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REVELATION'S MOST EXPLOSIVE MESSAGE

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The powerful hurricane Camille had been building up momentum in the warm seas of the Gulf of Mexico! Repeated warnings had been given in Pass Christian, Mississippi about the approaching menace of hurricane Camille. Many evacuated but some defied the ominous warnings! With the wind howling outside the posh Richelieu Apartments Police Chief Jerry Peralta made his last call. A group of 20 persons decided to hold a "hurricane party." as Hurricane Camille was whirling toward them. The front wall of the storm hit full force at 10:15 p.m. with wind speed of 205 miles per hour. Waves rising to 28 feet! They were in the direct line of the hurricane as it slammed into their apartments.

#1 How does the Bible depict the final loving warning messages to go around the world before Jesus comes again? Revelation 14:6-12

- These Three Angel's doing a fly over planet earth, yelling out with trumpet tones their urgent messages symbolizes God's final warning messages to circle the globe before Jesus comes again. This is the final call from God that must be "preached" to every nation, tongue and people. These compelling messages are to inspire God's people to prepare for the climax of the ages, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to take His Bride, His people home to heaven. It will be worth it all when we see the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus! Nothing else is as important as getting ready for Jesus soon return by becoming more like Him every day. The Bride must be purified. The preparation for translation to the celebration is purification. See Daniel 12:10; Rev. 19:7-9; Eph. 5:25-30 ; Matthew 5:8; 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 John 3:3; 2 Cor. 3:18
- Falling in love with Jesus each day or daily conversion is the key to going to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.
- We do not go to heaven "liking" the Lamb but falling in "love" with the Lamb of God. After all we are called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. We are married to the Lamb. We even now take His name, "Christian."

#2 What does it mean "everlasting gospel"? The eternal Good News of Jesus encompasses the past, present, future saving work of Jesus in our behalf. Jesus is "Mighty to save." Isaiah 63:1

- PAST = CREATION OF US
- PAST = REDEMPTION FOR US
- PRESENT = INTERCESSION FOR US
- PRESENT = JUDGING FOR US
- FUTURE = COMING AGAIN FOR US
- The gospel leads us to keep our eyes on Jesus Christ alone. "Look unto Me and be ye saved." Isaiah 45:22
- "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29
- "Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith." Hebrews 12:2

#3 What is Jesus doing now? Romans 2:16

- So the judgment that Jesus does before He comes again is part of the end time everlasting gospel.

#4 What urgent message is to be preached around the world before Jesus comes again? Revelation 14:6,7

#5 What does it mean the "hour of God's judgment is come."?

- It must have something to do with the **FINAL WORK** of Jesus just before He comes again.
- When Jesus comes He has finished His high priestly intercessory work.
- Time is almost up to surrender fully to Jesus. Soon...
- The verdict pronounced on filthy & unjust.
- Spit out of Jesus mouth.

- Kicked out of the wedding banquet.
- Denied by Jesus before the Father.
- Blotted out of the Book of Life.

6 What climatic event happens after the whole world hears the preaching of the judgment hour? Revelation 14:14-16

#7 What does Jesus decide or determine before He comes again? Revelation 22:11,12

#8 What does the Bible call that process in which Jesus determines who will be saved or lost?

#9 Where does this judgment take place and how does the Bible describe this momentous event? Daniel 7:9,10

#10 What are the names of some of those books that are opened in the judgment?

- a. Book of Life - Rev. 20:12; Luke 10:20
- b. Book of Remembrance – Malachi 3:16

11 What is recorded in heaven's books?

- Words – John 12:36,37
- Tears – Psalms 56:8
- Births – Psalms 139:16

#12 What blessed assurances are given to those who trust and obey Jesus?

- Hebrews 5:9 “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”

#13 How can we have confidence to face the judgment?

- Proverbs 28:13 – Repent and forsake known sin.
- 1 John 4:17-18 – Perfect love casts out fear.

#14 Can a person's name be blotted out or removed from the Book of Life? Revelation 22:18,19

- “And the Lord said to Moses, Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.” Exodus 32:33
- Your name can be blotted out of the Book of Life!

#15 What parable did Jesus give that relates to this judgment going on now? Matthew 22:1-14

- “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.” Matthew 22:11

16 What does the wedding garment represent?

- The wedding garment represents the Robe of Christ's Righteousness, His perfect character of love. Revelation 19:7-9
- You must trust in Jesus Christ and His righteousness in order to pass the judgment.

17 What did God provide Adam and Eve with after they sinned? Genesis 3:10,21

18 How can you be sure that you are wearing His robe of righteousness?

- Philippians 3:8,9
- Galatians 5:5,6
- Romans 10:3
- “Even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, “being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” Romans 3:22-24

#19 What promise does Jesus give to those who are overcomers by His grace? Revelation 3:5

#20 Who are the first ones to be judged? 1 Peter 4:17

- a. World?
- b. Church?

#21 What is the name of the seventh church of Revelation? Laodicea

- What does this name literally mean: “ones who are judged” Revelation 3:14-21

#22 What warning does Jesus give to His last day people? Revelation 3:14-21

23 How is this heavenly judgment about to shift? Revelation 20:12

- Soon the judgment will shift to the righteous living!
- Right now the righteous dead are being judged.

#24 Why hasn't Christ come again yet?

- "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world." Matthew 24:14
- The preaching of the gospel has not reached the entire world yet.

#25 Are most Christians spiritually awake and ready for the soon return of Christ?

- The Church is sleeping in the last days.
- "My master is delaying his coming." Matthew 24:48
- Illustration: The enemy of our souls strikes us while we are in spiritual slumber. The Japanese air raid attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 occurred on a Sunday morning while everyone was sleeping. America was caught by an overwhelming surprise. We were not ready. President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaiming December 7 "a date which will live in infamy".
- Illustration: The purpose of the midnight ride of Paul Revere was to awaken and prepare the Patriots. He and others sounded the alarm: "The British are coming!"
- The dramatic signs of the times are intended by God to arouse His sleeping saints.

26 How is the judgment good news to the righteous? Matthew 10:32

- "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Matthew 10:32
- The final work of the earthly high priest symbolized the final work of our Heavenly Great High Priest.
- The door of probation will close at any moment!

Appeal: While the world is wrapped up in worldly pleasure... Soon the door of probation will close.. But the world won't know it...

- Revelation 3:7,8 Open can't shut.
- Right now the door is open for repentance.
- Soon that door will be shut.
- Matthew 25:10 "door was shut
- THE TIME OF THE END FOR THE ANTEDILUVIANS
- OPEN YOUR DOOR BEFORE HE CLOSES HIS!
- Jesus wants us to approach God through Him, by His name and to pray with confidence. See Hebrews 4:14-16

27 Does the Bible tell us when this heavenly judgment began?

- "He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." Acts 17:31

28 What is the Bible's longest prophecy? Daniel 8:14,17

29 What does a day represent in Bible Prophecy? Ezekiel 4:6

- One day = a year
- Ezekiel 4:6 "I have appointed thee one day for a year."
- 2300 days are 2300 years.

30 In what year did Jesus begin the judgment in the heavenly sanctuary? Daniel 8:14

- "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed." Daniel 8:14
- The cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary begins at the close of the 2300 year prophecy.

31 When does this 2300 year prophecy begin? Daniel 9:25

32 When was the decree to rebuild Jerusalem issued? Ezra 7:7,10,11

- 7th year of the reign of king Artaxerxes - 457 B.C.
- "I issue a decree that all those of the people of Israel and the priests and Levites in my realm, who volunteer to go up to Jerusalem, may go with you." Ezra 7:11

Sir Isaac Newton was a brilliant English...

- Scientist
- Mathematician
- Bible Scholar

- Look at this quote from a famous biography of scientist Isaac Newton, a fervent student of the book of Daniel:
- "Who cares whether Newton was correct in maintaining that the prophecy of the seventy weeks in the Book of Daniel referred to the interval of 490 years after Ezra's leading the Jews from Babylon back to Jerusalem (457 BC to the Crucifixion in AD 33/34)?"
- Sir Isaac Newton would refer to the prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 as "the Crown Jewel of the Old Testament" and "the foundation stone of the Christian religion." —A. Rupert Hall, *Isaac Newton: Adventurer in Thought* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992), p. 372.

33 How long have we been living in the hour of God's judgment? Ever since 1844

- In the last days the focus is not on the earthly sanctuary any more.

34 Which sanctuary should we focus on now? Revelation 11:19

- "Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple." Revelation 11:19
- Where is Jesus in the heavenly sanctuary? **THE MOST HOLY PLACE!** That is where the Ark of the Covenant was located.
- "And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand." Rev. 8:4

35 What does the cleansing of the sanctuary mean?

- Blotting out of the record of sin.
- Blotting out the names of the unconverted from Book of Life.

#36 What are done with the names of some of those written in the Book of Life? Revelation 22:18,19

#37 When did Gabriel tell Daniel people would understand these prophecies? Daniel 12:4

#38 How was this heavenly judgment foreshadowed or symbolized in the Old Testament?

- EVERYDAY... Symbolically the sin was transferred from the guilty sinner to the innocent lamb.
- Then the High Priest brought some of the blood into the Holy Place.
- Symbolically the blood contained the record of sin. Thus the sanctuary was being polluted by the record of sin.

39 Why did the high priest go into Most Holy Place on the final day of the year?

- **THE DAILY ACCUMULATION OF THE RECORD OF SIN MADE A YEARLY CLEANSING OF THE SANCTUARY NECESSARY.**
- The Earthly Sanctuary was cleansed once a year *at the end of the biblical year.* (Day of Atonement)
- He was only in the Most Holy Place one day at the end of the Biblical calendar!
- YOM KIPPUR
- This was a solemn annual event.
- The trumpets blasted to announce the beginning of the cleansing of the sanctuary!
- "He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times." Lev.16:14
- "For any person who is not afflicted of soul on that same day, that person shall be cut off from his people." Leviticus 23:29
- Anyone who did not humble themselves and repent of sin during the Cleansing of the Sanctuary, were SHUT OUT of the camp of Israel -- Hence, a time of judgment.
- Therefore... "the cleansing of the sanctuary" = A TIME OF FINAL JUDGMENT
- Every Israelite knew that when the High Priest was cleansing the sanctuary from the record of sin in the Most Holy Place that everyone was being judged.
- Jesus is our dying Lamb and living Priest!
- The final work of the earthly high priest symbolized the final work of our Heavenly Great High Priest.

Appeal: Open your door before He closes His door. See Rev. 3:20

- FOR 120 YEARS THE DOOR OF PROBATION REMAINED OPEN! THERE WAS AN OPEN DOOR OF INVITATION!
- THEN...THE DOOR WAS SHUT!!! PROBATION CLOSED!
- LIFE CONTINUED AS USUAL FOR 7 DAYS...
- PEOPLE "ATE AND DRANK" – OBLIVIOUS TO THE FACT THAT THEIR FATE WAS SEALED.
- THEN....THE FLOOD CAME!
- The time of probation closed before the actual flood..
- THE TIME OF THE END LASTED 120 YEARS!
- A prophetic warning message of judgment!! Who was saved and lost was determined before the flood/end came.
- The flood came 120 years after Noah began preaching about the judgment in his day.
- TIME TO FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS BEFORE THE DOOR SHUTS!