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Chapter 1

The Seventh Seal was Opened

any so-called theologians have tried in vain to interpret the book of Revelations which is full of mysterious symbolism. Some Bible scholars have the guts to jump on the bandwagon to show their prowess in Bible interpretation. But as always, everyone else would give their weird and crazy version of the story. They missed THE MOST IMPORTANT KEY that will unlock the true meaning of the symbolism injected into the story flow. Here is how Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong described this mysterious book of Revelation:

MYSTERY Book of all the books! If the Bible as a whole is the Book that NOBODY understands "elect", certainly (except the verv REVELATION is the one Book IN the Bible least understood of all! Yet this Book is the very KEY to understanding of all the prophecies! CAN it, then, be understood? It can, if you have the key to this Book, itself. We give you, here, this KEY. This is not intended to be an exposition of the Revelation merely a brief outline to give you the KEY which will unlock its true meaning for YOU. It's interesting thrilling – vital. But to really grasp the fascinating TRUTH you'll have to STUDY this, carefully, reading every text quoted, as well as the entire Book, in your own Bible...

Understanding of the prophecies can come only if we have the KEYS to the Book of Revelation — for in it alone do we find events of the various prophecies correlated in order of time sequence. In the Book of Revelation is a STORY FLOW, relating one event to another in order of time sequence, with occasional insets injected into the continuous story-thread. This fact is the first KEY to understanding the Book.

Source: The Key to the Book of Revelation

But what is THE MOST IMPORTANT KEY of all to understand Bible prophecy? To know that let's begin with the first verse:

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which **God gave unto him**, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: (Revelation 1:1)

The apostle John established in the first verse as **FROM WHOM** the revelation was coming from – **IT IS COMING FROM GOD THE FATHER**.

When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 16:13-17)

Jesus Christ emphasized in this account with His disciple Simon Peter, that it is actually God the Father who is responsible for revealing the knowledge and understanding by pouring it into our minds through His Holy Spirit. It is not even in Jesus Christ's authority to do it. THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT KEY! Only God the Father can give the true interpretation of Bible prophecies which He gives to His Son, Jesus Christ.

We have already discussed the FIRST SIX SEALS in our article, "The Day of the Lord – The Day of God's Judgment" wherein we have proven that the story flow actually revolves around God's Church and NOTHING ELSE. Now let's continue with that thought and we will be able to prove how the SEVENTH SEAL is about the history and prophecy of the Philadelphia Church of God in this last end.

The SEVENTH SEAL consists of SEVEN TRUMPET ANGELS and we will see how each of the TRUMPET ANGEL corresponds to an IMPORTANT EVENT that happened in this last end after the end-time Elijah, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986. You will notice the specific details and dates for each trumpet angel that sounded, which no one man refute because this is God's real version of His prophecy. Let's begin in verse 1:

And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about **the space of half an hour**. (Revelation 8:1)

The apostle John is telling us that the context of this prophecy is about the SEVENTH SEAL. And at the beginning of the opening of this SEVENTH SEAL, there was silence in heaven about **the space of half an hour.** How long is the **SPACE OF**

HALF AN HOUR is to God? Before we can answer that question, let us first consider the following verses:

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. (2 Peter 3:8)

"...I have appointed thee each day for a year." (Ezekiel 4:6: read also Numbers 14:33-34)

Jesus answered, Are there not **twelve hours in the day**? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. (John 11:9)

With all those scriptures in mind, let us transpose the numerical values in a simple equation to decipher the equivalent worth of HALF AN HOUR to God.

1,000 years = 1 year 2 Peter 3:8 1 year = 1 day Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:33,34 12 hours in A DAY John 11:9

 1000
 =
 83.33 years

 83.33 years
 =
 ONE DAY
 John 11:9

 3.5 years
 =
 HALF HOUR
 Revelation 8:1

HALF HOUR to God is equivalent to 3 and 1/2 years in our reckoning of time. But what is so significant about this space of 3 and 1/2 years in the context of a SILENCE IN HEAVEN as prophesied by God the Father? What is that silence all about? We can actually know its fulfillment from the epistle of James:

Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. (James 5:17).



Buddhist monks (left) and dignitaries listened as Herman Hoeh delivered the eulogy for Herbert W. Armstrong, The casket was closed throughout, Joseph Tkach, HWA's successor, can be seen peering out from below Hoeh's hands.



Events that transpired after Mr. Armstrong died has proven that this prayer was answered precisely 3½ years of spiritual drought. There was no one from among the WCG ministers who stood up for God.

That's the time that there was SILENCE IN HEAVEN or SILENCE among the Worldwide Church of God ministry after Mr. Armstrong's death and "the revelation of God—would stop coming into God's Church through the ministers that would last for 3½ years." Mr. Jules Dervaes, a lay member of the Worldwide Church of God was able to document everything he did to warn the ministers and members of the Worldwide Church of God Headquarters in Pasadena California since 1986. He has sent the SEVEN SCROLLS (The Letter to Laodicea) to all the WCG ministers and members around the world, including Mr. Gerald Flurry and Mr. John Amos who were part of the list of recipients of his book. You can read the details and information from his book, The Hidden Vears

The SILENCE IN HEAVEN is connected to the death of God's end-time Elijah, Mr Herbert W. Armstrong on January 16, 1986. Since that time, no WCG minister would dare try to speak out regarding the doctrinal changes that were introduced to the Church. We must remember that Mr. Gerald Flurry has already received a copy of the SEVEN SCROLLS (i.e., *The Letter to Laodicea*) that was sent by Mr. Jules Dervaes in the spring of 1988. So, from that time when Mr. Flurry received new revelation from Jules' writing, he began constructing his own version and gave it a title, "Malachi's Message."

For emphasis, this HALF HOUR in God's eyes or 3 and 1/2 years in our reckoning began on January 16, 1986, up to July 16, 1989, when Mr. Gerald Flurry, as he recounted in his *James* booklet was the time when he shared the rough draft of *Malachi's Message* to his son, Stephen in Robber's Cave, Oklahoma. Now let's proceed with the next verse:

And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. (Revelation 8:2)

The time when the SEVEN TRUMPET ANGELS stood before God was when Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986. As we progress, we will prove with any shadow of a doubt that this Revelation chapter 8 is really about the story of the Philadelphia Church of God during this Laodicean era.

Moving on to verse 3, God is bringing us here into the early time in the history of the Philadelphia Church of God, when their Pastor General, Mr. Gerald Flurry was allowed by God to plagiarize the revelation contained in *The Letter to Laodicea* written by Mr. Jules Dervaes and made it as his own in the form of *Malachi's Message*.

And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. (Revelation 8:3)

Let us define some words first so we can better understand verse 3:

The word "angel" – in *Thayer's Lexicon*, can also mean "messenger of God"; in *Strong's Concordance*, "A PASTOR"

"At" – can also be defined as "among, against"

"Altar" is a symbol of the "ministry"

"Incense" is a symbol of the "prayer of the saints"

Using the definitions above, we can read verse 3 this way:

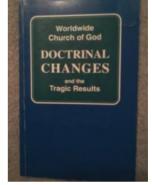
And another PASTOR came and stood AMONG and AGAINST the MINISTRY, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

In this verse, God is showing us that "a pastor came and stood among and against the ministry." This *angel* or *pastor* is referring to Mr. Gerald Flurry. God answered the prayers of all the saints that ascended up before Him in His throne concerning

the doctrinal changes happening inside the Worldwide Church of God after Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's death on January 16, 1986 by making Mr. Gerald Flurry stand among and against the WCG ministry.

And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. (Revelation 8:4)

Mr. Gerald Flurry knew that many members in the WCG around the world, beginning with himself, were already having some questions regarding the DOCTRINAL CHANGES being implemented by the WCG ministry since Mr. Herbert Armstrong died. And he even wrote a booklet about it.



And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. (Revelation 8:5)

At this particular juncture, God began revealing to Mr. Gerald Flurry through the written work of Mr. Jules Dervaes His ANGER (symbolized by the FIRE) against the ALTAR, i.e., WCG ministry because of the changes they implemented that affected every member of God's Church around the world who were praying to God for their deliverance out from the confusion and the FAMINE of the word happening inside the WCG. Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about this in his *Daniel* booklet:

The 1150 Days

This spiritual destruction has been well documented—even admitted to by those who have worked so hard to destroy any last vestige of Mr. Armstrong's lifelong work. On January 16, 1986, the daily was taken away, signaling the beginning of

the 1150 days.

Using January 16, 1986, as our beginning point makes Saturday, March 11, 1989, the end of the 1150 days. I was fired from the Worldwide Church of God on December 7, 1989, for upholding what Mr. Armstrong taught. That was nearly nine months after the 1150 days ended. I was fired for what I had been my manuscript later writing in printed Malachi's Message. And I had been working on the manuscript for nearly nine months! Though I do not remember the exact date God began revealing Malachi's Message to me, it is safe to say that it was on or around March 11, 1989. Malachi's Message exposed the great treachery and deceit going on within the Church at that time. It showed how the Work had been stopped because of sin—a "man of sin."

God always starts things small (see Zechariah 4:10). Christ compared His Kingdom to a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds, but when fully grown, greatest among herbs (Matthew 13:31-32). On March 11, 1989, God began to cleanse the sanctuary. True, it began with just me. But doesn't God always work through one man? God revealed Malachi's Message to one man. Over the course of 1989. He did that—to me. Then on December 7, my assistant, John Amos, and I were summoned to Pasadena, California, where we were summarily fired from the ministry and excommunicated from the Worldwide Church of God because of Malachi's Message. And just look at what God has done since—even after most humble beginning. Where is the daily today? Which group continues with Mr. Armstrong's work? For those with eyes to see, it is clear. Mr.

Armstrong's work has been revived. His work was stopped, but it did not die—thanks to what God has done through the Philadelphia Church of God. God has cleansed the sanctuary. He has cleansed those who have been willing to be measured.

Source: Pages 25-26, Daniel Unsealed At Last!

For emphasis, verses 3 to 5 talks about the history and prophecy of the FIRST 1,150 days of Daniel chapter 8 concerning the cleansing of the sanctuary beginning on March 11, 1989. Since Mr. Jules Dervaes has already sent copies of his little book to Mr. Gerald Flurry and his associate pastor, Mr. John Amos on the spring of 1988, God began to cleanse them both at the end of that 1,150-day period.

From that moment on, God allowed Mr. Gerald Flurry to write *Malachi's Message* based on the little book written by Mr. Jules Dervaes, which revolves around the "fire on the altar" or God's WRATH on the WCG ministry at that time. After Mr. Gerald Flurry finished writing it, he "cast it unto the earth" or distributed *Malachi's Message* to the WCG membership around the world. The new revelations from *Malachi's Message* (symbolized by the *thunder* and *lightnings*) resulted to spiritual shaking and commotion (symbolized by the *earthquake*) among the WCG members around the world.

To learn more about this subject, read our booklet, "THE LAST END VISION OF THE PROPHET DANIEL – PART 2"

Chapter 2

The First Trumpet Angel: Hail and Fire Mingled with Blood

nd the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up." (Revelation 8:6-7)

The FIRST TRUMPET ANGEL sounded on December 7, 1989 when Mr. Gerald Flurry and Mr. John Amos went to the WCG HQ in Pasadena as they were summoned by Joe Tkach Jr. over the little book *Malachi's Message*.

What does "hail" symbolize?

Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the **treasures of the hail**, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against **the day of battle and war**? (Job 38:22-23)

Hail symbolizes a DAY OF BATTLE AND WAR for God.

What does "fire" symbolizes?

How long, Lord? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall **thy wrath burn like fire**? (Psalms 89:46)

He hath bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all that were pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the

daughter of Zion: **he poured out his fury like fire**. (Lamentations 2:4)

And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow against thee in **the fire of my wrath**, and deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, and skilful to destroy. (Ezekiel 21:31)

"Fire" is a symbol of God's wrath. Now the thought, "fire mingled with blood" is actually a symbol of GOD'S WRATH THAT MINGLES WITH THE ETERNAL LIVES OF MEMBERS.

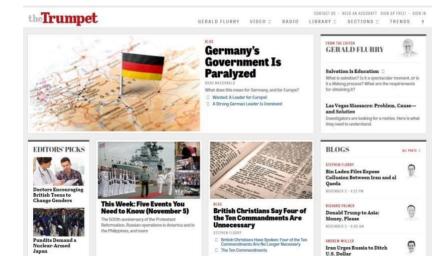
Revelation chapter 8 is telling us when the Day of the Lord for the sixth era happened.

The prayers of many WCG members to God concerning the changes happening inside the Church was answered through the revelations contained in *Malachi's Message*. Christ is coming in the flesh through Mr. Gerald Flurry as his messenger to judge the WCG and it was the Day of the Lord for them beginning on

December 7, 1989 when the FIRST TRUMPET ANGEL sounded on that specific date.

Then a couple of weeks later, on December 20, 1989 the Philadelphia Church of God was established with the LOGO of a TRUMPET and the EARTH as its background.









It's no coincidence that their logo is a TRUMPET and their magazine and website is named THE TRUMPET and they also have THE TRUMPET DAILY and THE TRUMPET HOUR because God knew that this prophecy in verse 2 is already being fulfilled as the history of this last era unfolds.

The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. (Revelation 8:7)

Notice carefully the word EARTH here in verse 7 which the PCG used as the background in their logo with a TRUMPET on it. This further proves that chapter 8 is indeed for the Philadelphia Church of God.

Trees is a symbol of the *ministry* while the *grass* is a symbol for the *membership*. Notice the impact of *Malachi's Message* to the WCG – one third of the ministry was directly affected while all the members were impacted.

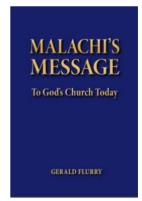
Mr. Armstrong died in January 1986. The Philadelphia Church made the first mailing of Malachi's Message in January 1990—exactly four years later! We planned none of this—God did the planning.

Source: Malachi's Message

"(H)ail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth": As "hail"symbolizes a DAY OF BATTLE AND WAR for God while "fire mingled with blood" is a symbol of THAT MINGLES GOD'S WRATH WITH THE ETERNAL LIVES OF MEMBERS, and God saw that being fulfilled on January 16, 1990 through the newly established Philadelphia Church of God led by His messenger to the era. Mr. Gerald Flurry when Laodicean thev delivered Malachi's Message to all the members of the

Worldwide Church of God. That is **the Day of the Lord or God's JUDGMENT**which came as a thief in the night for the ministers and members of the Worldwide Church of God

And for SEVEN YEARS, the PCG focused on delivering *Malachi's Message* to the WCG ministry and members around the world. Then what happened next?



Chapter 3

The Second Trumpet Angel: A Great Mountain Burning

nd the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;" (Revelation 8:8)

The "great mountain" being referred to here is the Worldwide Church of God under the leadership of Joe Tkach Jr. and this "great mountain" was seen here as "burning with fire."

This SECOND TRUMPET ANGEL sounded on January 4, 1997 when Mr. Gerald Flurry announced that the Philadelphia Church of God would begin to reprint and distribute Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's book, *Mystery of the Ages*. The Worldwide Church of God through their legal attorney, Ralph Helge sent a demand letter to Mr. Gerald Flurry on January 21, 1997 to stop the distribution of the book. This is led to the **SIX YEAR COURT BATTLE between the Worldwide Church of God and the Philadelphia Church of God**.

And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. (Revelation 8:9)

Please read our booklet, **The King of the North and the King of the South in Prophecy** regarding this court case battle which is also known as the WHIRLWIND prophecy of Daniel for further information.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD v. PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD INC



United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD, a California Corporation, Plaintiff-Counter-Defendant-Appellant, v. PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD, INC., an Oklahoma Corporation, Defendant-Counter-Claimant-Appellee.

Nos. 99-55850, 99-56489, 99-55934, 99-56005.
Decided: September 18, 2000

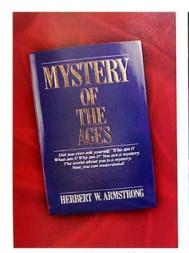
Before: BRUNETTI and TASHIMA, Circuit Judges, SCHWARZER,* Senior District Judge.Allan Browne, Benjamin D. Scheibe, Sylvia P. Lardiere, Browne & Woods, LLP, Beverly Hills, California; Ralph K. Helge, Pasadena, CA, for the plaintiff/counter-defendant/appellant. Mark B. Helm, Munger, Tolles & Olson, LLP, Los Angeles, California, and Kelly M. Klaus, Munger, Tolles & Olson, LLP, San Francisco, California, for the defendant/counter-claimant-appellee.

Appellant Worldwide Church of God ("WCG") is a nonprofit religious organization whose late Pastor General, Herbert W. Armstrong, wrote a 380-page book entitled Mystery of the Ages ("MOA"), the copyright to which is held by WCG. After Armstrong's death, WCG retired MOA from distribution and use. Appellee Philadelphia Church of God ("PCG"), also a nonprofit religious organization, then appropriated MOA for use in its religious observance, copying it in its entirety and distributing large numbers of copies to its members and the public. We must decide whether PCG's copying and dissemination of MOA constitutes fair use under the Copyright Statute. 17 U.S.C. § 107.

The WCG was prophesied here as the GREAT MOUNTAIN that was seen in verse 8 as spiritually burning with fire, which was cast unto the sea during the court case. This means that the majority of the WCG membership and other Church of God groups were looking intently on the outcome of the court battle. But as it turned out, one third of those that came out from the WCG including the ministers (the ships), were already casualties and didn't care anymore.

The SIX YEAR COURT BATTLE ended on January 16, 2003 with the PCG paying \$3 million to the WCG.

At a December 18 hearing, as a follow up to her tentative order, the judge said she was wasn't inclined to change her tentative ruling. Two days after that hearing, the WCG seemed all more eager to settle, lowering its licensing offer to a \$3 million





On January 4, 1997, Gerald Flurry announced that the PCG would begin reprinting Mr. Armstrong's last work, Mystery of the Ages. The WCG sued for copyright infringement, saying it was their "Christian duty" to keep the book out of print.



PCG representatives meet with attorneys to discuss court strategy. From left: Kelly Klaus, Dennis Leap, Mark Helm, Gerald Flurry, Stephen Flurry and Craig Winters. The PCG counter-sued the WCG for rights to 18 other works. The WCG eventuall agreed to abandon their "Christian duty" to keep Mystery of the Ages out of print

bottom line...

After weighing our options for several days, we reached a final decision on Monday, January 13, 2003: \$2.65 million for the WCG to 'grant PCG a worldwide, nonexclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, fully paid up, non-royalty-bearing license' to all 19 works. Under the agreement, the copyright notice would read 'c Herbert W. Armstrong'. The next day, to our amazement and shock, the WCG asked us to submit an alternative offer for buying the copyrights outright...

On Thursday morning, January 16-17 years to the day after Herbert W. Armstrong's death – the WCG agreed to sell us all the copyrights for \$3 million. ...Later that day, Mark Helm and the WCG's attorney conference-called Judge Snyder to tell her that both sides had agreed to terms of settlement. Thus for all intents and purposes, six years of litigation ended afternoon of January 16, 2003.

Source: Pages 325-326, Raising the Ruins

Look at what happened next after the SIX YEAR COURT BATTLE.

Chapter 4

The Third Trumpet Angel: Wormwood – A Great Star from Heaven

nd the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;" (Revelation 8:10)

Mrs. Barbara Flurry became critically ill due to a CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE after the court case victory against the WCG on January 2003. Her ailment pictured the spiritual condition of the PCG ministry (as symbolized by the heart).

We may ask: When is the possible date this THIRD TRUMPET ANGEL could have sounded?

The THIRD TRUMPET ANGEL sounded on September 5, 2004 when Mrs. Barbara Flurry died. But someone may ask, Why would the death of Mrs. Flurry be connected with this "great star" in verse 10? Remember that the HEART is a symbol for the PCG ministry and someone specific from that ministry is being described in this prophecy as "a great star from heaven" who is being identified by God to be the root cause of the spiritual congestive heart failure of the PCG.

Who is this "great star from heaven"? We know that a "star" signifies a "member." So this is referring to a MEMBER of the ministry in God's Church. Who is this minister from the PCG

being mentioned here? And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. (Revelation 8:11)

What is "Wormwood" in the Bible?

Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood; (Deuteronomy 29:18)

The introduction of paganism in God's Church is "Wormwood" in God's eyes.

Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land. (Jeremiah 23:15)

And if there is profanity in the ministry, God calls it also as "Wormwood"

(Read also these scriptures which mention the word "wormwood": Proverbs 5:4; Jeremiah 9:15; Lamentations 3:15; Lamentations 3:19; Amos 5:7)

But God is giving the name "Wormwood" to a minister in God's Church in this last end. But why give the name Wormwood?

From The Philadelphia Trumpet, November 1995, Simon Magus History—Prophecy for Today

Here is what The New Concise Bible Dictionary states about Simon Magus: "In Acts 8:9 a pagan

wonder-worker who had amazed the local Samaritans. He claimed to be a manifestation of God (v. 10)...when he saw Philip's signs and wonders, and the Holy Spirit given when Peter and John laid hands on the converts, he offered cash in return for the gift (vv. 17ff.)... he was obsessed with the idea of power" (p. 517, 1989).

There is another type in this last end who was so obsessed with the idea of power. He is this Wormwood being prophesied in Revelation chapter 8.

Peter severely rebuked Simon for trying to buy his way into God's Church. "Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity" (Acts 8:21-23). Peter states emphatically that Simon had no part in God's Church or to an office in the ministry...

Peter told Simon that no lot had fallen to choose him. Simon could not buy an apostleship!

It is not hard to imagine what Simon was thinking. Simon believed he was qualified to be an apostle. Wasn't he known as a great one? Carnally, he reasoned that he could be the apostle to the Samaritans. They had already looked to him as the greatest religious leader of the age. **Peter**

corrected him sternly for this thinking.

Source: *Philadelphia Trumpet*, November 1995, *Simon Magus History—Prophecy for Today*

This last end Wormwood also thought to become a GREAT ONE just like his first century predecessor, Simon Magus. That's why this spiritual Wormwood is being described by God as "a great star from heaven" or "a great member of the PCG ministry."

However, a close examination of verse 23 shows that Peter did more than just call him on the carpet. He revealed what this man would do in the future to God's Church. Verse 23 is a prophecy. Let's repeat the verse. "For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity" (v. 23). The King James Version fails to give the full impact of Peter's indictment! Lange's Commentary says, "Peter's words, literally mean: 'I regard you as a man whose influence will be like that of bitter gall [poison] and a bond of unrighteousness [lawlessness], or as a man who has reached such a state" (vol. 9, p. 148).

Source: *Philadelphia Trumpet*, November 1995, *Simon Magus History—Prophecy for Today*

This first century wormwood, Simon Magus had an influence comparable to "bitter gall [poison] and a bond of unrighteousness [lawlessness]." The same is true for his last end counterpart.

This verse, when understood in the manner Peter intended, is one of the most important of the whole chapter. Peter not only understood the twisted thinking of this man's mind, he knew what

Simon would become. He was to become a great adversary of God's true Church.

Gall and Bitterness

Peter's unique expression "gall of bitterness" in verse 23 also reveals what Simon would attempt to do to true Christianity.

The term "gall of bitterness" in ancient Israel referred to a person that attempted to introduce pagan practices into the nation's religion. Peter knew Simon would do this in the future. Peter's rebuke of Simon was a grave warning of the future

Source: *Philadelphia Trumpet*, November 1995, *Simon Magus History—Prophecy for Today*

That future is pertaining to this last end we are living in today. So another type of Simon Magus has infiltrated God's Church whose influence far transcends his local region. This is the how paganism such as Mother's Day, Irish Dance and Cremation was introduced to the PCG, because of this minister's influence.

Who is this minister?

This is referring to none other than **John Macdonald**. His meteoric rise from being a lay member of the PCG to become a Regional Director is quite phenomenal. And **he is the root cause of the spiritual congestive heart failure of the PCG being pictured by the ailment of Mrs. Barbara Flurry**. Mr. Gerald Flurry even prophesied of such a minister to be found in the midst of the PCG:

"Simon Magus craved power." "He just wants more power, and more, and more." – He wanted to gain a large following and wanted more power for himself.

He has the same lust for power as Diotrephes. As Mr. Gerald Flurry told the ministry during the 2011 Ministerial Conference (Lecture #5) that "we are going to have Diotrephes IN OUR MIDST – IT'S PROPHESIED!" That this end-time Diotrephes "wants to put himself on the spotlight; he loves preeminence and wants to have authority over the others; and that he wants to run the show", Mr. Flurry added.

Source: page 554, The Last End - A Book of Remembrance



John W. Macdonald

Furthermore, there is another prophecy this time written by Moses regarding this Wormwood among the Philadelphia Church of God ministers.

And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock. (Numbers 24:21)

Kenite – from Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon, the eldest son of Adam and Eve and the first murderer having murdered his brother Abel

The Kenites are those being mentioned in Jude:

Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. (Jude 1:11)

Another name given to those people who have gone in the way of Cain who hated his brother and murdered him, they are called the *Kenites*.

For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (1 John 3:11-16)

"Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock" – this expression is showing us that there will always be spiritual

Cain in the midst of God's people throughout all the Church eras. There will always be a dwelling place for Cains or Kenites who will hate a brother in God's Church in which mostly these Kenites have been elevated or promoted to a higher position in God's government.

For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ... Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. (Jude 1:4, 11)

These are the people being prophesied of in Numbers chapter 24 – the Kenites. And yet it is also prophesied how the office of Cain will be passed on to another man.

Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive. (Numbers 24:22)

Nevertheless – in *Strong's Concordance*, can also be rendered as "although"

Wasted – in *Strong's Concordance* can also mean, "consumed" Until – in Strong's "degree (equally with); for as much as"

"As much as" in the dictionary means: used to say that two things are equal in amount or degree

Asshur - the Assyrian, i.e., John Macdonald

"Carry thee away captive" can also be defined as "Lead you away captive; transport into captivity"

Paraphrase:

Although those who follow the ways of Cain in hating their spiritual brothers were already consumed during the transition from the WCG going to the PCG, yet there will be an Assyrian, John Macdonald who has the same degree of hatred to his brothers who will lead and drive God's people away into captivity.

Let's continue with verse 23:

And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this! (Numbers 24:23)

Alas – in *Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon* can also mean, "WOE" Does – *Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon* defines it also as, "bring to pass"

Who shall live when God shall bring to pass this prophecy written in Numbers chapter 24 concerning the Assyrian? This is pertaining to our time in this last end when we have seen several ministers who hated their own spiritual brothers and terrorize them. The description of how it all happened can be read in the next yerse.

And ships shall come from the **coast of Chittim**, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever. (Numbers 24:24)

Ship in the dictionary can also de defined as:

- To hire oneself out or enlist for service on a ship.
- To hire (a person) for work on a ship.

Coast – H3027 "yad" which can also be defined in Strong's Concordance as "ministry"

Chittim – in Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon means "bruiser"

Bruiser in the dictionary means "a person who enjoys arguing with others"

It is synonymous to the word "bully"

Bully – to intimidate or terrorize; discourage or frighten with threats or a domineering manner; intimidate

Afflict – in Strong's Concordance is defined also as, "submit self"

Asshur - the Assyrian, i.e., John Macdonald

Eber – in Brown -Driver-Briggs Lexicon is defined as "region beyond" (the region beyond the PCG Headquarters in Oklahoma, i.e., the Africa-Australasia region)

Paraphrasing verse 24 using the definitions, we will have:

And hired personnel from the **ministry of bullies**, shall submit themselves to the John Macdonald, and shall afflict the Africa-Australasia region (even the UK-Europe region where his son rules), and he also shall perish for ever.

There is another specific prophecy which involves this Wormwood and it is written by the prophet Hosea:

When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound. (Hosea 5:13)

Let's further understand the context of this prophecy by reading some excerpts from our booklet, THE HOSEA 5 PROPHECY, HEAR THIS, O PCG MINISTERS!

Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you, because ye have been a

snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor. (Hosea 5:1)

The sickness and death of Mrs. Barbara Flurry who was from the "house or family of the king" is a judgment in itself already. The CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE points us to the sickness of the spiritual heart – the ministry...

O house of the king; for judgment is toward you — This "family of the king" refer directly to Stephen Flurry who made the changes to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's book, Mystery of the Ages back in 2003. A few months later, her mother became sick and eventually died in 2004. Then in 2012, Stephen was able to establish a regional office in Mizpah, Jerusalem yet he turned his back from that place on August 10, 2013. As prophesied, it becomes a SNARE that would snap on his face; while the NET being defined as LEADERS WHO ARE LEADING THE PEOPLE TO SIN is actually the fulfillment of last end Joshua and his fellows! (Zechariah 3:1-2, 8). They comprise the 25 men of Ezekiel 8 who turned their backs on God.

Source: Pages 8-9, THE HOSEA 5 PROPHECY, HEAR THIS, O PCG MINISTERS!

The 25 men of Ezekiel who supported the Edstone work is now seeing their sickness. The spiritual sickness of Ephraim revolves around the Edstone work. And apparently, Judah or the PCG is now seeing her wound in the context of their work in Jerusalem which left desolate. Their feasts messages last 2016 was all about Jerusalem, yet they don't have any work there and they are already seeing their wound now.

Jareb – means "he will contend" in *Strong's Concordance*; in *Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon*, "contender"

Stephen Flurry from the house of the king already went to King Jareb or King CONTENDER there in Australia. What do you think did he do there? Is there any important or urgent matter that would require Stephen's presence in this "region beyond" (that's the meaning of Eber) his own region in Britain and in Jerusalem?

From the PCG Twitter account posted on October 20, 2017, they noted how Mr. Gerald Flurry attended the Feast in England after which he visited Israel using their new jetplane:

"Touchdown! Pastor General Gerald Flurry just landed in Oklahoma City after flying to England and Israel. #PCGjet"



This is a very strong evidence that the prophecy in Hosea really did come to pass:

When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound. (Hosea 5:13)

Stephen Flurry and Brad Macdonald is already seeing their spiritual SICKNESS in the context of the Edstone work wherein it added nothing to the work of the PCG. At first when they went there, they thought that they would be able to acquire the *Stone of Destiny* in Scotland for themselves but God did not bless their efforts. So what have they done to save face or avoid humiliation? They concocted a plan to replace the real "*Jacob's pillar stone*" in the minds of the PCG membership and came up with a very bright idea of making Mr. Armstrong's supposed "*Prayer Rock*" as the new *Stone of Destiny*. Then to perfectly

implement their plan, Stephen persuaded his father to give a sermon last January 2017 that made Mr. Armstrong a type of Jacob or Israel, while his father would claim the throne of the current physical royal household in Britain for himself, thus becoming its new king until Christ's return.





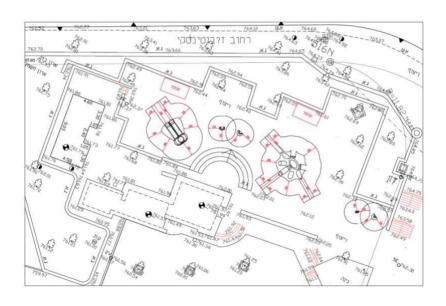
As for the PCG's WOUND in the context of their work in Jerusalem, although Mr. Gerald Flurry spoke a great deal about Jerusalem last 2016 Feast of Tabernacles, yet ONE FULL YEAR has passed by and they still can't find a work there in Jerusalem. That is a very DEEP WOUND for the Philadelphia Church of God. But here is what they have done so far to mend the pain in their WOUND:

- Stephen Flurry sent Brent Nagtegaal to Jerusalem as a correspondent while he being its Regional Director opted to stay in Edstone.
- The PCG launched the **watchJerusalem** website to make it appear that they still have a work in Jerusalem.

• Stephen has planned for his father to go to England during the 2017 Feast of Tabernacles and later on to Israel.

Stephen went to King Jareb or Wormwood (John Macdonald) this 2017 Feast of Tabernacles in Australia and at the same time he sent his father to England and Israel to mend their sickness and wound which they have acquired as a result of the work of the Remembrancers which brought great affliction on them. Look at the development of their project in Jerusalem in the Children's Playground in Liberty Bell Park if this will not make the PCG wail in pain of their WOUND seeing such a sight:



















This project in the Children's Playground with a KINGDOM THEME play structure is scheduled for dedication on the Spring of 2018. Moreover, their participation in the archaeological dig in Mount Zion continues. Well as for the Philadelphia Church of God? They have NONE! This is such a painful WOUND that they must continue bear if they don't repent toward God. God raised up the Remembrancers to provoke them to jealousy (Romans 11:11)

So as God prophesied, this King Jareb CANNOT heal the SICKNESS of Ephraim because of the Edstone work and the WOUND of Judah because they left the Jerusalem work.

Have you noticed how influential this Wormwood is among all the ministers of the PCG? Now notice the connection of the CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE of Mrs. Barbara Flurry with this Wormwood. **The Macdonalds were responsible for influencing the PCG ministers to become a MINISTRY OF BULLIES** that is why God aptly describes him as a GREAT STAR IN HEAVEN in verse 10.

He was the great star or great member of the ministry that brought bitterness to the Philadelphia Church of God. The Macdonalds took hold of the third of the region of the whole world and he even acknowledged it and placed it in one of our ID cards during the FOT here in the Philippines. He was the one responsible for making the third part of the members represented by the Australasia-Africa region together with the UK-Europe being led by his son Brad Macdonald to become spiritually bitter toward each other. Their region became wormwood. The bulk of the membership of the Remembrancers came from the third part that Wormwood ruled over with.

And the name of the star is called Wormwood:

and **the third part of the waters became wormwood**; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. (Revelation 8:11)

Many members died spiritually because of the root of bitterness the ministry of bullies brought on the people. Apparently, it was also this Wormwood who introduced paganism to the PCG. Now we can clearly understand why God allowed the history of the Macdonald clan to be included in the *Book of Remembrance* because of this wormwood prophecy. Again, from the *Philadelphia Trumpet* November 1995 issue:

The term "gall of bitterness" (or wormwood) in ancient Israel referred to a person that attempted to introduce pagan practices into the nation's religion.

Let's consider the proof of the "gall of bitterness" (or wormwood) among the ministry, how they introduced pagan practices into the PCG's religion as early as 2004 after the court case victory. Just read, PREPAID FUNERAL from the Royal Vision, May / June 2004 concerning CREMATION.

What is more interesting now is that the Philadelphia Church of God has descended even DEEPER into that **BOTTOMLESS PIT** because they are now teaching COMPARATIVE RELIGION in their college.

In their COMPARATIVE RELIGION. Armstrong College students study other religions of this world and their gods like Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Zoroastrianism, Jainism, Shintoism, African religion with its BLACK MAGIC and WITCHCRAFT, etc. So it means that the PCG in a sense is now ENQUIRING AFTER other gods of these religions which is a fulfillment of Moses' prophecy:

When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and **THAT THOU ENQUIRE NOT AFTER THEIR GODS**, **SAYING**, **HOW DID THESE NATIONS SERVE THEIR GODS?** even so will I do likewise. Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. (Deuteronomy 12:29-32)

Let's consider how Mr. Gerald Flurry saw the wickedness brought by this Wormwood who wanted more power for himself. Let's read from the *Book of Remembrance* (emphasis mine in parentheses):

(A)fter only over a year of God's house being completed (i.e., on September 5, 2010, which is the 6th year death anniversary of Mrs. Barbara Flurry), Mr. Flurry already noticed this *wickedness* even inside the Philadelphia Church of God? He even emphasized in his co-worker letter dated Nov. 21, 2011:

THIS deeply concerns me. It is a strong spiritual indicator that SOMETHING is not right with too many people in this Church. Let's be honest! Isn't that what Laodiceanism and lukewarmness is like?

He further emphasized in his sermon, "SOMETHING IS WRONG!" Is this not the same as what the angel that talked with Zechariah has shown him? "Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women" (v. 9) Mr. Flurry is also seeing the two women coming out and being measured inside God's house, just like what the angel has shown to Zechariah! Indeed it is wickedness! He wrote in his Zechariah booklet.

The vision in Zechariah 5 has everything to do with JUDGMENT in God's temple, or house. It has everything to do with the Work of God and His ministry! (p. 47, op. cit)

When Mr. Flurry said that the vision in Zechariah 5 has everything to do with the Work of God and His ministry – Does it mean that there are Philadelphian ministers and Laodicean ministers working even inside the Philadelphia Church of God since BOTH WOMEN CARRIED THE EPHAH? If it does, then indeed it is wickedness!

Source: Pages 63-64, The Last End – A Book of Remembrance

God allowed His messenger to the Laodicean era, Mr. Gerald Flurry to see the wickedness even inside the PCG as he wrote about that in a co-worker letter dated November 21, 2011. That wickedness actually originated from Wormwood!

Chapter 5

The Fourth Trumpet Angel: Third Part of the Sun Smitten

nd the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise." (Revelation 8:12)

This FOURTH TRUMPET ANGEL that sounded is referring to the "third part of the sun or third part of the PCG Headquarters ministry" that was smitten who was behind the NO CONTACT POLICY or the Ezekiel 4 siege.

It says here that the third part of the moon or third part of the field ministers and the third part of the stars or third part of the members were also smitten wherein they were either suspended or disfellowshiped because of the NO CONTACT POLICY doctrine. Several PCG ministers such as Ron Fraser, Craig Winters, Mark Nash, Russel Williams, Mr. Icasiano, even Dennis Leap and many others were smitten because of the NO CONTACT POLICY. Not to mention several lay members around the world as well who suffered just the same.

Considering the thought, "the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise." The third part of the PCG membership suffered in spiritual darkness which explains why the other PCG members



Greetings, ministers and wives!

I want to clarify the Philadelphia Church of God's policy on contact with disfellowshiped family members. This issue has not been clear among all our ministers and members. We need to become more unified on it.

Around 1985, Joseph Tkach spoke of a couple in the Church who had some family members disfellowshiped, and he told them that they were to sever their relationship with those people and not to fellowship with them. He told Mr. Armstrong about this situation publicly, and Mr. Armstrong agreed with him publicly.

IMPORTANT

Mr. Flurry will be discussing a portion of this PGR personal in his sermon this week, so please do not read from it during announcements.

Notice 1 Corinthians 5:9-11: "I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators [speaking spiritually]: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you NOT TO KEEP COMPANY, If any man that is called a brother [speaking of somebody in the Church] be a fornicator [again, this could be referring not just to physical fornication, but spiritual sins as well] or covetous or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one not to eat."

God is saying that when fornicators, covetous, idolators, railers, drunkards, extortioners and those with spiritual problems have to be put out of the Church, the rest of us should not keep company with them or eat with them. We are not to fellowship or socialize with them. Certainly there might be an emergency in the family where you might be needed to work out the details of a will or something similar; it is all right to deal with them on that level. But we must keep in mind what God has said.

We have had members in the PCG who have been taken out because they violated this plain command.

We are living in the fearsome time the Apostle Peter spoke of in 2 Peter 2:1-3, the time of "false prophets also

We are living in the fearsome time the Apostle Peter spoke of in 2 Peter 2:1-3, the time of "false prophets also among the people" and "false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies," when "the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." Peter warned that "through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you"! This is talking about people who had been close friends and even family members! Satan is influencing minds, and he will use any means he can to reach those in the inner court.

In commanding us to avoid the Laodiceans, God is trying to protect His people from predators! Satan is subtle, and he knows how to use people to destroy you. Please review my article "God Commands That We Avoid Certain Ones—In Love!" which we reprinted in the July-August 2004 issue of Royal Vision.

2 Thessalonians 3:6 reads, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walks disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

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Certainly all the Laodicean groups are walking disorderly. They're not walking after the traditions given us by God's government through Mr. Armstrong. We have to look upon people that are in the Laodicean churches as being disfellowshiped. Revelation 11:1-2 says they've been cast out; they have been put out of the Church of God. We must not keep company or fellowship with them by going to restaurants and things like that.

In the past, some members have been told that these relationships are okay as

cannot relate to the NO CONTACT POLICY as being harsh because only a third part apparently is experiencing the negative implications of it.

We can put a date on this FOURTH TRUMPET ANGEL that sounded on December 10, 2005 when the NO CONTACT

POLICY or the prophesied Ezekiel 4 IRON WALL was set up as written in the *Pastor General's Report*. Read the rest of this story from the *Book of Remembrance*.

The THIRD PART OF THE SUN that was SMITTEN is referring to the 25 MEN OF EZEKIEL 8, which is the third of the PCG ministry who later involved themselves to the work in Ireland to find the Ark of the Covenant which brings us to the next TRUMPET ANGELS.

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! (Revelation 8:13)

In the upcoming article, we will examine the FIRST WOE which discusses the next phase in the history and prophecy of the Philadelphia Church of God in this last end.

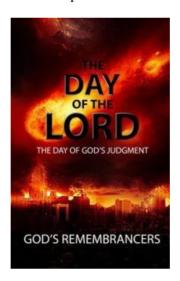
ADDITIONAL READING

The A.R.K. of God Foundation produces many informative and interesting publications that you may want to request.

Here are a few you might consider:

THE DAY OF THE LORD - THE DAY OF GOD'S JUDGMENT

We have been taught in the past that the Day of the Lord will occur only once, and that is after the so called Great Tribulation but is that what in God's mind? Shockingly, the Day of the Lord is applicable to the seven churches of God in Revelation 2 and 3. Our thoughts are not God's thoughts and His ways are higher than our ways so do we even have the right to question His plan for us?



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