

GRACE TO JEWS AND GENTILES 2

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We're going to continue on the subject that we were on last week. But before we do, I mentioned this on Thursday: I'm sure we've probably all seen a lot more now about the fires in Maui.

I was looking at a news channel, this was probably on Wednesday or maybe it was on Tuesday, I'm not sure which day. I normally don't scroll down that far when I'm looking at news articles because some things aren't really that important. But I was so surprised that buried all the way down there, it explained about these fires in Maui. Now I think this morning or yesterday morning it was on the top page.

First of all, definitely looking at the loss of human life, that's always something tragic, it's something that hurts. At the same time, we know we are living in a nation where the leadership has turned its back on the things of the Lord and has even pushed the things that are of the enemy.

When I look at that, it just reminds me over and over of the *Day of the Lord*. [2Peter 3:10] Now the *Day of the Lord* isn't here yet. That will be at the end of the 70th week of Daniel but that's just a little taste of what it's going to be like.

We live in a day when we are more technologically advanced than we've ever been. Amen. And yet it was *days* before we even really saw what happened.

The fires came at night. First they burned up the cell towers and the electrical systems so, how can I put it? The alert system was down and cell service was down.

I don't know how many remember but about two years ago I preached a sermon here and I was saying: we should think about what we are going to do when the cell phone doesn't work. We should at least have a little plan in place. That's exactly what happened this week in that city.

Basically, a lot of the people were already asleep. Then this fire came, just raging at full speed. The speed of it is something that's hard to imagine.

They explained that there was a hurricane and winds but we have to understand: there was some kind of a spiritual force behind that. My wife said: an *angel of fire* passed through there. It just devastated and destroyed the city of Lahaina, Maui.

I heard on one news channel that Lahaina used to be the capital of the kingdom of Hawaii. That would have been, of course, before Hawaii was a state.

We still don't know how many lost their lives but the destruction is just hard to imagine.

And of course, what is modern man saying? Oh we need a better alert system. That's what they said with the tsunami of 2004. I was saying then: next time it's not going to be a tsunami. Man is not going to get ahead of God. Praise the Lord. And even if He wants to send another fire, man is not going to stop it.

It's time for people to start living right and realize that *as a nation* we have embraced sin. When we can turn from that, praise the Lord, that's when we can begin to reap the benefits. Again, that's not my message today.

Let's go ahead and continue where we were last time.

In some of our bible studies, I've been getting questions about different groups of people. Are these Jews? Are these Gentiles? Is this group saved or does this group go through the judgement? So I just want to give a review of this.

We really didn't even finish with *the souls under the altar*. That was the *fifth seal*, so if we could go back to that.

Let's go to the book of Revelation.

Revelation 6:9

And 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:

Here we have a little drawing of the souls under the altar:



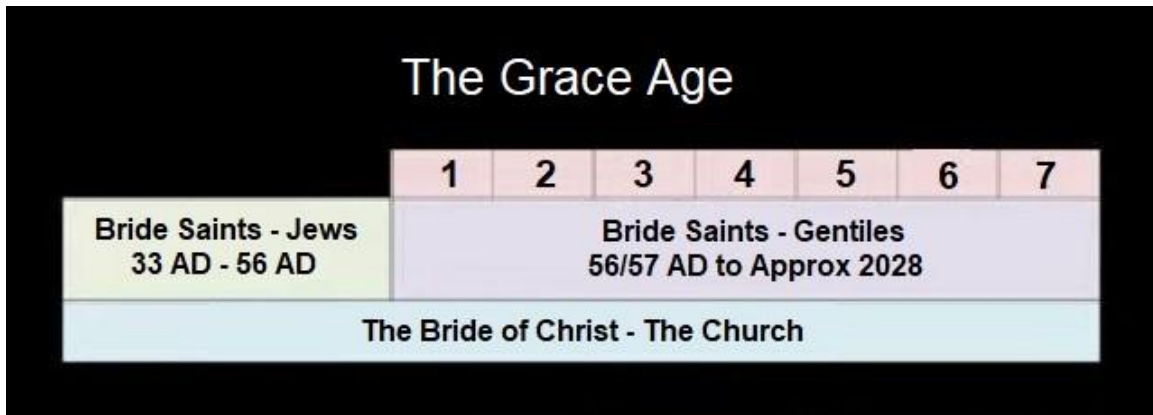
We know on that altar is where the lamb would be slain. The way I look at it is: they have *not yet* come to the knowledge of *the Lamb being slain*. Or they have *not yet* passed through what we know of as *the salvational experience* of coming to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ in salvation.

I know for us Gentiles that feels very strange because we know according to the Word that we've been given, our opportunity to know the Lord *is in this life*. A *Gentile* doesn't die and then go to a waiting place.

We know the Catholic Church has talked about *purgatory* but that's nowhere in the Bible. I believe there is something similar to that in the Mormon Faith as well although I'm not a Mormon so I don't know exactly but from what I've heard, it sounds like they have something similar.

So these *Jews* [Revelation 6:9] first of all we have to understand: when did they die?

That would be during this time right here:



They died during the *Gentile age*. Once the Lord cut them off or as Paul said *blinded them in part* [Romans 11:25] God is not going to require them to see what He has blinded them from seeing.

Still, when we go from about 56 AD on down, from time to time *the Jews as a people* suffered heavy persecution. In different places throughout the Gentile age they really couldn't live their lives as Jews and feel safe and at peace.

They were always, how can I say this? They were always *strangers* and if there was any kind of conflict or war, or some kind of social change, they were always the first ones most negatively affected.

Even when there was persecution against Christians and when Christians were slaughtered, many times we see that there were also Jews killed at the same time.

Again, it's not every Jew that was killed but it's those *who walked in the light of the Word that they did have*. The ones who had the Books of Moses.

There were Jews then and there are Jews today who as far as they're concerned wish there was *no Moses*. They're just living for this life and they feel like what was written by Moses is a hindrance to how they want to live their lives.

The Jews I'm talking about right now are *not* the ones seen *under the altar*. The *worldly Jews* are going to be under the same judgement as all the others who are worldly.

But there is an element that *in their heart*, they *believe* the Word of God that they have. They do their best to obey and observe and walk pleasing to the Lord as far as they know. However when they die, they die without ever having come to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now we know there is *no other way except by the Lord Jesus Christ*. [Acts 4:12]

So the Lord has a *place reserved for them* because as they have believed Genesis, as they have believed Deuteronomy and the other Books that they've been given, they have faith that *this is the true Word of God*.

You and I know that Word testifies of Christ.

If there is something in their heart that they believed the Word, then when it is shown to them that *Christ is the revelation of that Word*, they will be able to see it as well because the Holy Ghost that wrote the Word is the same Holy Ghost that overshadowed Mary and she conceived and gave birth to the Lord.

As they believed the Word, it is counted to them as though they believed on Christ. So they're not sent to the place of punishment and torment that we know of as hell but they are taken up into a place in heaven that's referred to here as *under the altar*. [Revelation 6:9] Praise the Lord.



And they wait.



Throughout the Gentile age there have been more and more souls entering that place.

When Brother Branham looked at the *fifth seal* [Revelation 6:9] the group that stood out the greatest to him was those who were killed in the Holocaust. He said: *the souls under the altar* are those who were slain in the Holocaust.

But we have to understand that both before then and even today, that place is still reserved for the *true spiritual Jew*. Nobody there yet has an understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You say: well what about the other people who have died and gone to heaven? What about the Christians? They could tell them.

Well we've talked about this before and it's not our subject today but when we read the book of Revelation, we see that there are *different regions in heaven*. Not everybody goes to the same place. And until the culmination of all things, those different regions are separate.

There are three main regions: we have *the bride* [Revelation 19:8] below them we have *the white robe saints* [Revelation 7:9] and below that group we have *the souls under the altar*. [Revelation 6:9]

The *souls under the altar* do not yet know about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now let's keep reading.

Revelation 6:10

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

We can see by the way they speak, it's still that Old-Testament-type speech of judgement and vengeance. *We've been done wrong, when are You going to judge?* [Revelation 6:10]

Here in the next verse we read:

Revelation 6:11
And white robes were given unto every one of them;

Now when do *they cry out?* [Revelation 6:10]

One thing we have to understand: there have been people entering this realm for almost 2000 years. Amen. And when we get to the end of the age of Grace, this region will have been receiving people for *two thousand prophetic years*.

When we look specifically at the ones who were slain in the Holocaust, they are the *vocal ones* we see here.

Yes there are still some who are entering but when we get to the *first part* of the 70th week of Daniel, the *two prophets* will come on the scene in Jerusalem and they will begin to *preach the gospel*. Praise the Lord.



Then the picture changes: we are going to have Jews who will receive *the gospel message*. Praise the Lord. And they *won't* be going to that place *under the altar* anymore.

That will be a very definite change. There will be, we can say: *a halt* of anybody entering *under the altar*. As the souls there perceive that this has come to an end and yet they still feel that judgement hasn't taken place, their question is: *when?*

That expression will come to its completion toward the beginning of the 70th week.

Revelation 6:11

And white robes were given to unto every one of them;

When Brother Jackson looked at this, God did not give him the full picture and the way he put it was actually that this would happen even before the Grace age would come to an end.

Again, this isn't to criticize him because nobody can see any more than what the Lord gives them according to their time. And really there is a *time* when the Lord opens things up.

But if that were to have happened *then*, what we would have to see is: if somebody else died *after that*, they would go up without a white robe. So then would the white robe be given to each one as they would go in?

Let's remember: this is *symbolic*. It's not speaking of a literal white robe. That's not the point. That white robe *symbolizes* something.

Throughout this book of Revelation the white robe represents *eternal life*. Praise the Lord. That's what it represents. Nobody has eternal life except their faith is in the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord.

So that lets us know: there will come a time when they will come to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord.

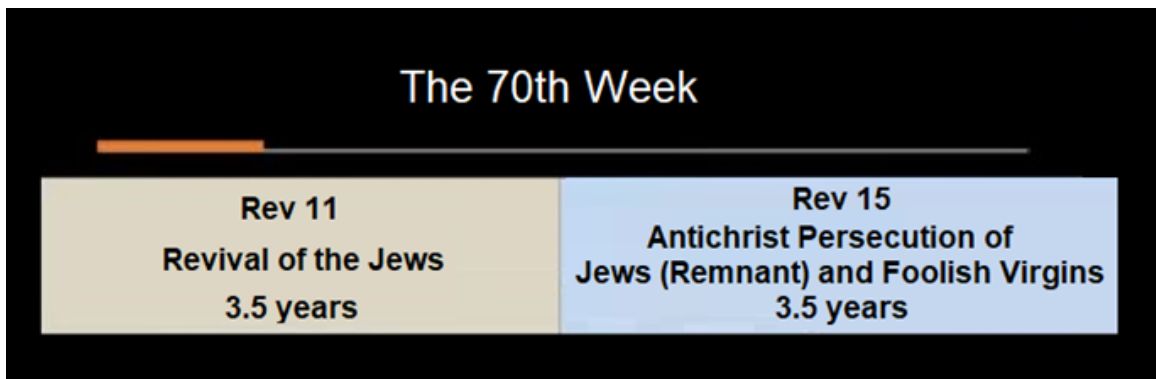
How does that happen? Is it that they study enough and they find out something? Not at all. But the time has come for the Lord Jesus Christ to *reveal himself to his brethren*. [Zechariah 13:6] Praise the Lord.

In the *first half* of the Week, Jesus Christ will be revealing himself to the living Jews here on earth *by the Holy Ghost*. They will be receiving the *gospel message* at the hand of the *two prophets*. [Revelation 11:3]

They're going to say: that man Jesus that we slew two thousand years ago, that man as Peter said *God made him both Lord and Christ*. [Acts 2:36] *Christ* means the Messiah.

The Holy Ghost anointing will be there to verify the Word or we could say *to vindicate* just as on the day of Pentecost when they were *pricked in their heart*. [Acts 2:37] That's going to happen all over again in the *first half* of the Week.

The 70th Week



It's not going to be a new way or a new plan of salvation but it's going to be the same: *repent and be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.* [Acts 2:38] Praise the Lord.

We didn't get to that part yet but we know there are going to be *thousands*, even *hundreds of thousands* saved. [Revelation 14:1] How dramatically different that is from the state of the Gentile world we see today.

We rejoice today when we see just *one* come in. And I have to say: yes with due reason because *the angels in heaven rejoice.* [Luke 15:10] It's a beautiful thing, even *one*.

Today it seems like that's what it is: *one* here, *one* there. We don't see many *groups* but for these Jews, I have to say: this is going to be a wonderful time of *the power of God and the Spirit of God being poured out.* [Joel 2:28] Praise the Lord.

Now it's interesting, it says:

Revelation 6:11

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season,

Before I talk about the *little season*, remember: here on earth in the *first half* of the Week, Jesus *by the Spirit* is going to be revealing himself to the Jews.

But *up in heaven* where we know the Lord is, he's going to go and appear to them in that region *under the altar*. He is going to *manifest himself to them*.



Remember: how much time did he need to *preach to those souls that were in prison* and to reveal himself to them? [1Peter 3:19] He only needed, we say three-and-a-half days but it was really more like two days, that's all he needed.

So this is not going to be some long drawn-out event but in just a few days he can reveal himself and they will believe on him. And then they will *receive their white robes*. [Revelation 6:11]

And now getting to the *little season*, it says here:

Revelation 6:11
that they should rest yet for a little season,

It's interesting: one of the messages that Brother Jackson preached about *time*, he titled it Times or Seasons: Centuries or Decades. He showed how there are parallels in the Word of *times* to *centuries* and of *seasons* to *decades*.

So here it says: *rest a little season*. Well ten years is ten years. You can't make that a *big* ten years or a *little* ten years. So we have to understand: a *little season* would be a time frame a *little* less than ten years.

Well if we look at this:

The 70th Week



If they're told to *rest a little season* at the *beginning* of the Week and *vengeance* is poured out at the *end* of the Week when *the completion of their brethren and their fellow servants are slain*, we have about a seven year time span.

It says here:

Revelation 6:11

that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

First it mentions *their fellow servants*, so those *two prophets* are going to be slain. [Revelation 11:7] That will happen in the *middle* of the Week but we know *after three-days-and-a-half they will be brought back to life*. [Revelation 11:11] And then they will actually be *raptured*. [Revelation 11:12]

Then it says *their brethren* as well.

We read this last time. We can read it once more.

Revelation 12:15

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.

When we get to the time of the middle of the Week, the antichrist's desire is going to be to do away with these Jews. He's going to do everything in his power, militarily, and he will bring people against them. And really, it's going to be a second Holocaust.

But it says here:

Revelation 12:16

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.

Here the Lord is going to prepare the United States. Amen.

We remember Brother Branham's vision and also George Washington's vision as they saw the United States in a state of destruction. What we saw in Hawaii sounds very much like what was in those visions.

Now that's definitely not the fulfillment of it, there's still much more that needs to happen to this nation to wake people up and as I've said before: to get their mind out of that phone. We saw God's the One who can cut off the signal and then people are like: where am I? Well they're going to realize something.

It says here:

Revelation 12:16
the earth helped the woman,

So we know they will come to the United States.

Revelation 12:17
And the dragon was wrath with the woman,

As he sees that she has escaped, that *spiritual element* has escaped, oh that just brings how much more wrath?

It's just like one time, this is just a little example: one time I was driving and I don't know what I did, I don't think I did anything wrong but this young man in another car, oh he was just so angry. I could see him waving his hands and yelling and driving crazy.

He came up right beside me and he was super angry. We were both going about thirty-five or maybe forty miles an hour. I looked in my mirror and there was nobody behind me so I hit the brake and of course he went way in front of me.

At that point there were other cars in my lane and he was trapped: there was no way he could get to me. Oh that made him so much angrier. I could see, he was just *irate*. And I was so glad to get out of that.

But here we're going to have the antichrist: he won't be able to touch *spiritual Israel* that will have fled to the United States so he'll just be *extremely angry*.

Let's look at this verse:

Revelation 12:17
And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed,

Before I keep reading, it says here *the dragon*. [Revelation 12:17] I mentioned *the antichrist*. The dragon is the *spirit* behind that system, that's the spirit of Satan himself.

What we also have to understand is: when we get to the *middle* of the Week, the antichrist is going to become *Satan incarnate*. In other words: Satan himself is going to dwell in that *man of sin*.

Just as the true Christ, Jesus the Christ became God-with-us, that antichrist is going to become Satan, and I'm not going to say *with us* because we're not going to be here but Satan-with-the-people-of-that-day. [2Thessalonians 2:4]

Of course, the antichrist himself will be motivated by that *spirit* and he will have an *anger* that we probably can't even imagine.

So it says here:

Revelation 12:17
and went to make war with the remnant of her seed,

We know *a remnant* is something left over. It's not the majority of the original content but what is left.

If you have a field, maybe it's a cornfield and you pass the combine and pick the corn, you can still go through that field the next day and find some corn. It's not the majority of it but there is still some left.

Now, I don't really know *why* some will still be left. I don't know if they were just slow to act, that's what I said may be the case, or maybe for some other reason they just couldn't go.

But it says here:

Revelation 12:17
went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

We didn't read about that in the *fifth seal* [Revelation 6:9] because they had *not yet received that*.



But these *here* [Revelation 12:17] are going to receive the message of the *two prophets* during the *first three-and-a-half years*. They will receive the gospel message, praise the Lord, and they will know who Jesus Christ is.

Then they will go over into the *second half of that Week* and those who do not flee to the United States are going to be at the mercy of the antichrist. I say *at the mercy* but there's not going to be any mercy. He is going to torture them.

I have to say: it's only going to be by the grace of God that they will be able to resist that and not recant. Praise the Lord. But *they will be slain in the second half of the Week*. [Revelation 13:15] [Daniel 7:25]

Now, will they also go to the region of *the souls under the altar*? No they will not.

First of all, the purpose of that place was to hold those who had not yet come to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, but at that time they will *all* have come to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So where will they go?

Well there is actually a special place reserved for those who are going to be slain by the antichrist or under that system *in this second half of the Week*, whether they be Jew or Gentile.

Let's go to Revelation 4. We're not going to read the beginning of it but let's just jump down to verse six.

Revelation 4:6

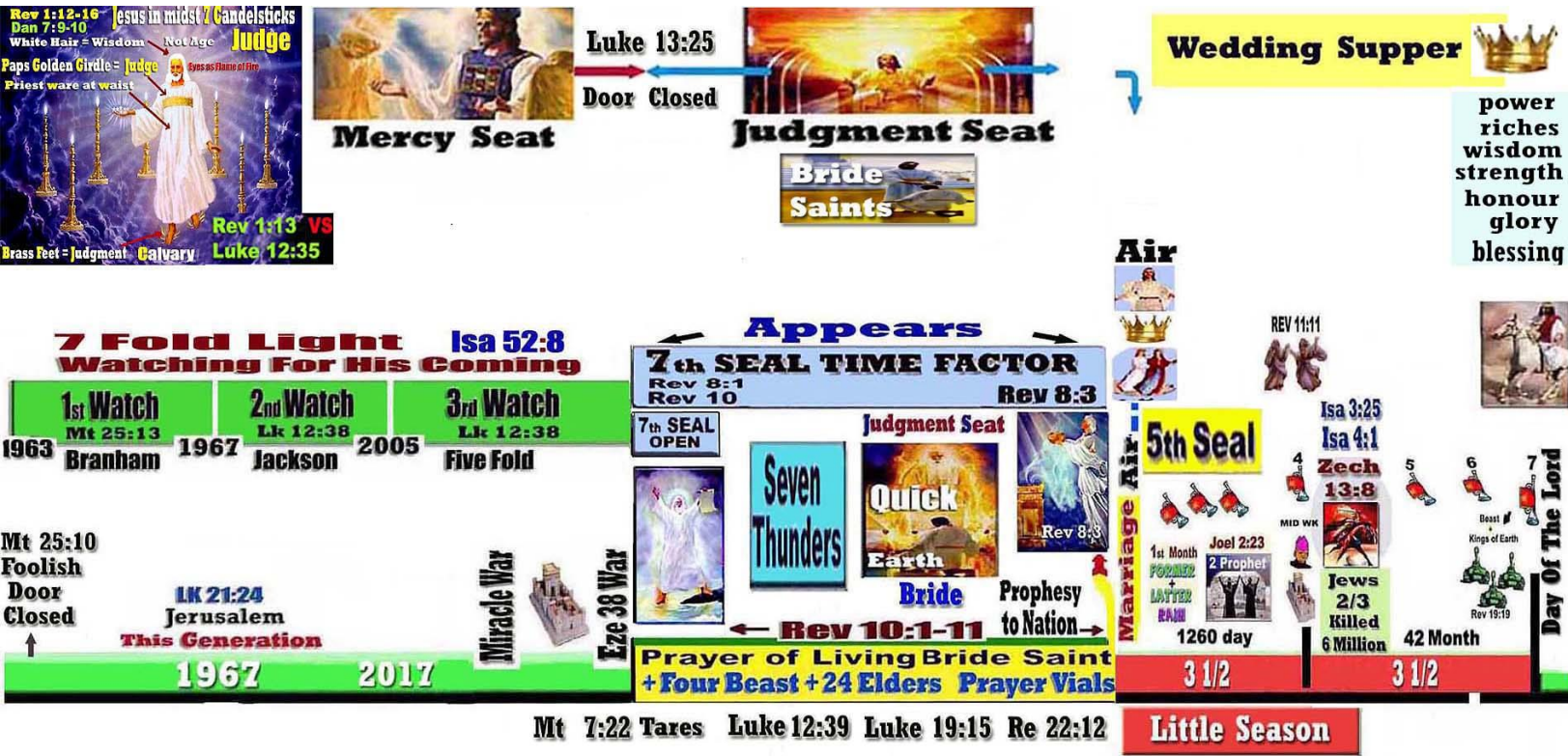
And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

Now I want us to focus on the beginning of this verse.

Revelation 4:6

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal:

John is seeing this.



Here we have the *seventh seal time factor* and *after* we have the 70th week. But even *before* that, John is seeing this scene of the throne in heaven.

Notice: it mentions *the sea of glass*. And notice: John is telling everything he sees. He mentions the four beasts and he mentions many other things but he does not mention anybody on the sea of glass.

So the sea of glass is *empty* going into that 70th week.

<u>Revelation 11</u> Revival of the Jews 3.5 years <u>Revelation 7:1-8</u> 144 000 The Firstfruits <u>Revelation 6:9-11</u> 5th Seal - Jews They receive white robes <u>Rev 4:6</u> Sea of Glass is empty	<u>Revelation 15</u> Antichrist persecution of Jews (Remnant) and Foolish Virgins 3.5 years <u>Revelation 14:1-13</u> Everlasting Gospel <u>Revelation 15:1-3</u> Sea of Glass is filled
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Again this is the 70th week, the *first half* and the *second half*. From the left side to the middle is three-and-a-half years and from the middle to the right side is another three-and-a-half years.

In that *first half*, the sea of glass is *empty* but now let's go to Revelation 15 and we're just going to read the first three verses.

Revelation 15:1
And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

Even that helps us see where this is in time. We know that is fulfilled in the *second half*.

Revelation 15:2
And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

What does that mean: *they got the victory*? Does it mean they found a place to hide? Did they say: if I hide here, I don't have to worry about taking the mark? That's not at all what it's saying.

Now we know God will give a place to the Jews, right? The *woman* is going to *flee to the wilderness*. [Revelation 12:6]

But these ones here, when it says *they got the victory*, really what it means is: they were able to subject themselves to death and to be slain. And I have to believe *torture* is going to be a part of that. It has always been with the Catholic Church.

They will be able to be *tortured* and *killed* instead of, we can say: giving over to that system.

So that's *how* they will get the *victory over the beast, and its image, and the mark, and the number of his name*. [Revelation 15:2] They die. They will be killed.

And without any doubt, for the great majority of them it's going to be a death that we would look at and say: that is a very cruel death. But they will be able to stand for what they know is right.

Now who are these people?

Well here it says:

Revelation 15:3
And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God,

When it says *they sing the song of Moses, servant of God*, that's looking at *Jews*, right?

I mean, we know who Moses was, we have his writings and they are of great help to us but to say *we sing the song of Moses*, no, that's looking at the *Jews*.

I've already been mentioning how these Jews, until the Word is opened to them, their main focus is what we call *the Pentateuch*: the first five Books of the Bible which we know were all written by Moses.

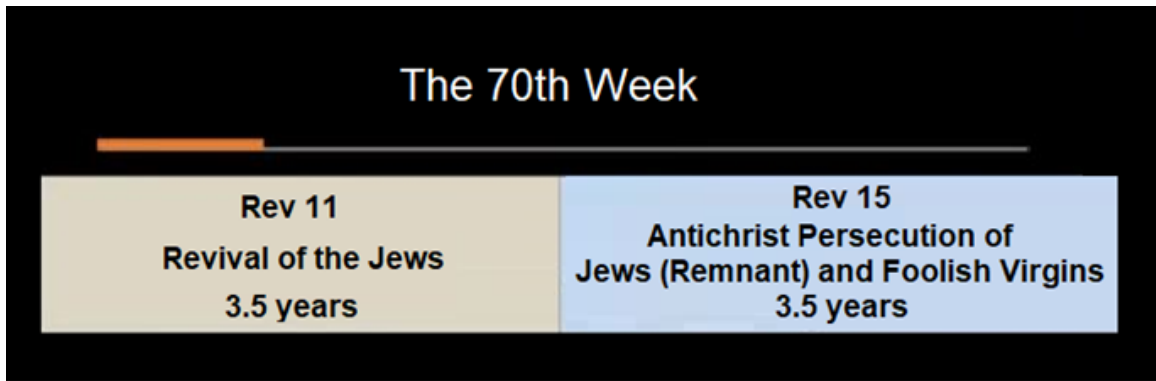
But it also mentions:

Revelation 15:3
and the song of the Lamb,

Now that's looking at *Christians*, right?

Really what we see here, what we have to understand is: these are *both Jews and Gentiles*. They are *all* Christians but if it only mentioned *the Lamb*, we wouldn't know that the Jews are also a part of this.

So yes, they are *all* Christians.



What this is actually looking at, I've had it up every time we've seen this slide today: it's the *Jewish remnant*. That's Revelation 12:17 that we were reading.

Those are the *Jews* who will have heard the *two prophets*. They will have been converted, they will have received the gift of the Holy Ghost and they will go into the *second half* but they *did not flee to the United States*. They are going to be *slain* in that *second half of the Week* under the *persecution of the antichrist*. [Revelation 15:2]

Is this when they will be saved? No it's not.

Those Jews will be *saved* in the *first half of the Week* and they will be *slain* in the *second half*. Their souls will be brought up to the *sea of glass*. [Revelation 15:2]

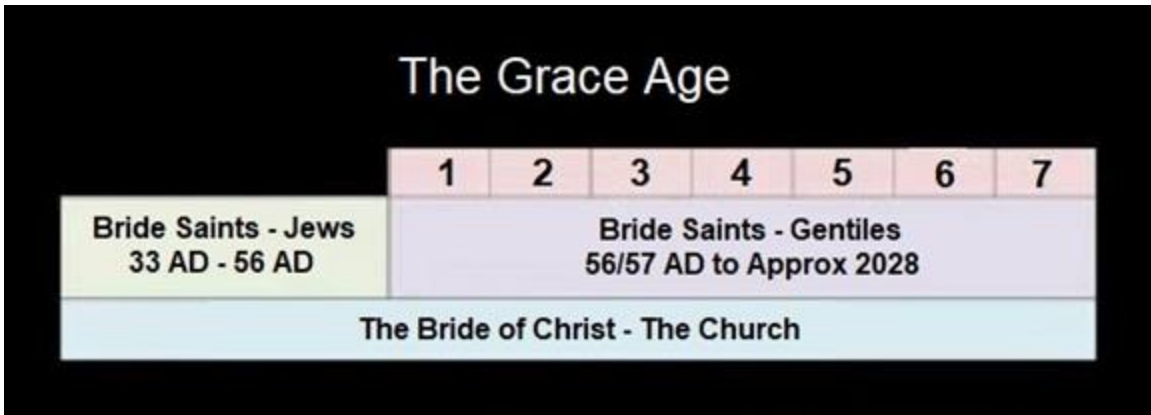
We know there are also *Christians* on the *sea of glass*. This is *not* the Bride of Christ. She will be in heaven at *the marriage supper of the Lamb*. [Revelation 19:7]

But then there are *the foolish virgins*. [Matthew 25:1-13]

Again when we look at the *foolish virgins*, we might want to think that every relative and every friend we have who is not walking in the light of truth is a foolish virgin. It would be nice if it could be that way but reality is: that's not the case.

The *foolish virgins* are a small element just like the Bride.

Now when are the *foolish virgins* saved?



They are saved during this time *before* we even go into the 70th week.

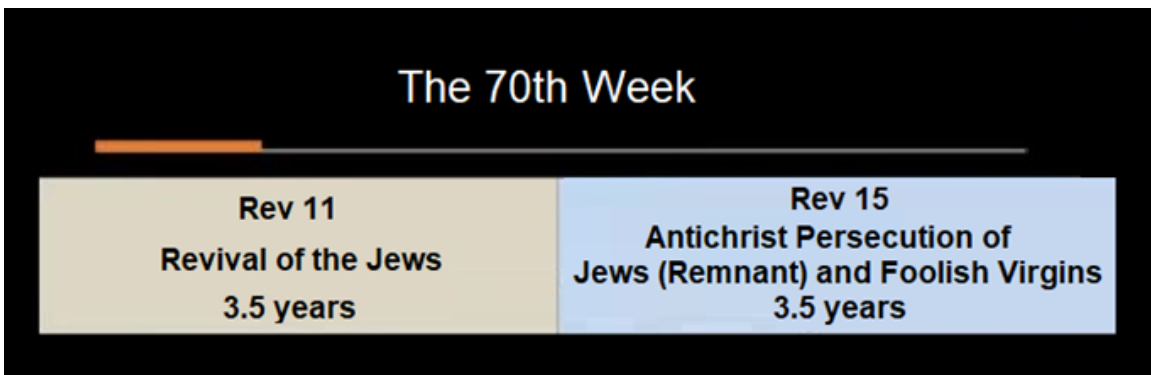
There will *not* be any foolish virgins saved in the 70th week. They are saved in the span of Grace that God gave to the Gentiles *before* He finishes with these Seven Church Ages.

In other words, they are being saved today or maybe they were saved five or ten years ago, or even before that. Really that goes all the way back to the time of Brother Branham's message. That's when there began to be an *identification* of the *foolish virgins*. [Matthew 25:8]

Now, is every one of them going to live all the way into the last half of the Week of Daniel? No, everyone won't. There are those who without a doubt have already died but what we're looking at here are *those who will go into that Week*.

They will be faced with the *beast system*: there will be the *image*, the *mark*, and the *number of his name*. [Revelation 15:2] They will *reject all of that* and as a *group* they will be subject to being slain.

So we also have that *foolish virgin* element on the *sea of glass*.



Now what we read here in verse 3, it says:

Revelation 15:3
And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God,

That's the *Jewish remnant*.

Revelation 15:3
and the song of the Lamb,

That's looking at the *foolish virgins*, although they are *all* singing the song of the Lamb.

Revelation 15:3
saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Amen.

Now notice, they're *not* crying out: how come we had to go through this? How come the bride element got to be taken up? They're not better than us!

There is none of that. Amen. They're just *thankful*. They are *rejoicing* that there was a way that we could also obtain grace.

And I'll close with this: the grace they obtained is not that they rejected the antichrist therefore they have salvation. Nor is it because they were willing to suffer and be killed. They have salvation *because they believed on the Lord Jesus Christ*.

They came the same way as everybody else: they were *baptized* and they *received the gift of the Holy Ghost*. [Acts 2:38] But because of where they find themselves, at least for the foolish virgins *because they were foolish*, it will *fall their lot* to have to go through this.

But we don't see any bitterness like those under the *fifth seal* who say: *how long, O Lord?* [Revelation 6:10] These ones just say: *just and true are Your ways*. [Revelation 15:3] Praise the Lord.

We're still just getting started but I'll go ahead and close for now.