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CHURCH

The word "Church" as used in the Bible, means a company of "called out ones." The words "Assembly" and "Church" have exactly the same meaning.

God speaks of the "Church in the wilderness"-Acts 7:38. Here He has reference to the called out Israelites in the time of their wanderings in the wilderness.

He speaks again of the "Church, which is the body of Christ"-Ephesians 1:22-23. In this scripture God is talking about that company of called out ones from among both Jews and Gentiles, which make up the "New Man" of Ephesians 2:14-18. This is the church which God is building today. Every saved person on the face of the earth is a member of this church.

Worship with us next Sunday. Pastor, Ike T. Sidebottom will preach at 11:00 a. m. and at 7:45 p. m. The Bible School begins at 10:00 a. m.

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THE SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD

A time when God shall feed the flesh of all the World Dictators to the buzzards.

In the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, chapter 19 and verse 17, we find the following words:

"And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God."

The words "Fowls," in this verse, means vultures or buzzards. The loud voice which will cry in mid-heaven will call these large, flesh eating birds to the "Supper of the great God."

We read in the Bible of the "Lord's Supper," a table of communion between the Lord Jesus and His own. We read again of the "Marriage supper of the Lamb," a future feast in connection with the marriage of Christ to His bride. But, the feast spoken of as the "Supper of the great God" will be a spread which God, Himself, will lay before the vultures, in the day of His terrible judgment and wrath.

Read the prophecy of Psalms 2, where David speaks of a yet future time when the God of heaven "Shall laugh," and have the kings of the earth in derision.

"Why do the heathen

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THE DOOM OF PRESENT DAY CIVILIZATION AS PRONOUNCED IN BIBLE PROPHECY

What is going to happen to the United States Government?
What is going to happen to the church organizations of the world?
What can any body do about it?

HEAR

Pastor Ike T. Sidebottom Next Sunday 7:45 p. m.

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rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? *The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed, saying, let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon His holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*"

As we consider the attitude of the present day dictators of Germany, Italy and Russia toward the Lord God and His anointed Son, Christ Jesus, we must conclude that we are nearing the day when God shall laugh, and have the kings of the earth in derision. More and more the kings of the earth seem to "Set themselves" against God. In selfish greed and unholy ambition, they are counseling together against the eternal God-Head in a united and determined effort to "Break their bands asunder," and "Cast away their cords."

Centuries before the birth of Christ, the Psalmist tells of His future glory upon the "Holy hill of Zion." But, before the anointed One takes

His place upon the throne, He must break the kingdoms of the gentile world "with a rod of iron" and "dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and *in righteousness He doth judge and make war.*"—Rev. 19:11.

The war that is raging in fury and violence on the present battle fields of Europe are not being waged in righteousness. They are prompted and motivated by selfishness, greed, and hate. But, the war which will lay the flesh of all world dictators before the vultures of the air at the "Supper of the great God" will spring from a source of eternal and absolute holiness, justice and righteousness. "In righteousness He doth judge and make war."

"And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should *smite the nations*: and shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."—Rev. 19:15.

The weapons of present day warfare are carnal, but the coming "King of kings, and Lord of Lords" shall smite the nations with His very Word, the "Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

When He came the first time, He was the meek and lowly One. But, at His second advent, He is going to tread the "Winepress of the *fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*"

When He came the first time, He came to be a sin of-

fering for the whole world. But, His second coming will be to judge the sinful world of people who have rejected and trampled under foot His gracious offer of salvation.

When He came the first time, He was crowned with thorns and nailed to the cross. But, when He comes again, He is going to be crowned with a crown of many diadems as He takes the "Throne of His glory."

When He came the first time, He was smitten for sinners. But, when He returns, at the end of this age, He is going to smite sinners.

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come and who shall be able to stand?"—Rev. 6:15-17.

These are the same kings that are spoken of in Psalms 2. They are the same kings, captains and men who are going to be served to the buzzards at the "Supper of the great God," as recorded in Revelation 19:17-18.

Yes, my dear reader, Judgment is coming. It won't be long and it may be soon. God's Spirit will not always strive with man. The present *day of grace* will not last always. The dear heavenly Father is longsuffering and not willing that any should per-

ish, but when the day of His wrath is come it will be wrath, judgment and hell without mercy.

Friend, do you realize that the Lord Jesus may come any moment to call His church in to glory with Himself.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and *the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds*, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." — I Thessalonians 4:16-18.

What comforting words these are to the saved. But, O what fear and dread they throw into the minds and hearts of the unsaved. Think for a moment just what it will be for those who are left on the earth when the saved go up.

How would you like to live on this earth after all the saved people and the little children under the age of accountability are taken out? Just what do you think it would be like in your neighborhood without the christian people? How would you like to live in a community where there is no prayer meetings, no Bible schools, no church services and no christian homes? Are you an unsaved father? How do you think you would feel if your christian wife and children should be suddenly and mysteriously taken into glory? Are you an unsaved mother? Suppose your dear husband and child-

ren, who know and love the Lord, should be caught up to meet the Saviour. Just what do you think it would be like for you during the tribulation without them. Are you an unsaved son or daughter? Are your parents and loved ones saved? Would you like for them to be caught up with the church into heaven and leave you behind.

O soul, without the Saviour, why will you continue in unbelief? Why will you wait even another moment without accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour? He took your place in sin and death on the tree. He gave Himself a ransom for your sins. Indeed, He was made sin us all, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. He took our place in sin and death that we might, through His finished work on the cross, be with Him in His glory. And there is no other way to glory, except through Him. He said "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." — John 14:6.

Do you realize, dear reader, that you *must* meet the Lord either as your Saviour or as your Judge. "Every knee shall bow to Him. "Every tongue" shall confess His name. (Philippians 2:10-11). Why not bow before the cross and own Him as your Saviour and be free from all judgment and condemnation?

If the "Church, which is the body of Christ," should be caught up to glory today, all the unsaved would be left on the earth facing the terrors of the "Great tribulation" and the just and righteous judgments of God Almighty.

If you should be left, when the church is caught out, you will face the darkest day of trouble that this world has ever known.

In a little less than seven years after the "Body of Christ" is taken up, the angel will call the vultures of the air to the "Supper of the great God." All the buzzards that fly in the midst of heaven will be invited to this feast. God will cry through the loud voice of this angelic being to the vultures saying:

"Gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great." — Revelation 19:17-18.

The bodies of these poor souls will fall in the day of the battle of "Armageddon." The battle, itself, is described in Joel 3:9-16, Revelation 14:15-20, and Revelation 19:11-21. It will be the most terrible conflict the world has ever seen. The blood will flow to the "Horse bridles" and the bodies of the slain will be fed to the vultures at the "Supper of the great God."

Every one who falls in that day of judgment will be there because he rejected the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. Every one whose body is fed to the buzzards will be Christ rejecters. Every one who goes into the "Great tribulation" period and the judgment that follows will have to walk into it over the precious blood of the Lord Jesus. He took the judgments in our place on the cross, but if we reject His

work in our behalf there is nothing left for a just God to do except let us take the punishment.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation: but is passed from death unto life." — John 5:24.

"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

"He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." — John 3:17-18.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." — Acts 16:31.

"Behold, *now* is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2). You may be saved and added to God's Church today. If you wait until tomorrow, the church may be in glory and you in the darkness and tribulation.

God's part is finished. Christ has paid for your salvation. If you accept Him, you get salvation. If you reject Him, you are lost.

Think seriously for just one moment. Ask yourself the question: Am I saved, or am I lost? If you are saved, then you are my brother or sister in Christ, let us "Look Up" and be courageous for it is a "Grand and glorious battle. If you are lost, you need my Saviour, the Lord Jesus

VERNON BOLTON HOLDS REVIVAL

Vernon Bolton, one of our young men from 615 College Avenue is conducting an open air meeting at Hurst, Texas.

Ft. Worth people can find the meeting place easily. Drive out Grapevine highway through Birdville; take 1st right hand highway to main street in Hurst.

OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Rightmer are moving into their little one room apartment at the "Haven House" next to church building.

Since their marriage last July, they have been in revivals at Mineral Wells, Ranger, Waco and Harrison Chapel. The good people of different places and Ft. Worth have showered them with many house keeping supplies and canned goods.

This will be a handy place for the pastor to eat lunch. That is on days when the bride is home and feels like inviting her "Papa" over for a feed.

PRAYER MEETING Wednesday at 7.45 p. m.

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know what he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." — I John 5:14-15.

Christ. Accept Him now, right now. He will save you the very moment you trust Him.

If I can be of further help to you or yours, please let me hear from you. Address Ike T. Sidebottom, Box 3033, Ft. Worth, Texas. Phone 2-6998 or 5-5370.

YOUNG PEOPLE

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