

## **Spiritual Dynamics**

### **Prophetic Understanding of the End Times**

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Prophecy of the end times has been written about for centuries. Is our understanding of the end times correct? When you look at the mainstream church you will see total apostasy and fairytale stories that not only don't make any sense, but do not fit into the scripture if you look closely enough. What do we do? How do we make sure that our understanding of end time events are correct? How can we know? The scripture will answer those questions for us. A new understanding of end time events is currently forming that gives us the understanding that we have been seeking. It will change our thought processes and overturn our previous conceptions of prophecy and how it works.

This is what is called Spiritual Dynamics. Spiritual Dynamics is the process of forces that will be manifested and in operation during the Tribulation. To understand Spiritual Dynamics we must first establish that this new understanding of prophecy is scripturally based and then we need to understand how it works.

**Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.** (Amos 3:7)

This verse tells us that His secret will be revealed to his servants the prophets prior to the Lord doing anything. What is the Lord going to reveal to His servants and what is He going to do after He reveals His secret? We need to identify what the secret is and who His servants the prophets are. Let's take a look at the word **secret**. This word secret has within its definition *counsel or secret*.<sup>1</sup> The same word is used in the following verse.

**For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous.** (Proverbs 3:32)

The word froward is defined as; *to turn aside, i.e. (literally) to depart, (figuratively) be perverse:--depart, froward, perverse(-ness)*.<sup>2</sup> Being froward is considered to be an abomination to the Lord. This is describing the serpents and the scorpions that depart from the heritage of the Lord and become perverse. The Multitude is also there until they come to the truth of the Lord and return to Him when they become righteous. Who is it that has the secret of the Lord? The righteous have the secret of God. The Multitude will also know the secret of God when they become righteous.

The 144,000 are the only ones that are righteous prior to the judgement of the church. If the secret of the Lord is with the righteous and is revealed to his servants the prophets before he does something, i.e. the Tribulation, then it is by a matter of deduction that the servants, the prophets are the 144,000 that the Lord reveals His secret to prior to Him executing the Tribulation.

The Lord reveals his secret to the 144,000 prior to him doing anything. How does he reveal it? Is it a revelation of what is about to occur, or through his word, or maybe both. It is both. Here are the clues that he has given to us in his word that tells us where and how to find the secret that has been hidden. Remember, he reveals what he is about to do before he does it. For centuries, scholars and prophecy students have been studying Revelation and don't really have the answers that they seek. Why. It is hidden to them and only revealed to his servants the prophets prior to the execution of his work. But how does he let us know what he is about to do?

**“I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.” (Ho 12:10)**

Here are our clues in this verse to understanding how this will secret will be revealed. There will be clues in the books of the prophets, and in the visions given to the prophets. He has used similitudes as examples spoken by the prophets.

Visions are defined as; *sights or visions, dreams, and revelations.*<sup>3</sup>

A similitude is defined as; *to compare; by implication, to resemble, liken.*<sup>4</sup>

Visions would include dreams. There are many cases of dreams and visions in all of the prophetic books. He also refers to similitudes which can be comparisons or resemblances to what is being spoken about. Jesus states to the disciples that they are to know the mystery or secret of the kingdom of God. To the ones that are outside of Jesus Christ, they are not given the secret, but parables instead.

**“And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:” (Mark 4:11)**

A parable is a similitude. It's definition means; *a similitude ("parable"), i.e. (symbolic) fictitious narrative (of common life conveying a moral), apothegm or adage:--comparison, figure, parable, proverb.*<sup>5</sup>

We now have an additional clue. Similitudes and parables can be (symbolic) fictitious narratives. This tells us that the objects located within a parable or similitude are symbolic in nature. The objects can be representative of another object. Another word that we can use to describe this symbology is a metaphor.

A metaphor is almost identical to the definitions for parable and similitude with one added element. A metaphor can be figurative. A good example would be the phrase "An apple doesn't fall far from the tree." If you have never heard that expression before, you might be thinking 'Of course it doesn't, it drops straight down under the tree.' This phrase however is actually a metaphor. The objects in the phrase, i.e. apple, tree and the words 'doesn't fall far' are representative of other objects or concepts. This phrase is stating that a particular son or daughter (apple) is very much like (doesn't fall far) their parent/s (tree) in mannerisms or personality. Quite a different interpretation but in analogy it is similar.

## The Spiritual Overlay

Let's look at a scripture that is an excellent example for metaphoric interpretation and gives us an understanding of the Spiritual Overlay.

**"All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds."**  
(1 Corinthians 15:39)

Anybody reading this would see that this verse is speaking about human beings, beasts which would include lions, and bears, dogs, and cattle, fish of the sea and birds of the earth. This would be the obvious interpretation. They do have different flesh because they are different species.

This is a verse that has an underlying meaning to it. When you apply the language of metaphor or Apocalyptic Linguistics as James Lloyd commonly refers; you will find an entirely different meaning.

These groups of men, beasts, fish, and birds are representative of the church. The church is divided into 4 groups; the 144,000, the Multitude, the Serpents, and the Scorpions. When the 144,000 came out of the church, the church is divided into thirds. All of this information is available in two books entitled "The 144,000 and the Multitude," and "The Trumpet Judgements Unveiled."<sup>6</sup>

The flesh of men is a metaphor for the 144,000. The flesh of beasts is a metaphor for the Serpents. The flesh of fish is a metaphor for the Multitude, and the flesh of birds is a metaphor for the Scorpions. These metaphors are figurative. They represent something other than what is read as literal.

This verse is actually telling us when you know ‘the secret’ that there is a division that occurs within the church. The symbology that is used for each of these groups can be traced through the Old and New Testaments. There is an additional clue to understanding how we are to approach prophecy in the end of days in the verse that follows.

**“There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.”**

*(1 Corinthians 15:40)*

This verse is describing on the literal layer heavenly bodies, i.e. sun, moon, and stars and terrestrial bodies referring to earthly or fleshly bodies. Or is it? What was the previous verse speaking about? It was speaking about men, beasts, fish, and birds. Then it changes and is speaking about the sun, moon, and stars and saying that they are different than earthly bodies. It doesn’t make a whole lot of sense when you read it that way. Let’s interpret this in the metaphoric figurative.

The celestial bodies it is referring to is heavenly bodies which everyone immediately thinks on the physical layer as being the sun, moon, planets, and stars. In the figurative, this would be referring to those that are in the spiritual realm, i.e. we are seated in heavenly places. The church is being referred to here as celestial or spiritual bodies. Terrestrial would be referring to physical bodies. This verse is flat out telling us that there are men, beasts, fish, and birds the previous verse was referring to are both celestial (spiritual) and terrestrial (physical).

These verses are telling us that there are two layers to this. The one that you first see and read as literal on the physical layer. There is the physical layer that the world has been seeing and trying to figure out to no avail. And hidden right in plain sight is the spiritual layer which when the metaphoric understanding of what the symbology represents, is thoroughly understood and shows us exactly where we are and what is coming.

Randy Maugans and I refer to this concept of reading the scriptures and applying the spiritual figurative to the verses as the “Spiritual Overlay.” It is like putting a template over the words of the Bible and seeing what is behind the words that

are printed on the page. Finding out the true meanings of what was stated by the prophets, Jesus, and the Apostles.

In the next few verses, this concept is reiterated by Paul. We have begun our journey as a Christian in the natural of the flesh. We finish in the spiritual. We read the Bible when we began in the flesh, we now read it in the spiritual. What physical understanding of the end time events we had at one time has now changed to represent the spiritual understanding of coming events. These events will play out in the physical, but they will play out in a way that the unrighteous will not expect or perceive for they are looking for a literal physical fulfillment. Remember, it is hidden from them and opened up unto us. We on the other hand read the scriptures in the spiritual which when interpreted into the figurative using the spiritual overlay, we can clearly foresee how these events will play out in the physical.

**"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."**  
(1 Corinthians 15:45-49)

In verse 49, it is stated that we shall "bear the image of the heavenly". The word bear is defined as; *to have a burden, i.e. (by analogy) to wear as clothing or a constant accompaniment:--bear, wear.*<sup>7</sup> Image is defined as; *a likeness, i.e. (literally) statue, profile, or (figuratively) representation, resemblance:--image.*<sup>8</sup>

This verse tells us that we are to wear or have in accompaniment the likeness or representation of the spiritual. This would include our walk, the things we do, and how we think. We are to think in the spiritual. Our minds are to be in the spiritual mode. This would include our thought processes. All we have to do is follow Jesus' example. He was in the world but not of the world. He was in the earth but not of the earth. We are to be the same. Jesus' thought processes were in the spiritual. This is evidenced by all of the parables that he spoke of. They were all referring to the spiritual and how the earthly was to convert to the spiritual. He took the earthly (physical) objects in a parable and applied the spiritual context to them. Jesus shows us how to think and where our thought processes need to be rooted.

An example of a parable that Jesus interpreted for us is the parable about the wheat and the tares in Matthew, chapter 13. Jesus states “The kingdom of heaven is likened...”<sup>9</sup> This is a similitude. In this parable, a field owner sows a field of wheat and during the night tares grow amongst the wheat. The workers in the field notice this and want to pull up the tares. The field owner tells them to let them grow together until the harvest, when the tares can be pulled from the wheat without harming the matured wheat.

Jesus gives us an example of interpreting into the spiritual this parable using the objects, wheat, tares, field, etc. as metaphors. Jesus states that the field is the world, the tares are the children of the wicked one, the wheat are the children of the kingdom, the harvest is the end of the world, the tares will be gathered first to be burned, and the wheat shall be gathered into his barn, etc.

Jesus just told us that these objects represent something else other than what they were. If you were reading it through physical eyes, this story would be about a farmer with a bad weed problem.

We are in the time of the end, and with the spiritual overlay we can more clearly identify the players in this interpretation. The children of the kingdom are the Multitude. The tares are the Scorpions and the Serpents. The world is the church. The gathering the wheat into the barn represents the death of the Multitude. One by one they are gathered as they are harvested from the field.

## Literal or Figurative?

Are the events described in the book of Revelation to be interpreted by using the Spiritual Overlay? Look at the title of “Revelation.” It is a revealing, which is one of the definitions for secret.

Do you really expect to see a seven headed beast with a harlot riding on his back rise up out of the sea? Do you expect to see the hideous creatures described in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> trumpets to run rampant upon the earth? Or can we understand these things using the spiritual overlay; interpreting these events by applying the metaphoric language and understanding what each one of these things really represent.

A word of caution applies here. Much of the book of Revelation and the prophetic books, the words of Jesus and the Apostles that are spoken about is in the figurative. There are also literal interpretations, it is not all figurative. There is a

balanced blend between the literal and the figurative that complements each other and flows smoothly. You will see this in an example a bit later.

**“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”** (1 Corinthians 10:11)

Paul tells us that all of the things that happened to the Israelites during their wilderness journey are examples for us. An example can be likened to, or is similar. Does that mean that we will experience the same things that they did? Or does it mean that we will experience events that can be likened to the things that they went through.

They endured the bitter waters of Marah. That resembles the third trumpet. They endured scorpions and serpents which are the fifth and sixth trumpets. Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed by hail and brimstone (fire) which resembles the 1<sup>st</sup> trumpet. There was a plague of physical locusts in Egypt which resembles the 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet. These were physical events that they endured. The first is earthy (physical) and the last is heavenly (spiritual).

When Jesus Christ died on the cross he brought in spiritual Israel. The physical Israel and the physical Jews were transformed into the spiritual Israel and the spiritual Jew. Physical Babylon was destroyed. Spiritual Babylon exists today, just go to any local church. The physical Temple was destroyed and was replaced with the spiritual Temple. Physical Edom was destroyed and has now been replaced with spiritual Edom. King Nebuchadnezzar is long gone. King Nebuchadnezzar makes another appearance in the end of time in the spiritual. This shows the transition from the earthy (physical) to the heavenly (spiritual).

If we follow this principle through our understanding of the scriptures and the end time events we will find that Revelation can be completely understood. The seals, the trumpets, and the vials can all be understood to what they represent and indeed, they are now understood. The beasts of Revelation and the mark of the beast can be understood because now we know that by using the spiritual overlay, we can read behind the words on the pages on our Bibles and understand exactly what each one of those pictures or symbols represent. Here is an example.

The First Trumpet

**“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)

In the physical, we see this as a meteor shower coming down upon the earth and selectively burning up one third of the trees and all of the green grass. The only problem with this is that there is green grass that is spoken about in the 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet that the locusts are not to harm. Where did this green grass come from if **all** of the green grass was burnt up? Either it is referring to something other than physical grass or there is a long period of time that lapses to allow the grass to grow back. There are holes that don't make sense when you look at prophecy in the physical realm. When you apply the spiritual overlay, all of the holes disappear and everything connects with amazing accuracy.

The hail and fire mingled with blood is representative of the church after the 144,000 have been sealed. The church is then divided into thirds. Hail, Fire, and Blood. The hail is representative of the Serpents. The fire is representative of the Scorpions. The blood is representative of the Multitude. The Serpents (hail) and the Scorpions (Fire) are mingled with the Multitude (Blood). In Daniel chapter 2 pertaining to the statue of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream there is the last kingdom of the feet of iron and toes that are mingled with the clay. The iron is representative of the Scorpions and the clay is the Multitude. Where the Scorpions are, the Serpents are also, so in that passage we have the Serpents (they are constant companions of the Scorpions) and the Scorpions (iron) mingled with the Multitude (clay). This fits perfectly.

The hail and fire burns up the one third of the trees. The trees are a symbol or metaphor and are a figurative representation of the church. The church is divided into thirds. One third of the church (trees) is destroyed. The Multitude is that third that gets burned up.

The green grass is representative of the possessions of the Multitude which is confiscated by the Scorpions as a reward for their betrayal of the Multitude. All of their possessions are taken away or burned up.

What about the green grass mentioned in the 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet and these locusts are not allowed to touch the green grass, tree or any green thing? The green grass and trees and green things that are being referred to are the 144,000 and their possessions. The scorpions are not allowed to harm the 144,000 or touch any of their possessions. They are allowed in the 1<sup>st</sup> trumpet to harm the Multitude but are not allowed to harm the 144,000; hence, the green grass and trees that are destroyed in the 1<sup>st</sup> trumpet and the green grass and the trees that are not destroyed in the 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet. In fact, they are commanded not to harm the 144,000 by the Lord. This would be evidenced by the sealing prior to the 1<sup>st</sup>

trumpet being blown. When you apply the spiritual overlay, all prophecy becomes harmonized.

Let's now look at the 2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet. In this trumpet we will find both figurative and literal interpretations that harmonize with each other.

**“And 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; 9 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 8:8,9*)

This appears in the literal physical interpretation to be a large asteroid plunging into the sea and killing one third of the creatures in the sea, destroying one third of the ships, and causing one third of the sea to become red, possible what is known as 'red tide.'

There is a problem with this interpretation. If you notice the reference to the one third of the creatures that “had life, died.” What does that mean? It doesn't make a lot of sense. Does this mean that they all had life but only one third dies or that there was only a third left after maybe some other catastrophe had occurred? Or maybe when they rendered the King James they made a mistake. Or maybe this doesn't make sense on the physical layer for it is meant to be interpreted on the spiritual layer.

Let's look at this event on the spiritual figurative using the spiritual overlay. Our understanding changes dramatically.

The **“great mountain burning with fire”** is representative of Babylon. In Jeremiah 51:25 the Lord states that he will make Babylon a burnt mountain. The word burnt in that verse means; *burning*.<sup>10</sup> This burning mountain is cast into the sea. The church is cast into the sea. The sea is also the church or Babylon. The four beasts of Daniel rise up out of the sea. These four beasts are representative of the Serpents, the Scorpions, and the Multitude. The beast in the book of Revelation rises up out of the sea. That beast is representative of the Serpents and the Scorpions and the Multitude. Jude refers to the apostate as raging waves of the sea.<sup>11</sup> Israel is as the sand of the sea. There are numerous verses that point to the sea as being the church.

**“The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.”** (Jeremiah 51:42)

The mountain which is Babylon is cast into the sea which is also Babylon. When that happens, there is one third of the creatures that has life, dies. Where are the other two thirds? Those would be referring to the two thirds that are cut off and die in Zechariah 13:8. They die not only a physical death but a spiritual death as well. The other two thirds of the creatures in the sea don't have life. They are spiritually dead. The only ones that have life is the one third, the Multitude. The Multitude will die a physical death at the hands of the Serpents and the Scorpions. And they do die a literal physical death. The word "died" is to be translated literally, for they do really die in the physical.

The one third of the ships that are destroyed is referring again to the Multitude. The other two thirds of the ships are rounding up the one third of the ships and sinking them. One third of the sea turns to blood for it is the one third of the church that is murdered and their blood is spilled in the streets of Babylon.

When we interpret Revelation and the prophetic books in this manner, we will begin to see the real picture of what is about to happen and is in fact happening right now. The different groups are formed and growing stronger in their stances. We can recognize them for the Lord has shown us through the spiritual overlay WHAT to look for.

When we learn how to read the scriptures using the spiritual overlay, we can then understand how it manifests in the physical. For it does come back to the physical. We live in a physical world, yet we are also among Serpents and Scorpions and of course the Multitude. We are walking among Lions, Dragons, Birds, and Fishes, and they are regular human beings walking on two legs without a clue as to what is really going on all around them. For it is not given to them to know, lest they open their eyes, understand and be converted. The only exception is the Multitude. Their eyes and ears will be opened and they will come to the realization that they are in a terrible predicament. They are well into the Tribulation and had not a clue. Just like a thief is how Jesus put it.

This is why these things were not understood until the present time. **"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 word Revelation is defined as; *...to be revealed.*<sup>12</sup> With an under definition which means; *to take off the cover.*<sup>13</sup>

This is the revealing or taking off the cover of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the Word. The Word is the words of the Bible and all that is contained. The

Revelation of Jesus Christ translates into the revealing of the Word “...to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass.”<sup>14</sup>

The secret that is revealed unto the servants the prophets is the understanding of the end time events. They are understood through the spiritual overlay. The “secret” pertains to the events of the Tribulation. The Lord begins his work with the commencement of the Tribulation. The phrase “**shortly come to pass**” is very close in definition to “**short time**”<sup>15</sup>, “**little season**”,<sup>16</sup> and “**short space**”.<sup>17</sup> All of these phrases referenced are pertaining to the Tribulation. We can find confirmation of this concept in the following verse.

**“For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.”** (Romans 9:28)

This verse states that the Lord will finish the work and he will make it a short work. Jesus accomplished his work at the cross and he finishes it with the Tribulation as we can find confirmation of this in the following verse.

**“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”** (*Revelation 10:7*)

You will of course recognize that this verse is referring to the seventh trumpet. When the seventh trumpet is blown, the mystery of God is finished. The word mystery is defined as; *secret*...<sup>18</sup> What secret? It is the secret that the Lord reveals to his servants the prophets prior to the Tribulation. At the end of the Tribulation, he states that the secret is finished and then states that this secret he has declared unto his servants the prophets. When did he declare it? He declared it prior to the beginning of the Tribulation in Amos 3:7.

It was not yet time until it came very close to the beginning of the Tribulation. The Lord will not do anything until he reveals his secret to his servants the prophets. This is his secret and once that is done, He can begin his strange work. This is when the Lord took off the cover and revealed through principles, doctrine and by example how we are to read and understand the prophetic scriptures.

**“Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:”** (*Romans 16:25,26*)

Look at this verse. It includes the **“the revelation of the mystery”**, and the word **“secret”** stating that this had been hidden, is now made manifest and by the scriptures of the prophets. There are too many clues in this room.

This verse can also be referring to the understanding of the work that Jesus Christ did at the cross. Since God’s Word is timeless, it can be referring to both. This verse has all of the key words within it referring to the subject matter at hand. This verse also is a reiteration of a previous verse we had already discussed.

**“And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:”** (*Mark 4:11*)

If we are understanding what the secret is by ‘the revealing of the Word’ and when the Lord makes his secret known to his servants the prophets and he then begins his short work immediately thereafter, we have confirmation that we are indeed in the Tribulation right now.

We need to change our thought processes to align ourselves into the spiritual realm. We are seated in the heavenlies. Let us begin to act and think along those lines. Pray that the Lord give you wisdom and discernment to understand these things. We have a long road ahead of us and there is much to do in the short time that we have. Let us be about our Father’s business.

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- <sup>1</sup> Strong's 5475
- <sup>2</sup> Strong's 3868
- <sup>3</sup> Strong's 2377
- <sup>4</sup> Strong's 1819
- <sup>5</sup> Strong's 3850
- <sup>6</sup> Available from Christian Media Network
- <sup>7</sup> Strong's 5409
- <sup>8</sup> Strong's 1504
- <sup>9</sup> Matthew 13:24
- <sup>10</sup> Strong's 8316
- <sup>11</sup> Jude 1:13
- <sup>12</sup> Strong's 602
- <sup>13</sup> Strong's 601
- <sup>14</sup> Revelation 1:1
- <sup>15</sup> Revelation 12:12
- <sup>16</sup> Revelation 6:11
- <sup>17</sup> Revelation 17:10
- <sup>18</sup> Strong's 3466