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Revelation Chapter 2 Bible Study

RECAP:

The first thing that I'd like to say is "welcome to Revelation chapter 2 part A". But before we get started looking at Revelation chapter 2, I want to once again encourage you to stay the course during this study.

Much of what we've talked about earlier on in both the introduction to this study, and chapter 1 of this study are essential precepts that must be understood before venturing into the proverbial meat and potatoes of the book of Revelation. And I know that at times you may feel like we're not moving along as quickly as you may like. But I want us to understand the importance of understanding these beginning precepts before we move on into the rest of the text. Because if we don't understand the more minute things in the beginning of the book of Revelation, we're not going to understand the rest of the book of Revelation.

And so, I want to both, thank you for your patience, and encourage you, to have the patience required to build our foundational understanding of the book of Revelation on the rock of Scripture, instead of just rushing through things and not having any foundational understanding at all because we've built our foundation in the sand, the way that so many people do.

With that being said, let's take just a couple of moments to recap what we already know about the book of Revelation so that we can once again build a solid foundation built on the rock of truth before we move forward.

(scrn 1)

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Here, I've provided a list of at least some of the things that we've already covered in our study into the book of Revelation. One of the very first things that we discussed over the past couple

of weeks was the chain of command upon which the book of Revelation was handed down. **(scrn 2)**

- Yahovah (Our Elohim (God))
- Yahshua (His Son (our Messiah))
- Yahshua's Angel (messenger)
- John (The Apostle)
- You and I (The body)

Right off the bat in Revelation chapter 1 verse one, we're told by the apostle John that this Revelation that we are reading here today is Yahovah's revelation concerning his Son. Yahweh, the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob gave this Revelation to his only begotten Son Yeshua, who then gave this Revelation to his Angel, who then gave this revelation to John, who is now giving this revelation to you and I.

That's the chain of command that we see in the very first sentence of the book of Revelation. This chain of command cannot be denied. This chain of command cannot be debated, nor can it be changed to fit someone's theological or philosophical understanding. This is the chain of command that we see written within our God breathed Scripture. And one of the most important things that we can understand before we ever even get started studying the book of Revelation, is where it originated from. And according to our God breathed Scripture, this revelation originated with the Father. **(scrn 3)**

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We also talked about the number seven, and the fact that the number seven represents perfection, and completion. And if we'll remember correctly, I challenge you to read through the book of Revelation and to try to list all of the sevens that you could find in the book of Revelation. Because there are literally hundreds of sevens that you can find in the book of Revelation. Last week we spoke about just a handful of them. **(scrn 4)**

Seven Lampstands

Seven Spirits

Seven Stars

Seven Lamps

Seven Horns

Seven Eyes
Seven Thousand
Seven Mountains
Seven Kings
Seven Angles
Seven Thunders
Seven Heads
Seven Crowns
Seven Plagues

(scrn 5)

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We also spoke about the fact that we will continuously see the Son being subordinate to the Father, not only in the book of Revelation... but all throughout the Scripture, from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation. We continuously see that the Son is indeed subordinate to his Father. Yeshua Hamashiach (Jesus in the Greek) is always subordinate to the Father who created him from the body of David clear back in second Samuel chapter 7.

If we truly care to know who our Messiah is... and we truly care to know where he came from... We need to read the book for ourselves. We need to read second Samuel chapter 7 so that we can understand who our Messiah is, and where he came from, and why he was able to be the propitiation for the sins of man. And just in case we have any new viewers with us here today, I'd like to read those five versus found in second Samuel chapter 7 versus 12 through 16
(scrn 6)

2Sa 7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2Sa 7:14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,

2Sa 7:15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.

2Sa 7:16 *And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”*

Now... you can beat on your chest, you can pound on your desk, you can jump up and down and holler and scream all you want. But this is who our Messiah is, and this is where our Messiah comes from according to our God breathed Scriptures and nowhere else. This does not come from the wisdom of men, this does not come from a denominational charter of men, this does not come from a Council of men, this comes from our God breathed the Scriptures, that our Elohim gave to us so that we would understand who our Messiah is, and where he came from. We need not guess, we need not ponder, we need not wonder... we need not build a new theological understanding... Or a new denomination. We need not attach any philosophy to it... we need not confuse the masses, or muddy the waters, or preach and teach anything else.

In the third chapter of the book of Genesis we hear told that it would be the seed of a woman who would crush the serpent's head. Get that my friends... "The seed of a woman". What is the seed of a woman? The seed of a woman is a man. And so, we are told from the very beginning of the book that it would indeed be a man who would crush the head of the serpent.

When Moses wrote about our Messiah in Deuteronomy chapter 18 versus 15 through 19, he told the house of Israel that he would raise up a prophet like Moses from among the house of Israel. Who were the house of Israel? Who was Moses? Moses was a man, the house of Israel were men. David was a man. And it was the very loins of David that our Messiah was raised up from. And Moses tells us very clearly in Deuteronomy chapter 18 versus 15 through 19, that Yahweh himself told Moses that he was going to raise up a man from among them that they were to listen to. Furthermore... Yahovah tells Moses to tell the house of Israel that he would put his words in this prophets mouth, and that this prophet would speak to them everything that Yahovah commanded him, and that this prophet would speak in the name of Yahovah the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This is what Moses wrote, and taught about our Messiah, and this is what our Messiah said that Moses spoke of him in John chapter 5 verse 46.

And so, there should be no doubt, or confusion, or cloudiness about where our Messiah came from, and who our Messiah is, was, and always will be. Just as Paul tells us in second Timothy chapter 2 versus five and six: **(scrn 7)**

1Ti 2:5 *For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,*

and so, I don't want there to be any doubt about who our Messiah was or where he came from, and there is a whole separate study that we can do on this particular topic that I won't get into here today for time's sake because that would take us into another whole study, and it would take us away from our study into the book of Revelation. But... it is foundational for us to know, and to understand who our Messiah is, and why it is that he is subordinate to his Father. **(scrn 8)**

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We also spoke last week, about the fact that both the Father and the Son will indeed return to the earth. Not just one or the other, but both. And we spoke very briefly about whose feet the Scripture says will touch down on the mount of olives. And according to our God breathed Scripture found in Zachariah chapter 14 verses one through four... it will indeed be the feet of the Father who sits down on the mount of olives. And this should not surprise us, knowing that we've already been told that it is our Father in heaven who will come and make the enemies of his only begotten Son his footstool. (**scrn 9**)

Psa 110:1 A Psalm of David. The **LORD** says to my **Lord**: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”

Psa 110:2 The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!

Psa 110:3 Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

Psa 110:4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

Psa 110:5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

Psa 110:6 He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

Psa 110:7 He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

I want us to notice here in this Old Testament writing, the differences between the two words, “Lord” in verse one. If you will notice, the first word “Lord” is capitalized, whereas the second word “Lord” is not capitalized. There’s a reason for that. If you’ll remember from last week’s study, when we see the word “Lord” in the Old Testament... the majority of the time, this is the Hebrew name of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

So, what we have here if read properly... is “Yahovah says to my “adon”... which is a reference to a man... a superintendent of household affairs. Clearly... what David is telling us here in Psalms 110 is that Yahovah is saying to his only begotten Son... sit at my right hand until I

make your enemies your footstool. Now how do we know that for certain? Well let's turn to Luke chapter 20 versus 41 through 44: **(scrn 10)**

Act 2:32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

Act 2:33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Act 2:34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,

Act 2:35 until I make your enemies your footstool."

Act 2:36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Clearly, we see both the old, and the new Testaments agreeing... That our Father in heaven is going to make the enemies of our Messiah our Messiah's footstool.

And so, my point in all of this is that we should not be surprised that both the Father and the Son are returning in the book of Revelation, because we've already been told that the Father is going to make the enemies of his Son his footstool. What we're reading in the book of Revelation is exactly how, and when our Father is going to make the enemies of his only begotten Son... his sons footstool. And so, we should not be surprised to see both Father and son returning the book of Revelation if we've read the whole book and not just half of it. And even if you've only read half of the book... We should still know that our Father has promised to make the enemies of his son, his footstool, because it's written in both the old, and the new Testaments.

And just as a side note... Psalms 110 also mentions our Messiah as being a high priest after the order of Melkisedek. And we also see that in the book of Hebrews chapter 7 and eight. And so, that should also help us to understand that David is clearly talking about our Messiah in Psalms 110.

We also talked about the fact that God is not a man, nor is he a son of man according to numbers chapter 23 verse 19. We also talked about why it was that Yeshua often times appears to look like his Father. And we talked about why the face of our Messiah shone like the sun, and we went back to look at the Transfiguration of our Messiah when he was standing on the mountain with Moses and Elijah in Matthew chapter 17. And we also spoke about how Moses face shone like the sun after coming down from speaking with Yah on the top of the mountain, and how he had to put a veil over his face when he spoke to the people because they were afraid of him because his face shone like the sun. And you can find that in Exodus chapter 34.

We also spoke about why both the Father and the Son are often times described as being the first and the last. We know that our Father in heaven earned the title of the first and the last in

Isaiah chapter 41 verse four, because he was the one who called forth the generations from the first and the last. And we know that our Messiah will also call forth the generations from the dead... From the first to the last to everlasting life... and therefore... both the Father and the Son rightfully hold the title of being the first in the last.

We also spoke about the bronze feet of our Messiah, and how the shadow picture of our Messiah shines forth from the Torah back in numbers chapter 21 when Moses was told to put a bronze serpent (which represents sin), on a pole so that when his people were bitten by snakes, they could look upon this representation of sin that was mounted on this pole... and they would live. Which pointed directly to the crucifixion of our Messiah who was the representation of sin that was mounted on a pole... Who just like that serpent... had the ability to once again give life to those who were condemned to death.

We also spoke about the divine Council of our Father in heaven that we're told about in the book of Psalms chapter 82. And we spoke about the fact that there are many gods that can be found within our Scripture. In fact... our Father himself calls his divine Council, "god's". And so, while there is only one God of gods, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, there are other Elohim who are called Elohim (which is the Hebrew word for God) that are found within our Scripture. And once again my friends, this is not according to any wisdom of men. This is not according to any Council of men, this is not according to any denominational charter of men, this is according to our God breathed Scriptures.

And so once again, I would submit to you my friends that understanding these things that are the very milk of God's word... are tectonically important for us to understand before venturing into the meat of Yah's word. And one of the main reasons that we're going back through them so often here in the beginning, is because so many modern-day Christians are not taught any of these things, because they have been wrongfully, and shamefully taught to completely ignore the first half of their Bibles. They have been wrongfully, and shamefully taught that the Old Testament has been completely thrown away by their Messiah. Even though their own Messiah tells them very clearly that not the crossing of a T, or the dotting of an I, would pass from his Father's law until heaven and earth pass away, and all things are complete. Which does not happen until Revelation chapter 21... and we'll clearly see that in our study as we move forward, and that will become more evident to you as we progress.

And so, now that we've properly gone over the milk of our Fathers word, let's move into chapter 2 of the book of Revelation. Let's turn to Revelation chapter 2 so that we can read exactly what it does say, and just as importantly... what it does not say. Revelation chapter 2:

Rev 2:1 *"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.*

Rev 2:2 *"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.*

Rev 2:3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.

Rev 2:4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Rev 2:6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Rev 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

Rev 2:8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

Rev 2:9 "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

Rev 2:10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Rev 2:11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

Rev 2:12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

Rev 2:13 "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality.

Rev 2:15 So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

Rev 2:16 Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.

Rev 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

Rev 2:18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

Rev 2:19 "I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.

Rev 2:20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.

Rev 2:21 I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.

Rev 2:22 Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works,

Rev 2:23 and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.

Rev 2:24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden.

Rev 2:25 Only hold fast what you have until I come.

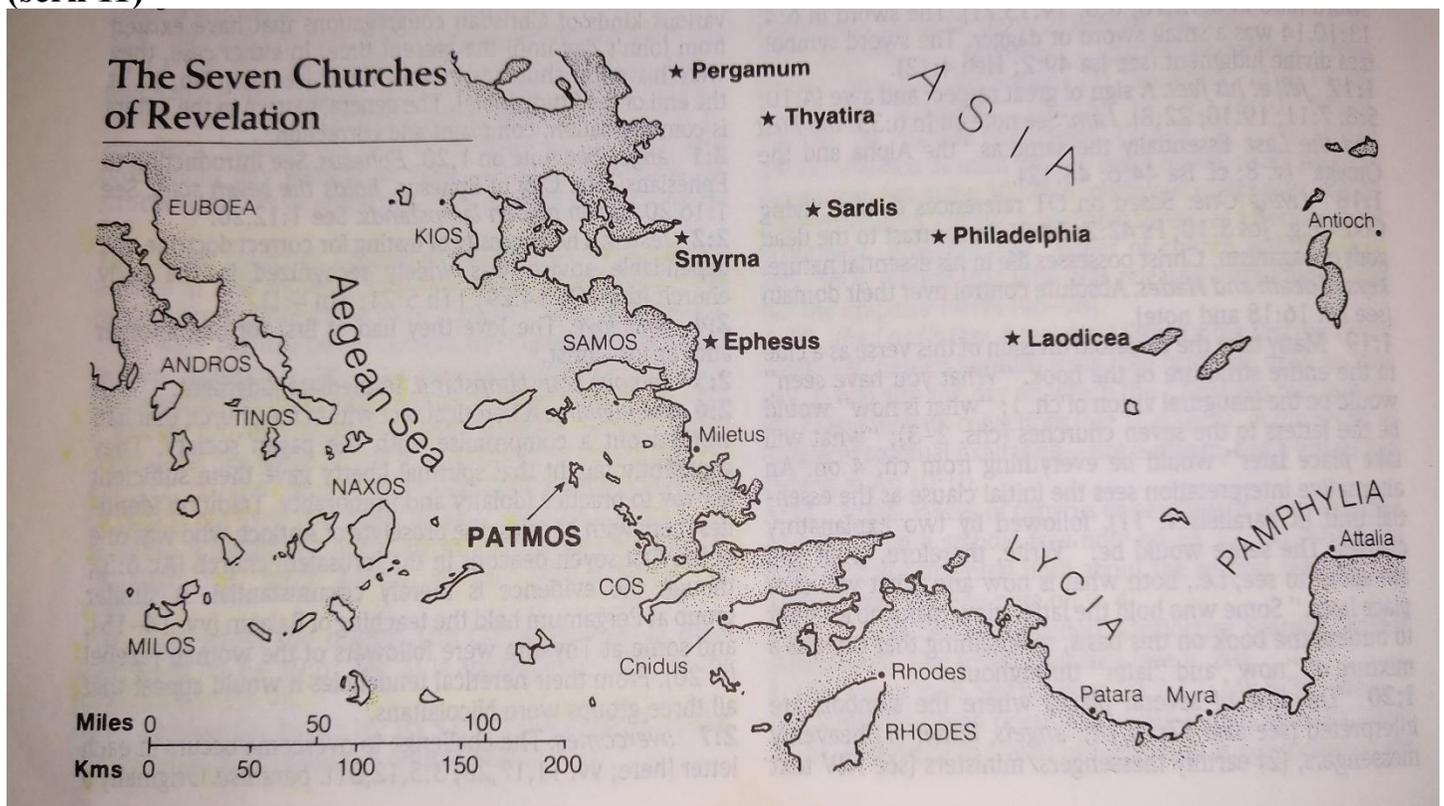
Rev 2:26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,

Rev 2:27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

Rev 2:28 And I will give him the morning star.

Rev 2:29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

(scrn 11)



As we can clearly see on our map here, the island of Patmos is located just off the shore of Turkey in the Aegean Sea. And the seven churches that Yahovah wants these letters delivered to are in a circular pattern as the Crow flies. These churches would have been some of the closest churches to the island of Patmos, and so, it shouldn't surprise us that these are the churches that our Father in heaven wanted John to deliver these seven letters to. And once again, as we read through these letters, we can see that the context of these letters addresses many of the problems that we have within our churches today.

Some take these seven letters as a preview of church history on its downward course towards being lukewarm. And although we can certainly find some evidence to corroborate that theory... I do not believe that these seven letters have anything to do with different dispensations of time. These seven letters were given to the seven churches as an example of what to do.. and what not to do, as well as what to watch out for not only in their time, but also in ours.

And I want us to pay close attention to what we find in verse two. (scrn 12)

Rev 2:2 "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.

Once again my friends, I would suggest to you that these letters have nothing to do with dispensations of time. This re-letter warning is just as much relevant today (if not more so) than it was in the days of those early assemblies. I would submit to you my friends that there is much more deception in the world today than there was back in the days of those seven churches. Today's modern-day Christian denominational churches, are even farther off course today, then they ever were back in the days of John and the apostles. Although we both face the same deceptions, we now have literally thousands of denominational churches that are preaching and teaching nothing more than a Roman rooted version of Catholicism... which they wrongly call... Christianity. And if I've said it 1000 times, I'll say it another thousand times... Catholicism is not... and I repeat not.. Christianity. Catholicism is Catholicism, and it is not Christianity. Our Messiah knows that, the apostles knew that, the early church founders knew that, and we ought to know it is well. And we'll clarify that fact as we continue in our study into the book of Revelation in the weeks to come.

And so, I want us to take these words to heart that we find in verse two of chapter 2. I want us to understand that our Father in heaven does indeed know our works, and he understands our toil and our patient endurance. And this is exactly why we cannot bear with those who are evil. And I want us to understand who it is that he's calling evil here. Who is it that he's calling evil here in verse two? Those who call themselves apostles and are not, but are found to be false. That's who he's calling evil here. Who is that my friends? That my friends is anyone who is preaching and teaching things not found anywhere within our God breathed Scripture. And once again, I want us to clearly understand what the job of a pastor is according to our God breathed

Scripture.

According to our God breathed Scripture the job of a pastor is twofold. It is to equip the Saints for the work of ministry number one... and number two, it is to protect them from every wind of doctrine that comes out of the mouth of a man, and human cunning, and deceitful schemes. That my friends, is the twofold job of any pastor according to the Scripture. (scrn 13)

Eph 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,

Eph 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Eph 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Eph 4:14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

And so, when we read Revelation chapter 2 verse two, we should be able to know, and to understand how our Father and his only begotten Son feel about those who call themselves apostles and are not. Much like those who call themselves Jews and are not. And that's another topic that we'll get into as we move forward in our study this morning. This does not apply only to Judaism, nor does it apply only to Christianity. It applies to both Judaism and Christianity. A false apostle, is a false apostle, is a false apostle. And that person has much to worry about.

Let's move on to versus three and four: (scrn 14)

Rev 2:3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.

Rev 2:4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

I want us to see here in verse three, that the assembly in Ephesus was and I quote, "enduring patiently". What does that mean, to "endure patiently"? What it means is, that the assembly of Ephesus was not bowing down to the false apostles of their day. Once again, the assembly at Ephesus could not bear those who are evil, those who they tested and found to be false apostles. This is the endurance that we are all called to my friends.

As of this teaching here today, it's December 15th, 2018. And what are people gearing up for right now as we speak? A false holiday, that is wrongfully, and shamefully called a "Christian holiday" by those who do not read their Bible for themselves... A holiday predicated on a barefaced lie... that according to the Catholic encyclopedia itself... comes from the throes of Egypt... A man-made Roman rooted holiday called "Christ-mass".

They bald-face lie... to their children and to the world, about it being our Messiah's birthday. Knowing full well that it is not. Knowing full well that that's not found anywhere in their God breathed Scripture. Knowing full well that that is a man-made Roman rooted deception that was concocted by false apostles who have added to... and taken away from... Yah's word. (scrn 15)

Deu 12:32 "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

There are many of us who at this time of year endure patiently for his namesake. We know that we are commanded not to lie... let alone... lie to our children. And for those of you who think it's okay to lie to your children... I want to read you something from your own God breathed Scripture here today. (scrn 16)

Mar 9:42 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

You go ahead, and you continue lying to your children about some immortal toy God who comes out of the sky on his chariot, and who comes out of the fireplace to give your children all the desires of their hearts. You go ahead and you continue lying to your children about magical flying reindeer, and the divination of magical elves. You go ahead and continue lying to your children, about how the birth of our Messiah is all about them and how many presents they pull out from underneath that pagan Evergreen tree that you put in your living room. And you will indeed make yourself equal with the false apostles, and the Nicolaitans who thought it was okay to drag paganism into the church that our Messiah says that he hates.

And for those of you who have never heard this before, I would invite you to visit us at our website at holyimpactministries.com. We've got several teachings concerning the wicked lie of Christ mass. And if you're not aware of these lies, and these deceptions, and if your pastor is not teaching you, and protecting you against every wind of doctrine that comes out of the mouth of a man, and human cunning, and human deception... then you need to visit us at HolyImpactMinistries.com and you need to click on our teachings concerning these kinds of false man-made, man concocted, Roman rooted, myths that the world today calls Christian... holidays.

Once again my friends, there's nothing dispensational about this message to the church of Ephesus. This message is for you and I today, and it has been for all assemblies throughout all of time, and it will become even more prevalent to us all as time marches on.

Our Messiah continues to tell the assembly at Ephesus to go back to the love that they first had. What does that mean? To go back to the love that they had? All of us, when we first hear the truth of our Fathers word, and we know that it's the truth... Have a deep-seated love for that

truth. Many of us, when we first hear the truth of God's word, and when we first begin to study, and when we first began to learn these things, we are like little children who have found something shiny and new. We're excited about it. We want to tell others about it. We begin looking for things to do that we know we should have been doing all along but were not. We begin to study more. We begin to pray more. We begin to look at our history to see where prophecy has already come true. We dig in, we take hold, we study to show ourselves approved and we buckle ourselves down putting on the full armor of God so that we can stand in the evil day.

But over a period of time... after the world has worn us down... we begin to lose that first love. The love that we had in the beginning when we first met our Messiah begins to grow old, and the world begins to wear us down, and our friends and our family turn away from us, and the people that we were once friends with... no longer want to be friends with us, and our adversary begins to trick us into thinking that were all alone.

And so, our Messiah is telling the assembly at Ephesus that even though they are enduring, and even though they are testing these false apostles, they are beginning to slip... and they're beginning to allow the world to wear them down. And our Messiah says that this is what he holds against them. This once again is a lesson for all of us throughout all of time. I would submit to you my friends that this is a lesson for all of humanity, and not just for the church of Ephesus, or some dispensational time period.

And so, let's hear what else our Messiah has to say in Revelation chapter 2 versus five through seven: **(scrn 17)**

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Rev 2:6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Rev 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

Once again, our Messiah tells them that they have fallen from that place where they were when they first loved him. And he tells them that they need to get back to that place, and they need to repent from being complacent, and apathetic, because if they don't, he will indeed come and remove their lampstand from its place unless they repent.

Now my friends, for anybody out there within the sound of my voice that believes in a "once saved always saved" doctrine of demons... this should be a wake-up call for you. There is no such thing as "once saved always saved". Not for a Christian, or anyone else. Our Messiah tells us very here very clearly in the book of Revelation that if our first love for him grows cold, and we become apathetic, and we become complacent in our faith, that he will indeed remove our

lampstand from its place. What does that mean? It means he will remove your crown, your salvation. (scrn 18)

Heb 10:26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Heb 10:27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Heb 10:29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

Heb 10:30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."

Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

And this is not the only place that we see this found in our Scripture. In both the Old Testament, and the New Testament, it is written that only those who endure to the end will be saved. (scrn 19)

Mat 24:10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.

Mat 24:11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

Mat 24:12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

Mat 24:13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

(scrn 20)

Heb 6:4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit,

Heb 6:5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come,

Heb 6:6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

(scrn 21)

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Rev 2:6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

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Something else that I want us to notice in verse six of Revelation is the mention of the "Nicolaitans". I want us to notice that our Messiah absolutely, and I quote, "hates" the Nicolaitans. The Nicolaitans were a heretical sect within the assembly that had worked out a compromise with the pagan society. These Nicolaitans taught that spiritual liberty gave them sufficient leeway to practice idolatry and immorality. Some historians identify them with "Nicholas", the proselyte of Antioch who was one of the first seven deacons in the Jerusalem church. And many other historians and researchers also identify them with St. Nicholas also known as "Santa Claus".

Now want to stop right here for just a moment because I want us to think about who these Nicolaitans are (regardless of whether or not Santa Claus has anything to do with the Nicolaitans or this Nicholas of Antioch).

What we do know without a doubt, is that our Messiah hates these Nicolaitans. And we also know from our history books that these Nicolaitans were dragging paganism into the early assemblies. And from what we've already read in the first three verses of Revelation chapter 2, the context of this Scripture is about false apostles. And I would submit to you my friends that we were warned about these false apostles coming into the assembly all throughout our Scripture in both the Old, and the New Testaments. (**scrn 22**)

Jud 1:4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Jud 1:5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

Jud 1:6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—

Jud 1:7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

Jud 1:8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

It should be clear to us that these Nicolaitans, as well as many other false apostles that are in our churches right now today... are indeed these people who have crept in unnoticed who were designated for this condemnation. Ungodly people who pervert the grace of our God into

sensuality and deny our only master and Lord Yeshua Hamashiach. Once saved always saved, dispensational grace, replacement theology, pre-tribulation rescue, and the list goes on, and on, and on. Christ-mass, Good Friday, Easter, the first day of the week Sunday Sabbath, none of it is found anywhere within the pages of our God breathed Scripture. No one anywhere, at any time ever commanded us to keep a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath. Not one priest, not one apostle, not one heaven sent Angel, not one profit, not the Son, and certainly not the Father, have ever commanded us to keep a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath. That my friends... is Catholicism. And once again, if I've said it 1000 times, I'll say it a thousand times more... Catholicism is not Christianity. Catholicism is Catholicism. It is a Roman rooted man-made religion concocted by councils of men and not by the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

But do we listen? Do we hear what the Scriptures are shouting from the pages of our Bibles? The very first thing that our Messiah said to his apostles in Matthew chapter 24, when they asked him "what will be the sign of your coming at the end of the age?"... Is "*see to it that no one leads you astray*". Those were the very first red -etter words that came out of his mouth when the apostles wanted to know what would be the sign of his coming at the end of the age. "*See to it that no one leads you astray*". He said "*for many will come in my name saying I am the Messiah, and they will lead many astray.*" But do we take those red-letter words seriously? Because I would submit to you my friends that today's modern-day professing Christians who have bought into today's Roman rooted denominational religion have no idea what to watch out for. They have no idea what they've been caught up in. They have no idea that they are wearing chains and shackles around their wrists and ankles right now. And not only are they wearing chains and shackles... but so too are their children and their children's children wearing those same chains and shackles because this is what they're teaching them.

They've bought into these Nicolaitans who have now created over 50,000 different Christian denominations around the world all preaching and teaching 50,000 different doctrines, theologies, and philosophies, and yet... all proclaiming to be preaching and teaching out of the same book.

Certain people have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only master and Lord Yeshua Hamashiach. I would submit to you my friends that we are living in that day right now as we speak. The world can't even identify Christianity anymore without looking to the Vatican, and its false pagan Roman rooted rubbish that it has rubbed the noses of today's Christian churches in for generations. I would submit to you my friends that the Nicolaitans and their pagan myths are alive and well to this very day.

(scrn 23)

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I want us to also make mention of the fact that our Messiah tells us in verse seven that he will grant to eat of the tree of life, only those who **conquer!** In other words my friends, if you do not **conquer**, then you do not have a seat at the table. Just as our Messiah tells us in the book of Matthew chapter 24 verse 13: **(scrn 24)**

Mat 24:13 *But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*

It is he who endures to the end, he who conquers, that will be allowed to eat of the tree of life, not the one who runs around saying "I believe, I believe, I believe" like some kind of dysfunctional parrot. You either understand the love of God written in first John chapter 5 verse three... or you don't. **(scrn 25)**

2Pe 2:19 *They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.*

2Pe 2:20 *For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.*

2Pe 2:21 *For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.*

2Pe 2:22 *What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."*

Once again my friends, I want you to notice that these people are indeed slaves of corruption. The chains, and the shackles that they wear bind them because they have allowed themselves to be caught up in this corruption. Once again, the "once saved always saved" man-made Roman rooted doctrine of demons can be clearly exposed and annihilated in the Scripture. Those who return like a dog to their vomit, and a pig to their mire are now in a worse predicament than they were before they ever even heard the gospel message. As the Scripture says... "It would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. The last state has become worse for them than the first!"

Moving on to Revelation chapter 2 versus eight and nine: **(scrn 26)**

Rev 2:8 *"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.*

Rev 2:9 *"I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.*

Once again, we find a parallel Scripture here in verse nine, that parallels what we find in verse two. Notice that in verse two our Messiah tells the church at Ephesus that he knows that they have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not. Here in Revelation chapter 2 verse nine he tells the church at Smyrna that he also knows about those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan.

And this once again should be of no surprise to us if we have read the rest of the book. Let's turn to Romans chapter 2 versus 28 and 29 (**scrn 27**)

Joh 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Joh 8:45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

This is what our Messiah called the scribes and the Pharisees who were the pastors and priests of his time.

There's a whole teaching that can be done concerning who was a Jew and who is not a Jew, but I will attempt to teach this as quickly as I can for those of you who may not already have this understanding. What we need to understand first and foremost is that a true Jew is someone who accepts their Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach as their Messiah.

You can say that you're a Jew all day long, you can order your DNA test, and you can spend hundreds of dollars proving that you have the blood of a Jew running through your veins. But this does not mean that you are Jew. You can have all kinds of documentation, you can have all kinds of papers, you can have hundreds if not thousands of witnesses that will proclaim that you come from a Jewish family. But this does not make you a Jew. And this is important for every modern-day Christian to understand.

It is not about your blood. It is not about your flesh. It is not about what color your skin is. It is not about where you hail from, or what nation you were born in, or what providence you now live in. Those who will be truly saved... those who will receive the crown of salvation, are not going to receive that crown of salvation because of their earthly heritage.

Now I know that's a new concept for many modern-day professing Christians who have never studied to show themselves approved. But I'm here to tell you the truth of Scripture and what our God breathed Scripture does... and does not say. And if you have not heard it anywhere else before... you've heard it here today my friends. If you do not accept Yeshua Hamashiach as the only begotten Son of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and your Messiah... then not only are you not part of the house of Israel... but you will not be saved in the end. You will not be counted worthy, and you will not enter the Gates of his coming kingdom. (**scrn 28**)

Rom 9:6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel,

Rom 9:7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

Rom 9:8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

And so, your race, color, Creed, skin color, or earthly background make no difference when it comes to the free gift of salvation. Those who endure to the end... will be granted to eat from the tree of life. Those who conquer... according to our Messiah will be the ones who enter into his coming kingdom. Those who understand the biblical definition of the love of God found in first John chapter 5 verse three already understand these things.

Those who are modern-day Nicolaitans on the other hand... who proclaim that they are once saved always saved so it really doesn't matter how they live or what they do because they've been lied to and wrongly told that they can't lose their salvation, are deceived. They are the Nicolaitans who wear the chains of corruption around their necks. And they are the Nicolaitans who are teaching their children, and their children's children how to be fitted for those same chains around their necks.

Salvation my friends is a serious, serious business. Salvation is not for the self-indulgent, it's not for the great ones, or the fathers of today's Roman rooted religion. Salvation is for the children of Yahovah the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Salvation is for those who accept Yeshua Hamashiach (Jesus in the Greek) who was our Passover Lamb, who died on Passover day ... not on some Roman rooted Good Friday ... and who was resurrected on first fruits to be the first fruit of the new harvest not... And I repeat "NOT" on some Roman rooted pagan Easter Sunday morning.

We are commanded to study to show ourselves approved, so that we can rightly divide the word of our Father. We are commanded to keep the seventh day Sabbath as a sign between our Father in heaven and us. It is a perpetual agreement for all generations forever. Our Father in heaven does not tell us to keep his seventh day Sabbath just until his Son comes, or until he changes his mind, or until some man tells us that we're living in some dispensational state of grace apart from God's laws. Our Father in heaven is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, he does not change. He did not care about his laws in the beginning... and then not care about them today... and then will care about them all over again... during his millennial reign.

We have been sold a bill of goods. We have been lied to. We have been deceived. We have been sifted. And so too, have our children and our children's children been sifted by our adversary who to this very day empowers today's modern-day Nicolaitans to continue to cause God's people to return like dogs to their vomit, and like pigs to their mire.

It's all around us my friends. The long black cloud is no longer out there in the horizon. The long black cloud is now overhead, and we are now standing in the storm. It's past time to wake up. It's past time to gather our children. It's past time to break free from the chains and the shackles and the corruption, that bind us and our children and our children's children.

We have been destroyed for lack of knowledge not because we haven't been given knowledge... but because we have rejected knowledge. But it is not too late. The sand is indeed leaving the hourglass, but it has not left the hourglass as of yet. If you still have the breath of life in you today... then it is not too late for you today. But know this... once he splits that sky, it will be too late. Once he splits that sky wherever your found standing is where you're going to be found standing. Whichever side of the fence that you're on at that moment in time is going to dictate whether you are counted with the sheep or whether you are counted with the goats. Whether you are counted with the wheat, or whether you are counted with the chaff.

Choose wisely my friends, and above all... choose this day whom you will serve. It's just like the old Bob Dylan song says... We all serve someone. It might be the devil, or it might be the Lord, but we all serve someone.

And as we bring this session to a close, my hope and my prayer is that this study has blessed you and your family, and I pray that if you've not been walking in his ways, and according to his commandments, and according to his precepts, and according to his appointments... I'd like to invite you back. I'd like to invite you to repent now just as our Messiah tells the church at Ephesus, "remember from where you have fallen, repent, and do the works that you did at first. Because if you don't, he will remove your lampstand from its place. If you're still breathing, there's still time.

Join us each Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard time as we study the book of Exodus this month. Join us each seventh day Sabbath at 11 AM Eastern standard time as we study the book of Revelation this month. You can even join us for our live fellowships every Saturday afternoon at 3 PM Eastern standard time. You do have somewhere to go. And you do have somewhere to fellowship no matter where in the world you live. Don't forsake the gathering together of yourselves for the sake of yourselves. Come together with the body, and allow the body to be with you.

If you would like an invitation to join us for our live online fellowship, all you have to do is email me at PastorV@holyimpactministries.com, and just put "fellowship request" in the subject line of the email. And we'll send you an invitation to join us at 3 PM Eastern standard time every Saturday afternoon.

And with that being said.. I'm pastor Scott Velain with holy impact ministries, and I'd like to thank you so very much for joining us this seventh day Shabbat for our study into our Fathers Revelation that he gave to his only begotten Son, who gave it to his Angel, who gave it to John, who gave it to us.

And as I always do, I will once again ask that you please, please take what you've heard here today to your prayer closet. Bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you've heard here today be true... Or not.

Ask, seek, and knock, and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... You and I will indeed walk hand in hand through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom.