The 7 Thunders pt.1

"Ignorance is not bliss"

To Ignore The Signs Foretold In Scripture Will Result In Eternal Loss

IGNORANT

· lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated

GOD DESIRES TO KEEP US IN THE KNOW

Biblical fact on the number 7

- 7 Represents perfection, and is the sign of God, Divine worship, completions, obedience, and rest.
- The "prince" of Bible Numbers, it is used 562 times including its derivatives (e.g., seventh, sevens)
- Gen. 2:1-4, Ps 119:164 and Ex 20:8-11. Most common in Bible prophecy used 42 times in Daniel and Revelation alone. In Revelation there are:
- 7 Churches
- 7 Seals
- 7 Trumpets
- 7 Spirits
- 7 Golden Candlesticks
- 7 Stars
- 7 Thunders
- 7 Thousand Slain in great earthquake
- 7 Golden vials
- 7 Heads, 7 Crowns, 7 Mountains, 7 Horns, 7 Lamps
- 7 Last Pleagues

1 Corinthians 14: 37-40

37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

2 Peter 3: 3-9

- **3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
- **4** And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.
- **5** For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:
- **6** Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:
- **7** But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.
- **8** But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
- **9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

1 Corinthians 10: 1-6

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

- 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- **4** And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.
- **5** But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
- **6** Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.
- **7** Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.
- **8** Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.
- **9** Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.
- **10** Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.
- **11** Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Quote from - Maranatha

The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready. **{Mar 160.2}**

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The solemn messages that have been given in their order in the Revelation are to occupy the first place in the minds of God's people. . . . **{Mar 160.4}**

Precious time is rapidly passing, and there is danger that many will be robbed of the time which should be given to the proclamation of the messages that God has sent to a fallen world. Satan is pleased to see the diversion of minds that should be engaged in a study of the truths which have to do with eternal realities. **{Mar 160.5}**

The testimony of Christ, a testimony of the most solemn character, is to be borne to the world. All through the book of Revelation there are the most precious, elevating promises, and there are also warnings of the most fearfully solemn import. Will not those who profess to have a knowledge of the truth read the testimony given to John by Christ? Here is no guesswork, no scientific deception. Here are the truths that concern our present and future welfare. What is the chaff to the wheat? {Mar 160.6}

Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. To all the testing time will come. By the sifting of temptation the genuine Christian will be revealed. Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only? **{Mar 160.7}**

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Romans 10: 1-4

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. **2** For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. **4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Quote from - Bible Echo

There are lessons to be learned from the history of the past; and attention is called to these, that all may understand that <u>God works on the same lines now that He ever has done</u>. His hand is seen in His work and among the nations now, just the same as it has been ever since the gospel was first proclaimed to Adam in Eden.

There are <u>periods</u> which are <u>turning points</u> (COVID-19) in the history of nations and <u>of the church</u>. In the providence of God, when these different crises arrive, the <u>light</u> <u>for that time is given</u>. If it is received, there is spiritual progress; if it is rejected, spiritual declension and shipwreck follow.

{BEcho, August 26, 1895 par. 10}

Quote from - Christ Triumphant

Past history will be repeated. A determined conflict is to be waged in the Christian world. People who are disloyal to the commandments of the living God will, in their supposed self-importance, be inspired by Satan to war against those who follow the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. . . . The result will be that people will become inhuman in their actions toward other people. . . . **{CTr 271.2}**

If the professed Christian world would take a lesson from the Jews' treatment of Christ, and resolve in God never themselves to tread over the same ground, they would not make themselves responsible for the death of Christ in the person of His saints. **{CTr 271.3}**

Quote from - Colporteur Ministry

The Lord has set before me matters which are of urgent importance for **the present time, and which reach into the future**. The words have been spoken in a charge to me, "Write in a book the things which thou hast seen and heard, and let it go to all the people; for the time is at hand when past history will be repeated." I have been aroused at one, two, or three o'clock in the morning with some point forcibly impressed upon my mind, as if spoken by the voice of God. . . . **{CM 128.1}**

I was shown . . . that I should devote myself to writing out the important matters for volume 4 [The Great Controversy]; that the warning must go where the living messenger could not go, and that it would call the attention of many to the important events to occur in the closing scenes of this world's history The book The Great Controversy, I appreciate above silver or gold, and I greatly desire that it shall come before the people. While writing the manuscript of The Great Controversy, I was often

conscious of the presence of the angels of God. And many times the scenes about which I was writing were presented to me anew in visions of the night, so that they were fresh and vivid in my mind.— Letter 56, 1911. {CM 128.3}

Providence

- 1. The Protective Care of God
- 2. Preparation of future eventualities
- 3. The Prerogative of God

WE HAVE BEEN FORETOLD......

The Origin of Evil a Mystery

Quote from - Signs of the Times/ The Truth About Angels

The angels had been created full of goodness and love. They loved one another impartially and their God supremely, and they were prompted by this love to do His pleasure.

The law of God was not a grievous yoke to them, but it was their delight to do His commandments, to hearken unto the voice of His Word. But in this state of peace and purity, sin originated with him who had been perfect in all his ways. The prophet writes of him: "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness." Sin is a mysterious, unexplainable thing.

There was no reason for its existence; to seek to explain it is to seek to give a reason for it, and that would be to justify it. Sin appeared in a perfect universe, a thing that was shown to be inexcusable.—**ST April 28, 1890. {TA 30.1}**

God had a knowledge of the events of the future, even before the creation of the world. He did not make His purposes to fit circumstances, but He allowed matters to develop and work out.

He did not work to bring about a certain condition of things, but He knew that such a condition would exist. The plan that should be carried out upon the defection of any of the high intelligences of heaven—this is the secret, the mystery which has been hid from ages. And an offering was prepared in the eternal purposes to do the very work which God has done for fallen humanity.—**ST March 25, 1897. {TA 30.2**}

Quote from - Review and Herald/The Truth About Angels

The entrance of sin into heaven cannot be explained. If it were explainable, it would show that there was some reason for sin. But as there was not the least excuse for it, its origin will ever remain shrouded in mystery.—**RH March 9, 1886. {TA 31.1}**

God did not create evil. He only made the good, which was like Himself. . . . Evil, sin, and death . . . are the result of disobedience, which originated in Satan RH Aug. 4, 1910. {TA 31.2}

Thunder - The Voice God

Job 40: 6-9

Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?

Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

2 Samuel 22:14

The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.

Thunder - Judgement of God

1 Samuel 2:10

The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

Psalm 104:7

At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

Thunder - The Law of God

Exodus 19:16

And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that [was] in the camp trembled.

Exodus 20: 18-23

And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw [it], they removed, and stood afar off.

And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God [was].

And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

Thunder - End Time Revealed

Revelation 10:1-4

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow [was] upon his head, and his face [was] as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and [his] left [foot] on the earth,

And cried with a loud voice, as [when] a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write

Quote from - Bible Commentary

After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered." These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order. Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel's prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time. {7BC 971.4}

The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them. **{7BC 971.5}**

The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed.

The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work. This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer. **{7BC 971.6}**

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2 Corinthians 2:11

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

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Amen

Next On: The 7 Thunders - The Final Repeat Pt.2