

# 'FLASHFORWARD' WILL HAPPEN!

When it happens you will remember that you read about it here! At first the world is going to be astounded and amazed, but you will remember what you read here today. It will forewarn you that the world will quickly cease to be astounded because of the doubt that a dark power has already subtly injected into many minds worldwide, through this television series, in preparation for the actual event!

Many who claim to be Christians will rejoice when they awaken after that night and find the whole world has received the same vision of the future, a vision of a magnificently transformed world of peace, harmony and worldwide prosperity, led by the returned Christ and his Saints.

You, however, have been forewarned that the second part of the vision carried a warning which, in their excitement these Christians will quickly forget – the warning to “Fear God, and give Him glory because the hour of His judgment is come ....” Revelation 6:6-7.

These two verses are merely a summary of a flash forward of stunning intensity which will start with the dramatic vision of Christ returning upon a white charger, eyes blazing like fire, voice like thunder, at the head of an army of thousands of angels and saints.

Revelation 19:11-14

“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.”

If you have ever watched a 3D film in a modern cinema with a wrap around sound, you will have some idea of the impact of that graphic scene, and what follows, as that world is revealed in your most vivid dream ever experienced, in glorious colour and detail.

The words of warning however, which the angel utters, obviously do not remain in the memory anywhere near as long, for the very next verse shows that worldwide, the nations fail to act on them, Revelation 19:15.

“Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God”.

The reason is simple. Most nominal ‘Christians’ are biblically unaware. They may even go to church, but very few ever open their Bibles, and so they remain unaware of scriptures such as 1Thessalonians 5:2-3.

“For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.”

Sudden destruction is going to fall upon a world in which “Christians” at least, are rejoicing in their supposed peace and safety! Just over half a year after that miraculous event which will rock the world, the USA and Britain will be brought low, initially by God’s hand upon the USA (read part one of our End-Time Series on this website). With the power of America removed, Britain and its sister nations around the world will quickly succumb to the chaos that results from the demise of the world’s policeman, but all nations will be afflicted, first by war, then famine and then disease (the second, third and fourth of the 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse – Revelation 6:4-8)

“Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword. When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come and see.” So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.” When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come and see.” So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.”

Please understand that the first 6 seals of this chapter last for 3 years (see End-Time timeline), and are called the “tribulation of those days” in Matthew 24:29. Notice that verse 8 in Revelation 6 tells us that fully one quarter of mankind will die during that time! So starts the trouble that surpasses any trouble yet experienced in human history!

Matthew 24:21

“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

Worse still follows. The final 3 years before the fulfillment of that striking vision is called ‘The **Great Tribulation**’ in Revelation 7:14, “And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” □ So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb”, and “the great day of His wrath” in Revelation 6:17 - “For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

The suffering of man during these years will be so bad that many will wish to die, Revelation 9:6. “In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them”.

Another one third of mankind does die during the events of this chapter alone, verse 18, “By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.”

By the end of those last three years the earth is so desolate, that only a small fraction of mankind will be left alive. Isaiah 24:6 “Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, And those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, And few men *are* left”.

God provides us with this information for one reason only –to give us a chance to repent. Many “Christians” have failed to take in Christ’s constant stressing of this urgent requirement. Matthew 4:17, “From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Mark 1:15 “and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Remember, that same requirement comprised the second part of the miraculous dreams and visions mentioned earlier (for a detailed exposition of the subject read ‘Dreams and Visions’ in General Literature) but once again, all but a relative few mentioned in Revelation 7:9-14, failed to act, in their general euphoria over their miraculous experience, or because they later became deceived by one who claimed to be Christ.

Matthew 24:5 “For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.”

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 “Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts

himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, *so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*”

We must realize that Satan, that dark power, has the whole world under a veil of deception, Revelation 12:9, “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him,” so much so that the Bible describes him as the god of this world in 2 Corinthians 4:4, “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

If you have read so far, and not been turned off by words from the Bible today, maybe, just maybe, God is calling you to repentance – the recognition that you have sinned, 1 John 3:4 “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”

Many have been deceived into thinking God’s Law has been ‘nailed to the cross’, done away, and is no longer binding, but God’s word tells us differently, 1 John 2:3-4 “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

With that recognition we can understand the result, Romans 6:23. “For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” All of us have earned only death, but can receive the gift of eternal life in that glorious Kingdom – as seen in those visions !

It is never too late to repent. King David, back in ancient Israel, coveted another’s wife, committed adultery with her and had him murdered, but repented deeply in Psalm 51.

Repentance is more than being sorry for sin. It is the recognition that its destructive power cuts us off from God. Repentance allows us to adopt God’s attitude to sin. Only then can forgiveness come and a relationship with our father be established.

God inspired King David to define man’s struggle for deliverance from sin in Psalm 51.

We can break down this process of repentance into 3 parts :

- Our recognition of sin and our need for God’s mercy, verses 1-4
- David was not just coming to conversion. He had long been given God’s Holy Spirit but had given in to temptation. Now he cries out for forgiveness and cleansing, for the renewal of the Spirit that grants us salvation and holiness. Verses 7-12.
- Our promise to praise and serve God by instructing others in the way of repentance which leads to salvation.

Despite many sins David went on to become a man very dear to God and an ancestor of Jesus Christ. Acts 13:22-23 “.....He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’ From this man’s seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus.”

Even those who participated in Christ’s crucifixion could be forgiven, Acts 2:37-38, “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” □ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Baptism in the name of Jesus pictures our burial, immersed in water, which washes away our sins, and the death of our old sinful man. We arise cleansed of all our sins, a new man or woman, ready to start on a journey towards eternal life, though still struggling to overcome our human nature, even as did the Apostle Paul (Romans chapter 7).

The very next thing after we arise from the water is mentioned in Acts 2 :38 "Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; *and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*"

Acts 8:17

"Then they laid hands on them, *and they received the Holy Spirit*".

God's Holy Spirit is passed down through the ages in God's church by the laying of hands upon the head of the baptized, thereby begetting the new man or woman into the very family of God !

The Holy Spirit is not a person.

Acts 10:45 "And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been *poured out* on the Gentiles also."

It is invisible. It is the force by which God empowers the laws of physics, which govern the whole of creation. It is the power which enabled the miracles of Christ and which you can receive to combine with your human spirit, by which you are begotten, not born, because we are not born again until we are changed into spirit, John 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit". You are flesh now, not spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 "Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

The Holy Spirit given at baptism is merely a small amount but vitally significant, Romans 8:9 "But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."

The Holy Spirit needs to be nourished by study of God's word and contact with our Heavenly Father in prayer so that it grows as we put God's way into practice in our lives. Think of it as a conduit that expands as we stride out in faith, learning to trust in the many promises we find in the scriptures.

Now you understand the importance of repentance, the second vital part of those visions. Without it, all will experience 'the great winepress of the wrath of God' mentioned in Revelation 14:19. By following the instructions of that angel, even perhaps turning our life around now, and beginning to worship Him by keeping His commandments, including the need of baptism and the Holy Spirit, you may be spared the Great Tribulation and, instead take part in the resurrection of the saints at the half way point in the last seven years! 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 "For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

Today, then, may be the pivotal point in your life that will determine your future. The Holy Spirit, as it did with David, could lead you into a life of mercy, overcoming, praise and service within God's church, Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

It is a way that automatically results in God's blessings now, instead of God's wrath, and a foretaste now of the peace and joy that will be yours forever, in the Kingdom of God, here on a transformed earth!