

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD AND SPIRIT MOVEMENT

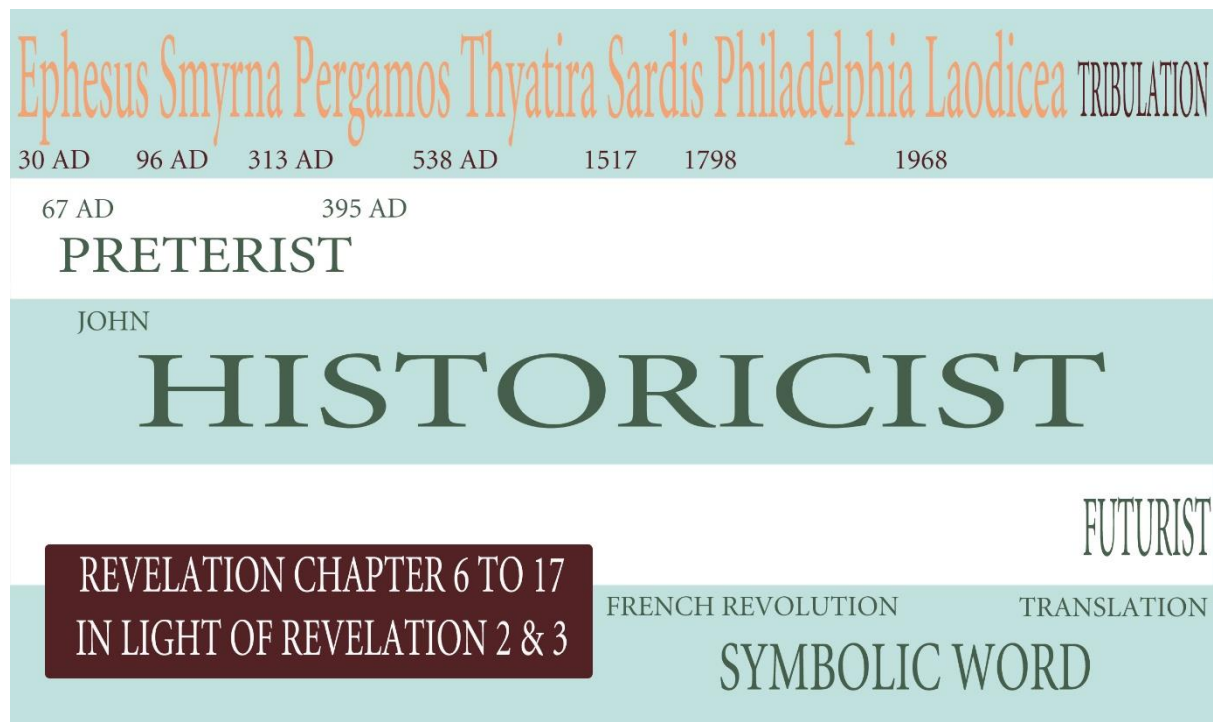
This is a lesson plan which is designed to help either in a Bible study or lecture style some fundamental foundations about the Word and Spirit Movement. (Matthew Verschuur, April 2021).

1. THE LAODICEAN PROPHECY

First, consider the big picture of Revelation chapters 2 and 3.

As a sequence, the 7 churches of Revelation give a timeline of church history, as taught by many commentators and interpreters.

The sequence view is a Historicist interpretation view, ironically, many who believe in the future rapture, tribulation and antichrist also believe that the seven churches go from the time of the Apostles to the future.



Have you heard that things are getting worse and that the end is coming soon?

Do you see things going downhill in churches and society?

Have you heard about the Laodicean prophecy, which says that the Church is becoming lukewarm, compromised?

Didn't Jesus and Paul say the love of many shall wax (grow) old, that iniquity would abound, and that there would be seducers, deceivers and false prophets and wolves who would not spare the flock?

[READ THE LAST PORTION OF REVELATION CHAPTER THREE](#)

Actually, Jesus is going to spew out offenders.

Jesus said to be rich (having truth), clothed (holy) and seeing (interpreting the Bible properly).

Jesus said be zealous and repent, and if you open the door, there is a supper, the symbol for great blessing and provision.

You see, that's not a negative view for believers today or in the near future.

**This helps us begin
to construct a
timeline**

2. THE RESTITUTION PROPHECY

Restitution is the paying back of what was stolen, but paying back more. See the laws below.

Exodus 22:1–9

IF a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.

2 If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, *there shall* no blood *be shed* for him.

3 If the sun be risen upon him, *there shall be* blood *shed* for him; *for* he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

4 If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double.

5 If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

6 If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed *therewith*; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, let him pay double.

8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges, *to see* whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods.

9 For all manner of trespass, *whether it be* for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, *or* for any manner of lost thing, which *another* challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; *and* whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

There is a principle that when the thief is identified, they must pay back seven times as much.

Proverbs 6:30, 31

30 *Men* do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

31 But *if* he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Consider now the history of the Church. It has sown much. Yet much is stolen. We can identify the thief (see John 10:10).

James 5:4–7

4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

6 Ye have condemned *and* killed the just; *and* he doth not resist you.

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

There must therefore be an end times wealth transfer to the righteous.

Proverbs 13:22

22 A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.

It needs to happen before the second coming.

Acts 3:19–26

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 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.

22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23 And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Those promises are throughout the Old Testament.

These blessings are now, when there are enemies present.

Psalms 23:5

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.



3. THE REVELATION 14 PROPHECY

Revelation 14 in the Historicist interpretation begins with the Wesleyan revival. Verse 12 began in about 1968.

Revelation 14:12

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

There are broadly two pillars or traditions in the Protestant Church:

| KEEP COMMANDMENTS | FAITH OF JESUS |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| WORD | SPIRIT |
| Puritans | Evangelicals |
| Baptists, Presbyterians | Holiness tradition |
| Emphasise Bible | Emphasise relationship with God |
| Emphasise doctrine | Emphasise Christian living |
| Fundamentalists | Pentecostal |
| King James Bible | Word of Faith |

Revelation 14:13

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

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| (JOHN) WRITES | SPIRIT SAYS |
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The works follow both sides:

| WORD CHRISTIANS | SPIRIT CHRISTIANS |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Oliver Cromwell | John Wesley |
| Samuel Hartlib | Charles Finney |
| Henry Morris | Smith Wigglesworth |
| Ian Paisley | Kenneth Hagin |
| Recent ministers | Recent ministers |

There is something called the accumulating reaping of all prayers and works of history. We enter into that harvest.

1 Corinthians 3:6–8

6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

John 4:37, 38

37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Galatians 6:9

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

We should believe and confess we are reapers.

Revelation 14:14–16

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.

16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

The mighty angel reaping is a picture of the reaping Church in the Church Restitution.



Bringing in the sheaves with rejoicing!

4. SMITH WIGGLESWORTH



Smith Wigglesworth was a Pentecostal pioneer in the first half of the 20th century. This story speaks for itself.

“One day God said to me, ‘Come out.’ I had not been in long. I was in the Wesleyan Church. Was there anything wrong? No. Only God said, Come out. He had something further. The Salvation Army was in full swing. I was very anxious to get the best. Revival was at full, but they turned to other things. So God said, Come out. We need to have the hearing of faith, always soaring higher, understanding the leading of the Spirit. Oh, the breath of God. Then I went to the brethren, they had the Word, but so much of the letter with it, and splitting of hairs. God said, Come out. Oh, they said, he has gone again, there is no satisfying him. Then came the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with signs following according to Acts 2. God alone speaking. Faith bringing us to a place of revelation to cover us, God coming in and manifesting His power.”

“For many years the Lord has been moving me on and keeping me from spiritual stagnation. When I was in the Wesleyan Methodist Church I was sure I was saved and was sure I was all right. The Lord said to me, ‘Come out,’ and I came out. When I was with the people known as the Brethren I was sure I was all right now. But the Lord said, ‘Come out.’ Then I went into the Salvation Army. At that time it was full of life and there were revivals everywhere. But the Salvation Army went into natural things and the great revivals that they had in those early days ceased. The Lord said to me, ‘Come out,’ and I came out. I have had to come out three times since. I believe that this Pentecostal revival that we are now in is the best thing that the Lord has on the earth today, and yet I believe that God has something out of this that is going to be still better. God has no use for any man who is not hungering and thirsting for yet more of Himself and His righteousness.”

“For years and years God has been making me appear to hundreds and thousands of people as a fool. I remember the day when He saved me and when He called me out. If there is a thing God wants to do today, He wants to be as real to you and me as He was to Abraham.

“After I was saved I joined myself up to a very lively lot of people who were full of a revival spirit, and it was marvellous how God blest. And then there came a lukewarmness and indifference, and God said to me as clearly as anything, ‘Come out.’ I obeyed and came out. The people said, ‘We cannot understand you. We need you now and you are leaving us.’ The Plymouth brethren at that time were in a Conference. The Word of God was with them in power, the love of God was with them unveiled. Baptism by immersion was revealed to me, and when my friends saw me go into the water

they said I was altogether wrong, But God had called me and I obeyed. The day came when I saw that the brethren had dropped down to the letter, all letter, dry and barren.

“At that time the Salvation Army was filled with love, filled with power, filled with zeal; every place a revival, and I joined up with them. For about six years the glory of God was there, and then the Lord said again, ‘Come out,’ and I was glad I came. It dropped right into a social movement and God has no place for a social movement. We are saved by regeneration and the man who is going on with God has no time for social reforms. God moved on, and at that time there were many people who were receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost without signs. Those days were ‘days of heaven on earth.’ God unfolded the truth, showed the way of sanctification by the power of the blood of Christ, and I saw in that the great inflow of the life of God. I thank God for that, but God came along again and said, ‘Come out.’ I obeyed God and went with what they called the ‘tongues’ folks; they got the credit for having further light.

“I saw God advancing every movement I made, and I can see even in this Pentecostal work, except we see there is a real death, God will say to us, ‘Come out.’ Unless Pentecost wakes up to shake herself free from all worldly things and comes into a place of the divine-likeness with God, we will hear the voice of God, ‘Come out’ and He will have something far better than this. I ask every one of you, will you hear the voice of God and come out? You ask, ‘What do you mean?’ Everyone of you knows without exception, there is no word for Pentecost, only being on fire. If you are not on fire, you are not in the place of regeneration. It is only the fire of God that burns up the entanglements of the world.”

“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.’”

The coming move of God would be beyond Pentecostalism.

The Charismatic–Word of Faith movement restored the gifts. There was no central or head of the movement, though Kenneth Hagin was respected as a leader in the Word of Faith Movement.

The second move has been more imperceptible, including creationists, evangelical Calvinists, independent fundamentalist Baptists and even Word of Faith. This has been a more diverse work, emphasising inspiration (e.g. John MacArthur), the authority of Scripture and creation (e.g. Ken Ham), the doctrine of salvation (e.g. Ray Comfort) and the reliability of Scripture with the use and defence of the King James Bible (e.g. KJB only movement).

Word and Spirit combines advanced Word of Faith with advanced KJBO and goes beyond them and all to a new level.

5. THE GOG/MAGOG PROPHECY

The big picture is that Ezekiel 38 and 39 show a prophecy of a northern invasion of Israel, which is supernaturally thwarted.

This northern based army is from Magog, which is Russia. Although the war looks dire, the sudden destruction of the armies is a real eye opener.

The result is the concerted conversion of the Jews and, importantly, that the heathen know that the Bible is true and that they also believe. This is where God's outpouring of His Spirit is.

This allows us to plot a series of events on a timeline as follows:

- The start of the Laodicean church period of compromise
- The patience of the saints
- The rise of Russia
- The fall of Russia in Israel
- Great revival, harvest and restitution

The timeline can be filled in with further details.

There are many other passages not in this study but are relevant.

Here are a few examples: Isaiah 60:1-3, 1 Peter 2:12, Habakkuk 2:14, Romans 16:26, etc.