if they do not recognize this one, if they do not bow down and worship this one there, into some fiery furnace of affliction shall they go and thousands of them will give their lives rather than accept the obvious falseness of anti-Christ. And they will be true to what they know about the Word of God. Now, there's lots of old Jews, lots of Jewish folks, and have been all the way through, who within their heart there is a Word of God lodging. A word that told them some day a Messiah will come. When he comes, he will be thus and so. Now, when they look at this one, they can't find those signs. And so rather than accept him, they give their lives. Now, what's God going to do with that crowd? Here they are. The millennium is years away, perhaps longer than we think, but it's years away at any rate.

What are they going to do with them? Will God accept this as being acceptable unto Him, so that these who thus give their lives can be raised at the end of it and form God's nucleus for an earthly people? Not a heavenly people; not the bride of Christ - a people to populate the earth during the millennium. Now, that's the teaching of the Word of God, that God will accept this sacrifice, this loyalty to the Word of God. He will put his seal of approval on that and they will go into the millennial kingdom to form the Jewish nucleus of it. Now, let's take a look at the figure and see.

In the olden days and under the old dispensation, when a sacrifice was made upon the brazen altar; and remember, that was the only place where a sacrifice was ever made. Whatever took place at other altars was not a sacrifice, it might be a sacrifice of praise, but it was not a sacrifice in which a life was given. Now a life is being given here. Now the picture comes before us of the old altar. And the thing that sealed the sacrifice as being satisfactory to God was not merely the slaying of the animal, not merely the putting of the animal onto the sacrificial fires - that was all part of it, but that could be done and it

still would not be satisfactory to God.

There was one thing that was the seal of the sacrifice, and that was this: The blood was caught and dashed at the foot of the altar. Now, that was the seal that a sacrifice had been accepted by God, because that was God's plan. That's was God's instruction. You put the animal here, you take the life, the blood must be dashed at the foot of the altar. When that is done, the sacrifice has been completely accepted. Now you see this imagery, because it's obviously an imagery here.

We're not talking about a place, when we talk about an altar where souls are gathered, of martyrs under the altar there. But you can see the imagery. It is an indication that God has accepted their sacrifice. They are now in the place where the blood would be dashed, and where the sacrifice is indicated as being completed. Now that's the imagery that you see there. Now, God takes these saints, these believers in the Word of God, these ones who give their lives rather than be disloyal to God's Word, and He preserves them as the completed sacrifice in what is called, 'under the altar.'

Now, you will find that God does something else for them too. First, you will hear them pray. Second, you will see that God clothes them in some way with the evidence of his approval, a white robe, and with the word of peace to their hearts. Now, you notice if you please, and you can see at once who these people are. These are Jewish martyrs. Now, I want to you to see, if you will please, just where we get that.

First of all, will you look and see what their cry is? What was the cry that came out of their hearts and there, the prayer of these saints, and we can call them that. We don't need to change that word - these saints that are there at the foot of the altar. What are they crying? "And when he had opened the fifth seal," I'm reading in the ninth verse of the sixth chapter, "When he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice saying," now watch it, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"³ Now, here are saints, crying to God for vengeance. Now that is an indication they are saints under the Law, not under grace at all. That isn't a cry from grace.

Let's go back into the Acts of the Apostles and watch one of God's saints under grace, whose life is given for the Word of God and for his testimony. And we watch a man, and upon him are falling the stones of his murderers. What does he cry, this child of God's grace, in that moment? What? (student answers) Exactly. "Lay not this sin to their charge."⁴ This is not grace, this is Law. Now, you will find that the words that they used there are common words in the Jewish vocabulary. And I want you to hear them there.

Will somebody who has that 74, I think you have it Frank, 74 Verse 10, Psalms 74:10. Now, remember, they cry, "How long, O Lord, how long will you not avenge these things there?" Alright, listen to it now.

Student reads: "Oh God, how long shall the adversary reproach? Shall the enemy blaspheme Thy name

3 Revelation 6:9,10

4 Acts 7:60

forever?”

Now here you find, right back in the old Psalms, the identical cry, “Oh God, how long, how long” – it’s a Jewish cry. This was something that was characteristic of the Jewish people.

Read Psalms 79:5, please. Psalms 79:5, alright, Bob, it’s okay. 79:5.

Student reads: “How long, Lord? Wilt thou be angry for ever? Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?”

Now, here again, you find, here are Jewish saints crying to God, “How long, O Lord, how long, how long?” And you can find it quite frequently.

Will you please turn to Deuteronomy 32:43, whoever has that, read it for us, will you please? Deuteronomy 32:43. Alright, Carol.

Student reads: “Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people, for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land.....”

Now, notice, please the central thought in that. He will avenge the blood of His enemies. God is handling the matter of vengeance and judgment.

And these people are crying to Him to do that now. It’s not a cry of grace. It’s a cry of law. These people are under the law again. Grace has done its work. This is law and they are crying. Now, I want you to notice something, if you please, because, while it is not primarily connected with our study, it is something that causes perplexity sometimes.

There are a group of Psalms that are called the ‘Imprecatory Psalms;’ the Psalms in which there is cry for judgment. And some of the things that are in those Psalms are dreadful. And the people are crying that God would do to these people what those people have done to the Jewish people. “You avenge us against these people. And do it in the way that they have done to us.” Now you can find such phrases as, “Smite their teeth out,” “Dash their babies against stones,” phrases of that kind that are strange.

But don’t forget that this is a cry of people under the law who have suffered that very thing - that when marauding hosts came and attacked the people of Israel, that one of the things these marauders did, these pagans from elsewhere, they would take the children and dash their brains out against the stones and the mothers of Israel were forced to watch it. And we say, “How dreadful.” My dear, it isn’t one tenth as dreadful as has happened within our own lifetime. There were infinitely worse things than that done, within our own lifetime, if you’re anywhere near that second world war. The things that went on were infinitely worse than anything like that.

And these mothers of Israel are crying to God, “Treat them in the same way that they treated us.” Now, that’s law. That’s an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. That’s law, that’s all. Now, here you find the same thing. This is law. These people are crying to God that he would do what he promised to do, that he would avenge them against their enemies. This isn’t grace. This is law.

Now, God does two things for these saints who are thus preserved in a place that indicates their sacrifice is complete and acceptable. He gives them what is called a white robe and, remember if you please, that a white robe is not all together a sign of righteousness. There are times when a white robe is the symbol of righteousness. But a white robe was not always that. For instance, the winner of a race might be clothed in the robe of the conqueror. Quite frequently, it was a recognition of honor and reward, and God is recognizing these in this way as worthy of honor and reward. God is accepting their sacrifice and He's going to do something with them. He's not going to make them a part of the body of Christ. That's all over. But He is going to make a part of them a part of a kingdom that is down here on earth.

Now, I want you to notice something else. There are another crowd of martyrs that appear as well. Now we've been talking about Jewish martyrs, but there will be a lot of those who are also Gentiles, who will see the falseness in anti-Christ and refuse to accept him.

When the rapture of the church takes place, there will be multitudes of people on earth who will go into the tribulation, not saved at all. But in their hearts has been dropped the seed of the Word of God, no matter when it takes place, there will be thousands of people on earth who are not ignorant of the Word of God. There will be lots of sons who are not saved and will not go to meet Christ in the air. They will remain, but in whose hearts mothers and Sunday School teachers and preachers have dropped a bit of the Word of God. And when they find themselves in this predicament, and this anti-Christ rising, that which is in their hearts will tell them, this one is a false one. Now, you find the same thing with Jew, you find the same thing with the Gentile.

And many a many a Gentile will, at that time, refuse to accept anti-Christ because of some knowledge he has of the Word of God that will point to this one as a false one. Now these too will give their lives, and we shall find them in a place of preservation. We shall find them in a place of recognition. We shall find them with songs in their hearts, and palms in their hands. And we shall find them, indicated here, as a procession. There are multitudes of them that thus give their lives. And they are Gentiles, for this reason.

If they'd been Jews, John would have recognized them. If they'd been members of the church, John would have recognized them, but he doesn't. And to the angel who shows him this vision of this procession of those who are arrayed in white robes and have given their lives and are singing a song, to this crowd and to that angel he asks, "Who are these? And whence came they?"⁵ Now, if they'd been either Jews or members of the church, I mean the Church of Christ, the Body of Christ, John would have recognized them. But here was something that he didn't know. And he says, "You tell me, who are these?" And the word comes back, "These are they that came out of the great tribulation."⁶ Now, here then is this thought that out of the midst of all this, God is gathering two remnants: a Jewish remnant, and a Gentile remnant. And the purpose of it is that they shall be taken into the millennium to form the nucleus of a millennial earth. Now, you can see that process going on.

Now, I want to mention something else here that is all connected with it, and we need to be reasonably intelligent about it. There is one crowd of people we haven't mentioned yet. And yet, God is taking

5 Revelation 7:13

6 Revelation 7:14

them into consideration, and making plans to preserve out of those, out of this crowd that I'm now going to mention, a nucleus that will also be gathered in. Now, listen. No matter when the rapture of the church takes place, if it should take place today, let's remember that more than one third of the earth's population have never heard the message of salvation, never. Now, there will be millions and millions and millions of those who have never heard the Word at all. Now, what's going to happen to them? What?

Well, now let's look and see just what God does with them. Out of these Jewish faithful ones, God's seals a certain number of them and the number is told, whether it's symbolic or not is not a matter of importance, but we are told that there is a group that will be sealed and preserved. Remember, God's doing preserving here. These people will not be destroyed. They will not give their lives. They will be supernaturally preserved. In this imagery, if imagery it is, you will find there is a group that are spoken of as the 144,000.

Now, we're not in any doubt as to who these people are, because 12,000 of them from every tribe is selected. Of these number that have within their hearts loyalty to the Word of God, out of that number there will be preserved this nucleus, whatever 144,000 means. And that's not particularly important. We know that in it every single tribe will be represented with the exception of the tribe of Dan, and that is not mentioned.

And the reason for that is that back there in the old dispensation and the old history, Dan was the tribe more than any other that introduced idolatry into the midst of Israel. It was through the doorway of the tribe of Dan that the horrible flood of idolatry came into Israel. And strange to say, without doing anything more than just notice it, I'm not interpreting it at all; all I'm doing is just pointing out to you; that in this arrangement of the tribes, the tribe of Dan is not mentioned. Now, when you go back you find this was the doorway through which this great river of idolatry came into Israel, more than through any other place. And strange isn't it, without interpreting it, strange that in these final days when you find the other tribes mentioned, the tribe of Dan isn't.

Now, here is God taking out of the tribes of Israel these ones whom He's going to preserve. He's going to put a seal in their foreheads. He's going to be preserving them. He's going to give them supernatural protection so that even anti-Christ cannot destroy them. And He's going to give them a job. What job? What's He going to do with these? What is their commission? What, what? They are to go and what? - preach the gospel of the kingdom. Now, the gospel of the kingdom has to do with the millennium. It's not the gospel of the grace of God, not at all. They are to go and say, "Christ is coming to establish his kingdom. He's coming, He's coming, He's coming." They are Jewish evangelists to those who have never heard. Now, let's remember if you please, and when we meet again, there...don't forget I've got your test papers. Remind me, that's the place where we left off, will you? Alright, thank you John.

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