

The Word and Spirit movement.

What does it mean to be a Word and Spirit Christian?

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NOTE: Listen to the sermons “What does it mean to be a Word and Spirit Christian? –parts 1&2” with this study

God answers in Restitution*

“And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.” (Acts 3:20,21)

* Restitution = the restoration of something lost or stolen to its proper owner

The state of the Church worldwide

- No single standard Bible for truth – many contradictory ‘truths’
- Fractured in nature with false alliances
- Many unbiblical doctrines based on modernistic ideas
- Tares (false brethren) everywhere
- Great compromise with the world
- Many false teachers and prophets
- Manufactured ‘revivals’
- Unholiness rife – emphasis on numbers/entertainment/feelings

God answers in Restitution

“Some will ask what I mean about ‘restoration’. I mean restoration of *the power of Christ*, restoration of *the authority of Christ*, and restoration of *the character of Christ*. God wants all three of these characteristics to be exhibited in the life of the Church and in the lives of individual Christians.”

(Kenneth E. Hagin, *The Coming Restoration*, 1985)

God's plan of restoration

“God’s endtime plan includes a time of restoration of His *glory*, a time of restoration of His *power*, and a time of restoration of His *gifts and ministries* to the Church.” (Kenneth E. Hagin, *The Coming Restoration*, 1985)



A time of God's favour for the Church

“[T]he Church — meaning the Body of Christ — has entered a designated season of favour ... according to the prophetic word of David found in Psalm 102, this season of favour will immediately precede the second coming of Jesus Christ.” (Jerry Savelle, *The Favour of God*, 2012, p. 169.)

A time of God's favour for the Church

“Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion [the Church]: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come. For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof. So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.” (Psalm 102:13-16)

A time of God's power through the Church

“A week before his death, Wigglesworth prophesied again ... This time, he foretold a second move of the Spirit. The first move would bring the restoration of the gifts of the Spirit; the second would bring a revival of emphasis on the Word of God. He said, ‘When these two moves of the Spirit combine, we shall see the greatest move the Church of Jesus Christ has ever seen.’” (Stormont, George, 1989, Smith Wigglesworth, Harrison House, Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA, page 123.)

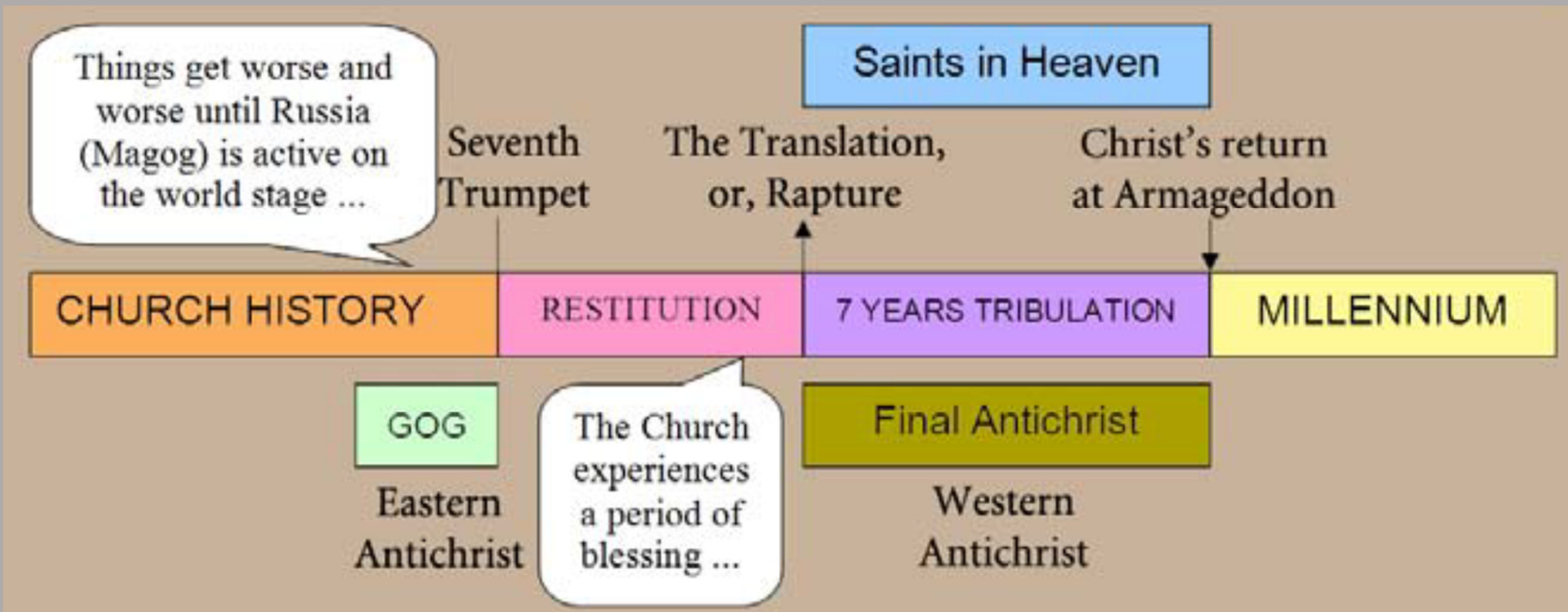
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“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams” (Acts 2:17)

“And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.”

(Mark 16:20)

Prophetic overview

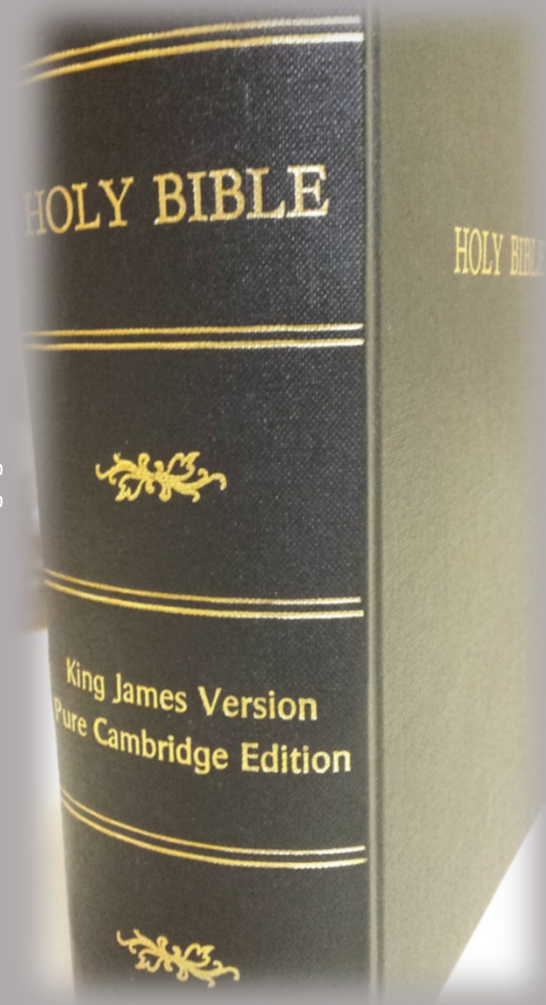


Note: The Word and Spirit movement starts during the Laodicean Period of Church history.

The Word and Spirit movement

IMPORTANT: the consistent faith view must be that the Word of truth (one BIBLE*) always agrees with the Spirit of truth, so any deviation to this is to be rectified by a Word and Spirit movement of God that emphasises this to prepare the Church to go forward victoriously – prepared for HARVEST.

*Listen to the sermons “Why do we hold to one Bible?”, “The Word agrees with the Spirit – parts 1&2”.



Where the Infidel period of history fits

ANTICHRIST RELIGION	TRIGGER FOR ITS DESTRUCTION	GOD'S MOVEMENT
Paganism (began pre-Pentecost) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emperor worship • Worshipping false gods • Idolatry 	Constantine converts to Christ, then issues a decree of toleration for Christians in 313 AD.	The establishment of Bible Christianity across the Roman Empire.
Papalism (began 538 AD)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • False church • Exaltation of popes • Salvation by works 	Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses in 1517 AD on the door of the Roman Catholic church at Wittenberg.	The Protestant Reformation
Infidelity (began 1798 AD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideological and intellectual attack on Christianity • Atheistic, humanistic, secular • Worshipping natural forces 	The supernatural defeat of Gog, the Eastern Antichrist.	The Word and Spirit movement, leading to the Church Restitution

* The 1260 days (42 months of prophetic days) prophecy of Revelation 13:5 went from 538 AD – 1798 AD = 1260 years.

The current timeframe of Infidelity

The infidel war against religion, specifically Christianity, is through the spirit of error backing spiritual Infidelity, which is the antichrist religion of self*. Since 1968 particularly, Infidelity has made great inroads worldwide into the Church.

Beginning	End	Chief Doctrine	Prevailing antichristian practice	Method of change	Details of change
French army takes the Papacy 1798	Translation of the saints	Secularism (no law of God in society)	Atheism, agnosticism, godlessness	Fall of Russian dictator Gog	God intervenes in history

* For example, millions of babies have been sacrificed on the altar of abortion since the 1960s.

The current Crisis

“But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God*, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.” (Jeremiah 5:23-25; see also verses 26-29 that speaks of

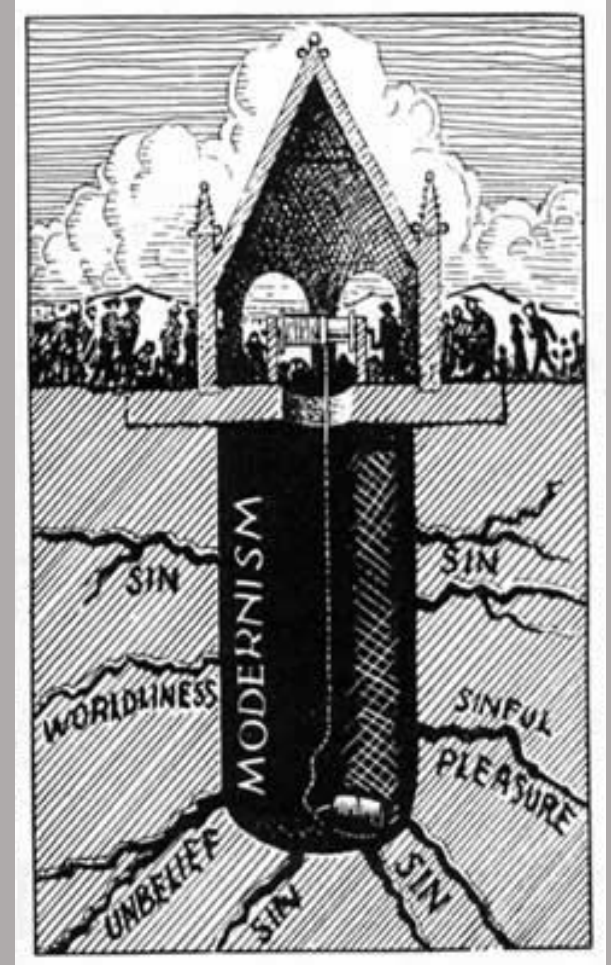
wicked men and false prosperity among the people of God – the Church)

* The fear of God establishes the Word in the Church – see Psalm 119:38.

Wolves have entered in and devoured

“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.” (Acts 20:29,30).

The Church of today (the Laodicean period) is currently a doctrinally fractured, dis-unified entity. See also 2 Timothy 3:1-9.



The Laodicean Period of Church history

The seven churches prophecy (Revelation 3:14-11) interpretations:

1. Seven literal churches.
2. Seven types of churches.
3. Seven periods of Church history.

The Laodicean period started in 1968* with the Second Vatican Council. We are in this timeframe now – it is the SEVENTH and LAST period. * See Verschuur & Savige, *Multiple Fulfilments of Bible Prophecy*, p. 487.

Prophetic overview of Church history

CHURCH	REFERENCE	MEANING & TIME
Ephesus	Revelation 2:1–7	Early Church 30–96
Smyrna	Revelation 2:8–11	Persecuted Church 96–313
Pergamos	Revelation 2:12–17	State Church 313–538
Thyatira	Revelation 2:18–29	Insular Church 538–1517
Sardis	Revelation 3:1–6	Reformation Church 1517–1798
Philadelphia	Revelation 3:7–13	Evangelistic Church 1798–1968
Laodicea	Revelation 3:14–22	Patient Church 1968–Rapture (Translation)

Prophetic establishment in history

“[12] And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

[13] But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

[14] And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” (Matthew 24:12-14)

Prophetic establishment in history

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

The Church worldwide is in a dangerously compromised state. There are many within the Laodicean Church that are lukewarm, having compromised with the world. There are many whose faith has been killed off and who are cold to the ways of God.

A warning to not compromise!

Listen to the Pastor's message on the Victory Faith Centre website called "Time for Christians to wake up". It is a warning to stop the compromise since "many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1b)



Note that there are those: "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." (2 Timothy 3:5)

Prophetic establishment in history

“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.” (Matthew 24:13)

There are Christians who will be saved from the great judgment to come upon the Church (see Revelation 3:15).

They will be those who refuse to compromise with the world, who believe the Holy Bible, who repent of sin, and who hear the voice of the Spirit of truth (see Revelation 3:22).

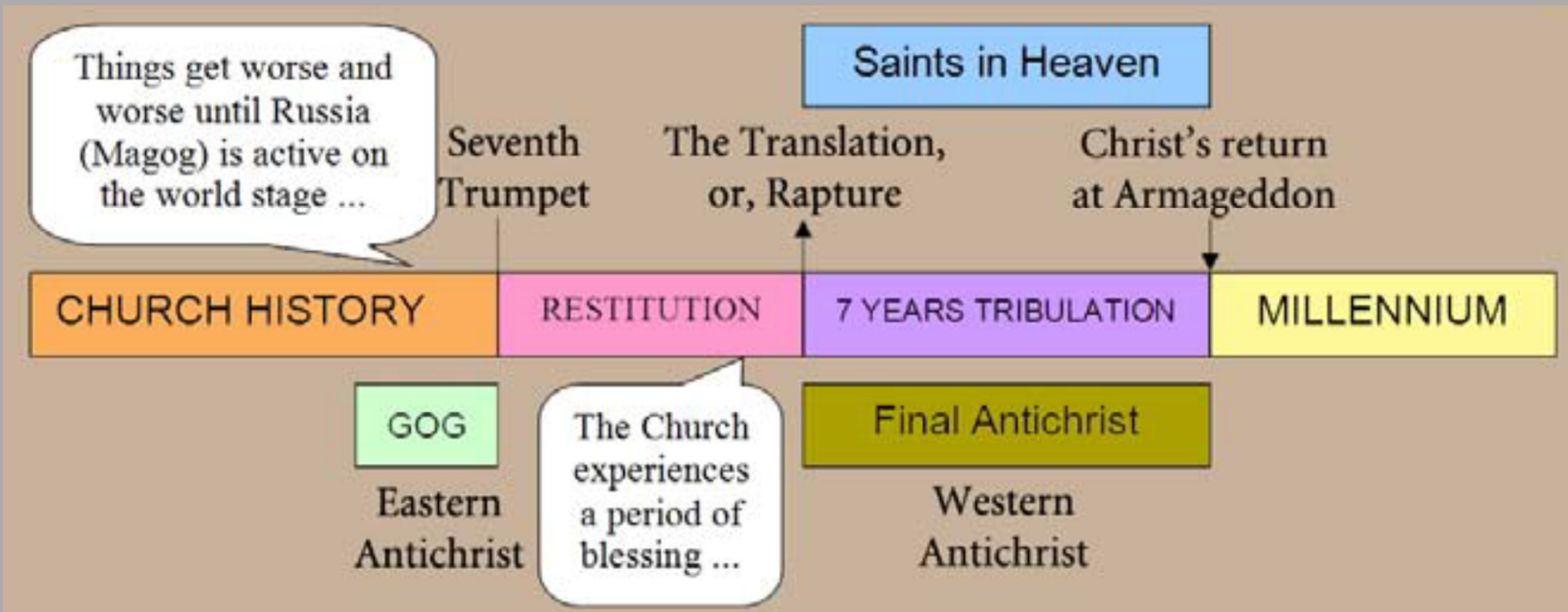
Prophetic establishment in history

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” (Matthew 24:14)

Worldwide repentance will coincide with the spiritual ‘Millennium’* of the Church Restitution. The Gospel will be preached “in all the world for a witness unto all nations” (see Matthew 24:14).

*The people of God coming into Christ’s rest.

Prophetic overview



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Prophetic convergence

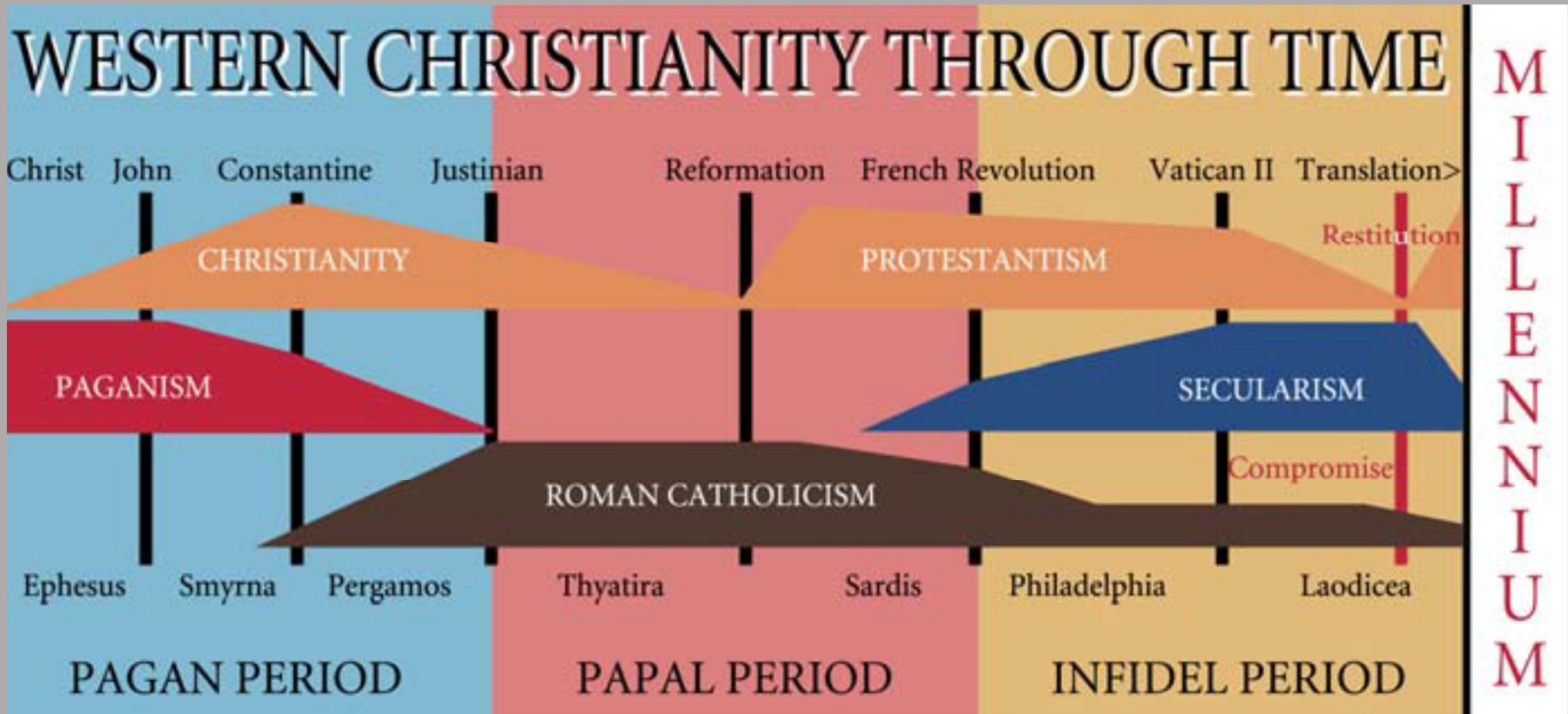
There is a prophetic convergence of history:

- Communication technology
- Global use of English
- Information accessibility
- The purging of the Church



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How the Church progresses



The Church must be prepared to harvest

“[14] 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.

[15] And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” (Revelation 14:14,15; see also Ephesians 4:13)

* **Not Christ but the Church, which is to be like Him.**

The Church must be prepared to harvest

“[16] And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.” (Revelation 14:16)

Harvest



The present emphasis

“The present emphasis on only having numbers in the churches without the accompanying life of holiness*, faith and belief must stop for there to be a massive evangelistic thrust and harvest worldwide. God wants multitudes [e.g. whole nations] and holiness and faithfulness in His Church.” (Verschuur & Savige, p. 1060)

* Also listen to the sermon “God resists the proud”.

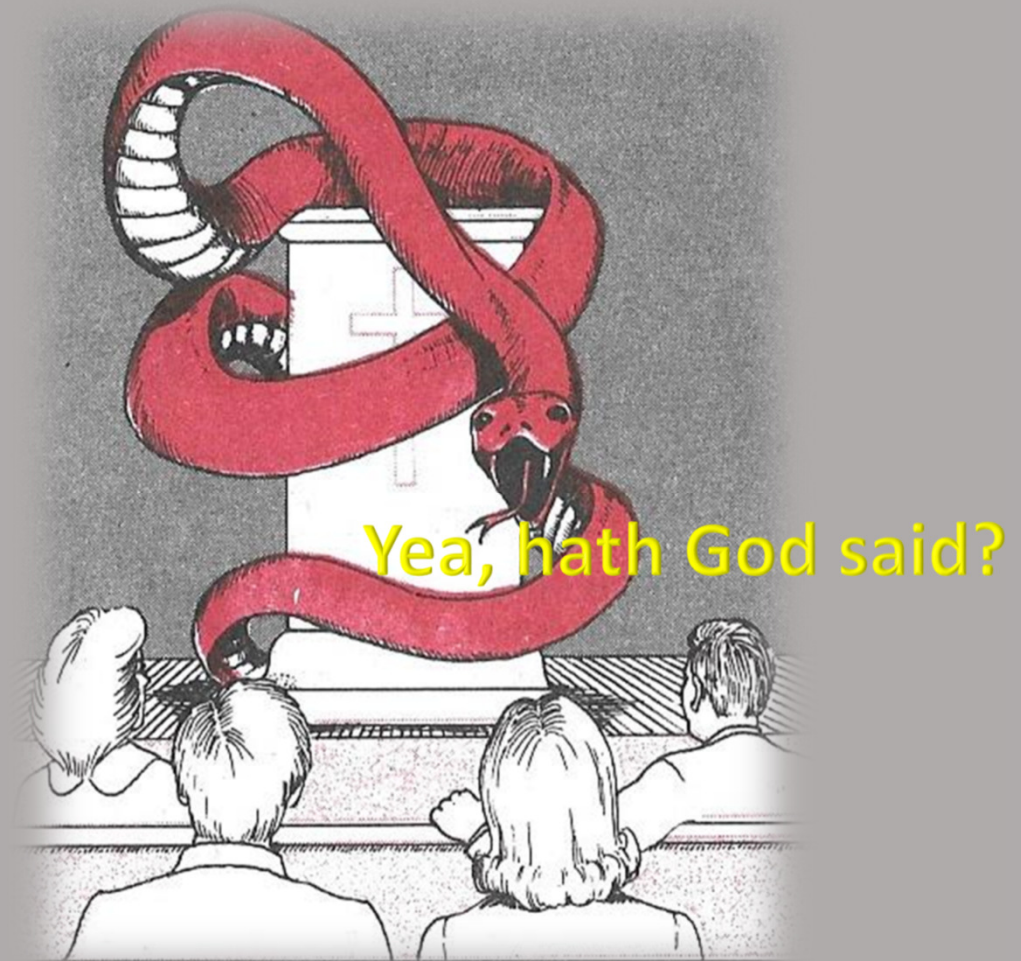
What compromise with the world does
“They are of the world: therefore speak they of
the world, and the world heareth them. We
are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us;
he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby
know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of
error.” (1 John 4:5,6)

What compromise with the world does

The spirit of error in the world, backed by devils, contradicts the spirit of truth in the Kingdom of God, backed by the Holy Ghost.

We are not of the world.

See also Isaiah 8:20.



The world corrupts

Culture in place of what the Bible says.



Greg Semu

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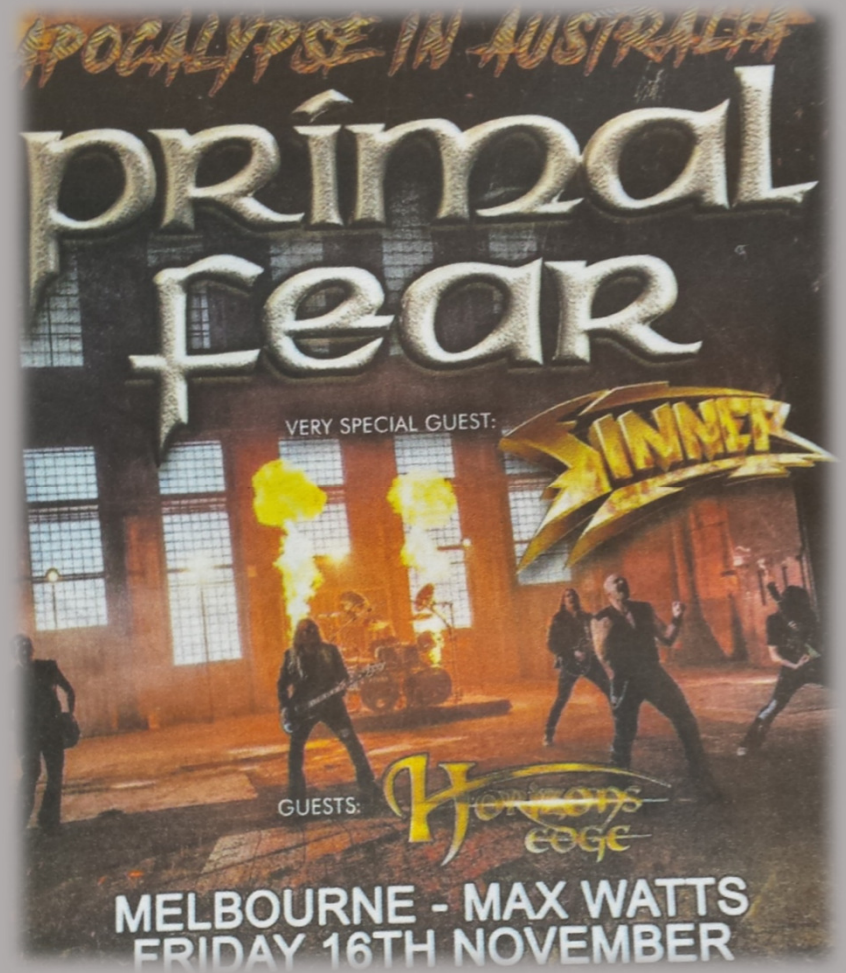
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This work, from Semu's *The Last Cannibal Supper ...* series, 2010, translates the dramatic Christian subject of the Last Supper into a Kanak re-enactment of the New Testament narrative so often represented in Western art. The word 'cannibal' is pointedly used to suggest the symbolic last supper Pacific Islanders ate before replacing their customary rituals with the Christian practice of eating the body and blood of Christ, according to the doctrine of transubstantiation. Semu thereby addresses the destruction of irreplaceable cultural traditions caused by the spread of Christianity across the Pacific and challenges the viewer to engage with the theme of cultural displacement and loss.

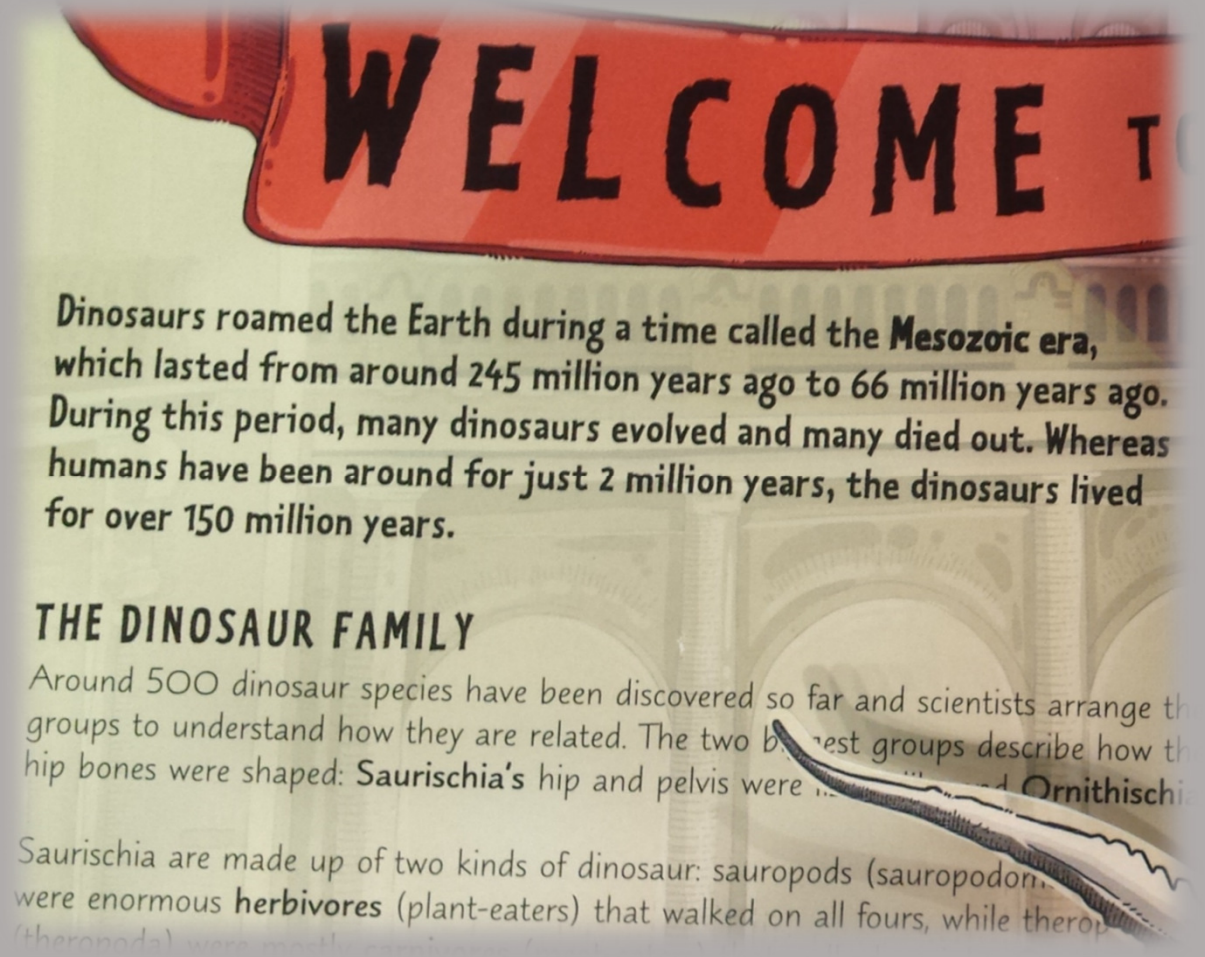
The world hates Christ

“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.” (John 15:18, 19)



The world hates truth

“O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called” (1 Timothy 6:20)



The world is not neutral in the war

“Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36a)

“Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father”

(Galatians 1:4)

“And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.” (Isaiah 13:11)

This world will end

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

And *the world passeth away*, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.” (1 John 2:15-17)

The cleansing of the Laodicean Church

Part of the “times of restitution” is a restoration in the Infidel period of history of what the Church has currently lost.

Compromise with the world ends through a cleansing of the Church:

“So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.” (Revelation 3:16)

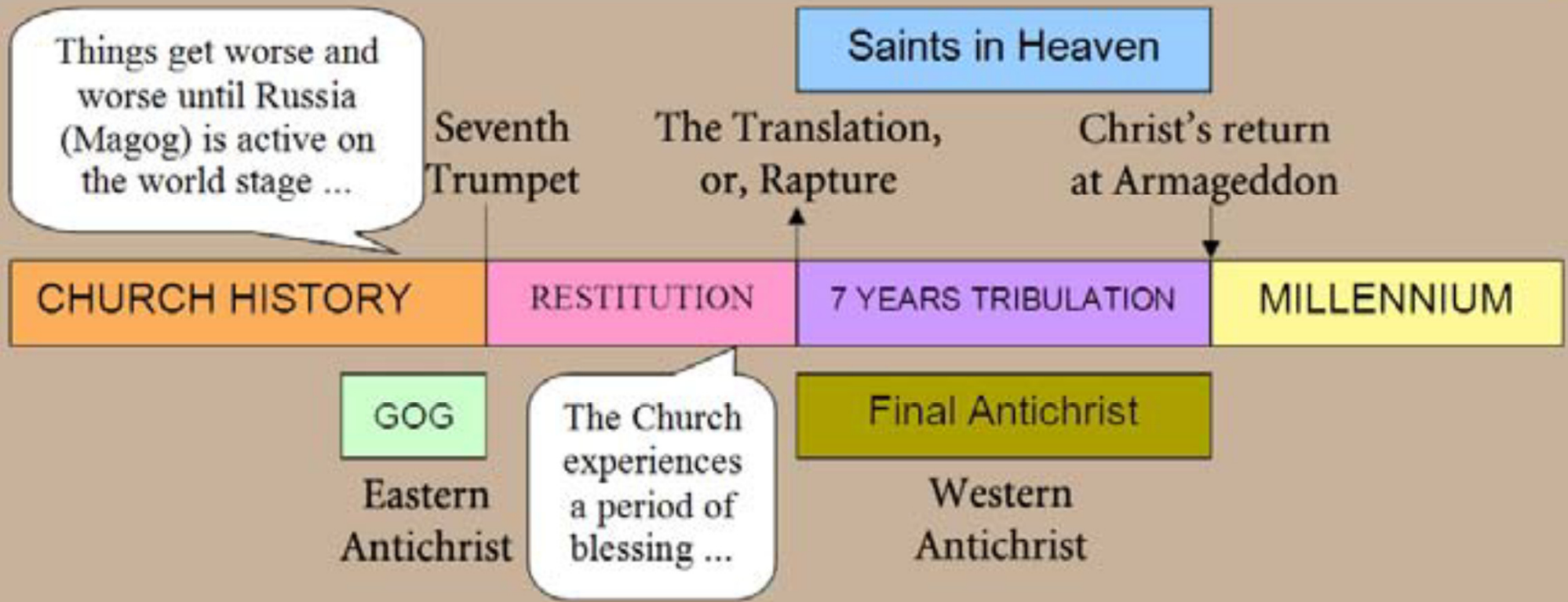
Ephesians 5:25-27 – a Word washed Church to be presented to Christ

Daniel 7:22 – judgment given = the judgment of discernment, and of coming into alignment with correct doctrines.

The future Gog invasion of Israel

Bible Prophecy	Bible reference
The Russian leader Gog invades Israel in a time of 'safety'	Ezekiel 38:1-4,14; 39:26
He has other Islamic nations as allies	Ezekiel 38:5,6
It is a major invasion covering Israel, involving air and land	Ezekiel 38:9; 39:2
It will be in the last days and before the Church is raptured	Ezekiel 38:16
The invading armies destroyed by rain, hail, fire and brimstone	Ezekiel 38:18-22
The destruction is known by all nations to be supernatural	Ezekiel 38:16,23; 39:21
Russia and its ally Islamic nations are laid waste, a major blow to Islam	Ezekiel 39:6
Natural Israel starts to turn to Christ from that time forward	Ezekiel 39:7,22

Prophetic overview



Note: The Eastern Antichrist (Gog) will be Infidel in nature, thus fulfilling the anti-religion propaganda of the Infidel period. The Western Antichrist will be very religious (see Revelation 13), reflecting what happens after Gog's fall.

The fall of Gog

“And I will call for a sword against him [Gog] throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.” (Ezekiel 38:21-23)

The fall of Gog



Chelyabinsk meteor over Russia in 2013. More of this meteor pack is due in 2025.
<<https://www.revolvy.com/page/Chelyabinsk-meteor>>

The Church must be ready at this time

“So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward. And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.”

(Ezekiel 39:22,23)

THE CHURCH MUST BE READY TO HARVEST

Listen also to the sermon “The future Gog invasion of Israel”.

The fall of Gog

“The fall of Gog must broadly stand for several key factors, the first being effectively the end of the power of Islam, and the second, the end of Christian compromise (the Laodicean spewing, i.e. of Ecumenism, carnality and modernist theology), and the third, the end of atheistic pride (see 2 Timothy 3:9).” (Verschuur & Savige, p. 384)

The Church will be cleansed

Christ will “present it [the Word washed Church] to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing”. (see Ephesians 5:26, 27)

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” (Revelation 14:12; see also Luke 18:8b - FAITH)

The lack of a standard Bible

Rejection of one Holy Bible
(one **WORD**) as the standard
of truth – “**having itching
ears**” (see 2 Timothy 4:3,4).

This results in the
disintegration of faith,
certainty, and Biblical
doctrine.

Table 1. Translations of Psalm 104:8a³

Translation	Agrees with: “They went up over the mountains and went down into the valleys”	Agrees with: “Mountains rose and the valleys sank down”
New American Standard		X
New International Version	X	
King James Version	X	
New King James Version	X	
English Standard Version		X
Holman Christian Standard		X
English translation of the Septuagint	X	
Revised Version (UK)	X	
Amplified Bible		X
Good News Bible	X	
New English Bible	X	
Revised Berkley		X
J.N. Darby's		X

Reference: The New Answers Book 4, AiG, 2013

There is a standard of truth – one Bible*

“And he shall set up an ensign for the nations”. (Isaiah 11:12a)

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:17)

* Read the book “[Why faith Christians should only use the King James Bible](#)” & look at the Pastor’s video “[Defending the King James Bible](#)”. (Victory Faith Centre website)



The Spirit empowered Church

The Church that God will use in the last days harvest of souls must be empowered and led by the Holy Ghost.

“But I will remove far off from you the northern army ... And it shall come to pass afterward [ie. after Gog’s defeat], 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.” (Joel 2:20a,28,29)

The Church will be cleansed

False doctrines, such as those against the King James Bible or against Pentecostalism, must be discarded.

Those who refuse to stop compromising will be spewed out: “So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.” (Revelation 3:16)

The Church will be cleansed

“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me **gold** tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and **white raiment**, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with **eyesalve**, that thou mayest see.” (Revelation 3:17,18)

Agreement with Word and Spirit

“Time leading to the Church Restitution calls for three things: gold, white raiment and eyesalve. These are symbols. Gold is a symbol for the works based on the Word and Spirit, that is, the Spirit-led knowledge of the pure Word of God (see Psalm 19:7–11, cf. Proverbs 25:11, 12). The white raiment is a symbol for righteousness, that is, of sanctification (see Revelation 19:8, cf. Ephesians 5:26). The eyesalve is a symbol for clarity of vision, that is, properly interpreting the Scripture, having correct doctrine and understanding Bible prophecy (Mark 13:5, 37, cf. Ephesians 1:18).” (Verschuur & Savige, p. 492).

The Church Restitution

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” (Revelation 3:19,20)

“Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.” (Isaiah 66:5)

DEATH BEFORE RESURRECTION



Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone.—John 12:24

“Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.” (Isaiah 26:2)

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.”

(Isaiah 59:19b; see also Matthew 24:14 & 28:18-20)

The Church will be very powerful

“The King James Bible Only Movement and the Word of Faith Movement have been steadfast in holding to the purity of God’s Word and faith in God. It would be of the greatest witness if a Christian held to both these views.”

(Verschuur & Savage, p. 712.)

Word (Scripture) + Spirit (God)

What does a Word and Spirit Church do?

Word

- Promotes the King James Bible, specifically the PCE
- Preaches the Law of God as necessary for evangelism
- Promotes missionary work through the teaching of English
- Teaches proper doctrines, such as creation and preservation
- Promotes prophetic interpretation of Scripture
- Preaches consistent faith doctrine



What does a Word and Spirit Church do?

Spirit

- Teaches about the Spirit of truth backing the Word
- Promotes Pentecostal doctrines and spiritual outworking
- Promotes Church Restitution through hearing the Spirit
- Teaches the full Gospel as necessary for nations to convert
- Promotes spiritual prowess for the least believer
- Promotes holy Church government as leading nations

Agreement with the Spirit of truth

The Holy Ghost – the Spirit of truth – has come and dwells in us.

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16)

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth” (John 16:13a)

INFIDELITY DESPERATELY FIGHTS THE IDEA OF
DIVINE LAW.

Are you a Word and Spirit Christian?

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” (1 John 2:15)

The time has come for many to repent.

Jesus says to the Laodicean Christians, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.”

(Revelation 3:19)

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