

# The Scribe

"Every Scribe which is instructed into the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old" - Matthew 13:52



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## THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINTS - PART 1

This message was preached by Brother Amos, on the evening of Saturday, 18th November, 2017, during the November 2017 Convention, at Bible Faith Tabernacle, Lagos, Nigeria. It is the first of three parts, and although quite small in terms of size, it is a very crucial foundation for this message.

Good evening brothers and sisters. Can you please turn with me to Revelation Chapter 7, and we will take verse 9, which records: ***"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands."*** Shall we pray one

more time. (Brother Amos prayed). Saints, the message we are taking tonight, is one of the crucial messages that needs to be put out in the Scribe Magazine. And the Lord helping us, we intend to do justice to the truth of this message, for the edification of the body of saints around the globe. So, just pray for me that God will help me, because it is important that this goes out in the Scribe, which is precisely why I am preaching it tonight. We have just a short while to go, in the catching up program of the Scribe messages, that is, in presenting the Continuing Message of the Holy Scriptures in the Scribe Magazine. I want to appreciate the prayers of the saints around the globe for this work. Your prayers are what makes the



difference, because this work cannot be done without the prayers of you saints. I also want to appreciate the financial support and the sacrifice of the saints for making this work possible, as it is indeed a great sacrifice, and it is one which yields eternal dividends, if we faint not. Many thanks goes to our brothers and sisters engaged in the work of the Scribe, labouring long and hard for its production, and working tirelessly day and night. You are very much appreciated, and may the Lord help us all, in this great and most glorious divine enterprise. Brothers and sisters, God has been good to us, seeing us thus far in this catching up project, and we have just a little while to go yet, but we will get there by His grace, for the Lord is faithful. May God give us strength; may He give us good health; and most importantly, may the Lord grant divine inspiration for the production of the Scribe Messages, because inspiration is strictly of the Lord.

Look at this verse in Revelation Chapter 7, verse 9, tonight: **“After this**

***I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.***” From this verse of Scripture, brethren, I want to take a message we have on the chart, titled, *THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINTS*. May God help me, in presenting this message tonight. Come with me to 2 Corinthians Chapter 11, where Apostle Paul says from verse 1: **“Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: FOR I”** (PAUL) **“HAVE ESPOUSED YOU TO ONE HUSBAND”**, (WHO IS OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST), **“THAT I”** (PAUL) **“MAY PRESENT YOU AS A CHASTE VIRGIN TO CHRIST.”** Brothers and sisters, when God anointed Apostle Paul to carry the light of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the Gentiles, that man bore the Blueprint of God's Plan of Gentile Redemption, and in that day, brothers and sisters, all he knew was

that God had sent him to get a Bride for Jesus the Christ, A WORD BRIDE. It was the same understanding the apostles carried in that day, including the apostles to the Jews, for they all thought that they were sent strictly for the Bride of Christ. Consequently, when the apostles, that is, Apostles Peter, James, and John, went forth in that First Age of Christendom, all they knew, was that God was going to get a Bride for His Son. However, brothers and sisters, the Jews rejected the Gospel, just like they had rejected Jesus Christ, and God shut them out, and turned to the Gentiles, although the Jews formed the beginning nucleus of the Bride of Christ. And from the time God anointed Apostle Paul to carry the Gospel Message, for the redemption of the whole world, he went all over the globe preaching this Good News, the Gospel of redemption that we have in Jesus Christ. But in that day, as Raymond Jackson, the Paul of this end time, has said, and just as we read in 2 Corinthians Chapter 11, verses 1-2, all he knew, was that he was

sent to get a Bride for Jesus Christ. The Gospel he carried, he carried it as a Gospel meant only to produce the Bride of Christ. Little did Apostle Paul realise, that the Gospel he carried, would not only produce the Bride, it would also produce other classes of saints, but he was just not given this understanding. That understanding was not given to him, because he was sent to get a Bride, and as such, he actually believed that the Gospel he carried, would only produce one class of saints, which is the Bride of Jesus Christ. He dealt with the saints in that day on that level, believing that the people he positively affected with the Gospel, were all Bride saints. It is the Almighty God that determined, that through the Gospel, various classes of saints would be produced, as His redeemed family. I repeat: God determined that through this Gospel, the same Gospel Apostle Paul carried, that different element of saints would be affected, and it would produce different classes of saints in God's redeemed family, all through the

Grace Age. Apostle Paul did not know this fact, and as far as he was concerned, the Gospel he carried, the revelation of Jesus he carried, was to produce nothing but just the Bride of Jesus Christ. Therefore, brothers and sisters, when we consider the topic we want to deal with tonight, it is a revelation that goes beyond the bounds of the knowledge of Apostle Paul, because certain truths of Christ did not come until much later on in time. Do not forget that in Matthew Chapter 25, the Master even spoke about the Foolish Virgins. But somehow, even though Apostle Matthew wrote about the Foolish Virgins, the understanding of it, the revelation of it, and its application, was withheld from them. Consequently, they did not even address their minds to it at all, in order to consider it in any measure, even though they were inspired to write it. That is why Saint Matthew was the only apostle who wrote on the issue of Foolish Virgins; and yet, although he wrote about it, it was without the revelational understanding of what it pertained to. This

was because the Spirit of the Lord did not impress it upon his mind; and neither did the Lord inspire the minds of the other apostles, to address this issue, other than just being inspired to write it down, as part of the inspired written Scriptures. Brothers and sisters, when we step back a little; when we back up a little in time, ever before Saint Paul stepped on the scene, coming back to the days of Jesus Christ, when he was crucified on the cross at Calvary, there were two robbers that were crucified with him, one on his left, and one on his right. This brings us to Luke Chapter 23, and we will take it from verse 32: ***“And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him”*** (Jesus Christ), ***“and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.”*** Let us skip to verse 39: ***“And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying,***

***Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, LORD, REMEMBER ME WHEN THOU COMEST INTO THY KINGDOM.***” Hold it there! You must agree with me tonight, that it takes an elect of God to make this confession; it takes an elect seed to make that confession. For a man dying on the cross to see another man dying on the cross, and still believe that he has a kingdom, and to tell him, “*Please, remember me in your kingdom*”, takes nothing short of a divine revelation! For a man at death's door, being nailed to a cross, seeing another man equally nailed to a cross, condemned to death, who was equally at death's door, to know, and still believe, that that man had a kingdom, a divine kingdom, and further, to ask him, “*Lord, remember me when you enter into your kingdom*”, takes a revelation from above! Only an elect seed of God can make such a

confession! It takes a divine revelation; it takes the dealing of the Spirit of God, for a man at death's door, to see another man at death's door, and to know that he is a King, and the ruler of a coming kingdom! That was divine inspiration! What an inspiration! And what a highly revealed confession! Because the man knew that Jesus Christ truly had a kingdom, even though at death's door! What a revelation, and what an understanding; what a divine understanding! When he made that confession, what did the Master say? What was the Master's response to him? Verse 43: “***And Jesus said unto him, Verily***”, (meaning, Truly), “***I say unto thee, TO DAY***”, (In other words, This very day), “***SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.***” Halleluia! “*This day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*” Church, you know the rest of the story, because when Jesus gave up the ghost, brothers and sisters, he went straight to hell. But remember in that day, Hell had two regions: The paradise side, and the hell side; the region of the saved, and the region of the

lost, for the two regions were both housed in hell. Church, when Jesus Christ went down to paradise, for he died before the thief on the cross, and then the thief on the cross also died, by the eyes of faith, I can see his spirit being escorted downwards, in a divine light. I say that, because the thief on the cross, the man who had a revelational understanding of Christ's kingship, and who made a revealed profession and confession of Jesus' Lordship, and of Jesus' kingdom, ended up in the paradise part of hell that day, where Jesus was already waiting. Brothers and sisters, that man was saved that day on the cross; he was saved right there on the cross. Now listen to this. When he was saved on the cross, we have to ask ourselves a material question: What class of saints is he going to be? What class of saints do we put him in? What class of saints does he belong to? That is the issue! I will remind you, that that man had no good works to his credit; there was no good works that the thief on the cross did, because he did not have the opportunity for good works. We can say

that he was saved on his deathbed. How many understand what I am trying to say? He gives us an example, a good example; he sets a perfect type of people whom God has saved on their deathbed, just before they have died. And there are many people that God has saved on their deathbeds. They may have lived for the flesh all their lives, and just before they give up the ghost, God comes and touches them; and at death's door, right on their deathbeds, they turn their hearts over to Jesus Christ; they accept Jesus the Christ, and they are carried straight to paradise, because they are saved. Remember however, that such a person has not had the opportunity to live a Christian life, so as to bear any fruit, or to engage in good works. Consequently, such people have no fruits, no works whatsoever, to show for their faith; but nevertheless, they are saved at death's door. Brothers and sisters, the thief on the cross, therefore, gives us a classical example, a scriptural example, of a saved child of God, who does not live long enough

to have the opportunity to bear fruits of any kind, but he is however saved. This truth is based upon the fact, that what God owes every elect seed of His, is salvation. Period! That was why I said this morning, that God does not owe me a ministry, He only owes me salvation, and that is the truth! He does not owe you a ministry either, He only owes you salvation, as His child. And having given us salvation, eternal salvation, which is the greatest thing we can have, what more can we ask for? We, who are worthy of death, the Lord gave eternal life: What more can we ask for?! Why are we not going to love and appreciate Him, and live for him? We, who were children of Hell, the Lord has now made children of Heaven, candidates of Eternity, through Jesus Christ. We have to give praise to God!

Brothers and sisters, long before the hour of Apostle Paul, in the days of Jesus Christ, something had been set in motion, right there on the cross. Come with me to the Gospel of Saint Matthew, for we want to see something relating to the thief on the cross.

Matthew Chapter 27, from verse 50, reads: ***“Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.”*** Verse 51: ***“And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent”***, with the passing away of Jesus Christ on the cross. May I say this, that between this verse and the next; between verse 51 and verse 52, Jesus had already gone to hell; he had already been to the belly of the earth. Are you with me? With verse 52, now we come to that glorious Sunday morning, that glorious resurrection morning, very early on the first day of the week, a very early Sunday morning, when our Lord was resurrected. Verse 52 brings us to the day of his resurrection, which is a Sunday, and it records: ***“And the graves were opened...”*** Which graves? The graves of the Old Testament saints, from the first one to die, which brings us way back here, (Brother Amos points to the chart), to Abel, the first one to die, because he was killed by Cain. So, it brings us way back to Genesis Chapter 4,

to the first man to be killed on this planet, Abel, right up to the last one to die in that day, which brings us to the thief on the cross. Do not forget that Jesus died before the two thieves, which was why his leg was not broken, that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. (John 19:32-37). Are you listening to me? So, we are looking at the dead in the Lord, right from Abel, to the thief on the cross. These were the graves that were opened in that day. Matthew Chapter 27, verse 52: ***“And the graves were opened; AND MANY BODIES OF THE SAINTS WHICH SLEPT AROSE, AND CAME OUT OF THE GRAVES”***; (when? Not at the time of his resurrection; not before his resurrection, but) ***“AFTER his resurrection....”***, because Jesus Christ had to be the first to rise from the dead! Just as we heard yesterday, when he rose from the dead, as recorded in John Chapter 20, Mary Magdalene was standing there weeping, and when her eyes were opened to see him, she screamed, ***“Rabboni”***, which means Master, and she ran to him! Jesus said to her, ***“Do not***

***touch me, because I have not yet appeared to my Father in heaven. But go to my brethren and tell them, I go to my Father, and to your Father; and to my God, and your God”***, because Jesus truly has a Father, and that Father is also his own God! Consequently, he cannot be God at the same time, being the Son of the Almighty God! The Gospel truth of the matter is that, Elohim, the Almighty God, the Father of all creation, incarnated him at the Jordan River. That is, that Jesus was anointed ***“without measure”***, for he was filled with the fullness of all God's divine attributes, making him become ***“Emmanuel”***, God with us, IN and THROUGH His Son. (2 Cor. 5:19; Col. 2:9). This incarnation, is precisely the basis of why God is attributed to Jesus Christ in the New Testament, for it is all on account of the incarnation, and it is all with reference to God the Father, who dwelleth in him! But the incarnation, notwithstanding, does not take away the fact that he is the Son of God, the one who paid the price for our redemption at the cross of Calvary, by shedding his

blood on the cross! And when he was dying on the cross of Calvary, the Father was still in him, but the Father did not activate His presence, leaving the Son to bear the penalty of sin. He had to pay the price for sin; it was not a game! And as it is written, he was made sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. It is a great exchange that took place on the cross! And when he hung on that cross, all your sins, and all my sins, were heaped upon him, and when that happened, although God was in him in the fullness of His power, yet, God did not activate His presence. God simply deactivated His presence, which is as good as not being in him, making the soul of the Son feel the lonely agony of a lost soul, that he may truly bear the penalty of sin! May I reaffirm, that the Father never left him, but the Father simply deactivated His anointing presence, and as such, it was as good as being devoid of God, yet he was not devoid of Him; but he just had to pay the price! It is like God being Omnipresent, filling the whole of the Universe, for

God is everywhere, and fills everywhere, yet, he does not manifest His presence in hell, so that the souls in hell can bear the punishment that hell gives! How many see the point? Yes, I know a lot of preachers teach that God left him, because God cannot stand sin, but abhors sin, and in particular, to support their argument, they use Psalm 16, verses 8-10, which states: ***"I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: MY FLESH also shall rest in hope. FOR THOU WILT NOT LEAVE MY SOUL IN HELL; NEITHER WILT THOU SUFFER THINE HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION."*** So, yes, I can read what this passage says, and anyone who can read can also reel it out with his mouth, but the real question remains: What does it mean? That is the issue, for we can quote mere letters! You must know as Bride saints, that we cannot build a revelation based on a few Scriptures, without taking the overall Scriptures

relating to a matter into consideration! So, the real question remains, what is the Spirit of the Lord saying here through David, on behalf of Christ? The Spirit of God was only speaking prophetically from the view point of the Son of God, whose soul will be made as an offering for sin, for his body will be used as a sacrifice, that: Firstly, his soul will not be abandoned in hell, but will be resurrected, and secondly, that his body of flesh that will in the grave, will not face decomposition. Brothers and sisters, this passage has no bearing upon what happened at Calvary, in relation to determining if the Spirit of God left Jesus on the cross, and neither does it have anything to do with God's logistics for bringing this resurrection about! In other words, what the prophecy gives us is A PROMISE; it does not devolve on the issue of whether the Spirit of God left his body, prior to his death or not! We all know that his soul went to hell, and his body was placed in a tomb, giving us a separation of the soul from his body. Nobody disputes this fact, and no true believer can dispute

that. However, when we say that the Spirit of God never left him before he died on the cross, we are talking about his soul, which is an inseparable part of his human spirit. If you think that God left him, just because of the carnal consideration of one or two Scriptures, then, you are going to run into real problems, because I will tell you now, that his redemption work did not end on the cross of Calvary, it is only that the full price for redemption had now been paid; for he went down into hell, but we ask, exactly what did he go to do there? The Book of 1 Peter Chapter 3, verses 18-20, plainly records: ***"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death IN THE FLESH, but quickened by THE SPIRIT"*** (in his soul): ***"BY WHICH"*** (DIVINE ENABLEMENT; BY WHICH SPIRIT OF GOD) ***"also HE WENT AND PREACHED UNTO THE SPIRITS IN PRISON; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a***

**preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.”** There it is! The Spirit of God did not leave his human spirit, which he committed into the hand of God, but once he died, and his soul left his body, God reactivated his presence, quickening his soul, and he went down to hell, to preach to souls in prison, and we have a Scribe message dealing with this issue, titled, *He Preached To Spirits In Prison: Who Are They?* Parts 1 and 2. That is also why in the Psalm of David, Chapter 24, verses 7-10, it is precisely written of the gates of hell: **“Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.”** What powerful gates they truly are, which is why in Job Chapter 38, verse 17, the Lord asked Job: **“Have the gates of death been**

**opened unto thee? Or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?”** Saints of God, when we also consider the Gospel of Saint John Chapter 1, from verse 29, the Bible states: **“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and IT ABODE UPON HIM.”** (Now listen to what verse 33 says): **“And I knew him not: but He”** (God) **“that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and REMAINING ON HIM,”** (Never to leave), **“the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.”** Again in John Chapter 17, verses

20-21, Jesus prayed to God, his Father, and our Father, declaring: **“Neither pray I for these”** (apostles) **“alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their Word; That they all may be ONE”;** (HOW?) **“AS THOU, FATHER, ART IN ME, AND I IN THEE,”** (IN AN INSEPARABLE ONENESS, INSEPARABLE UNION), **“that they also may be one IN US,”** (IN THAT INSEPARABLE UNION): **“that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”** That is why we say that God did not leave his soul, but that God deactivated His manifest presence, allowing his soul to suffer the lonely agony of a sinful soul, and that is what made him cry out, as recorded in Mark Chapter 15, verse 34: **“And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, I am a sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?”** He had to feel the lonely agony of a deserted soul, because he had to pay the price of our sins! Halleluiah! That is why I said, it is like the

Omnipresent God, who, though He fills the Universe, including hell, yet, he does not manifest His presence in hell, and that is what makes the difference! God's manifest presence is what makes the difference, otherwise, we would just be on our own, for it is as good as not having God! Period! Nevertheless, if you still feel that the Spirit of God left him, you are at total liberty, as long as you believe that he truly died for our sins on the cross, went to hell, and was resurrected on the third day, for our justification. I say that, because some beliefs do not damage our faith, for they are not fundamental, and this is one such issue.

Church, remember we are dealing with **THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINTS**. Therefore, coming back to continue our initial thought, brothers and sisters, when Jesus Christ had paid the price for our redemption on the cross of Calvary, and went to hell, on the third day, he was the first to rise from the dead. As recorded in John Chapter 20, the Bible states in verses 16-17: **“Jesus saith unto her,**

**Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.”** Brothers and sisters, immediately after he said that, not one second later, up he went to appear before the throne of God, where he got the authority to come back, so he could now empty out paradise, and called out: **“Job, come with me; Abraham, come with me; Moses, come with me; Jonah, come with me; Jeremiah, where are you? Isaiah, I am here. I now have the power. Let us go up to heaven.”** And together, after his resurrection, after he had first resurrected, they arose from the dead. But in order that people may know that resurrection is real, that the promise is true, and that it had taken place, God said, **“Go and appear to saints.”** And here came Prophet Isaiah, as he appeared to some Jews, he gave them a little smile, and he was off. And so the

other resurrected saints appeared, giving a witness of the resurrection, and off they went up into heaven in their resurrected bodies. It is when Jesus emptied the paradise part of Hell, is what made the Holy Bible say, **“When he ascended up on high, HE LED CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE.”** He took all the captive saints of God, and took them up, and as it stands today, paradise is up there in heaven, and there is no devil that can go there and bring any saint of God down. Church, once this had been accomplished by Jesus on that day, in the evening of the same day, he came down, and breezed into the upper room, and appeared to His disciples. After eight days, He appeared again saying: **“Thomas, you said you would not believe unless you put your finger into the holes of my hands. Now here is my hand, come and dip your finger into it. Only believe, and quit your unbelief!”** Brothers and sisters, Thomas did not say, **“Move closer Master, stretch forth your hand, and let me do just that.”** He did not have to do that, because he had now seen the Lord for himself! Jesus

then declared: *“Blessed are they who do not see him, and yet believe.”* Halleluiah! Brothers and sisters, so we see something here now. In Matthew Chapter 27, verses 52-53, the Bible says: ***“AND THE GRAVES WERE OPENED; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.”*** Brothers and sisters, here we have the graves of the Old Testament saints. (Brother Amos points to the chart). Not every grave was opened. The Bible says, ***“And the graves were opened; and MANY BODIES of the saints which slept arose...”*** The ***“many bodies”*** pertains to only elect seeds of God, because as it is written in Romans Chapter 9, verse 6, ***“For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel”***, and that is the truth! Some Jews do not have any care whatsoever for God: All they care about is shekels, money, for they worship mammon. So, it was not every grave that was opened in that day. Jesus took every Old

Testament saint, from Abel, the first one to die, right up to the thief on the cross, because he emptied the paradise region of Hell, and took them up into heaven. Consequently, paradise is no longer in the belly of the earth, in Hell, but it is up in heaven. Therefore, we must understand, that no saint of God was left behind on that day, and I say that, because some people get stuck by the letter of that verse, which says ***“many bodies”*** arose, as that is just a general statement, made simply to show that the saints that were resurrected in that day, were many. This is apart from the fact, that it also hides the truth of the extent of that resurrection, if you are not following Jesus Christ in a divine revelation. Exactly! That is precisely why carnal minds think that there were some saints of God that were not resurrected in that day; that not all were resurrected in that day, from the Old Testament Order of saints, carnally holding to the letter of the Scripture, which states, ***“MANY BODIES of the saints which slept arose...”*** Now, if we were to retranslate that verse, in order to show its true

revelation, its true meaning, it would read: ***“And the graves were opened; and THE MANY BODIES of the saints which slept arose...”*** This is inarguably and absolutely so, because no saint of God was left behind in the grave, in Hell, because from thence, that paradise part of Hell simply ceased to exist, as the location for paradise! Full stop! Nevertheless, brothers and sisters, this resurrection gives us the First Resurrection. Or shall we say it this way: This gives us the FIRST BATCH of the First Resurrection; or the First Order; or the First Class; or the First Group of saints, in the First Resurrection, which is a Three-Class Resurrection. In other words, the First Resurrection is in Three Batches or Three Groups, and in that First Batch, all the Old Testament saints were carried up to heaven. We are coming back to have a closer look at this issue later, for we have a reason for going down this road, and I pray that God will help me. I just covet your prayers. So, we see right here, according to Matthew Chapter 27, that some saints have already

been resurrected, for they have had a body change, and as such, they have already received the verdict of what their reward is, and they are now simply waiting for the hour when they are coming back to reign on this earth. With this resurrection accomplished, as recorded in Matthew Chapter 27, ever before Saint Paul was brought on the scene, brothers and sisters, something has been established: We see a class of saints whom we have to separate from the New Testament saints. And with regards to the thief on the cross, we also have to put him along with the Old Testament saints, because Jesus Christ was born under the Old Testament, and he lived and died under the Old Testament. Moreover, the New Testament was not activated until Jesus resurrected, because he had to die first, sealing the New Testament with his blood, and then he had to rise, to show that the New Covenant was now in force, and effective, for the resurrection of Jesus is what proves the effectiveness of the Gospel; it proves the effectiveness of the New

Covenant. If Jesus had only died, sealing the New Covenant with his blood, but had not risen on the third day, the New covenant would have been ineffective. So, it is his resurrection that proves that the New Covenant is effective, for it can take us out of the grave. That is why as believers, we do not fear death. Our problem is not about going into the grave, the problem is coming out. That is why we do not fear death, because we know we will come out, for the grave cannot hold the seeds of God, and that is the truth! It is the unbelievers that fear death; believers do not fear death, for death is only our friend to take us to Jesus. Hence, it cannot hold us down: We are coming out! Halleluia! Brothers and sisters, so we see that the number of the resurrected Old Covenant saints, were completed with the thief on the cross, and with that laid out, we now come to the New Covenant.

As we said at the beginning of this message, according to 2 Corinthians Chapter 11, verses 1-2, Apostle Paul believed that the Gospel he carried,

was ordained purely to get a Bride for Jesus the Christ. But unknown to him, there was going to be other classes of saints in this Dispensation of Grace. This fact brings us back to Revelation Chapter 7, which we read as our main Bible text, and we will take it again from verse 9: ***“After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number”,*** (because it was that great), ***“of ALL nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues”,*** (which gives us tribes), ***“stood before the throne”***(of God), ***“and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.”*** That is the group we have here on our chart. (Brother Amos points to the chart). What did they do? Verse 10: ***“And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and***

**honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.”**

You know we have a song on that verse, for it has been made into a chorus. (Brother Amossings:)

*Amen! Amen! Blessing,  
and glory,  
Wisdom, thanksgiving,  
and honour,  
Power and might, be  
unto our God,  
For ever and ever,  
Amen.*

Halleluiah! Verse 13: **“And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in His temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne**

**shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”**

Amen! Brothers and sisters, when Brother Jackson was here, at a point in time, when he was looking at this crowd of Revelation Chapter 7, in the early Contender Magazines, he called them the Foolish Virgins, and we believed them to be the Foolish Virgins. In his message of January 1991, titled, *The Everlasting Gospel*, Part 3, Brother Jackson stated: **“...The Church (the Bride of Christ) will be gone. The Foolish Virgins will still be here. Why? Because they will have spent all of their time running after Miracles and other Manifestation of the Spirit; and have taken no serious thought about getting themselves dressed up in a revelation of the Word of God; so they will miss the rapture. That will leave Gentile Foolish Virgins, and spiritual Jews here on earth, scattered among the Nations, for this 144,000 men to preach the Everlasting Gospel to. No, it will not**

**be a Gospel of soul's salvation, like the Gospel Gentiles have had preached to them for almost Two Thousand Years; it will be a Gospel to prepare them for Martyrdom, we could say; for there will be A GREAT MULTITUDE from those two elements of mankind,”** (whom he had just referred to as the Gentile Foolish Virgins, and spiritual Jews), **“that will purge themselves exactly like that. We will go to Revelation 7:9-14, for our FIRST LOOK AT THEM”**, (referring to the Foolish Virgins). So, you can see from this quote, that he identified them as the Foolish Virgins. But as time progressed, and the time came that God was going to deal with him concerning the different classes of martyrs, the Spirit of God now causing him to look at this prophetic scenario in a very different way. As a matter of fact, knowing that the revelation of God is Progressively given, and that it comes in Folds, in his message a few months later, May 24, 1991, titled, *The Woman of Mystery*, Part 4, Brother Jackson plainly declared: **“NO DOUBT THERE ARE**

**YET MANY DETAILS TO BE REVEALED OF THIS END TIME PICTURE; but meanwhile we are to live for God and wait patiently, UNTIL THE TIME COMES FOR HIM TO REVEAL THE REST TO US. Surely we are so close to the end now, that it cannot be long until the rest comes.**” That is why we are following Jesus Christ strictly in his Continuous divine revelation of the Holy Scriptures, for it is infallibly written in Proverbs Chapter 4, verse 18: **“But the path of the just”,** (the path of the justified seeds of God), **“is as the shining light, THAT SHINETH MORE AND MORE unto the perfect day.”** Brothers and sisters, as Bride saints, people following Jesus Christ in a divine revelation of the Holy Scriptures, and bearing a divine understanding of God's ways in the light, we know, or should know, that the issue of the identity of the saints revealed in Revelation Chapter 7, verse 9, prior to the time that God really opened up the truth of it for us, gives us a case of what we call a **“boxed revelation”,** or a **“veiled truth”,** a concealed truth. Every

elect seed of God following the Continuing light of Christ, understands precisely what that means. It gives us a truth of God that is concealed until a set time, but is an issue which the servant of God bearing the standard goes into, ahead of the divine hour ordained for its unveiling. He goes into it, and teaches it in the way that looks the best to him, but God does not judge it, simply because God does not judge a man for a truth He has not yet given. Moreover, in that teaching, although it is really a traditional way of looking at truth, because he is the bearer of the standard of the scriptural light of Christ, there is still Unity of understanding within the body, because God does not judge it in any way. These are deep issues of truth, and I am speaking of the issues of the **“boxed revelation”,** conveying a crucial and fundamental understanding of how God deals in the unveiling of His Word, a divine understanding which only the Bride possess, but which knowledge is not out there in the religious world. Hence, it is written in Acts Chapter 17, verse 30:

**“And the times of this ignorance GOD WINKED AT”;** God winks at the days of ignorance, because the revelation of God has a set time. Consequently, the Lord does not judge a man for not knowing a truth, of which the time for its unveiling has not yet come, being the days of ignorance. But when the divinely appointed time comes, and the true light shines forth, the days of ignorance ends, and from then on, everyone will be judged by the true light that is now shining. Saints, this is absolutely so, because every revelation has its divinely appointed time and season, and it cannot come ahead of its divine season. So, initially, Brother Jackson preached that the great crowd revealed in Revelation Chapter 7, verse 9, were the Foolish Virgins. But later on, God opened up this truth for him, when we entered the season when the truth of **THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINTS** was to be made known to the Bride, by the Holy Spirit. Then Brother Jackson realised that these are not just Foolish Virgins, and this later revelation made him straighten out his teaching on this issue,

giving us the absolute truth on the matter. However, when he did that, there were some of his followers that stumbled on it, for sheer lack of divine understanding. One of the men that stumbled on that truth, is the man there in Bloomington; (I am not talking about Bloomington, Illinois; I am talking about Bloomington, Indiana), and his name is Tim McKay. He began to say, *“Brother Jackson is changing his message, and he is contradicting himself, being inconsistent.”* He began to pick the messages of Brother Jackson, saying: *“Look at what he said in this particular message, in the Contender of so-and-so year; he said the great crowd in Revelation Chapter 7, verse 9, are the Foolish Virgins. He also said the same thing in this Contender message. Now he is saying that the crowd are not just the Foolish virgins. The man is confusing himself.”* No, the man was not confusing himself; the man was straightening out issues, because he realised his understanding of that issue in times past, fell short of the absolute truth of it, only

because when he dealt with it in earlier times, the hour of its revelation had not yet come! But now that the true light of it had come, and was now shining, he had to walk in the true light, forgetting the things of the past, which was only a traditional way of looking at truth! Unfortunately, Tim McKay could not reconcile with this fact, because the heart of the man was already defiled, and when your heart is defiled, then you stumble on things that should be stepping stones for you. And where is he now? Together with the Church in Bloomington of which he was then the Assistant Pastor, he parted ways with the Chief Apostle, whilst the man was still on ground, because he could not take a rebuke of love that Brother Jackson gave him, asking him to stop carrying a harem of women around with him, as he travelled in the ministry! It is good to have a pure heart, brothers and sisters, and it is also good to be correctable, for it is a sign of true humility. Amen.

Brothers and sisters, so, here on our chart we see a great crowd, as laid out in

Revelation Chapter 7, verse 9, and I ask: Who are these ones? (Brother Amos points to the chart). Leaving this group, then we see another crowd in Revelation Chapter 6, right under the Fifth Seal. Come there with me to Revelation Chapter 6, beginning from verse 9: ***“And when he”*** (Jesus Christ) ***“had opened the Fifth Seal, “I saw UNDER THE ALTAR the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held”,*** (which is the testimony of the Torah): ***“And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?”*** So, here we see another class of saints which the Lord showed Apostle John, under the Fifth Seal. And we must ask ourselves: Who are they? Who are these souls under the altar of God in heaven? For now, I just want us to see that in this passage of the Holy Bible, we are given another group of people, different and distinct to the ones in Revelation Chapter 7, verses 9-17. Brothers and sisters, we will also

leave this group there, to see yet another group, another class of saints revealed in Revelation Chapter 15, beginning from verse 1: ***“And I saw another sign in heaven”,*** (which is a wonder, or a spectacle), ***“great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.”*** Watch verse 2: ***“And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, STAND ON THE SEA OF GLASS, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.”*** Amen. Brothers and sisters, we see another class of saints on the sea of glass mingled with fire, a third class, laid out, right here on our chart. (Brother Amos points to the chart). Brothers and sisters, according to the projection of Jesus Christ in

Revelation Chapter 7, we see one class of people, an innumerable company of saints that no man could number, with palms in their hands, right here. (Brother Amos still points to the chart.) Again, according to Revelation Chapter 6, we see souls under the altar, the group who are right here, on our extreme top-right hand corner. And finally, according to Revelation Chapter 15, we also see saints on the sea of glass mingled with fire, right here on our chart, down here on our extreme right, giving us yet another different class of saints. Church, we want to look closely at these various classes of saints; we want to consider the various categories of saints that we have laid out on our chart, for there are certain scriptural details about them that we want to bring out, and I am trusting God that by His grace, we will be able to answer certain questions that we could not answer before now, in order to present a complete and wholesome picture, for the Bride of Jesus Christ. That is precisely why we are taking this message, titled, ***The Martyrdom of Saints***, tonight. I pray that

God will help me, as we look in detail at the various classes of saints that have been constituted in prophecy, as we go through time. Brothers and sisters, may I say tonight, that when we talk about the Martyrdom of saints, we are not saying that it is every saint that actually faced martyrdom. We all know that precious is the death of a saint in the sight of the Lord, and a lot of them have died a martyr's death; but a lot of them have also died by natural means. Consequently, the various crowds are made up of saints who were both martyred, as well as saints who died a natural death. Are you listening to me? So, when we talk about *The Martyrdom Of Saints*, it is just a title, taking in a great host of God's children who passed through terrible times, many of whom were martyred, although many also died a natural death. Consequently, please do not be bogged down by the title, for it is just a title. We are only using the title to project a truth, because we want to see the various classes of saints, who make up the various groups we have laid out on our chart, the various

groups that the Holy Bible gives to us in prophecy. We want to look at these saints and their various classes, their various orders. And as I must keep emphasising, not every saint that we see in these groups died a martyr's death, for some also died natural deaths, even though many of them were killed, dying as martyrs. Are you listening to me? So, brothers and sisters, whether they were put to sleep by natural means, or they were killed as martyrs, they give us different classes of saints, the Tribulation Saints, which we are all considering under one title, *The Martyrdom Of Saints*.

Therefore, please do not get bogged down by the title, because that is just my title, *The Martyrdom Of Saints*. In reality, we simply want to look seriously at the various classes of saints we are given in prophecy, ALL of whom are Tribulation Saints, for there are certain fine details we want to zero in on, just to polish and brighten the picture of truth, and also to be able to answer a little question here, and a little question there, just to help the children of God to have a full and perfect view on this subject matter, and I pray that God will help us to do justice to it. After all, the Christian Faith is a

persecuted Faith, and hence, we are a people appointed for Tribulation. Consequently, in this way of persecution, this Tribulation Way, we have various classes of saints laid out in the prophecy of Jesus Christ, and that is exactly what we want to consider. We are looking at the Tribulation Saints, under the general title of *The Martyrdom Of Saints*. But I could easily have called it *The Tribulation Saints*. So, I hope everyone understands. Shall we bow our heads in prayer.

The Lord bless you.

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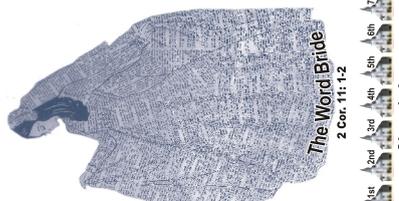
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