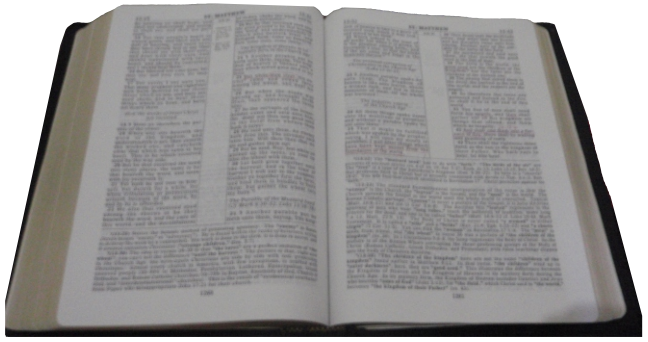
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A Bible Believers Commentary on

Revelation
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Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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3:1- Sardis = The Red Ones

- 1000AD- 1500AD

- The idea is that their red from being bloody from being butchered.

- Today preachers are not yes and no their yo

- Your never certain what they said or meant.

- God is clear and you know exactly what he means.

- 2:23- I will kill her children with death.

- 2:22- I will cast her into a bed.

- 2:20- I have a few things against you.

- God is personal

- 2:29- He that hath an ear let him hear

3:1- 7 stars = 7 churches

3:1- This is a church that is dead but has a reputation that is alive.

- God have mercy on you if you pastor a church like this.

- There are churches like this all over the world.

- Many churches are like a bad lung, they have a couple of cells that are doing all the work.

- Most churches have a couple spirit filled souls that are the only life in the church.

Poem- Outwardly splended as of old inwardly lifeless empty and cold, her force and fire all spent and gone, like the dead moon she still shines on.

3:21- 1Jh. 5:4, 4:4- overcometh

3:21- set down with my Father in his throne

- In the other passages its Christ setting on the right hand of the Father

- In this passage it looks like he is setting with the father in his throne.

- He will do that at the end of this age and the next thing is the rapture.

- At the rapture he stands up and leaves.

- This is the picture of many churches.

- They have a name - Luthern, Methodist, Baptist

- Martin Luther called Henry the 8th that damnable rotteness

- When Martin Luther wrote to the Pope he started out "Greetings most hellish father"

- Greetings your hellishness

- If Martin Luther lived in America, americans would hate him.

- They have a name but are dead.

- Do you know any Lutherns in America that like Martin Luther.

- They have a name but are dead

- The people who shook up America were Methodest Peter Cartwright, Wesley

- Wesley taught if you were richer after you got saved then before you were saved you were backslid.

- You shouldn't speak for more then 15 minutes.

- You talk so much you will sin.

- Do you know any Methodist like that?

- John Wesley was holy.

- Baptist have a name.

- Baptist in early America was tortured for their faith.

- Purtians would whip baptist at the stake.

- John Bunyun was put in jail for 12 years for preaching

- They told him they would let him out of jail if he would quit preaching.

- He said I will stay in Jail until moss grows on my eye brows.

- You know any baptist preachers like that today.

- 2Cor. 11:6- Paul was rude in speech.

- 2Cor. 10:10- His speech contemptible.

- Catholic church has a name but its dead

3:2- that are ready to die.

- So everything that isnt dead is about to die.

- God tells it like it is.

3:3- Hold fast -- to what you have thats still alive

3:3- I will come on thee as a thief

- Picture of rapture and 2nd Advent.

- So the rapture of 1Th. 5 is a picture of the 2nd Advent.

3:4- White garments

- 3:18- Picture of righteousness

- This white raiment contitutes your righteousness.

- Gods righteousness is likened to pure gold.

- Our righteousness is likened to fine linen.

- We live in a lukewarm Age were the hardest thing to do is stir up the people.

- If you can get your people stirred up that's great unless you did something wrong to stir them up.

- We would rather have a church full of zeal and no knowledge then all knowledge and no zeal.

- In the age you live in you go against that age.

- Now it's positive humanism.

3:19- As many as I love I rebuke and chasten

- Heb. 12:5-11

3:20 The only place where the body is referred to as a building.

- We have a door and Christ is outside trying to get in.

3:20- I will come into him

- not them it looks like the individual in the building has to go to the door and let him in

- Revival in the last days is going to be on an individual basis.

- The Lord will have fellowship with anybody who will let him in.

- He won't come in if you don't want him in.

- Doctrinly its teh door of the Church

- Spiritually its your heart.

- The Lord opened a blind mans eyes and he saw men as trees walking.

- Johnathan got his eyes opened and he understood the truth about his father.

- Christ opened their eyes and they knew it was him in Lk. 24 then he opened their understanding that they might under stand the scriptures.

- This has something to do with blind christians who can't see Christ and can't understand the word of God.

- Christians in the Laodicean church age have no faith and no personal righteiousness and are blind as a bat.

- This fits most churches in the world today.

- The Laodicean starts about 1880, the precurser to this apostasy is Darwin, Froyd and Carl Marx

- Darwin prepares the intelectual scientist

- Froyd prepares the doctors and educators

- Carl Marx prepares the politicians and economics people.

- These are the big three.

- They get this Age ready and when the Age comes in the greatest damage is done by the 1884 RSV committee.

- Which becomes the 1901 American Standard Version.

- This is the biginning of the Apostasy of the Body of Christ.

- 1900 the top 4 denomanations kick the bucket about 1920

- Baptist, Methodist, Lutherns, Episcoplians

- Rev. 19:7- the marriage

- Rev. 19:8- for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

- So fine white linen represents the things you do for the Lord.

- Rev. 16:15- Look at the warning given about these garments.

- Our righteousness is filthy rags.

- When you get saved you don't stand at the judgment seat in your filthy rags

- You now have Gods righteousness.

- Pure, clean, white linen

- Every christian is sowing.

- Whenever you do something for God your sewing on fine linen.

- Wether this is a tribulation or not some people are going to be naked before God.

- Many Christians get saved and do nothing afterwards for Christ.

- Rev. 16:15- Lest ye walk naked and they see your shame.

- 1Jh. 2:28- ...and be not ashamed before him at his coming.

- It would be a shame for a christian to stand before God naked.

- 2Cor. 7:1

- 2Cor. 5:3

- Rev. 3:18

3:4- which have not defiled their garments

- Jude 23- A tribulation passage.

- ...hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

3:5- white raiment = fine linen

3:5- ...I will not blot out his name out of the gook of life.

- It implys you could get it blotted out.

- The man that overcomes will not be blotted out.

- 1Jh. 5:4

- 1Jh. 4:4

- We have already overcome by believing on Jesus Christ.

- So to us that are saved it is a promise not a threat

- Every bodies names are in the book an if a man dies with out Christ his name is blotted out.

- There is no elect.

3:5- Ex. 32:32-33 - Moses

- Lk. 10:20- Jesus

- Ph. 4:3- Paul

- Rev. 13:8

Mk. 14:51-52- this is a picture of a man who is dressed in linen and followed Christ until the end and gave up and fled and lost his linen and fled naked - lost his crown.

- Some christians will follow Christ all the way to the end and then give up and lose it all in the end.

3:18- shame of thy nakedness do not appear

- It appears that since your salvation you are making your heavenly clothes.

- Gold is Gods righteousness, fine linen is ours.

- Some christians will appear naked at the Judgment seat of Christ.

- I don't know if we can prove this but there is a lot of scripture that leans that way.

3:18- anoint thine eyes with eyesalve that thou mayest see

- Don't know what this means

- Could be about the Holy Spirt anointing a person and opening his eyes.

- When ever the Holy Spirit opens the eyes of a believer its to see Christ or his word more clearly.

- The Lord opened the eyes of Balaam and saw the Lord with his sword drawn.

- Opened Hagars eyes and saw a well of water in the wilderness which is a type of the Holy Spirit

- The Lord opened Elisha's servents eyes and he saw the chariots of fire.

3:17- Increased with goods and have need of nothing

3:17- This is what God thinks

- Thou art wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked

- And thou knowest not - we think were ok.

- These are the churches that have it all - airconditioning carpet, pews electicity, plumbing

- There is an advantage to having nothing, you have to trust God.

- Mk. 10:23- ...how hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God.

- If your rich you don't need God , when you die your kids get it and they don't need God.

3:18- This is the advice for this church.

- Gold = faith

- 1Pet. 1:7- That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold

- Jam. 2:5- ...hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith

3:18- white raiment - **19:8-** fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.

- God is telling the church to get some faith and personal righteousness

3:18- white raiment

- clothed, and the shame of thy nakedness do not appear

- Rev. 17:8

- It seems that every persons name is there and depending what he does with Christ.

- When a man trust Christ his name can not be blotted out.

3:7- 6th Church --- 1500-1900

- This around the time of Martin Luther

- Philadelphia = brotherly love

- This is the church of the open door.

- This is the only church that keeps the word of God.

- 3:8- ...hast kept my word.

- If you want to get a bible you would get the bible from the reformation period, only period that kept the word.

- What bible is that?

- The King James 1611 - The only one.

3:7- the key of David is figurtive

- Lk. 11:52- Jesus said the lawyers have taken away the key of knowledge.

- This is a figutive saying.

- Keys of death and hell- figurtive its a figure of something.

- Key of David opening and shutting a door

- David is a Jew.

- Its probably when Christ was talking to Peter about the kingdom of Heaven

- Keys open doors and a door in the bible is an opportuntiy to preach the gospel.

- 1Cor. 16:9

- 1Cor. 2:2

- Peter opened the door in Acts 2 to the Jews, Acts 10 to the Gentiles.

- Col. 4:3- A door is an opportunity to preach the truth.

3:7- Philadelphia- is calle the church of the open door

- 3:8

- The Philadelphia church period is where the gospel goes to the ends of the earth.

- 1500- 1900 all the spreading of the gospel is done during this time.

- During this time Martin Luthers german bible was made and the King James.

- When the Lord opens a door no body can shut it.

- If God shuts a door no body can open it.

- If God needs you alive nobody can kill you.

- If the Lord takes somebody home no body can bring them back.

- The Lord will take you home when he is ready, until then keep winning souls to Christ and teaching the bible.

- Because their trying to prove their false doctrine.

3:15- this is the last church before the rapture in **4:1**

- This is our church

- We have been born into an apostate, Laodicean church.

3:15- wert = old english

- I would that ye were

- God wants you cold or hot but not luke warm.

3:16- Because your lukewarm you make me sick and Iam going to vomit you out.

- spue thee out

- Church members that make God sick

  - They pray without passion
    they sing without feeling
    they sin without concern
    they serve without sacrifice.

- 2Sam. 24:24- David said I won't offer anything that don't cost me nothing.

- Lukewarm churches are the churches of the closed door.

- Rev. 3:20-

3:17- Because thou sayest

- we have so many buildings, busses,

- tallest steeple.

- Jh. 1:1-3- Jesus is God and made all things

- Rom. 5:5- ...the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts

- Is God the Subject or Object?

- If God is the object then the HolySpirit teaches us to Love God

- If subject its God loves us

- It can go either way

- Rom. 1:25- who changed the truth of God into a lie

- Is this the truth about God or is it the truth that God gave.

- The fear of the Lord- Does God fear?

- God is the object.

Rev. 3:14- Jesus is the subject, creation is the object, Jesus started the creation of God.

- Oject- Jesus is the beginning of the creation and he was created

- Subject- Jesus is the beginning of the things God created.

- The creation of God is Gensis chapter 1

- Jesus Christ created God's creation

- By comparing scripture with scripture Jesus created all things he was not created, he is the beginning of everything.

- You can always tell a false cult by where he starts out.

- He starts with a confusing verse

- Why doesn't he start out in John or in Colossians.

3:8- I have set before thee an open door

- Zimbabwe you want to learn the bible

- God has set before you an open door.

- Bob Jones Sr. said:

  - God didn't say it was going to be easy.

- He didn't say you wouldn't get kicked going thru.

- Or you would enjoy it once you went through.

- The point is it's open and you can go through it..

3:8- Little strength

- You have enough strength to go through that door.

- 2 Things

  1- Kept Gods word

  2- Did not deny his name.

- The only church in the NT that kept the Word of God.

- The protestant reframation church

- The church that didn't follow the word and made all the false bibles was the Laodicean church.

- You can't trust any bible that came from the Laodicean period.

3:9- Which say they are Jews

- They make themselves spiritual Jews.

- This could be put on any group who thinks Gods all done with Israel and the promises now go to the church.

- Roman Catholics

- 7 Day Adventist- who believe you go to heaven by keeping the Jewish law.

- J.W.'s- Who think their the Jews because they have Jehovah of the Jews.

- Synagogue of satan covers a lot of territory.

3:10- The verse has been used to teach a pretribulation rapture.

- Why it's not.

1- The Phisadelphia church age ended 120 ys. ago.

2- If this verse was true it only applies to one church and there is saved people in every church age.

- This is not a good verse for a pretrib rapture.

3:10- hour of temptation - figurative

- Not a literal 60 min.

- Jh. 2:4- mine hour is not yet come.

- 2 Things

- This will apply in the tribulation and right before in the apostasy.

- Rev. 13:7-10- This can apply directly in the Tribulation.

- Before the Trib. starts there will be a falling away first.

- Women's lib, Gay lib, we want our rights.

- Did you ever hear Paul running around saying I want my rights.

- This is not NT. Christianty, it's not bible.

- 1Cor. 6:19-20- Paul said ye are not your own

- Christians have no rights

- Your bought with a price, your a slave and slaves have no rights.

- 1Cor. 6:20- ...which are God's

- You belong to God.

- You have the right to die, you master has all the rights

3:14- the beginning of creation of God

J Ws love this verse.

- They say Jesus is the beginning of the creation so Jesus was created.

- The word following the word "of" can be object or subject.

- The Jw's get it wrong.

- How do we know we got it right?

- Col. 1:16-20

- It says by him were all things created, all things were created by and for him, and he is before all things and by him all things consist.

- Sinless death in the flesh
- Bodily resurrection
- Eternal Deity
- Blood Atonement
- The only true Saviour of the world.

- Many religions deny these doctirnes.

3:12- make a pillar = spiritual

- Gal. 2:9

3:14- Laodicean- 2 greek words

- Laos = people or laity or common people

- Diceans = Rights, Righteousness

- Laodicean = The rights of the people - Human rights
  Civil rights

- The last church in this age is caught up in Man

- If you preach against man your agianst this age.

- Our age is -- Positive, positive

- The words not and no are not in the news media vocabulary

- Everything is based on the positive approach.

- They say: don't drink coke- say it's the uncoke- sprite, 7 up

- Everything has to be positive

- Today man has all the rights and God has none.

- We want or rights

- The Laodicean churh is an Apostate church.

- 2Th. 2:3- that day = day of Christ

- The man of sin is revealed the first 31/2 years of Trib.

- The son of perdition the 2nd half of Tributation.

- The Philedelphia church is gone before the apostasy sets in.

- The apostasy starts 1880-1901 it begins whith the RV. Revised Version

- All the great preachers of the 20th century were born in the1800's

- After 1933 that was the end of the Philadelphia preachers

Mordeci Ham
Billy Sunday
J. Frank Norris
Richard Deltan
Theodore Epp
Charley Fuller

- All these men were born before 1900.

- Patton- New Hebirdes
- Goforth- China
- C.T. Stud- China, Africa
- Hudson Taylor- China
- Adaniah Judson- Burma
- Henry Mark- India
- William Carey- India
- Dr. Livingston- Africa
- Mary Slessor- Africa
- Francis Gardner- Patagonia's

- All these great missionaries came from Philadelphia age.

3:10- the real trouble comes after the Phildelphia period.

- All the great books on revival have to go back before 1933 for the great revivals.

- The nearest thing you would call an old fashoned revival since 1900 would be Formosa and Bangladesh.

- America has not seen a revival

- Billy Grham could come in for 5 or 6 weeks and people would get saved.

- He would share the total commitment etc.

- These people are very weak christians.

- After he leaves the liquor stores never closed down the porn never left.

- 5, 10, 15 years later these christians are still babies.

- Billy Sunday would come to town and all the liquor stores would close.

- When Billy Sunday and them preached 90% were men over 30 getting saved.

- There is something wrong with a country when the grown men arn't getting saved.

- When Finney held a reival in Rochester, 300 Bankers, Lawyers, and Doctors got saved.

- When Sam Jones came to town and leave all the Liquor stores were shut down, the theaters were closed, and when men gathered in the streets and strarted cussing they would look the other direction to see if anyone is listening.

- There is no town where Billy Graham has ever been in that that's happened.

- Sam Jones came to St. Louis and all the liquor stores closed down and St. Louis is a Catholic town full of liquor stores.

- Today you don't hear about Hell, Judgment, Death, Denying yourself and taking up the cross and follow Christ.

- The big push today is be positive.

- A sign at Gateway Church of Christ said:

" Your ok God don't make junk"

- This skipps Gen. 1-3 so you think all men are made like you- they wern't

3:11- It seems you can loose your rewards at the Judgment seat of Christ.

3:11- 5 Crowns- ---------- 1Cor. 9:25
1Th. 2:19
2Tim. 4:8
Jam. 1:12
1Pet. 5:4

It seems you can loose your rewards at the Judgment seat of Christ.

- 2Jh.8- The context of verse 8 is helping lost unsaved religious leaders.

- 2Jh.7-11- It looks like you can lose a crown or reward, by cooperating and supporting religious liberals

- 2Jh.9- The Doctrine of Christ

- The Virgin Birth
- Sinless life in the flesh