

Setting for the "7 THUNDERS" Rev.ch.10 - by Alfred Curtis

Let us look at the importance of this great event; it comes right in the middle of the book of Revelation and is preceded by some of the greatest of GOD'S judgments, and exhorts us to read, hear & keep what is written.

In chaps.1-3 we have portrayed our LORD in His Heavenly splendor dealing with the 7 Churches, representative of the whole Church, with rebukes, exhortations and promises. In chaps.4-5 we see the Glory of the Heavenly Throne Administration, the Lamb by right of conquest taking the 7 sealed book of man's forfeited inheritance to restore it to all who accept and believe in Him, and the song of the "first fruits", pictured by the 4 Living Creatures and the 24 Elders, who have already received their rewards, (ch.5-8/9),.

In chaps. 6-9 the seven seals are opened, 4 horsemen ride forth in judgment, a great multitude is gathered out of the Great Tribulation who wash their robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb, 144,000 of the tribes of Israel are gathered out, the order of their names conveying their special mission. as follows:- Seiss "Apocalypse" p.163 "Confessors or praisers of GOD, looking upon the Son, a band of blessed ones, wrestling with forgetfulness, hearing and obeying the Word, cleaving unto the reward of a shelter and home, an addition, sons of the day of GOD'S right hand, begotten in the extremity of the age". There are great convulsions in the Earth and half of the World's population is destroyed at this time. When the 7th seal is opened at the beginning of chap.8, there is an awesome pause in the proceedings, a deadly silence for about half an hour, as though the whole Universe is watching with intense interest and wonder at what is going to happen next. After all it is "the great and terrible Day of the LORD".

Then 7 Trumpets are given to 7 Angels to blow and 6 are blown by the end of chap. 9, but despite the awful judgments that destroy half of mankind, the rest of the men not killed by the plagues yet repent not of their (5) sins of idolatry, their murders, their sorceries, their fornication, and their thefts. 2 "Woes" are pronounced, the third woe, the worst, follows the blowing of the 7th trumpet. Rev. ch.11-14/15

Today the scientists of this world have, by their refusal to admit GOD into their minds as the Creator and source of all Life, invented the evil lying theories of the so called 'Big Bang' origin of the Universe and the evolution of life, thus encouraging multitudes into unbelief and paving the way for every other evil practice such as abortion (the murder of innocent unborn babies whose spirits go straight to Heaven), the open practice of homo-sexuality or sodomy, fornication, lust, lying, cheating, slander, violence, murder, corruption in Government, dishonesty and fraud in business, etc., etc.

One might say that these sins have always been around, but with the destruction of belief in an Almighty, Holy, Righteous & Just GOD there is no fear of GOD and people think as there is no God, no devil, no heaven, no hell, they can do what they like and defy the laws of GOD as in Ps.2 and Isa. 24-1/12. Thus these sins are proliferated on such a scale that the world is rapidly becoming so evil that the time will come when GOD'S judgment can no longer be withheld.

In Rev. ch.10; we see a Mighty Angel whose description can fit no other than the LORD JESUS CHRIST Himself; He comes down to Earth and stakes His possession of it; He roars as the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and the roar reverberates as 7 Thunders from Heaven. What are these 7 Thunders ? They were sealed up, but I take this the same as the message given to Daniel (ch.12-4/9) where the words were closed up and sealed "till the time of the end", and I believe we are now in that time.

To me these 7 Thunders are 7 mighty proclamations by the LORD as to Who GOD is and What HE is, and become the 7 bases for the prosecution by which GOD will judge the wicked with their offences, their 7 major sources of sin. The unrepentant wicked will find no defence in that day, but “will call on the mountains and rocks to fall on them to hide them from the face of Him that sitteth on the Throne and from the wrath of the Lamb” Rev. 6-15/17. We will look further at these 7 Thunders later in the study. See Isa.24-1/12

So now we come to the stage where, in effect, GOD says “It’s time”! v.6 “There shall be no more delay”. (not “the end of time” – time and eternity go on for ever) GOD is now ready for the final stage; the mystery of GOD’S Great Plan will be revealed when the 7th Angel sounds, and the final 3-1/2 years of JESUS’ “Day of Vengeance of our GOD” will occur. (Isa.61-2) (Note the comparison with the four Gospels describing the 3-1/2 years of JESUS’ earthly ministry Luke 4-18/20, where JESUS stopped in the middle of the verse.).

From here on it is noteworthy that there are four separate events, each of which occurs over 3-1/2 years, described in 3 measures of time, 42 months, 1260 days, and time, times & half a time. The events are:-

- (1). Rev. 11-1/2 The outer court is trodden down for 42 months; this speaks of Christians who have stopped at salvation and have not entered into the Holy Place of a sanctified life and true worship and love of GOD.
- (2) Rev. 11-3/13 GOD’S two witnesses prophesy for 1260 days, probably Moses & Elijah, who have power to perform the same kind of miracles, - are slain by the Antichrist, but are resurrected after 3-1/2 days.
- (3) Rev.12-1/17 A pregnant Woman, clothed with the sun, delivers a Manchild, (this is not our LORD) and then flees into the wilderness where she is preserved for 1260 days, (v.6) time, times & half a time (v.14)
This is a mysterious chapter. Seiss in his “Apocalypse” suggests it is a picture of the outward Church of nominal Christians whilst the Manchild represents the (unseen) true Believers who are ready and waiting when the LORD calls them to “Come up hither”.(See Luke 21-36), “the remnant seed” being not ready.
- (4) Rev.13-1-9 A great Beast, the false trinity, the full manifestation of evil, now appears; (1) Satan the Devil, (2) the Antichrist, (who in v.5 is given power specifically for 42 months, - not 7 years as some teach) and (3) the False Prophet He will compel all under his power to receive the “mark of the Beast” or his name and whosoever does will be doomed forever It will be the most awful time in history, and many millions will die under his vile rule; yet even in the midst of that terrible evil, GOD’S Mercy will be manifest through an “angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, fear GOD. and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountain of waters” Rev.14-6/7. 1 Cor.3-15 tells of those “whose works are burned up & suffer loss yet they shall be saved as by fire”. No Christian in his right mind will want to be here on earth in that day.

But all Satan’s malice, wickedness and vile rebellion will be in vain. Ecclesiastical Babylon, Political Babylon and Commercial Babylon will all fall. His final attempt to stop the return of the Victorious Lamb will end in all the armies of the wicked being slain and Satan himself bound for a 1000 years, while the antichrist and the false prophet will be cast into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night for ever.

Then will take place the greatest Wedding of the Universe when the Victorious Lamb takes unto Himself His Bride and the World will enjoy a 1000 year Honeymoon. Finally GOD wraps everything up, the Great White Throne judgment takes place, the wicked are consigned to the lake of fire and the righteous go into the blissful Ages of the Ages, where everything is glory beyond measure and far beyond our present understanding.

What do the future ages hold ? A new Heaven and a new Earth. A palatial Golden City, the New Jerusalem, where GOD and the Lamb will dwell with His people for ever and ever. What will we do ? I'm sure GOD has wonderful things to occupy our days in his plans for the destiny of the Universe. Isa. 51-16 speaks of a time when GOD "will plant the Heavens", so who knows?, maybe one day we will have a world of our own to look after; in any case GOD didn't create all those heavenly bodies for nothing but only in the future will we find out "the things which GOD hath prepared for those that love Him". Bless His Wonderful Name.

What are these 7 THUNDERS ?

How were they made known, and what is their effect on a sinful World ?

On my 72nd Birthday, in my early morning meditations, it came to me that these were Seven Great Truths about our GOD, the Supreme Being of the Universe, Father, Son & Holy Ghost, the Blessed Adorable Ones, whom man in his sinfulness has defied, denied and despised, until finally retribution takes place, GOD with a voice of Thunder, in every language and dialect on Earth, now proclaims the case for Judgment. 1 Sam.2/10 says "The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of Heaven shall He thunder upon them".

From these 7 Thunders, except through complete repentance and confession of sin, there will be no escape; the Judge of Heaven will pronounce upon all unrepentant sinners, "GUILTY" !!!
While I do not want to put words into the mouth of GOD, His Voices of Thunder, will be on these lines.

1. GOD Thunders "I AM the Divine Creator and Sustainer of everything that exists in the Universe." Gen.1-1, Isa.45-15, Neh. 9-6, Job 38-4/7, Ps.19, John 1-3, Col. 1-16, Rev.10-6
2. GOD Thunders "I AM the Giver and Sustainer of Life to everybody & everything that lives." Gen.1-11/28, John 14-6.
3. GOD Thunders "I AM the Supreme Architect of the Ages & I AM working everything according to My own Will" Dan.4-34/35, Isa.55-8/9
4. GOD Thunders "I AM the Covenant Keeping GOD." Gen.3-15, the 1st Covenant, ch.9-9/1Covenant with Noah (7 times), and ch.17-1/14 the Everlasting Covenant with Abraham (10 times)
5. GOD Thunders "I AM the Way, the Truth & the Life and the only Saviour & Redeemer of mankind" John 1-29/34, ch.3-16, Col.1-20, Acts 2-36 Heb.4-15/16
6. GOD Thunders "I AM the GOD of Love & I instituted Marriage as a Holy Sacrament". Gen.2-22/25, Matt.19-4/6
7. GOD Thunders "I AM KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS." JESUS speaks of His Return. Rev.19-11/21, Col.2-9, Acts 3-20/21

This is the case for the prosecution before which mankind will have no answer, and thus GOD'S Judgment will now begin to fall heavily upon those who have transgressed against every part of GOD'S Goodness.

1. The Physicists who deny God's creation and teach that all matter evolved from a minute ball of matter which suddenly appeared out of nothing, called a "singularity", and this exploded with a "big bang" and expanded and formed the multitudinous galaxies with billions of stars. What an imagination !
2. The Scientists who deny GOD the giver of life and teach that all life evolved from some bit of slime and over billions of years eventually formed into the marvellous beings called humankind. Unbelievable !\n
The discovery of the DNA Genetic code alone should have opened their eyes to the impossibility of evolution. Thus these 2 false doctrines are the seed for every anti-God, unholy, and evil practice
3. Governments and people in authority who ever since the tower of Babel have rebelled against GOD's Holy and Righteous Laws and defiantly worked all manner of evil, e.g. Communism. Ps.2, Isa. 24-1/12
4. All covetous, dishonest, crooked and perverse men who cheat and lie and do everything in their power to make themselves rich at the expense of others. They defy the Covenant keeping GOD of Truth.
5. All those who reject GOD'S pure way of salvation and seek through mind games, false religion, the occult, spiritism, etc. and walk in unrighteousness. 1 Cor.6-9/10, Gal.5-19/21,Eph.5-3/6, 1 John 3-7/10
6. Those who desecrate and defile that which GOD created holy and beautiful, and who wallow in every form of sexual perversion, fornication, adultery, homo-sexuality, child molestation, etc. Rev. 21-8
7. Those who, under Antichrist, will defy and attempt to prevent the return of our Blessed LORD, whose armies will all be slain at the battle of Armageddon. Rev. 19-11/21

These 7 Thunders agree with Prov. 9-1 "Wisdom hath built her house, she hath hewed out her 7 Pillars"; the whole KINGDOM of GOD is built on these 7 Pillars of WHO GOD IS and WHAT HE IS !!

As the World becomes more and more "anti-Christian", we can see how it is shaping up for judgment; therefore it behoves each one of us to walk by the Spirit in Holiness and Righteousness, and to maintain a good witness for our LORD.

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